

**DIOCESE OF MADISON  
CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING  
BRONZE PELICAN AND ST. GEORGE  
ADULT RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS INFORMATION SHEET**



Bronze Pelican  
emblem



St. George  
emblem

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Diocese of Madison has two emblems for adults for their contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youths in the Diocese of Madison through Boy Scouting: the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS) **Bronze Pelican adult religious emblem** and the NCCS **St. George adult religious emblem**. Like Catholic religious emblems for youths in the Boy Scouting programs, the Bronze Pelican and St. George religious emblems for adults are awards of the Catholic Church, and not of the BSA.

However, unlike the Catholic religious emblems for youths in the Boy Scouting programs, adults do not earn these emblems. Instead, these emblems are conferred upon adults through an annual nomination, selection, and approval process administered by the Diocese of Madison Catholic Committee on Scouting (DMCCS).

## **NOMINATION, SELECTION, AND APPROVAL PROCESS**

The DMCCS encourages the nomination of adults for the Bronze Pelican and St. George religious emblems. Table 1 is a summary of the nomination, selection, and approval process. Table 1 also includes eligibility to be nominated and selected and the criteria for nomination and selection.

## **HOW TO MAKE A NOMINATION**

To make a nomination, complete DMCCS Form 030, “Bronze Pelican and St. George Adult Religious Emblems Nomination Form”, and send the completed nomination to the DMCCS. See the Table 1 for:

- how to obtain copies of this nomination form
- where to send nominations
- the deadline for submitting completed nominations

## **FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For additional information concerning the Bronze Pelican and St. George emblems, please visit the DMCCS web site ([www.madisondiocese.org/scouting](http://www.madisondiocese.org/scouting)) or contact:

**Chair, Religious Emblems and Recognitions Committee OR Diocesan Chaplain**

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**Table 1**  
**BRONZE PELICAN AND ST. GEORGE ADULT RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS**  
**SUMMARY OF NOMINATION, SELECTION, AND APPROVAL PROCESS \***

<b>Eligibility requirements for nomination and selection</b>	Who is eligible	Adult men and women – laity, religious, and clergy, Scouters and non-Scouters alike. Non-Catholics are also eligible.
	Minimum age	21 years old by the nomination deadline date.
	Previous religious emblems received	<b>Bronze Pelican:</b> the nominee has not received the Bronze Pelican emblem from the DMCCS. <i>(Note: the DMCCS may confer the Bronze Pelican emblem upon a person who has received the Bronze Pelican emblem from another [arch]diocese/[arch]eparchy.)</i>  <b>St. George:</b> the nominee has not received the St. George emblem from any [arch]diocese/[arch]eparchy in the United States.
	Posthumous and honorary conferring of emblems	Are not allowed.
<b>Criteria for nomination and selection</b>	Primary criterion	<b>Bronze Pelican:</b> the nominee’s contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youths in the Diocese of Madison through Boy Scouting have been <b><u>noteworthy</u></b>  <b>St. George:</b> the nominee’s contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youths in the Diocese of Madison through Boy Scouting have been <b><u>significant and outstanding</u></b>
	Typical minimum number of years of contributions	<b>Bronze Pelican:</b> 3 years <b>St. George:</b> 7 years  <i>(Note: the number of years is typical of those selected, but is not an absolute minimum for nomination or selection. Accomplishment and sustained dedication are more significant than a specific number of years.)</i>
	Guidelines when considering nomination and selection	Listed on DMCCS Form 030, “Bronze Pelican and St. George Adult Religious Emblems Nomination Form” <i>(Note: The selection criteria for the Bronze Pelican and the St. George emblems are similar, except that the criteria for the St. George emblem requires <b><u>more substantial contributions</u></b> to the spiritual development of Catholic youths in the Diocese of Madison through Boy Scouting and for <b><u>a longer period of time</u></b> than does the Bronze Pelican emblem.)</i>
	Other criteria	The nominee shall be of excellent character and a role model to youth. Catholic nominees shall be exemplary Catholics.
	Boy Scouting achievements are not applicable	Boy Scouting achievements not related to contributing to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in the Diocese of Madison through Boy Scouting do not qualify a person for either the Bronze Pelican or the St. George emblems. The Boy Scouts of America has district, council, regional, and national awards for such achievements.

\* The information contained in this table is a summary of the process. Details of the process are contained in DMCCS Standing Rule No. 030 and DMCCS Standing Order No. 030. In case of conflicts between the information in this publication and Standing Rule No. 030 or Standing Order No. 030, Standing Rule No. 030 and Standing Order No. 030 shall govern.



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**Table 1  
(continued)**

<b>Review, selection and approval of nominations (continued)</b>	Selection criteria for a nominee who meets the criteria for both the Bronze Pelican emblem and the St. George emblem	<p>If the nominee meets the nomination and selection criteria for both the Bronze Pelican and the St. George emblems, only one of these two emblems (NOT both) may be conferred upon the nominee in any year.</p> <p>The St. George emblem is the highest award that the DMCCS may confer upon adults working in the Boy Scouting program. Therefore, the St. George emblem will normally be conferred upon a person after the Bronze Pelican has been conferred upon that person. However, the DMCCS may confer the St. George emblem upon a person who has not been conferred the Bronze Pelican emblem by the DMCCS, and may confer the Bronze Pelican emblem upon a person after that person has been conferred the St. George emblem.</p>
	Selection date	Normally in July of each year.
	Review and selection of nominees	Selection of a nominee requires a 2/3 vote by ballot of the DMCCS Executive Board at a regular or special meeting of the DMCCS Executive Board. Selection is not final until all post-selection approval and verification requirements are met.
	Post-selection approval and verification requirements	<p><b>Bronze Pelican:</b> Approval of the nominee by the nominee’s pastor (or the Bishop of the Diocese of Madison, if the nominee is not a parishioner in the Diocese of Madison)</p> <p><b>St. George:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Same as for Bronze Pelican emblem; and</li> <li>2. Verification by the NCCS that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the St. George emblem has not been conferred upon the nominee any [arch]diocese/[arch]eparchy in the U. S.; and</li> <li>b. the number of St. George nominees selected by the DMCCS does not exceed the maximum number of nominees that may be selected annually</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
	Expiration of nominations	All nominations expire at the conclusion of the annual nomination, selection, and approval process. To be selected in a future year, a person who is nominated but not selected must be renominated by the submittal of a new nomination to the DMCCS.
<b>Confidentiality</b>	General	<p>All nomination information and communications concerning nominees/potential nominees (including information that could identify a nominee/potential nominee) are confidential until a nominee is selected and approved. General information and communications concerning the nomination, selection, and approval process, eligibility, and criteria for nomination and selection (i.e., that are not specific to a nominee/potential nominee) are not confidential.</p> <p>Nominations received by the DMCCS are confidential DMCCS records.</p>
	Confidentiality of nomination process	All persons making nominations are expected to keep their nominations confidential.
	Confidentiality of the selection and approval process	<p>All communications among Executive Board members shall be confidential. Executive Board consideration of nominations shall be made in executive session.</p> <p>All discussions concerning a nominee with nominee’s pastor and the Bishop of the Diocese of Madison shall be confidential.</p>