

# ARCHBISHOP'S AND CHAPLAIN'S CATHOLIC QUALITY UNIT AWARDS

## ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

The purpose of this Unit Award is to give recognition to Catholic-chartered Packs, Troops, and Crews which exemplify Youth Ministry through Catholic Scouting ideals. These awards are presented by the Archbishop or Bishop at the Scout Sunday Service held annually at the Cathedral Basilica.



### ARCHBISHOP'S QUALITY UNIT AWARDS

**Archbishop's Outstanding Unit**  
**Archbishop's Honor Unit**  
**Archbishop's Merit Unit**

**Boy Scout Troops**  
*One award in each category*

**Venturing Crews**  
*One award in each category*

Each *Outstanding Unit* receives a ribbon bearing the Archbishop's Coat of Arms for the Unit's standard as well as neckerchiefs and patches for each member.

Each *Honor Unit* and *Merit Unit* receives a ribbon bearing the Archbishop's Coat of Arms for the Unit's standard as well as patches for each of its members.

### PARTICIPATION LEVELS

All Units who qualify for the Quality Unit Award but are not in the top three in their respective category will receive a Unit ribbon in one of the following levels:

#### Participation Silver Gold

These levels are awarded based on a point system. Because so many Units are close to the top three, we came up with this system in order to still recognize all of the great work that you do and to show that you are still a Quality Unit.

### CHAPLAIN'S QUALITY UNIT AWARDS

**Chaplain's Outstanding Unit**  
**Chaplain's Honor Unit**  
**Chaplain's Merit Unit**

**Cub Scout Packs**  
*One award in each category*

The *Outstanding Unit* receives a Gold ribbon for the Pack's standard as well as patches for each of its members.

The *Honor Unit* receives a Royal Blue ribbon for the Pack's standard as well as patches for each of its members.

The *Merit Unit* receives a White ribbon for the Pack's standard as well as patches for each of its members.

### Unit Recognition Application and Requirements

**Include information from December 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.**

If your unit has not participated or completed a section of the application, you are still eligible.

\* *Service, Spiritual Growth, Religious Activities, and Vocational Awareness are weighted higher than the other sections.*

**Applications are due by December 1<sup>st</sup>.** Out of respect for the many volunteers who review the applications and because of the Christmas holidays, we ask that you please submit your application by the due date. Thank you for your understanding and attention. **We know that your time, as a leader, is very valuable, so we have streamlined the application for you and have also included the National Catholic Committee on Scouting's Quality Unit Award application so that you can easily complete that application as well! We welcome your input on the application process and how we can better serve you and your Units in the Archdiocese of St. Louis!**

**Unit Information**

Pack #\_\_\_\_\_ Troop #\_\_\_\_\_ Crew#\_\_\_\_\_

Catholic-Chartering Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Parish\_\_\_\_\_

**✓Principal Unit Leader**

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_ Phone\_\_\_\_\_

**✓Committee Chairman**

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_ Phone\_\_\_\_\_

**✓Chartered Organization Representative**

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_ Phone\_\_\_\_\_

**✓Unit Religious Emblems Coordinator**

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_ Phone\_\_\_\_\_

**✓Unit Religious Emblems Counselor**

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Email\_\_\_\_\_ Phone\_\_\_\_\_

**Required Approvals & Signatures****✓Unit Leader's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_**✓Committee Chairman's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_**✓Pastor's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_**Catholic Committee Unit Review**

Signed\_\_\_\_\_ Date Unit Leader Contacted: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman of Unit Award Committee ↑ Members of Unit Award Committee ↓

Signed\_\_\_\_\_ Signed\_\_\_\_\_

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## ARCHBISHOP'S AND CHAPLAIN'S CATHOLIC QUALITY UNIT AWARD APPLICATION

### 1. Training/Education

**Indicate Y/N on the line for each question.**

a. \_\_\_\_\_

The adults of your unit participate regularly in the training and education programs of the BSA Greater St. Louis Area Council, the Office of Youth Ministry, and the CCSBSA.

*Adult Leader Training • Religious Emblems Counselor Training • Catholic Programs Workshop*

b. \_\_\_\_\_

The unit has and/or works with a trained Catholic Religious Emblems Counselor.

c. \_\_\_\_\_

The unit has at least one active Religious Emblems Coordinator (REC) who coordinates religious programs in your unit and parish. The REC should attend the Catholic Programs Workshop annually to stay current with recognitions and programs.

d. \_\_\_\_\_

The Chartered Organization Representative or a designate has read and discussed with the leadership or members of the unit committee, *Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry*, by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. *Books are available at no charge in the Office of Youth Ministry, or you can view the content online at the following web address: www.usccb.org/about/laity-marriage-family-life-and-youth/young-adults/renewing-the-vision.cfm.*

e. \_\_\_\_\_

The principal unit leader (Cubmaster/Scoutmaster/Crew Advisor) has completed appropriate BSA leader training based on his or her position in the unit.

### 2. Leadership

a. \_\_\_\_\_

At least one leader has attended the Scouter Development: Lay Apostolate Formation for Scouting program for leaders and all Catholic adults, sponsored by the Office of Youth Ministry and the Catholic Committee on Scouting, BSA.

List Name(s):

\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

Your unit committee has reviewed adults in your unit for nomination for the Bronze Pelican and St. George Catholic adult awards.

### 3. \* Service

a. \_\_\_\_\_

**Requirements MUST be fulfilled between December 1<sup>st</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**Chartered-Organization Service Projects:** Within the last 12 months, at least one of the unit's service projects must have been conducted for its chartered organization. \**This service is weighted higher than the community service below.*

**List all projects (along with a brief description) in the following format:**

<b>Benefiting organization</b>	<b>Project name</b>	<b>Brief description</b>
St. Gerard	Create memorial garden	Planted plants in a garden, bench, and St. Joseph statue

Example: \_\_\_\_\_

**Community Service Projects:** Within the last 12 months, at least one of the unit's service projects must have been conducted for its local community. \**Eagle Projects do not count!*

**List all projects (along with a brief description) in the following format:**

<b>Benefiting organization</b>	<b>Project name</b>	<b>Brief description</b>
Missouri Streams	Clean streams	Cleaned up trash in streams

Example: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. \* Spiritual Growth Requirements MUST be fulfilled between December 1<sup>st</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>.**

a. \_\_\_\_\_

The unit had a presentation to its youth and adult members about Catholic religious emblems and award programs at least once in that past year.

b. \_\_\_\_\_ At least 50% of the **eligible** Catholic Scouts that are currently registered with the unit have received or have been actively working on a religious emblem program (Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei, Pope Pius XII).

c. \_\_\_\_\_ Your unit's Scouts and/or adults have received or have been actively working on the following programs: Pope John Paul II, International Awareness, Rosary, Footsteps of American Saints, or our other programs. **Please list program(s) and number of scouts and adults:**

5. \* **Religious Activities** **Requirements MUST be fulfilled between December 1<sup>st</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>.**  
a. \_\_\_\_\_ Your unit has participated in one or more of the following: Retreat, Bible study, Eucharistic Adoration, XLT, Pro-Life activity, Steubenville, REAP retreat, Chastity education, Youth Mass, Cub Day Retreat, Encounter Weekend, Catholic Adventure Week, Day of Recollection, Spirit Fest, or a similar activity which was sponsored by your Parish, School, Scouting unit, Youth group, or the Catholic Youth Apostolate, Office of Youth Ministry, and the CCSBSA. **Please list program(s) and number of scouts and adults:**

6. \* **Vocational Awareness**  
a. \_\_\_\_\_ **Troops and Crews only for (a) Indicate Y/N on the line for each question**  
Your unit has a qualified Chaplain Aide who understands and performs his or her duties to the best of his or her abilities according to the "Handbook for Chaplains and Chaplain Aides in Boy Scout Troops and Venturing Crews," [www.scouting.org/filestore/membership/pdf/522-036\\_web.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/membership/pdf/522-036_web.pdf).

b. \_\_\_\_\_ **Packs, Troops, and Crews for (b)**  
Participated in a vocation-orientation program, retreat, Scout Sunday, tour of a Seminary, or promoted or participated in Priesthood Sunday at your parish.  
**List:**

7. **Relationships** **Indicate Y/N on the line for each question**  
a. \_\_\_\_\_ One or more registered adults of your unit are active members of the Catholic Committee on Scouting and are in communication with the staff of the Office of Youth Ministry, aware of the programs that they offer.  
**List Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ **Troops and Crews only**- One or more of your high school or college age scouts belong to the Catholic Committee Youth Staff and/or have staffed an event sponsored by the Office of Youth Ministry and the Catholic Committee on Scouting, BSA.

c. \_\_\_\_\_ The unit's activities are reviewed annually by the Chartered Organization Representative or designate, the Chaplain, and the Committee Chairman to ensure Catholic activities are scheduled each year for the Scouts and adults.

d. \_\_\_\_\_ Your unit understands and promotes "*Scouting is Youth Ministry*" and what the Charter Relationship means in a Catholic-chartered unit. Your unit continues to build and strengthen the relationship with the charter organization, to insure Catholic quality programs for youth and adults.

e. \_\_\_\_\_ The unit has applied for the National Pope Paul VI Quality Unit Award. The Pope Paul VI Quality Unit Award is a non-competitive award and is presented by your local parish or unit. This award application is attached for your convenience.

f. \_\_\_\_\_ Your unit is actively working toward the BSA Journey to Excellence recognition program.  
*\*This program replaced the BSA Centennial Quality Unit Award.*

8. **Membership** **Use the numbers of youth according to your charter year.**  
Registered youth at the beginning of the year: \_\_\_\_\_  
Registered youth at the end of the year: \_\_\_\_\_  
a. \_\_\_\_\_ The unit has a plan for growth and increased membership.  
**Briefly explain:**