

# Catholic Committee on Scouting Recognition Awards

The Catholic Committee on Scouting of the Diocese of Arlington seeks to recognize and pay tribute to all adults and youth who have made significant contributions to the spiritual development of diocesan youth through scouting and related programs. This committee participates in the religious recognition programs designed by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting® and the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry.

Each Catholic-chartered unit within a parish or unit affiliated with a parish or Catholic school is strongly encouraged to nominate at least one person for recognition. Units not chartered by or affiliated with a parish yet serving Catholic youth are also strongly encouraged to nominate deserving people. (A den or pack or troop may each nominate a different person.)

The following are descriptions of the adult recognitions offered in our diocese **based on the work, accomplishments, and dedication** demonstrated by the volunteer for the benefit of ministry to youth.

AWARD	DESCRIPTION AND CRITERIA
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Award	This medal is a national recognition presented for a Catholic adult's <b>meritorious contribution</b> to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in the programs of the Girl Scouts of the USA, American Heritage Girls and Camp Fire, Inc.
Saint Anne Award	This medal is the highest national adult recognition offered by the National Catholic Committee for Girls Scouts and Camp Fire. Its purpose is to recognize the recipient's <b>outstanding contribution</b> to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in the programs of the Girl Scouts of the USA, American Heritage Girls and Camp Fire, Inc.
Bronze Pelican Award	This medal is a Diocesan recognition, defined by the diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting with the approval of the ordinary. It can be presented to any adult, Catholic or non-Catholic, to recognize <b>meritorious contribution</b> to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in the programs of the Boy Scouts of America.
Saint George Award	This medal is a national recognition approved by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting, designed to pay tribute to any adult, Catholic or non-Catholic, in recognition of <b>outstanding contribution</b> to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in the programs of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Committee has provided a checklist on subsequent pages to help a nominator recommend the most appropriate award **based on the work, accomplishments, and dedication** demonstrated by the volunteer for the benefit of ministry to youth. Awards will typically be presented at a parish level ceremony. The nominator will be notified if the application has been accepted and the award will be conferred on the nominee. Completed forms and questions should be sent to [scouting@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:scouting@arlingtondiocese.org). Please understand that it is not possible for the Committee to recognize everyone for their dedication, time, and talent provided to youth. Any nominees who will not receive recognition by the Committee may and should be recognized by the unit and/or parish as appropriate.

Nomination for  
**Catholic Committee on Scouting's Recognition  
for Adults Fostering the Faith in Youth**

**NOMINEE DATA SHEET**

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I nominate the following person for \_\_\_\_\_ award in the Diocese of Arlington.

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_ (cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

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**RECOMMENDED BY**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_ (cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**PARISH APPROVAL**

As the candidate's pastor, I approve the candidate's nomination for this award and am aware of no reason the candidate should be disqualified for consideration.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**DIOCESAN APPROVAL**

The Catholic Committee on Scouting of the Diocese of Arlington certifies that the record of service of this candidate has been reviewed and that the candidate meets the requirements for the \_\_\_\_\_ award as approved by the ordinary.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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The following checklist is to assist nominators in selecting the appropriate award relative to the contributions of the nominee. The nominating committee will use the same criteria to select the awardee. Accomplishment and sustained dedication are more significant than a specific number of years assisting Catholic youth in scouting programs. The list ranges from meritorious service (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Bronze Pelican) highlighted at the top to outstanding and substantial service (St. Anne and St. George) highlighted near the bottom of the checklist. The nominator should be confident that only those who have truly done substantial and outstanding service for the spiritual development of Catholic youth are nominated for those awards. Not every box will be checked. Meritorious work is generally near the top of the checklist, *while substantial or outstanding service would entail most of the items on the checklist.*

***Please complete and submit with nomination form.***

St.  
Elizabeth  
Ann Seton

Bronze  
Pelican

- Is an active and participatory member of the Catholic faith (or if not a Catholic, an active member of his or her faith community).
  - Ensures Mass is arranged at campouts and other events which otherwise might prevent youth from fulfilling their obligations. Also provides for the spiritual needs of non-Catholics during events.
  - Maintains and promotes the Diocesan youth protection guidelines at Catholic chartered unit events.
  - Promotes scouting to youth regardless of race or creed in accord with Catholic teaching.
  - Promotes the religious emblems programs for Catholic youths in the unit(s) or serves as a counselor, moderator or coordinator. Encourages non-Catholic youth to participate in the religious emblems programs of their own faiths.
  - Encourages the unit to meet the criteria of unit excellence established by the diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting and applies for recognition by the Committee each year (e.g., the diocese recognizes the NCCS Pope Paul VI award and is developing other programs to recognize unit excellence in fostering the spiritual development of Catholic youth.)
  - Gives notable service and promotes Catholic activities and service projects for the Church.
  - Serves on a subcommittee of the diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting.
  - Actively and regularly participates in and promotes scouting retreats and days of recollection.
  - Provides notable service in organizing/maintaining Catholic scouting/scouting-like units.
  - Gives notable service in bringing the Catholic program to those youth not in Catholic-chartered scouting units. (Please note where and how this was accomplished.)
  - Uses their general scouter training as well as Diocesan, NCCS, or NFCYM training to provide an outstanding Catholic scouting program (e.g., participation in NCCS Scouting in the Catholic Church).
  - Encourages appropriate ecumenism and Catholic leadership within the various Catholic-chartered Scouting units.
  - Promotes the Catholic scouting program to create a better understanding of the aims and ideals of all scouting or scouting like programs as an important component of a comprehensive approach to youth ministry.
- St. Anne
- Educates clergy and laity about scouting as a youth apostolate in the Catholic Church.
- St. George
- Serves as a Chair on a subcommittee for the diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting.
  - Submits articles and other media to share the aims and ideals of Catholic scouting as an important component of ministry to youth.

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