



The Catholic Girl Scout Leader

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Catholic Committee on Girl Scouts · Office of Catechesis and Youth Ministry

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NOMINATE AN ADULT FOR THE ST. ANNE or ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON AWARDS

The purpose of these recognitions is to honor the outstanding service of adults who have contributed to the spiritual development of Catholic youth through

Girl Scout programs and to encourage continuing involvement by faith-filled adults in the Christian formation of youth. **Who do you know that should be recognized for their service?**

For more information about each award and **nomination form** visit www.archmil.org/scouts.

The deadline for nominations is February 15.



Awardees will be honored and medals bestowed at the Celebration of Catholic Scouting on Saturday, April 9, 2016.

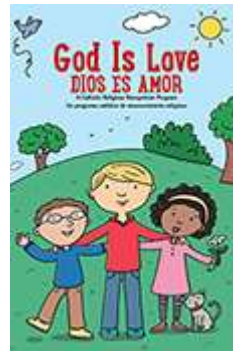
God is Love!

New for K5 and Grade 1 Daisies

The *God Is Love* program is the newest recognition program for girls from NCCGSCF. It is designed to use with scouts who are in kindergarten or first grade. The program helps them discover and appreciate that God created, cares for, and loves us all.



The workbook, medal and patch are now available. Download order form at www.archmil.org/scouts.



Spark and Flame

Stay up-to-date on resources and scouting ideas from the National Catholic Committee on Girl Scouts and Camp Fire. Sign up for their e-newsletter at: www.nccgscf.org

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JUBILEE YEAR of Mercy

DECEMBER 8, 2015 - NOVEMBER 20, 2016

Year of Mercy Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to
be merciful like the
heavenly Father
and have told us that
whoever sees you
sees Him.

Let the Church be
your visible face in
the world.

Send your Spirit so
that the Jubilee of
Mercy

may be a year of
grace from the Lord,
and your Church,
with renewed
enthusiasm,

bring good news to
the poor,

proclaim liberty to
captives and the
oppressed,

and restore sight to
the blind.

We ask this through
the intercession of
Mary,

Mother of Mercy,
you who live and
reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Girl Scouts and the Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has declared a Jubilee Year of Mercy beginning this past December 8th and continuing through November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. You have probably heard about it in your parish.

You can connect your scouting activities with the Year of Mercy, and help your Girl Scouts deepen their appreciation of God's mercy to us, and our responsibility to show mercy to others.

1. The Archdiocese of Milwaukee offers Year of Mercy resources at:
www.archmil.org/Our-Faith/Year-of-Mercy.htm What can it offer you?

- Learn the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy
- Take part in the Monthly Mercy Action, based on the works of mercy
- Make a pilgrimage - visit the Holy Door Church in your area
- Order Year of Mercy prayer cards
- And more

2. The 'Look at Him and Be Radiant' blog is recommended by the National Catholic Committee on Girl Scouts:
looktohimandberadiant.blogspot.com/2015/08/year-of-mercy-resources-all-ideas.html

- Year of Mercy Activities for kids
- Free craft ideas
- Printable activity sheets

3. Corporal Works of Mercy Patch – The National Catholic Committee on Scouting offers a patch with age appropriate activities for grades 1-12.



Yes, NCCS is a Boy Scout organization, but the patch can be earned by Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and other young people! This is a great activity for this special year. Check it out at: www.nccs-bsa.org/activities/fs-CorporalWorksofMercy.php

CELEBRATION OF CATHOLIC SCOUTING

Save the Date – Saturday April 9, 2016

Celebrate with our Catholic Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts who have earned their religious emblems and medals, and the outstanding adults receiving St. Anne, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Bronze Pelican and St. George medals, at Mass at 4:00 pm followed by ceremony and supper. Archbishop ListECKI will preside, confer awards and give patches to the scouts. Families of scouts who earned medals will receive invitations. More information and registration to follow.