

## The *Viator Ad Deum* Recognition for Adults



The *Viator Ad Deum* is an archdiocesan recognition for adult leaders who complete the required continuing education in the faith. It was developed and is administered by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

*Viator Ad Deum* means Traveler to God, or Voyager, or One who is on the road to God.

When adults help scouts earn religious emblems or direct their religious activities, they serve as guides and role models in the journey of faith. There is an old Latin adage, "Nemo dat quod non habet" which means "no one can give what they do not have." This applies to passing on the faith. Just as leaders invite scouts to grow in faith by pursuing a religious medal, the *Viator* offers adults a similar opportunity to grow in faith while pursuing a scout-related recognition.

### Guidelines for *Viator Ad Deum*

1. The *Viator Ad Deum* is a recognition for adult scout leaders serving youth in the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts.
2. To merit the recognition, the leader will complete required continuing education in the faith.
3. *Viator Ad Deum* requirements may be fulfilled by participation in existing opportunities for catechetical training and adult formation offered by parishes, colleges and the archdiocese.
4. *Viator* requirements also include Scouting-specific training, such as religious emblem counselor training (Catholic Committee on Scouting), orientation to religious recognitions (Catholic Committee on Girl Scouts), or programs offered by NCCS, NCCGSCF or NFCYM.
5. *Viator Ad Deum* consists of two levels – Patch and Medal.
6. The *Viator Ad Deum* Medal will be earned by completion of 20 hours of formation in required topic areas. See the *Viator Ad Deum* Checklist for specific requirements.
7. The *Viator Ad Deum* Patch will be earned by completion of 10 hours of formation in required topic areas. See the *Viator Ad Deum* Checklist for specific requirements. The patch may be completed as a goal in itself or in the process of completing the medal requirements.
8. An individual's completion of requirements will be documented on the *Viator Ad Deum* Checklist. The record includes topic, number of hours, date, and sponsor of each course or workshop.
9. When requirements are complete, the applicant submits the signed Checklist, Order Form and payment by mail to: Archdiocese of Milwaukee / Office of Catechesis and Youth Ministry / P.O. Box 070912 / Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912
10. Recipients of the *Viator Ad Deum* patch and medal will be recognized at the annual archdiocesan Celebration of Catholic Scouting.

