

***Viator Ad Deum* Q & A**

What is the *Viator Ad Deum*?

The *Viator Ad Deum* is a recognition for adults who pursue continuing education in the faith. The recognition 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. The *Viator* offers adults an opportunity to grow in faith themselves while pursuing a scout-related recognition.

Who is eligible for the *Viator Ad Deum*?

Any adult who leads or assists Catholic Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts in the religious dimension of Scouting. This includes emblem counselors, medal coordinators, unit leaders, parish staff, or other volunteers who lead Scouts in religious activities or assist them in pursuing religious recognitions. The adult may be a member of BSA or GSUSA, but membership is not required.

What are the requirements for the *Viator Ad Deum*?

An individual must complete continuing education in the areas of Scripture, Doctrine and Theology, Methods and Faith Development, and the Religious Dimension of Scouting. The *Viator Ad Deum* Checklist indicates the minimum number of hours required in each area, and provides space to record completed courses/workshops. The Patch requires a total of 10 hours of continuing education; the Medal requires 20 hours. The minimum number of hours must be completed in each of the four areas, with the remaining hours in any of the areas.

How do I apply and order the *Viator Ad Deum*?

When you have completed requirements for the patch and/or medal, sign the completed Checklist. Visit the archdiocesan Catholic Scouting webpage, www.archmil.org/scouts and download the Boy Scout or Girl Scout Order Form.

Submit the completed Order Form, along with the *Viator Ad Deum* Checklist, and Payment to: Archdiocese of Milwaukee / Office of Catechesis and Youth Ministry / P.O. Box 070912 / Milwaukee, WI 53207-0912.

The patch and/or medal will be mailed.

Which courses or workshops will fulfill the *Viator Ad Deum* requirements?

The following programs fulfill requirements in the areas of Scripture, Doctrine and Theology, and Methods and Faith Development:

1. Approved programs of catechist formation identified on the archdiocesan website at: www.archmil.org/catechists
2. Any course, presentation or workshop approved for Religious Education Clock Hours.
3. Credit or CEU courses in theology offered by a Catholic college or university.

The following fulfill requirements in the religious dimension of Scouting:

1. Training offered by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Catholic Committee on Scouting, or Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Girl Scouts
2. Programs on the religious dimension of Scouting offered by NCCS, NFCYM, NCCGSCF

Can past courses be applied toward the *Viator Ad Deum* requirements?

Yes. Any training in the religious dimension of Scouting completed since 2005 may be applied. Courses and workshops in Scripture, doctrine, theology, methods or faith development, completed within the previous 5 years, may be applied.

Can catechist certification be applied toward the *Viator Ad Deum*?

Yes, if one has already completed religious education certification in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee or another Wisconsin diocese, this may be counted toward the *Viator* requirements.

May courses or workshops be applied to both the Patch and Medal?

Yes. The 10 hours required for the *Viator* Patch may be counted toward the 20 hours required for the *Viator* Medal. If one completes the 20 hours for the *Viator* Medal and has not already earned the Patch, he/she may receive both the Medal and Patch.

How may the *Viator Ad Deum* patch or medal be publicly recognized?

The patch or medal may be presented or recognized at a parish Scout Mass, or a unit Scouting event. All recipients of the *Viator Ad Deum* in the archdiocese will be recognized at the next annual Celebration of Catholic Scouting.