

The Bronze Pelican Award For Catholic Scouters



The Bronze Pelican was established by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS) for the recognition of Scout leaders who have contributed three to five years of service to scout units chartered by Catholic organizations or to Catholic scouts in other units.

The need for this recognition arose because there are many Scouters who have rendered significant service to Catholic Scouts and Scouting but who do not meet the stringent criteria for the St. George emblem. The St. George emblem is awarded by the NCCS for service that is primarily at the Council or Diocesan level. The Bronze Pelican, on the other hand, will be awarded by the Archdiocese of Detroit to individuals who work directly with youth in Packs, Troops and Parishes.

To propose an adult scout leader you know, Nomination Forms and Criteria for the award are available on the CVC, BWC (St. Clair County), DAC, TPC (Lapeer County), GSTC (Monroe County), and CYO web sites. The nomination form can be submitted electronically or mailed in. The **deadline** for nominations is **November 15th** each year.

Mail to: CYO Scouting
305 Michigan Ave.
Detroit, MI 48226
Or E-mail: vscouting@cyodetroit.org

The Bronze Pelicans will be awarded at the annual Scout Recognition Mass each March. This is the same event that recognizes Catholic Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts who earn their Religious Emblems and where the recipients of the St. George medal are honored.

The number of St. George emblems awarded each year in the Archdiocese of Detroit is determined each year by the number of units sponsored by Catholic institutions. In most years it is a maximum of five. Approximately two to three times as many Bronze Pelicans awardees as St. George Awardees will be honored each year.

Criteria for the Bronze Pelican Award - Archdiocese of Detroit-CYO

The Bronze Pelican is established by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting for the recognition by a (Arch) Diocese for service to the Catholic Church by a Scout Leader. In the Archdiocese of Detroit this award is given in recognition of service rendered primarily at the Scout Unit and Parish level.

Tenure of Service The recipient of the Bronze Pelican should have served Catholic Scouting for a minimum of three, or in many cases, five years. The shorter period of time might be appropriate for someone whose service intensely involves the Catholic faith (e.g. a Religious Emblems Counselor) while the longer tenure might be more appropriate for a Scout Leader (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Advisor) of a Catholic-chartered unit.

Nature of Service This award recognizes service at the Unit or Parish level (in contrast to the St. George award which generally recognizes BSA District or Council service or service to a Diocese). The Bronze Pelican can recognize Pack Emblems Coordinators or AAD/Pope Pius XII Counselors who have undergone their Catholic training and have rendered more than two years of successful service. The Pelican can also be used to recognize Cub Scout, Boy Scout or Venturing adult leaders of units chartered to Catholic institutions (churches, schools, K of C councils). These individuals should have actively promoted the spiritual development of their Scouts, encouraging them to earn their Religious Emblems and leading them in Scout Sunday services, Archdiocesan Masses and retreats. Catholics in units chartered to non-Catholic institutions qualify if they promoted the spiritual development of the youth in their unit (e.g. served as an AAD Counselor, ensuring that Catholic Scouts have an opportunity to get to Mass during weekend campouts, getting scouts to retreats). Religious Relations members of a District Committee are recognized after several years of service promoting Catholic Scouting with an emphasis on the spiritual development of the youth.

Parish Life Recipients ideally serve as an example for Catholic youth by actively participating in parish life in roles such as Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Music Ministry or other publicly-visible parish positions. They should encourage Scouts to take the lead in assisting with their parish liturgical celebrations.

Altruism of the Nomination Self-nominations are prohibited since the emblem should seek the candidate. Spouses and family members may nominate a candidate.

Ongoing Nature of Service A purpose of the award is to encourage future service at an even higher level. Therefore, the emblem is awarded only for current service and cannot be awarded for past service by someone who is no longer active in Catholic Scouting.

Service by Non-Catholics This emblem can be awarded to a non-Catholic who promotes Catholic Scouting and who meets the criteria for Tenure and Service.

Material and Processing Fee A fee of \$35.00, payable to Catholic Youth Organization, must accompany each nomination.

NOMINATION FOR CATHOLIC ADULT SCOUTING AWARDS

The Bronze Pelican Emblem

Archdiocese of Detroit-CYO Catholic Committee on Scouting

CANDIDATE NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

DAY PHONE __ (____) _____ EVENING PHONE __ (____) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

PARISH _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE NUMBER __ (____) _____

Principal Scouting Affiliation _____ BWC ___ CVC ___ DAC ___ GSTC ___ TPC

OCCUPATION/EMPLOYER _____

NAME OF SPOUSE _____ NAMES OF CHILDREN _____

PAROCHIAL NOMINATION

The above candidate is worthy to receive the Bronze Pelican Emblem.

SIGNED _____ PASTOR _____ DATE _____

(Appropriate endorsement is essential for timely consideration of Nominee's credentials)

Send To AOD Catholic Committee on Scouting By November 15th of each year
C/O Catholic Youth Organization
305 Michigan Avenue
Detroit, MI 48226

DIOCESAN APPROVAL

The Awards Committee of the Archdiocese of Detroit certifies that the record of service of the above named candidate has been carefully reviewed and that this candidate meets the requirements to receive the Bronze Pelican Emblem as approved by the Ordinary.

_____ DATE _____ DATE
Chair - Awards Committee Archdiocesan Scout Chaplain

CANDIDATE'S RECORD

(Attach C.V. or Resume of the Candidate's Scouting Service Emphasizing Catholic Service)

Narrative of Tenure and Nature of Service

This is a summary of the Scouter's achievements. It will not only assist the Awards Committee by focusing on the outstanding achievements of the candidate but may also serve as the basis for introducing the candidate at a recognition ceremony or in a press release. Be sure to mention any training the nominee has undertaken to prepare them to serve Catholic scouting.

Service by Candidate to Parish or Other Catholic Organizations:

Nominated By _____ **E-Mail Address** _____

Nominator's Home Phone (____) ____ - ____ **Work Phone** (____) ____ - ____

Relationship (if appropriate) to Nominee _____

It is expected that the Scouting Unit or Charter Organization of the Nominee will bear the cost of the Emblem.

Include check for \$35.00 payable to Catholic Youth Organization

ARCHDIOCESE of DETROIT-CYO CATHOLIC COMMITTEE RECORD

_____ Date Nomination Received _____ Date Reviewed by Awards Committee

_____ Emblem Ordered _____ Emblem Received _____ Emblem Presented