



# The Catholic Diocese of Colorado Springs



## AD ALTARE DEI PROGRAM

### Orientation Meeting – Counselor’s Agenda

1<sup>st</sup> CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

#### 1. Introduction – Greetings

- ❖ Prayer (Our Father, Hail Mary) -
- ❖ Scout Oath – Scout Law
- ❖ Counselor(s) Introduction
- ❖ Individual Boy Scout Introduction (Have Scout introduce his parent(s) when done)
- ❖ Parent(s) Introduction

#### 2. What is the Ad Altare Dei Program?

- ❖ Part of the Religious Emblem Program created by various religious groups to encourage Scouts to grow stronger in their faith.
- ❖ The National Catholic Committee on Scouting and NOT the BSA created the programs.
- ❖ The BSA has approved these programs, and allows the recognition to be worn on the official uniform.
- ❖ (Show the Medal or Uniform w/Medal)
- ❖ Religious Emblems: The most significant award that you could achieve as a Boy Scout.

#### 3. Why is this an important goal to achieve as a Boy Scout?

- ❖ Duty to God is a basic fundamental part of Boy Scouts of America. “A Scout is reverent. He is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.”
- ❖ The Oath.. “On my honor I will do my best, To do my duty to God and my Country...”
- ❖ Scout Law... “A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and **reverent.**”... what does reverent mean? (*Wait for some answers...*)
- ❖ Reverent means to be deeply respectful, to treat with reverence or honor, to venerate or worship, to regard highly with a great and unquestioning love.
- ❖ In the Scout handbook it is referenced: A Scout is Reverent, A Scout is reverent to GOD, He is faithful in his religious duties, He respects the beliefs of others.
- ❖ I believe that to truly be faithful to your religious duties and respect the beliefs of others, one must truly know and be educated in your own faith.....AND THIS IS WHERE THE STUDING FOR A RELIGIOUS EMBLEM IN YOUR OWN FAITH CAN HELP YOU ACHIEVE THIS. ... and that is to learn to be reverent.
- ❖ **ALSO – to enhance your own faith and beliefs as Roman Catholics.**
- ❖ **REASON we’re all together here the first night:** to let you know we are all here to help you..... Your counselors, parents, scout advisors, and pastor..... we are here to help you succeed and to grow as young men.
- ❖ Are you ready to go...?

#### 4. Class Requirements

- ❖ Need or Bring:
  - Ad Altare Dei Scout Manual,
  - 3-ring binder (w/loose leaf paper) or something for note taking during class
  - St. Joseph version of New American Bible used for homework & discussion)
  - (Knights of Columbus will provide one – can keep if you finish program)
  - Catechism of the Catholic Church (for teaching how to look up info)
- ❖ Attend All classes: Meet here at: \_\_\_\_\_, class starts at \_:\_\_pm.
- ❖ 10 min Break (half-thru)... or will break no later than \_:\_\_ pm.
- ❖ Class A uniform – this is considered an official Scout function.
- ❖ If you're going to be late, please call Counselor

#### 5. 6. Required Activities

- ❖ Must attend all classes
- ❖ Mandatory Scout Catholic Retreat – Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
"Attend Mass Together" \_\_\_\_\_
- ❖ Board of Review: \_\_\_\_\_
- ❖ Bishop's Scout Recognition Mass: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 7. Class Schedule & Assignments

- ❖ Hand out revised schedule & assignments
- ❖ Go through schedule & assignment sheets
- ❖ Review "At Home" and Group Assignments (worksheet)
- ❖ Describe projects.
- ❖ Create calendar and organize all of projects through next April & May.
- ❖ Determine when all projects are due by and when you are going to do them. Plan it out.
- ❖ In the business world there is a saying: "Plan your work, then work your plan."

#### 8. Ad Altare Dei Scout Manual

- ❖ Talk about "Application Page"... DO NOT TEAR OUT OF BOOK..... get signatures from Unit Leader & Pastor. Bring book back NEXT CLASS (Sep \_\_) for Counselor's signature.
- ❖ Go Through Chapters of book, explain signatures, etc.
- ❖ Write all answers first in binder, than transfer all your actual work to book.
- ❖ Answers in Scout Manual you turn in is used for study / Board of Review.
- ❖ Independent work at home (with parents)
- ❖ Additional Comments

#### 9. 10. Questions / Answer Session

- 11. **Begin Work** – (review completed work at from the Scout Religious Emblems Retreat)