

Answers to Requirements

- 1) Prachitz, Bohemia on March 28, 1811 (www.catholic.org)
- 2) He was ordained a priest in the United States because there was an abundance of priests in Bohemia. On his original ordination date, his bishop was sick. (www.catholic.org)
- 3) He preferred ministering to people in the countryside. (www.catholic.org)
- 4) Bishop of Philadelphia. (www.catholic.org)
- 5) He knew twelve languages and used all of them in his ministry (<http://allformary.org/john-neumann/>)
- 6) - He was the first to organize a Catholic diocesan school system and increased the number of Catholic schools in his diocese from two to nearly one hundred while he was bishop.
- He also helped the School Sisters of Notre Dame establish missionary schools in America.
- While he was bishop, he built 89 churches, as well as several hospitals and orphanages.
- Neumann wrote many Catholic newspaper and magazine articles. He also published two catechisms and a Bible history in German..
<https://stjohnneumann.org/our-st-john-neumann/about-st-john-neumann/>
- 7) First American man and first American bishop to be canonized. (www.catholic.org)

Frequently Asked Questions

May only Catholics or Scouts earn this? Who may earn this activity patch?

Any youth or adult may earn any of the activity patches. The requirements are grade-specific.

Is this activity considered a Religious Emblem and may a Scout receive a religious knot after completing this activity?

No. This activity is considered a Religious Activity, not a Religious Emblem program. Scouts may not receive a religious knot for earning this activity patch.

Will there be more Saint Activity Patches?

Yes. There may be additional Saint patches released, from time to time.

Who may serve as an adult mentor for this activity?

Any parent or adult who meets the standard BSA and diocesan safe environment requirements.

Is there any time requirement?

Only that the grade-specific requirements need to be completed while in the respective grade level.

Do the answers need to be submitted?

No. The answers should be reviewed by an adult. The Order Form and patch fee are the only things that need to be submitted.

Whom do I check with once I complete the requirements for my grade level?

Any knowledgeable parent, Scout leader, group leader, priest, religious or catechist.

American Saint Series



Saint John Neumann Activity Patch



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American Saint Series Activities

The American Saint Series honors men and women who led heroic lives of faith that have greatly influenced American Catholics. Their words, their deeds, and their devotion to prayer and the sacraments, inspire all American Catholics. Some of these men and women are canonized as “Saints” and are venerated by the Universal Church. Some are beatified as “Blessed” and are venerated by the Local Church. Some are honored as “Venerable” and, while on the way to becoming a “Saint”, may be venerated by Catholics. Most of these men and women lived and worked in North America in what is now the United States. Some others never set foot in America, however they had a huge impact on the Catholic American landscape. All of them sought to follow Jesus.

Requirements for Saint John Neumann Activity Patch

All – Read about this saint. You can find the answers to these questions on stjohnneumann.org, www.catholic.org and <http://allformary.org/john-neumann/>. Feel free to use other resources.

1st thru 5th Grades - Complete 5 requirements and 2 activities.

6th thru 12th Grades - Complete 6 requirements and 3 activities.

Requirements:

- 1) Where and when was he born?
- 2) Where was he ordained a priest and why here?
- 3) Did he prefer ministering in the city or countryside?
- 4) In what diocese did he become bishop?
- 5) What was one of the skills he brought to the people he ministered to?
- 6) What were some of his major accomplishments?
- 7) What was significant about his canonization to U.S. history?

Activities:

- 1) Discuss with your family or counselor, some of the values that you admire most about John Neumann. How can you be more like him?
- 2) Draw a picture showing some of his accomplishments. Share this picture with your family.
- 3) On one occasion, John Neumann made a trip of 25 miles over mountain roads in order to administer the Sacrament of Reconciliation to a single child. Remember that transportation was difficult back in the 1850s. Go to confession. If you are comfortable with this, discuss your experience with your parents or counselor.
- 4) Research a ministry in your parish. Create a poster(s) that are written in a language other than your primary language. Describe a ministry in your parish. Participate and encourage other to help out with this ministry.
- 5) John Neumann took seriously our Lord's words, "Go and teach all nations.". Meet with the Director Religious Education or other faith formation leader at your church. Assist a catechism class or youth in grade K – 5th by sharing a craft activity (examples: weave a palm cross, make a rosary with them, read a story from the Bible).

Requirements for Adults:

- 1) Assist the youth with this American Saint Activity.
- 2) Share your thoughts with the youth about this American Saint.
- 3) Review the responses to the requirements of each youth participant to confirm their accuracy and to ensure his/her understanding.
- 4) Complete the order form for this American Saint Activity and submit it with payment for the patch to NCCS.

For more information about this saint, check out the websites below.

- www.AmericanCatholic.org
- www.NewAdvent.org