

## Answers to Requirements

- 1) Ossernenon, Iroquois Territory (Present day New York) in 1656.  
[www.newadvent.org](http://www.newadvent.org)
- 2) A smallpox epidemic swept through the area, taking the lives of both her parents and her brother. It also left her with bad scars and poor eyesight.  
[www.newadvent.org](http://www.newadvent.org)
- 3) A Jesuit priest, Father Jacques de Lamberville in 1676.  
[www.newadvent.org](http://www.newadvent.org)
- 4) She escaped to Caughnawaga on the St. Laurence where she lived a life dedicated to prayer, penitential practices, and care for the sick and aged. [www.newadvent.org](http://www.newadvent.org)
- 5) Native American ministries in dioceses all over the United States and Canada.  
[www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org)
- 6) July 14<sup>th</sup>. [www.newadvent.org](http://www.newadvent.org)
- 7) St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American woman to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church.  
[www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org)

Visit [www.nccs-bsa.org](http://www.nccs-bsa.org) for information on how to order patches for any of our religious activities.

## 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 Kateri Tekakwitha 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 Kateri Tekakwitha Activity Patch

**All** – Read about this saint. You can find the answers to these questions on [www.americancatholic.org](http://www.americancatholic.org), [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org) or [www.newadvent.com](http://www.newadvent.com), Feel free to use other resources.

**1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grades** - Complete 5 requirements and 2 activities OR visit a Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Shrine with your family or group.

**6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> Grades** - Complete 6 requirements and 3 activities OR visit a Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Shrine with your family or group.

### Requirements:

- 1) Where and when was she born?
- 2) What tragedy happened to her and her people when she was four years old?
- 3) Who was the person who helped her decide to become Catholic and baptized her?
- 4) Where was she forced to move to and what did she do there?
- 5) What ministries are named after her?
- 6) When is St. Kateri Tekakwitha's feast day celebrated?
- 7) What special distinction does Kateri Tekakwitha have to Catholic Americans?

### Activities:

- 1) Discuss with your family or counselor, some of the values that you admire most about St. Kateri Tekakwitha. What is she known for? How can you be more like her?
- 2) Draw a picture showing some of her accomplishments. Share this picture with your family.
- 3) St. Kateri Tekakwitha found a place in the woods where she could pray an hour a day. Write a prayer, find a special place in nature and say your prayer.
- 4) At the Christian colony of Native Americans, St. Kateri Tekakwitha lived a life dedicated to prayer and care for the sick and aged. Contact the volunteer coordinator at a local children's hospital or senior citizen home and arrange a visit. Bring some games to play. Share some laughs.

### 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.