

Answers to Requirements

- 1) October 1, 2000 (www.americancatholic.org)
- 2) Katharine Drexel's family was wealthy. Her mother opened her home to the poor three days each week and her father spent a half an hour each evening in prayer. (www.americancatholic.org)
- 3) Native Americans and African Americans. She had always been interested in serving Native American, having been appalled by reading Helen Hunt Jackson's A Century of Dishonor. (www.americancatholic.org)
- 4) Founding of Xavier University in New Orleans, the first university in the United States for African Americans. She also founded Sisters of the Blessed Sacraments. https://www.katharinedrexel.org/st_katharine_drexel_overview/
- 5) When visiting with Pope Leo XIII in Rome, Katharine asked him for missionaries to staff some of the Native American missions that she as a lay person was financing. She was surprised to hear the Pope suggest that she become a missionary herself. Katharine made the decision to give herself totally to God through service to African Americans and Native Americans. On February 12, 1891, after her novitiate at the convent of the Sisters of Mercy in Pittsburgh, Katharine made vows as a religious, founding the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. https://www.katharinedrexel.org/st_katharine_drexel_overview/
- 6) Her Feast Day is March 3rd. (www.americancatholic.org)

Visit 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 Katharine Drexel 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 Katharine Drexel Activity Patch

All – Read about this saint. You can find the answers to these questions on www.americancatholic.org and www.katharinedrexel.org. Feel free to use other resources.

1st thru 5th Grades - Complete 4 requirements and 2 activities.

6th thru 12th Grades - Complete 5 requirements and 3 activities.

Requirements:

- 1) When did she become a saint?
- 2) What kind of upbringing did Katharine Drexel have as a child that led her down the path to help others?
- 3) What groups of people did Katharine Drexel dedicate her life to helping and why?
- 4) What was considered one of her crowning achievements?
- 5) What prompted Katharine Drexel to devote her life to serving African Americans and Native Americans?
- 6) When is Katharine Drexel's Feast Day?

Activities:

- 1) Discuss with your family or counselor, some of the values that you admire most about Katharine Drexel. 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) Organize a food drive and donate the food to a charitable organization in her name.
- 4) Katharine Drexel lived her life in service to African Americans and Native Americans. What can you do in your community to assist others? Organize a fund raising event or service project.

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.

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

- www.Catholic.org
- www.newadvent.org