

## Answers to Requirements

- 1) He sailed into Cartagena (now in Colombia).
- 2) January 15, 1888
- 3) Feast Day: September 9th
- 4) Patron Saint of enslaved peoples, the African diaspora, African missions, Colombia, interracial justice
- 5) As ships carrying enslaved people arrived, Peter Claver ran out to meet them, carrying food and clothes to the living and removing the bodies of those who had died. He cared for the weakest first and took the sick to a nearby hospital he had built. His work and writings, while broadly rejected in his time, upheld the teachings of the Catholic Church, which condemned slavery.  
<https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/controversy/common-misconceptions/let-my-people-go-the-catholic-church-and-slavery.html>
- 6) "We must speak to them with our hands before we try to speak to them with our lips."  
<https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2017/09/08/st-peter-claver-jesuit>

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 earning 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.

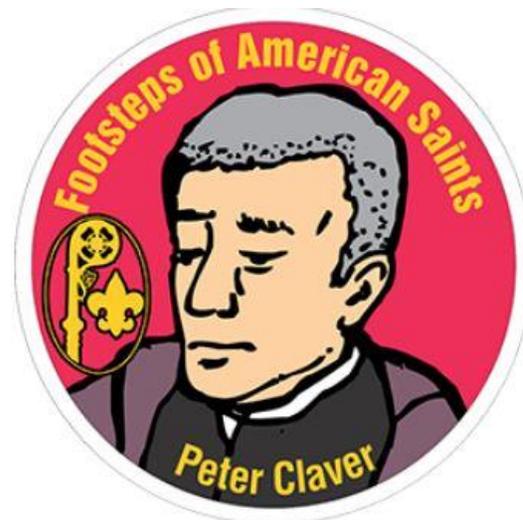
**Do the answers need to be submitted?**

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 Peter Claver 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 Peter Claver Activity Patch

**All** – Read about this saint. You can find the answers to these questions on [www.americancatholic.org](http://www.americancatholic.org), <https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2017/09/08/st-peter-claver-jesuit> and [www.Catholic.org](http://www.Catholic.org). Feel free to use other resources.

**1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> Grades** - Complete 4 requirements and 2 activities.

**6<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> Grades** - Complete 5 requirements and 3 activities.

### Requirements:

- 1) St. Peter Claver was born in Spain and sailed to which country to perform his life work?
- 2) When did he become a saint?
- 3) When is the feast day of this saint?
- 4) Peter Claver is considered the Patron Saint of whom?
- 5) What is Peter Claver known for (major accomplishment)?
- 6) Peter Claver understood that meeting people’s immediate physical needs for medicine, food or clothing must be done before attending to their spiritual needs. What did Peter Claver often say?

### Activities:

- 1) What did St. Peter Claver often say? Create a poster with those words and hang it for many to see.
- 2) Draw a picture showing some of his accomplishments. Share this picture with your family.
- 3) As soon as a ship carrying enslaved African people entered the port, Peter Claver sprang into action providing medicine and food. Create a first-aid kit and keep it in your car or home just in case you need to help someone.
- 4) Start a food drive. Create signs and posters. Place these in your school or church and request food donations. Distribute the food to the needy in your parish.

### 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.