

Answers to Requirements

1. There are four steps that are followed to appoint a new Bishop. Stage 1: Bishop Recommendations; Stage 2: The Apostolic Nuncio; Stage 3: Congregation for Bishops; Stage 4: The Pope Decides.
(<http://www.usccb.org/about/leadership/apointing-bishops.cfm>)
2. The (Diocesan) Bishop is the pastoral and legal head and representative of a diocese. The Auxiliary Bishop assists the (Diocesan) Bishop. Both have the title of Bishop. Several geographic Dioceses are grouped to make an ecclesiastical province under the leadership of an Archbishop
(<http://canonlawmadeeasy.com/2009/12/17/bishops-archbishops-and-cardinals/>)
3. Canon 378.1 says that a priest who is to become a bishop must be at least 35 years old; must have been ordained at least five years previously; and must have a licentiate or doctorate degree in either Scripture, theology, or canon law. A dispensation for education may be made if there is a dire shortage of priests in a country with these credentials.
(<http://catholicexchange.com/how-are-priests-selected-to-be-bishops>)
4. Rome alone has the authority to create and determine the boundaries of a diocese. (Canon 373)
5. Bishops may ordain men to the diaconate and the priesthood (Canon 1012) and confer the sacrament of Confirmation on the faithful (Canon 882).

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 Faith Activity Patches?

Yes. There may be additional Faith 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.

Faith Series



Bishop, Shepherd of the Flock Activity Patch



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Visit www.nccs-bsa.org for information on how to order patches for any of our religious activities.

Faith Series – Bishop, Shepherd of the Flock

“Amongst those various offices which have been exercised in the Church from the earliest times the chief place, according to the witness of tradition, is held by the function of those who, through their appointment to the dignity and responsibility of bishop, and in virtue consequently of the unbroken succession going back to the beginning, are regarded as transmitters of the apostolic line.” Catechism of the Catholic Church **1555**

Requirements for Bishop, Shepherd of the Flock Activity Patch

All – Read about Bishop, Shepherd of the Flock. You may find the answers to these questions on <http://www.usccb.org/about/leadership/appointing-bishops.cfm>, <http://canonlawmadeeasy.com/2009/12/17/bishops-archbishops-and-cardinals/>, <http://catholicexchange.com/how-are-priests-selected-to-be-bishops>. Feel free to use other resources.

K thru 5th Grades - Complete 3 requirements and 2 activities.

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

Requirements:

1. What four steps are followed to appoint a Bishop?
2. What is the difference between an Archbishop, a Bishop and an Auxiliary Bishop?
3. Are there any age or ordination requirements for a priest to become a bishop?
4. Who determines the boundaries for a diocese?
5. What additional sacramental powers does a Bishop have, that a priest does not have?

Activities:

1. Write a letter to your (Arch)Bishop and share something about Scouting with him. Ask him if he was ever a Scout; ask him what he does as “Shepherd of the Flock”.
2. What is the name of your (arch)diocese and city in which your Cathedral is located?
3. What is the name of your Cathedral; what is the significance of its name?
4. What is the name of your (Arch)Bishop? Find out five things about him and share with your parent /guardian or another Scout.
5. With your parents’ permission – visit your diocese’s website. Is there information about Catholic Scouting?

Requirements for Adults

1. Assist youth with this Faith Series Activity.
2. Share your understanding of Bishops.
3. Review the responses to the requirements of each youth participant to ensure accuracy and understanding.
4. Fill out the order form for this Faith Series Activity and send it with payment to NCCS.

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

- <https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/catechism/>
- <https://www.biblicaltraining.org/library/papal-nuncio-and-legate>