

Answers to Requirements

- 1) Pope John Paul II was born May 18, 1920 in Wadowicz Poland. His given name was Karol Wojtyla.
- 2) Karol Wojtyla was ordained to the priesthood on November 1, 1946. Pope Pius XII appointed him Auxiliary Bishop of Krakow, Pope Paul VI appointed him Archbishop of Krakow and then elevated him to Cardinal.
- 3) Cardinal Wojtyla was elected Pope on October 16, 1978. He chose the name John Paul II in honor of his immediate predecessor who died after serving only 33 days.
- 4) During his trip to Poland in 1979, Pope John Paul II was greeted by shouts of "We want God!" In addition – there was a national strike which resulted in the "Solidarity" movement and the eventual downfall of communist rule in Poland.
- 5) Pope John Paul II died in the Papal Apartment in Vatican City on April 2, 2005 on the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday.
- 6) Pope Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict canonized John Paul II on April 27, 2014, Divine Mercy Sunday, at the same time as the canonization of Pope John XXIII. His feast day is October 22.

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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 program 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 completing 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.

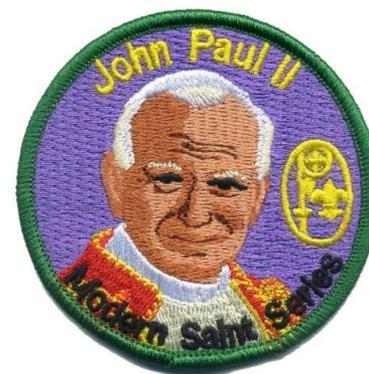
Do the answers need to be submitted?

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.

Modern Saint Series



Saint John Paul II Activity Patch



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Modern Saint Series Activities

The Modern Saint Series honors 20th and 21st century men and women who have had a profound impact on many people around the globe. The goal of each activity in this series is to share the lives of these great men and women so that young people might relate to what they have done and look to them as role models. Some have the rank of “saint” and are venerated by the universal Church. Some have the rank of “blessed” and are venerated by the local Church. Some have the rank of “venerable” and, while on the way to becoming a “saint”, may be venerated by Catholics.

Requirements for Saint John Paul II Activity Patch

All – Read about this saint. You can find information at www.americancatholic.org, www.jp2shrine.org, www.catholic.org. Feel free to use other sources.

1st thru 5th Grades - Complete 4 requirements and 2 activities OR visit a Saint John Paul II Shrine with your family or group.

6th thru 12th Grades - Complete 5 requirements and 3 activities OR visit a Saint John Paul II Shrine with your family or group.

Requirements:

- 1) When and where was Pope John Paul II born and what was his given name?
- 2) When was Pope John Paul II ordained a priest, and who appointed him as an Auxiliary Bishop, Archbishop and Cardinal?
- 3) When was John Paul II elected Pope, and why did he choose his name?
- 4) Pope John Paul II traveled to many countries. One of his first journeys was to his homeland of Poland in 1979. During his nine day trip, there was a change in Poland – what occurred?
- 5) When did Pope John Paul II die?
- 6) When was Pope John Paul II canonized? And when is his feast day?

Activities:

- 1) In 2002 Pope John Paul II announced the addition of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, which focus on Jesus’s public life. Pray the Rosary using the Luminous Mysteries.
- 2) Pope John Paul II was a witness of Universal Love. He said, “Anything done for another is done for oneself.” Talk with your family and find a special way to show love within your family. Spend some time doing this.
- 3) Pope John Paul II wrote the letters AMDG on the top left corner of all his papers – this stood for *Ad majorem Dei gloriam*, “For the greater glory of God.” These words are especially important during the last years of his pontificate when he suffered with Parkinson’s disease. Research this disease. Pope John Paul II did not hide from the public but used this disease “For the greater glory of God”. Visit someone who has a terminal disease and encourage them by sharing Pope John Paul II’s story and praying with them.
- 4) Pope John Paul II wrote in *Dominicae Cenae*: “The Church and the world have a great need of Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love.” Spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration. Share your experience with your parent(s) or counselor.
- 5) “Be Not Afraid” was something Pope John Paul II told youth at World Youth Day gatherings when he spoke of the New Evangelization. Share your faith with a friend who is not of the Catholic faith.

Requirements for Adults:

- 1) Assist the youth with this Modern Saint Activity.
- 2) Share your thoughts with the youth about this Modern 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 Modern Saint Activity and submit it with payment for the patch to NCCS.