

# National Catholic Committee on Scouting



## Annual Report

of

### Boy Scouting in the Catholic Church

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## **Introduction**

**Purpose of this Report:** This report summarizes the fundamental goals of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting and objective progress made over the past year in achieving them.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

*Last year featured the following major accomplishments by the NCCS:*

- Regional Training was implemented with the Region 13 being the first. Complements to Phoenix Diocese for hosting this event. Plans are to implement Regional Training through the United States. This Regional training will be in place of training courses held at the Biennial meeting.
- A new Program Assistant was hired by the BSA. This individual will be responsible for NCCS records.
- The Footsteps of American Saints an activity was introduced in June 2008 and included 5 patch activities. In October 2008, the program was expanded to include a total of 10 saint activities.
- The Retreat Booklet was revised in December 2008 and is now available in PDF format on the NCCS website.
- The "Renewal" long-range plan moved into the implementation phase following the 2008 biennial meeting in Louisville. Four executive committee members took responsibility for carrying out the Communications, Conference, Leadership and Marketing portions. Changes that have or in process of being implemented:
  - Most Training workshops will be conducted in Regions, verse at Biennial
  - Conference format is in process of changing to a weekend shortened conference. This change will take a few years as contracts are signed two years in advance
  - WEB is undergoing a reconstruction

Meanwhile the Internal Assessment (Organization Changes) recommendations made by School & Main Institute were put on hold by Chairman Davies, owing to the national office changes affecting NCCS. In December, John Halloran, the new chairman-elect, assumed leadership of long-range planning and continuing to see that the first set of recommendations is implemented. .

## **NCCS Mission and Authority**

The National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS) exists to utilize and ensure the constructive use of the program of the BSA as a viable form of youth ministry with Catholic Youth of our nation.

The NCCS is a committee of concerned Catholic Laity, consecrated religious, and Clergy, advisory to the Boy Scouts of America, and relates to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) through its NCCS Bishop Liaison.

## **BSA Mission**

It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to serve others by helping instill values in young people, and to prepare them to make ethical decisions during their lifetime in achieving their full potential. The values we try to instill are based on those found in the Scout Oath and Law.

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# **Catholic Values, Programs, and Activities**

## **Building Units with Catholic Identity**

**The goals of Catholic youth ministry are:**

1. To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today,
2. To draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community.
3. To foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person.

**The NCCS addresses these goals by:**

- Encouraging the formation and support of Catholic-chartered units.
- Supporting Diocesan Catholic Boy Scouting Committees.
- Offering Catholic programs complementary to BSA programs.
- Providing formation and activity training for leaders and youth.

## **Dialogue on Leadership Standards**

Catholic Scouting is built on standards and core values. A principal attraction of Scouting as youth ministry is its adaptability to the mission of its chartered organizations. The right of the BSA to enforce its membership and leadership standards has been the subject of several challenges and the U. S. Supreme Court has upheld the BSA right to freedom of association. We will continue to advocate Catholic values to the BSA.

- In June of 2002 the Catholic bishops of the United States adopted a Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People that mandates all dioceses and eparchies to develop new structures and processes for youth protection. As a result, dioceses have developed written guidelines to make and maintain safe environments for children and youth and have instituted plans for certification and training of all youth leaders that include criminal background checks. The NCCS fully endorses these efforts and encourages the use of proven BSA Youth Protection training programs for these purposes.

- On April 1, 2003 the Boy Scouts of America began performing criminal background checks for all new adult volunteer applicants. This process is a supplement to the application process that requires approval of the chartered organization and reference checks. This is the latest step in a program of youth protection that has been in place for more than fifteen years.

- The NCCS amended its bylaws in 2003 to require BSA registration as a prerequisite for NCCS membership and verification of registration is required annually.

- Since volunteer leadership certification procedures for youth programs are directed by diocesan policies, there is great variety. The NCCS is continuing to advocate national uniformity to these procedures for Scouting volunteers.

## Catholic Values, Programs, and Activities (Continued)

The NCCS develops **programs and activities** to supplement the secular scouting program and these are delivered through the operations of local Arch/Diocesan/Eparchy Scout Committees.

- NCCS Religious Emblems literature is available at Scout Shop, on BSA National Supply web site, [www.Scoutstuff.org](http://www.Scoutstuff.org). and at P. R. A. Y. website, [www.praypub.org/](http://www.praypub.org/).

- For the year of 2008 & 2009 the Emblems will be looking at the time line of all of the emblems. With the suggestion that Cubs earn their Religious Emblem of Faith in their Bear year there is a gap of several years. We will explore the possibility and needs of adding an additional Emblem between Parvuli Dei and AAD.

The Emblem Committee will continue its work on updating the AAD program. This sub committee is chaired by Fr. Roger Strelbel.

- Currently available statistics show a slight 1.6% increase in the number of Catholic youth earning their religious emblems. However, this is still a decrease from years prior to 2007. This indicates that we still need to re-enforce our emphasis on “duty to God” throughout our scouting programs. While there is an indication that there is a similar trend for emblems of all faiths, comparable statistics were not yet available.

	Cub Scouts	Boy Scouts	Venturers	All Youth	Adult
2008 Catholic	<b>17,914</b>	<b>3,842</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>22,706</b>	<b>800</b>
2007 Catholic	<b>18,184</b>	<b>2,841</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>22,340</b>	<b>679</b>
2006 Catholic	<b>23,930</b>	<b>3,984</b>	<b>1,443</b>	<b>29,357</b>	<b>745</b>
2005 Catholic	<b>25,694</b>	<b>3,809</b>	<b>1,232</b>	<b>30,735</b>	<b>784</b>
2004 Catholic	<b>23,640</b>	<b>3,676</b>	<b>1,235</b>	<b>28,551</b>	<b>780</b>
2003 Catholic	<b>26,622</b>	<b>4,348</b>	<b>1,476</b>	<b>32,446</b>	<b>758</b>
2008 All Faiths					
2007 All Faiths	<b>36,874</b>	<b>5,648</b>	<b>1,874</b>	<b>44,364</b>	<b>1,257</b>
2006 All faiths	<b>56,454</b>	<b>13,037</b>	<b>5,656</b>	<b>75,147</b>	<b>5,613</b>
2005 All faiths	<b>55,215</b>	<b>12,432</b>	<b>5,058</b>	<b>72,705</b>	<b>5,858</b>
2004 All faiths	<b>56,637</b>	<b>12,830</b>	<b>5,384</b>	<b>74,850</b>	<b>5,821</b>
2003 All Faiths	<b>65,148</b>	<b>12,812</b>	<b>7,263</b>	<b>85,223</b>	<b>5,604</b>
<i>Source: ESCO/PRAY Pub.</i>					

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## Catholic Values, Programs, and Activities (Continued)

### Programs and Activities, (continued)

- 25 units were given Gold Medallion award for their achievements in 2008. This represented a decrease from 31 in 2007 and included at least one award from every region except three. The Gold Medallion was started to recognize the highest quality units in each region. The requirements build on the Pope Paul VI National Unit Recognition. Diocesan committees nominate units for selection by regional leadership. Every unit nominated receives a Certificate of Achievement.

- Vocations Committee: Since 2003 the NCCS Vocations Committee has promoted Priesthood Sunday, which is sponsored by the USA Council of Serra International. In 2008 we reached many more Catholic Chartered units through the NCCS Webpage, the Bridge and e-Bridge. Hundreds of priests received personally created appreciation cards from Scouts and Scouters. Priesthood Sunday is celebrated on the last Sunday of October each year. During the second year of Serra Club Chartered Venturing Units in Catholic High Schools five units were formed and Catholic Committees on Scouting and Serra Clubs in 17 diocese are partnering to establish additional units. The relationship between the NCCS Vocations Committee and USA Council of Serra International has produced positive results. We look forward to continued collaboration to create a positive culture for Church Vocations through Catholic Scouting.

- The NCCS believes that the Learning for Life program can be a valuable tool for Catholic Schools as long as the program is accompanied by organized lessons on the Catholic moral teachings that are the underpinning for decision-making and moral behavior. It must be understood that the use of Learning for Life in Catholic Schools should have the approval of the diocesan Catholic School office or its equivalent. However these programs do not fall under the responsibilities of NCCS.

### Special Events

- ICCS recognized Msgr. Robert Guglielmone, its former world Chaplain and NCCS National Chaplain with the Brotherhood of St. George, and his Holiness recognized him as the new Bishop of Charleston SC.
- Four NCCS members were honored at the Bishops Liaison's Luncheon by receiving the **Silver St. George Recognition**. This year's recipients are: Msgr. John Dermond, Arthur Keegan, Homer Radford, and Edward Winterkorn. The recognition is giving to Scouters that serve at the national level of Catholic Scouting through nomination of their peers.

## Membership

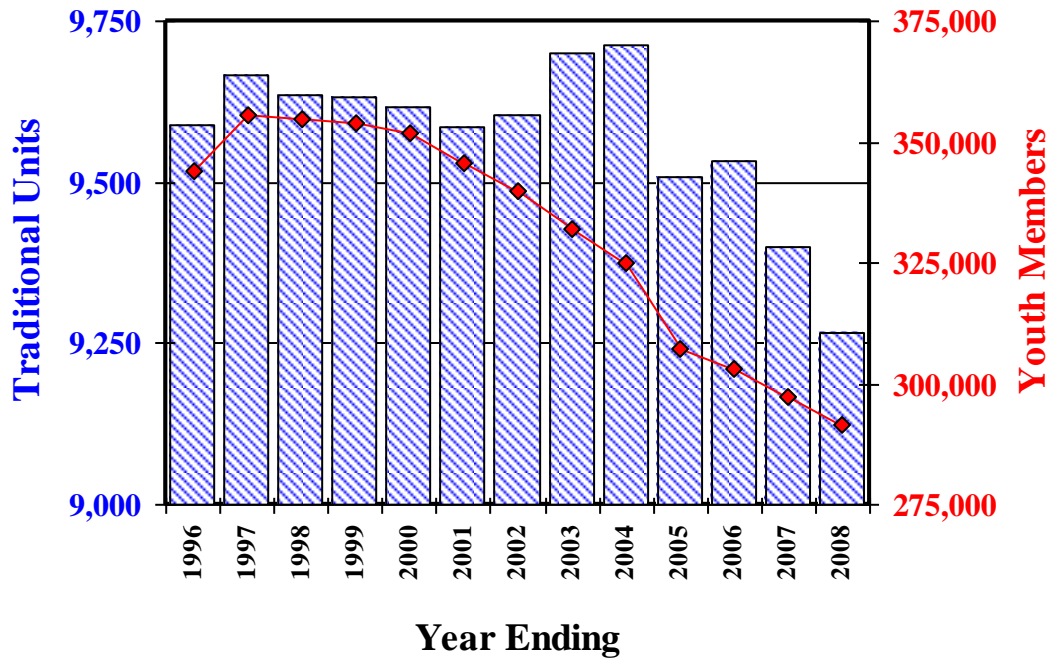
The following are a few accomplishments for the Membership Committee in 2008:

- A change was made to the Duty to God recognition, updating it to replace the Membership Initiative, which expired in 2005. Explanation letter and all other necessary data have also now been posted on the NCCS web site.
- Revision was made to the Gold Medallion Award. Basic reason is an attempt to reduce present documentation required for unit submission.
- Because of establishment of the Duty to God recognition, the Golden Bow is being discontinued. It is felt that it too closely mirrors the Golden Bow recognition. The Membership Committee will continue to make one mailing a year to all Catholic Chartered Units throughout the United States. This mailing is a direct link with Catholic Chartered Units.

### Statistics

- At the end of 2008 there were 291,443 youth registered in 9,265 traditional Scouting units chartered to Catholic Institutions.
  - Youth membership in Catholic Boy Scouting is decreasing 1.97% slightly greater than the 0.83% decrease of Scouting in general. As with Scouting in general, Venturing continues to grow each year
  - Catholic Unit losses of 1.43%, are greater than the BSA losses of 0.83%.
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Catholic Scouting	2005		2006		2007		2008	
	Units	Youth	Units	Youth	Units	Youth	Units	Youth
Cub Scouting	4,642	198,129	4,663	194,620	4,617	189,985	4,523	184,147
Boy Scouting	3,931	99,522	3,956	98,824	3,878	97,185	3,829	96,751
Venture	935	9,720	913	9,620	905	10,141	913	10,545
All Scouting	9,508	307,321	9,532	303,064	9,400	297,311	9,265	291,443

Traditional BSA Units	2005		2006		2007		2008	
	Units	Youth	Units	Youth	Units	Youth	Units	Youth
Cub Scouting	51,469	1,745,094	51,077	1,701,632	50,780	1,687,706	50,213	1,665,390
Boy Scouting	50,996	943,002	50,533	922,430	50,334	913,205	50,051	905,480
Venture	20,117	249,948	19,920	244,266	19,920	254,259	19,998	261,122
All Scouting	122,582	2,938,044	121,530	2,868,328	121,034	2,855,833	120,262	2,831,992

## Catholic Relationships

The NCCS is recognized by the USCCB as the authority to represent all Catholic Boy Scout Chartered institutions to the BSA. This is recognized as a dual responsibility: first, to build relationships with all youth serving Catholic institutions that can charter Scout units and second, to properly understand and represent Catholic youth ministry goals and objectives to the BSA. This is best done by building liaison relationships with several Catholic bodies.

- The **National Chairman and Chaplain** are active members of the **BSA Religious Relationships Taskforce Committee** and Religious Relationships Sub-committee and were present at all of their meetings. With other Catholic members of these committees we represent Catholic perspectives to the National Council.

- **Knights of Columbus** – NCCS maintains a strong working relationship with the Knights of Columbus. As a result the K of C, NCCS and the BSA entered into a Membership Growth Plan promoting Catholic Scouting as a youth ministry program that can be utilized by local K of C councils. This program does not replace the Knights Squires program, rather is viewed as an additional youth ministry that works hand in hand and are mutually compatible to one another.

- **USA Council of Serra International:** A Catholic lay organization is formally recognized by the Holy See as the global lay apostolate for vocations in the Catholic Church. Serra's objectives and purposes are: To foster and promote vocations to the ministerial priesthood in the Catholic Church, to encourage and affirm vocations to consecrated religious life in the Catholic Church, and to assist its members to recognize and respond in their own lives to God's call to holiness in Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit. Serra has been a strong supporter of Catholic scouting programs including financial underwriting of the Pope Paul VI National Unit Recognition. USA Council Serra has developed a plan to Charter Venturing Units in Catholic High Schools. Five new units formed in 2008 and Serra Clubs in 17 dioceses have requested information on the program. Homer Radford, member of the NCCS Vocations Committee and a member of Serra International is our liaison representative and attends its semi-annual meetings.

- **USCCB Annual Meeting:** NCCS honored seven Eagle Scout Bishops at a dinner held at the National Aquarium in Baltimore. At the annual breakfast meeting, approximately 56 Bishops heard the Scouting story from Bishop Gettelfinger

- **Sacred Military Constantinian Order of Saint George:** The Constantinian Order is a worldwide organization with a mission of service to others. In the United States this service extends to Catholic education, The Path to Peace Foundation, Catholic University, and Catholic Scouting. Over twelve years they have helped underwrite costs of every Saint George Youth Leadership Trek at Philmont (now held every other year).

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## **Catholic Relationships** (continued)

### **International Catholic Conference on Scouting**

- The International Committee continues its mission to “maintain relationships with the international Scouting and Catholic Youth Movement to ground programs in the Universal Church.” A cooperative relationship is maintained with Fr. Leo LeBlanc, Chaplain for the Americas. NCCS International Event: Scheduling an event is still on hold for the immediate future because of a lack of participants in several past events. Fr. Dennis O'Rourke informed that the International Committee can now submit applications for the use of "INTEREST" from the ICCS Endowment Fund to service Catholic Scouts from the Central Americas Region and in fact funds were supplied to provide a computer and software for the new Americas Region office.
- International Recognition Activity Award: This program continues to be popular. Concerns: requests for the awards are mainly coming from approximately thirty states with many repeat participants. The NCCS continues to be the largest purchaser and presenter of these awards.
- Bray B. Barnes, Past National NCCS Chair, was reelected to serve as Deputy Secretary General of the ICCS. Fr. Leo LaBlanc was elected to serve as International Chaplain.

### **ICCS Endowment Fund**

Promoting donations to the “Fund” is an ongoing process. Reminders have been included in previous “Bridge” printings and will appear in the next issue. The initial corpus of \$100,000 is now in excess of \$110,000.

### **More Catholic Relationships**

- **USCCB Secretariat for Family, Laity, Women and Youth** (*Subcommittee on Youth and Young Adult Ministry*) The Subcommittee on Youth and Young Adult Ministry assists the bishops to respond to the pastoral needs and concerns of youth and young adults and fosters their participation in the community and mission of the Church. It collaborates with other national organizations also dedicated to these purposes in accord with the Bishops' documents *Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry* and *Sons and Daughters of the Light: A Pastoral Plan for Ministry with Young Adults*.

- The USCCB Subcommittee on Youth and Young Adult Ministry met in February 2007. This year's meeting was held only as the follow-up to the National Encuentro held June 2006, at Notre Dame. This was the fulfillment of a commitment made by the Bishops from the Subcommittee on Youth and Young Adult Ministry and the Committee on Hispanic Affairs. USCCB has been hard at work on restructuring the organization; the restructured USCCB has been approved by the Bishops. As of November 2007, there will no longer be a subcommittee for youth and young adults. There will be a new committee: Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth. This committee will have as part of its mandate youth and young adult ministry. With the new committee structure and a new way of operating at USCCB, there will be no more national gatherings convened by the conference. In terms of connecting with national groups such as NCCS, the Bishops will now do that as appropriate when the various groups convene or through the Episcopal liaisons.

- **National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry:** The NCCS is a collaborating member of the NFCYM. Tom Nishikubo continues to be the NCCS representative to NCYC. Dr. Carol Goodwin, Chair of National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministers attended the Biennial held in Louisville.

- National Conference of Catholic Youth Ministers -NCCS Executive Board Members Ed Gargiulo, John Ribar Sr., Ed Martin, Msgr. Jim Kolp, and BSA representative George Sparks manned a well-visited booth at the National Conference of Catholic Youth Ministers

## Diocesan Committees

### Support

The national committees provide direct support to dioceses through Regional Chairs and Chaplains. Since 2000, a National Vice-Chair has had oversight responsibility for the Regional Chairs to centralize and focus communication.

Communications are effected by personal phone calls and letters (E-mail), newsletters, and regional meetings and conferences. More than half of the regions hold meetings or conferences independent of the NCCS biennial meeting and about one-quarter produce a regional newsletter.

Support is also provided through the NCCS quarterly newsletter, “*The Bridge*,” “*eBridge*” and our Internet Website: [www.nccs-bsa.org](http://www.nccs-bsa.org). A new Chaplains electronic newsletter was approved and has been launched in 2008.

### Region Statistics

The Diocesan Scout Committee is the principal means to advocate, teach, and deliver Catholic Scouting.

### Quality Diocese Award

A “Quality Diocesan Committee” Award was developed in 2002 with the assistance of the Regional leadership and was revised in 2003 to reflect updated standards. The promotion of our revised Quality Diocesan Award as a tool for communication, program evaluation, and recognition achieved great success, with the following earning this recognition in 2008:

#### Region

- 1 Boston, Bridgeport, Burlington, Fall River, Hartford, Manchester, Norwich, Portland, Providence, Springfield, Worcester
- 2 Albany, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Mayaguez, New York, Ogdensburg, Rochester, Rockville Centre, Caguas, , San Juan Syracuse,
- 3 Altoona-Johnstown, Camden, Erie, Greensburg, Harrisburg, Metuchen, Newark, Patterson, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Trenton
- 4 Arlington, Baltimore, Washington, D.C, Wilmington
- 5 Baton Rouge, Biloxi, Birmingham, Covington, Houma-Thibodeaux, Jackson, Knoxville, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Lexington, Louisville, Memphis, Mobile, Nashville, New Orleans, Owensboro, Shreveport,
- 6 Cleveland, Columbus, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Saginaw, Youngstown,
- 7 Evansville, Green Bay, Madison, Milwaukee, Peoria, Superior
- 8 Saint Paul-Minneapolis
- 9 Jefferson City, Kansas City-St Joseph, St Louis, Sioux City, Springfield-Cape Girardeau, Wichita,
- 10 Amarillo, Austin, Beaumont, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Ft Worth, Oklahoma City, Galveston-Houston, San Antonio, Tulsa, Tyler, Victoria,
- 11 Fresno, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Orange, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Jose
- 12 Seattle
- 13 Colorado Springs, Phoenix, Pueblo, Salt Lake City, Santa Fe, Tucson
- 14 Atlanta, Charleston, Miami, Raleigh, St. Augustine, St Petersburg, Venice

## Training

### Philmont Training Conference, “Scouting in the Catholic Church”

Since its inception on 1974, the focus of this annual training conference has been the formation and training of leaders for Diocesan Boy Scout committees. The 2008 conference continued the program format using “Scouter Development: Lay Apostolate Formation for Scouting,” “Renewing the Vision” and the “Catechism of the Catholic Church”, was attended by 47 Scouters and was directed by Fr. Mike Santangelo Faculty Members. Susan Barriball, Chris Manning and Fr. Mike Hannifin. Bishop Gettelfinger, and Bill Davies were also present to assist.

### Training Committee

In addition to the coordination efforts outlined above, the Training Committee provides for the needs of standing committees, regional leaders, and diocesan committees for training programs and tools.

NCCS Training programs have been aligned with the BSA Training Continuum concept. Fast Start tools found in the NCCS Leaders Handbook are intended for orientation of new leaders. Basic programs include Scouter Development: Lay Apostolate Formation for Scouting and Mentoring and Action Planning and are recommended for the first year. Supplemental training will be received at Biennial workshops and at regional meetings. The Philmont Training Conference Scouting in the Catholic Church, the Catholic equivalent to BSA Wood Badge Training, will satisfy advanced training needs.

### Staffing National Committees

The NCCS is constantly seeking people to serve on standing committees, task forces, boards, and as regional leaders. More than 100 volunteers offer their time and talents to serve on national committees to achieve the mission of the NCCS. Scouters can learn more about our activities at the annual Philmont Training Conference “*Scouting in the Catholic Church*,” at Annual Standing Committee Meetings, regional meetings, and at our Internet Website.

The **Nominating Committee** is charged with responsibility to search out qualified individuals willing to work on the National Executive Board.

Finding qualified regional NCCS leaders is a continuing challenge. All regional chair positions have been filled as of April 21, 2007 however, vacancies remain for two regional chaplains.

### Advisory Board

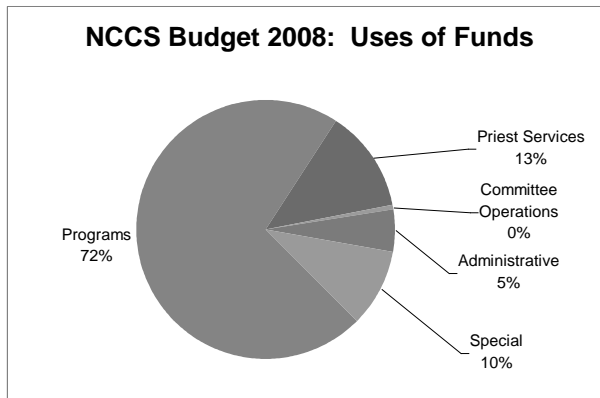
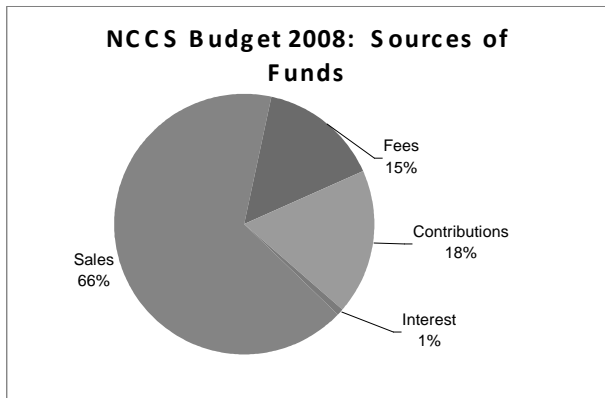
The NCCS Advisory Board is made up of long time leaders and members of NCCS who have successfully served out terms of office on the Executive Board and selected others from outside NCCS who have special qualifications and/or positions in the church. The principle mission is to evaluate programs and furnish advice and counsel to the Executive Board and its Standing Committees, as assigned by the National Chair.

# Financial Stability STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW

BSA Operating Account  
(Unaudited)

	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL
	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Balance as of January 1</b>	<b>162,546</b>	<b>16,073</b>	<b>79,489</b>	<b>99,242</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Sales	241,797	265,238	342,484	262,172
Fees	35,501	100,196	53,859	59,265
Contributions	64,542	72,375	58,846	71,527
Interest	3,639	2,489	6,808	3,042
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>345,479</b>	<b>440,298</b>	<b>461,997</b>	<b>396,006</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Programs	291,879	248,886	239,705	281,107
Priest Services	20,915	18,435	20,225	50,831
Committee Operations	11,934	8,988	7,423	1,945
Administrative	25,603	22,035	22,752	20,697
Special	4,515	6,215	45,080	38,345
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>354,846</b>	<b>304,559</b>	<b>335,185</b>	<b>392,925</b>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in</b>				
<b>Operating Account Before Transfers</b>	<b>-9,367</b>	<b>135,739</b>	<b>126,812</b>	<b>3,081</b>
<b>TRANSFERS (from(+)/to(-) Fund Accounts)</b>				
Scout Trust (ICCS)	8,683	7,043	7,441	9,904
Priest Services (Golden Ad Altare Dei)	0	0	-12,000	0
International	-80,000	0	0	0
Scout Trust (Spes Mundi)	0	0	-2,500	0
Holding	-65,789	-79,366	-100,000	0
<b>Net Transfers</b>	<b>-137,106</b>	<b>-72,323</b>	<b>-107,059</b>	<b>9,904</b>
<b>Net Increase (Decrease) in</b>				
<b>Operating Account</b>	<b>-146,473</b>	<b>63,416</b>	<b>19,753</b>	<b>12,985</b>
<b>Balance as of December 31</b>	<b>16,073</b>	<b>79,489</b>	<b>99,242</b>	<b>112,227</b>

**Note:** Due to a re-categorization of line items, some totals reported in prior years may not match those reported here. Beginning and ending balances do match those reported in prior years. For accounting purposes, years begin January 1 and end December 31.



## FUND ACCOUNTS ACTIVITY SUMMARY FOR 2008

ACCOUNT	Value (12/31/07)	+Total Cash Gain/Loss	Total Transfers (In/Out)	=Value (12/31/08)	Account Increase/Decrease	Percentage Increase/Decrease
Scout Trust	267,108.03	5,724.58	-8,545.81	224,514.67	-42,593.36	-15.95%
St. George	214,530.35	-2,508.01	0.00	179,158.23	-35,372.12	-16.49%
Holding	285,867.47	8,993.81	0.00	294,861.28	8,993.81	3.15%
NCCS	518,662.91	-4,862.76	0.00	430,666.55	-87,996.36	-16.97%
Committee	118,136.57	-1,349.81	0.00	98,550.31	-19,586.26	-16.58%
Golden AAD	394,214.08	-3,304.24	0.00	327,708.47	-66,505.61	-16.87%
International	110,339.88	3,322.98	0.00	113,662.86	3,322.98	3.01%
Sub-Total	1,908,859.29	6,016.55	-8,545.81	1,669,122.37	-239,736.92	-12.56%
Operating Account	99,242.13	0.00	12,984.70	112,226.83	12,984.70	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,008,101.42</b>	<b>6,016.55</b>		<b>1,781,349.20</b>	<b>-226,752.22</b>	<b>-11.28%</b>

### HIGHLIGHTS OF 2008

1. Changes in Receipts
  - a. Sales. **Sales were higher than expected. Prices for the emblems and literature were increased during the year but they haven't appeared to have affected sales. With the successful introduction of the Footsteps of American Saints religious activity patches, sales of religious activity patches are 13.2% higher than the previous year. Sales of the Pope Paul VI unit award patches also increased during 2008 at a rate of 7.5%.**
  - b. Fees. **Receipts increased due to the larger attendance at the Biennial Conference in Louisville and deposits arriving for the St. George Trek in 2009. Membership fees collected were only 37% of the previous year due to the resignation of the resource who oversaw that activity and the inability to fill that position until the end of the year.**
  - c. Contributions. **Contributions were higher than the year before in nearly every category, except Miscellaneous. The Annual Appeal increased 40%. Participation by the Executive Board exceeds 60%. Collections at the Philmont Scout Ranch have been steadily increasing. In 2008, they were up 9.5%. In addition, the Sacred Military Constantinian Order of Saint George donated \$15000 in support of the St. George Trek.**
  - d. Interest. **Interest earned was less this year due to less favorable rates.**
2. Changes in Expenses
  - a. **The NCCS entered into an agreement with School & Main Institute (SMI) to work together to assess the organization's performance and in making recommendations for improvement. The total budget to be paid was \$59,713.75. One payment was made in 2007. The remainder of \$29,639.90 was paid during 2008.**
  - b. **The NCCS committed to funding the Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Distinguished Scout Scholarship in the amount of \$5000 for five years starting in 2008.**
  - c. **A deposit was made to Philmont Scout Ranch for the 2009 St. George Trek in the amount of \$25,727.50.**
  - d. **The cost of the Biennial Conference in Louisville was 20% less than expected. The local Catholic Committee on Scouting was instrumental in obtaining this reduction.**
  - e. **The purchase of emblems was nearly 20% lower than budget and 13% lower than the previous year.**
  - f. **A new Chevrolet Suburban was purchased for use by the chaplain staff at Philmont Scout Ranch in the amount of \$36,994.75.**
3. Changes in Fund Accounts
 

While the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) manages our operating account, Smith-Barney continues to manage the other seven NCCS fund accounts.

Fund/Account	Purpose
Scout Trust	Endowed by Emmett J. Doerr; supports ICCS only
St. George	Supports St. George Trek
Holding	Temporary holding account for major upcoming purchases
NCCS	Supports general funding
Committee	Supports committee activities
Golden AAD	Supports clergy activities
International	Supports ICCS activities
Operating	Annual operating revenues and expenses

4. Support for the Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Scout Scholarships  
**The Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Distinguished Scout Scholarship program awarded its 5<sup>th</sup> year of scholarships and the first year of five \$2000 scholarships. Over 100 applications were evaluated and the five scholarship winners received a letter of personal congratulations from John and Julie Doerr. For 2008, the recipients were: Adam Alongi, a student at Benet Academy in Lisle, IL, Diocese of Joliet; William Goepfert of Cardinal McCarrick High School in South Amboy, NJ, Diocese of Metuchen; Philip Martin Gooklasian of San Joaquin Memorial High School in Fresno, CA, Diocese of Fresno; Nicholas M. Hauge of Boylan Catholic High School in Rockford, IL, Diocese of Rockford; and Robert F. Niehaus III of St. Francis DeSales High School in Columbus, OH, Diocese of Columbus.**
  
5. Support for the International Catholic Committee on Scouting (ICCS)
  - a. **Emmett J. Doerr Scout Trust Fund provides support for ICCS activities. During 2008, the NCCS made donations in the amounts of \$8,546 (2009) and \$7,904 (2008) and paid annual dues of \$2,000.**
  - b. **International Fund. Established in 2004 to support youth activities in the Americas region. This fund has a balance of \$113,489.75 as of December 31, 2008. During 2008, the NCCS donated \$2000 to Asociacion de Scouts de Bolivia.**
  - c. **International Awareness Activity Emblems. NCCS raises additional funds to support ICCS though the International Awareness emblems purchased through ICCS. Royalties amounted to \$1,172 on sales of 558 medals.**
  - d. **Spes Mundi Emblem. This emblem is presented to those who wish to donate at least \$2500 to support the participation of USA religious in the work of the ICCS. One presentation was made during 2008.**
  - e. **NCCS funds the expenses of the USA Chaplains serving ICCS (currently Msgr. Robert Guglielmone and Fr. Leo LeBlanc). This support amounted to \$12,251 in 2008, a 50% increase over 2007.**



## Appendix: National Leadership (April 2008-09)

Executive Committee	Position	Leader
	National Chairman	William Davies
	National Chaplain	Rev. Raymond Fecteau
	Past National Chairman	Bray B. Barnes
	Past National Chaplain	Rev. Roger LaChance
	Associate National Chaplain	Rev. Stephen Salvador
	Chair Elect	Col.(Ret.) John Halloran Jr.
	Vice-Chairman: Finance and Conference	Edward P. Martin
	Vice-Chairman: Membership, Marketing and Public Relations, Religious Activities	John Ribar
	Vice-Chairman: Religious Emblems, International, Publications, Annual Report	Gerard Scanlan
	Vice-Chairman: Regions	David Moskal
	Vice-Chairman: Vocations, Training, NFCYM/USCCB	Austin Cannon
	NCCS Bishop Liaison	The Most Rev. Gerald A. Gettelfinger
	BSA Community Alliance Task Force	Charles Holmes and George Sparks
	Parliamentarian, Minutes, Nominating	Edward Gargiulo

Regional Leaders	Region	Chair	Chaplain
	1	Arthur Keegan	Rev. David C Frederici
	2	Edward Winterkorn	Rev. Kevin Smith
	3	Mr. Joseph Wagner	Msgr. John Wendrychowicz
	4	Sam Bridgeman	Msgr John B. Brady
	5	George LeCrone	Rev. Stephen Brandow
	6	Alan Tarlo, Sr.	Msgr. James Kolp
	7	Robert Freville	Rev. Roger Strebel
	8	Mr. Jim Witzman	Rev. Jerry Fehn
	9	Mr. Russ Kock	Rev. Joseph B. Powers
	10	Charles Raimond, Sr.	Msgr. James Anderson
	11	Marie Simons	vacant
	12	Dcn. Roy Harrington	Rev. Leo McDowell
	13	Don Ellefsen	Rev. Jim Blaine
	14	Michael L. Murphy	Vacant
	15	Marge Dillenburg (Eastern Churches)	Rev. Nick Rachford (Eastern Churches)

## Appendix (Continued)

<b>Standing Committees</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Advisor</b>
	<b>Chaplains</b>	<b>Rev. Mike Hanifin</b>	<b>Rev. Mr. Tommy Watts</b>
	<b>Conference</b>	<b>Susan Bariball</b>	<b>Rev. Randy Cuevas</b>
	<b>Finance</b>	<b>Edward Martin.</b>	<b>Rev. Dennis O'Rourke</b>
	<b>International</b>	<b>Lynn Horne</b>	<b>Rev. Roger LaChance</b>
	- ICCS Region Chaplain		
	-ICCS World Chaplain	<b>Rev. Leo LeBlanc</b>	
	-ICCS Deputy Sec'y General	<b>Bray B. Barnes</b>	
	-Vice-Chair FICS	<b>Gerard Scanlan</b>	
	<b>Marketing PR</b>	<b>Tony Madonia</b>	<b>Rev. Donald K. Hummel</b>
	-Web Master	<b>Tony Madonia</b>	
	<b>-BRIDGE Editor</b>	<b>Mike Gannon</b>	
	<b>-e-Bridge Editor</b>	<b>Karen Stone</b>	
	<b>Membership</b>	<b>Bob Cordek</b>	<b>Rev. Shawn Tunink</b>
	<b>Religious Activities</b>	<b>Rick Lanahan</b>	<b>Rev. Chris Bazar</b>
	<b>Religious Emblems</b>	<b>Harvey Carter</b>	<b>Rev. John Fischer</b>
	<b>Training</b>	<b>Margaret Materese</b>	<b>Rev. Michael Santangelo</b>
	<b>Vocations</b>	<b>Jack Thompson</b>	<b>Rev. Scott Wood</b>
	-Rep to Serra Int'l	<b>Homer Radford</b>	
	<b>Nominating</b>	<b>Ed Gargiulo</b>	<b>Rev. Roger LaChance</b>
	<b>Advisory Board</b>	<b>Carol Oldowski</b>	<b>Msgr. John K. Dermond</b>

<b>Ad Hoc Committees</b>			
	<b>Philmont Training Conf.</b>	<b>Ed Martin Director</b>	<b>Fr. Ray Fecteau Course Advisor</b>
		<b>John Halloran</b>	<b>Susan Barriball</b>
	<b>St. George Trek</b>	<b>Rev. Kevin Smith</b>	<b>Austin Cannon</b>
	<b>Historian/Renew Process</b>	<b>Robert Oldowski</b>	<b>Rev. William Young</b>
	<b>Representative to NFCYM</b>	<b>Tom Nishikubo</b>	
	<b>Special Projects</b>		