



Catholic Scouting Wire

Your Guide to Catholic Scouting Resources

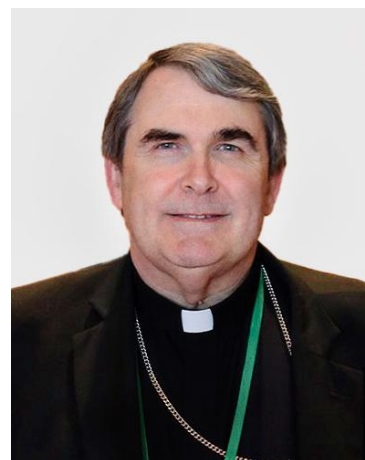


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Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Catholic Scout Wire. NCCS will send this newsletter to local and regional Catholic Scouting leaders and supporters the second Thursday of every month. We hope you find it useful! Please share your feedback with us at info@nccs-bsa.org. Make sure to note Catholic Scout Wire in the subject line.

Bishop Fisher of Diocese of Buffalo named Episcopal Liaison to NCCS

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has named Bishop Michael Fisher of the Diocese of Buffalo as the Episcopal Liaison to NCCS. Bishop Fisher was active in Boy Scouts, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout and earning the Ad Altare Dei Catholic Scouting Religious Emblem. Bishop Fisher says that if he hadn't earned his Catholic Scouting Religious Emblem, he might not have become a priest. He was so committed to Scouting, he worked as a paper boy for six years in order to earn enough money to go to Philmont in the 1970s. Now, Bishop Fisher is committed to helping more young people have access to Catholic Scouting and to utilizing Catholic Scouting as youth ministry in the Church. NCCS is honored to have him as our Episcopal Liaison. [Learn more.](#)



That's Bishop Fisher as a teen, last row, third from the left, at Camp Dan Beard in Illinois.

The term for the former NCCS Episcopal Liaison, Bishop Daniel Conlon, ended earlier this year. We are grateful for Bishop Conlon's six years of advocacy and wise counsel.

Catholic Scouts encouraged to participate in National Eucharistic Revival

The National Eucharistic Revival is a 3-year initiative sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The revival was launched in 2022 and continues until Pentecost in 2025. NCCS

encourages all Catholic Scouts to participate in the National Eucharistic Revival in some way. During the spring and summer of 2024, Catholic Scouts have multiple opportunities to participate in the revival. From May 17 to July 16, 2024, Catholics across the country will be engaged in a Eucharistic Pilgrimage. Local Scouting units are invited to participate on the leg of the pilgrimage that makes sense for them. Plan now – and find out if Scouts can assist local organizers to make the Eucharistic Pilgrimage a success. The pilgrimage culminates in a Eucharistic Congress that will take place from July 17-21, 2024 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, which all Catholic Scouts and their families are invited to attend. **There are many ways Catholic Scouts can engage in the Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Eucharistic Congress.** [Learn more.](#)



NCCS is also offering a Eucharistic Revival Religious Activity to help all Catholics revive their faith and love of Jesus through prayer and the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. [Learn more.](#)

NCCS Scholarship applications open September 1

NCCS now awards ten scholarships totaling \$27,000 annually. Applicants complete one application to be considered for any of the scholarship awards. NCCS Scholarships are awarded to service-oriented high school seniors who are Catholic Scouts in a BSA Program and continuing their education in college. **Encourage Scouts to apply! The application for 2024 NCCS Scholarships opens on September 1.** [Learn more](#)



Catholic Scouting Spotlight

In future editions of the Catholic Scouting Wire, we'll include a spotlight on a unit or diocesan/eparchial committee engaged in a unique and successful activity or program that could be implemented by other Catholic Scouting units or diocesan/eparchial committees. Have a Catholic Scouting activity or program you'd like to put a spotlight on? **Submit it to info@nccs-bsa.org and be sure to include *Catholic Scouting Spotlight* in the subject line. Send us pictures too!**



Key Dates

- **Aug. 1-6** - World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal

- **Aug, 6-10** - Scouting in the Local Church virtual conference, **register now**
 - **Sept. 1** - **NCCS Scholarships** Applications open
 - **Sept. 24** - **Priesthood Sunday**
 - **Sept. 30** - deadline for discount pricing for **2023 NCYC registration**
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