



Catholic Scouting is

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2023 - 2024 Annual Appeal

NATIONAL CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

Dear NCCS Members and Supporters,

On behalf of Fr. Gerard Gentleman, our National Chaplain, and myself, I want to thank you for your past support of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting. Although Catholic Scouting is facing many challenges, we have much to celebrate. At the 48th Biennial Meeting we will be celebrating 100+ years of Catholic Scouting! We say 100+ because the first Catholic Scouts joined the BSA in 1912, while the first Catholic Committee on Scouting was formed in 1924 by Victor Ridder and Brother Barnabus in New York City. Please join your fellow Scouters in Albuquerque, April 4-7, 2024 for this great event.



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2023 Catholic Scouting Highlights

- For the first time ever, NCCS is offering a [***Catholic Scouting focused Wood Badge***](#) leadership course open to Catholic Scouters from across the country. Limited to 36 participants, it will take place at Philmont Scout Ranch from August 25-29, 2024. [***Register online today!***](#)
- NCCS introduced the [***Catholic Scouting Wire***](#) highlighting the latest news and events for all Catholic unit Key 3 leaders, NCCS members and supporters. Don't miss out on learning about the latest programs, tools and events to support Catholic youth across all BSA programs.
- NCCS enters into partnership with the [***National Catholic Education Association***](#) (NCEA) and over 28,000 Catholic educators nationwide. "Catholic Scouting is a long-standing tradition at many Catholic schools across the country. Through the partnership announced today, we're hoping to help more young people and families engage in all the faith-fostering, citizenship-developing and community-building activities that Catholic Scouting offers." said NCCS Chair John Anthony. "We're excited about working together with NCCS to bring Catholic Scouting to more Catholic school families throughout the U.S. Catholic Scouting helps build community through activities that promote faith, family and adventure. Catholic Scouting is a natural complement to what Catholic

school leaders and teachers instill in the classroom every day” said NCEA President/CEO Lincoln Snyder.

- **FORMED**, the premier Catholic streaming platform is now being offered by the NCCS. It is available to every Catholic Scout and unit in the country. FORMED content can be utilized in faith formation and to **support Religious Activities and Emblems programs.**

As you can see, Catholic Scouting has more to offer than ever before to Catholic youth, parents, pastors, and educators. It is important that we continue to provide a strong Catholic Scouting program of **Faith. Family. Adventure.** With your financial help we can ensure that NCCS's traditional programs and new initiatives, like those above, continue for years to come.

Please join us by making a gift to the 2023-2024 Annual Appeal. We thank you for your support.

God Bless,



John Anthony
National Chair



Rev. Gerard Gentleman
National Chaplain

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