

Answers to Requirements

- 1) Mary said: "Queen of Heaven who prays for the conversion of sinners." Mary asked Adele to pray for sinners and to gather the children and teach them what they should know for salvation. Adele immediately began to gather the children and teach them to pray.
- 2) Adele was a simple young woman of faith and like others Mary appeared to, followed Mary's request with faith.
- 3) Peshtigo fire. The sisters and neighbors too shelter in the chapel and prayed. The fire destroyed all the property around the shrine – but stopped at the fence.
- 4) A pilgrimage is a journey to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion. People go to the Shrine to increase their faith and to witness miracles.
- 5) Bishop David Ricken said: "I declare with moral certainty and in accord with the norms of the Church that the events, apparitions and locutions given to Adele Brise in October of 1859 do exhibit the substance of supernatural character, and I do hereby approve these apparitions as worthy of belief (although not obligatory) by the Christian faithful."

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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 and may a Scout receive a religious knot after earning this activity?

No. This activity is considered a religious activity, not a religious emblem. Scouts may not receive a religious knot for earning any of the activity patches.

Will there be more Marian Activity Patches?

Yes. There may be additional Marian 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.

Who do I check with once I complete the requirements for my grade level?

Any knowledgeable parent, Scout leader, group leader, priest, religious or catechist.

Marian Series



Our Lady of Champion Activity Patch



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Marian Series Activity

This activity is one of a series of religious activities that honor Mary, the Mother of God. The Church calendar for the United States includes nineteen commemorative Marian feasts. Each activity in this series examines one of the nineteen feasts and focuses on how and why the Church has honored Mary for more than 2,000 years.

Requirements for Our Lady of Champion Marian Activity Patch

All – Read about Adele Brise and Our Lady of Champion. You can find information at [The National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion - in Champion WI \(championshrine.org\)](http://TheNationalShrineofOurLadyofChampion-inChampionWI.championshrine.org) or <https://www.catholic.com/audio/cal/open-forum-745> . Feel free to use other sources.

1st thru 5th Grades - Complete first 3 requirements and 2 activities OR visit the Our Lady of Champion Shrine with your family or group.

6th thru 12th Grades - Complete first 3 requirements **PLUS One** and 3 activities OR visit the Our Lady of Champion Shrine with your family or group.

Requirements:

- 1) In 1859, Mary appeared to Adele Brise, a 28 year old Belgian immigrant woman, in a remote part of Northeastern Wisconsin. When Adele asked the apparition to identify herself, what was Mary's answer? What did Mary ask Adele to do? What was Adele's response?
- 2) Often, Mary appeared to children or the "poor" in the eyes of society. How does Adele Brise compare with other visionaries?
- 3) In October 1871, the worst recorded forest fire in American history raged through Northeastern Wisconsin destroying property and taking many lives; what fire was this? What did Adele and her neighbors do? What happened at the apparition site during/after the fire?
- 4) Many people make pilgrimages to the Shrine of Our Lady of Champion. What is a pilgrimage and how is it different than other travel? What do you think draws people here?
- 5) According to the official decree of authenticity of the 1859 apparition of Our Lady of Champion in Wisconsin, what did Marian experts study before coming to their recommendation?

Activities:

- 1) Pray the Litany of Our Lady of Champion (available on the Shrine website) with at least one other person. Include petitions concerning world issues/current events.
- 2) Watch one or more descriptive videos about the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion (via Youtube).
- 3) Create a promotional pamphlet about the key points of the Apparition and about the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion.
- 4) Make a list of how Mary has shown her good help to people who ask her intercession throughout the centuries.

Requirements for Adults:

- 1) Assist youth with this Marian Activity.
- 2) Share your thoughts with the youth about Mary under the title of Our Lady of Champion.
- 3) Review the responses to the requirements of each youth participant to assure accuracy and understanding.
- 4) Fill out the order form for this Marian Activity and send it with payment to NCCS.
- 5) Optional: Take a virtual tour of an Our Lady of Champion on You Tube. (Videos of several shrines are available.)

For more information about this Marian Feast, check out the websites below.

- <https://www.catholic.com/audio/cal/open-forum-745>
- [The National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion - in Champion WI \(championshrine.org\)](http://TheNationalShrineofOurLadyofChampion-inChampionWI.championshrine.org)