



## Pope Pius XII Religious Emblem Diocese of Belleville, Illinois 2012-2013

### Eligibility

- A registered youth member of the Boy Scouts of America of the Catholic faith.
- Registered Venturers (male or female before their 21st birthday) and all registered Boy Scouts (in high school who have started ninth grade and at least 15 years old and will earn the emblem before their 18th birthday) are eligible.

### Purpose

- Pope Pius XII is Catholic Scouting's church-related ministries and vocation program.
- The program deals with different life choices (single, married, religious, ordained), occupations and ministries in the church as calls from God.
- It includes youth led discussions on current issues facing the church and society, which are normally included as part of a Pius XII retreat or day of recollection

### Requirements

- Course size: Ideal group size is 4-12 and will be filled based on first come registration.
- The program will be run by the candidates themselves, the adults will serve as Moderators
- Candidate will conduct a number of interviews and will explore controversial issues facing the Catholic Church and society.
- Candidates are required to experience an online retreat focused on the Pope Pius XII Program and conduct a ministries service project.
- Complete and submit an application with the associated fee for the Pope Pius XII program found online on the Diocese of Belleville Web Site: [www.diobellescouts.org](http://www.diobellescouts.org)

### Course Materials

- Pope Pius XII Emblem Book
- Catholic Bible
- Course discussions will be conducted online on the Diocese of Belleville Web Site: [www.diobellescouts.org](http://www.diobellescouts.org)

### Program Completion

- Complete requirements for the Pope Pius XII Religious Emblem
- Pass a Pope Pius XII Board of Review (Pope Pius XII Board of Review is made up of former Pope Pius XII recipients with adult leaders acting in an advisory and supervisory capacity)

### Presentation

- The religious emblem will be presented to the Scout at the annual Diocese of Belleville's Annual Scout Recognition Ceremony February 2013.
- The religious knot will be presented by their scout unit.

### Scout's Role

- As an older Scout/Venturer, the candidate is expected to actively share in group discussions and complete all interviews and activities.

### Parent's Role

- Support and encourage their youth's participation in the program.

### Time Requirements

- The group will meet online throughout the period of 30 Sep 2012 through completion of Boards of Review held during the week January 7<sup>th</sup> through January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Students are expected to spend (at a minimum) two hours per week actively involved in discussions with others.

Flexibility is required in scheduling sessions due to course progress. Make up work for absences/non-participation cannot be entertained as all are dependent on everyone's active participation.

#### **Course Sections/Goals**

- Unit I – "In the beginning": To examine the individual's I have chosen to associate with, and to explain the implications of those choices.
- Unit II – "God and You" : To explore what it means to be called by God through the Sacraments of Initiation, and how these calls continue to affect my life
- Unit III – "Life Choices": To examine and discover various "life states" to which God may be calling me
- Unit IV – "9 to 5": To examine various professions or occupations, and seek to discover the ones to which God may be calling me
- Unit V "Here I am": To examine various ministries, and seek to discover ones to which God might be calling me
- Unit VI - "A melting Pot": To examine the Church's definition of vocation and how it and God's call intertwine in an individual's daily life through life state, occupation and ministry
- Unit VII – "Putting it all together": To aid the participants in a realization that our faith and call from God affect our daily life and how our daily life affects our faith and call from God.

#### **2012-2013 Calendar**

- **September 30<sup>th</sup> through October 6<sup>th</sup>** –Course participant introductions – Getting to Know You
- **October 7<sup>th</sup> through October 13<sup>th</sup>** – Unit I – "In the beginning"
- **October 14<sup>th</sup> through October 20<sup>th</sup>** – Unit II – "God and You"
- **October 21<sup>st</sup> through October 28<sup>th</sup>** – Unit II – "God and You"
- **October 29<sup>th</sup> through November 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Unit III – "Life Choices"
- **November 4<sup>th</sup> through November 10<sup>th</sup>** – Unit III – "Life Choices"
- **November 11<sup>th</sup> through November 17<sup>th</sup>** – Unit IV – "9 to 5"
- **November 18<sup>th</sup>– through November 24<sup>th</sup>** – Unit V "Here I am"
- **November 25<sup>th</sup> through December 1<sup>st</sup>** – Unit V "Here I am"
- **December 2<sup>nd</sup> through December 8<sup>th</sup>** – Unit VI - "A melting Pot"
- **December 9<sup>th</sup> through December 15<sup>th</sup>** – Unit VI - "A melting Pot"
- **December 16<sup>th</sup> through December 21<sup>st</sup>** – Unit VII – "Putting it all together"
- **January 7<sup>th</sup> through January 11<sup>th</sup>** – Course Wrap-Up – Boards of Review