

Archdiocese of Milwaukee

Religious Recognition Instructions



Welcome! This document should help you as your daughter/scout starts working on her Religious Recognition.

Starting The Process:

There are currently six (6) Religious Recognitions that Catholic Girl Scouts can earn. They are:

- Grades K5-1—God Is Love**
- Grades 2-3—Family of God**
- Grades 4-6—I Live My Faith**
- Grades 7-12—Mary, the First Disciple**
- Grades 9 – 12—The Spirit Alive**
- Grades 9 – 12—Missio Dei**

God is Love, Family of God and I Live My Faith are intended to be completed by the girl with the help of her parent/guardian or leader. For Mary, the First Disciple and The Spirit Alive, the scout works with a scout leader, mentor or other caring adult.

Please note that when an **adult leader** works with Girl Scouts (other than own child), that leader requires **either** Safe Environment/Virtus Training **or** BSA Youth Protection Training. When a **parent** works with their own child on God is Love, Family of God and I Live My Faith medals, they do not require the above trainings. No medals or workbooks will be mailed to Girl Scout leaders unless the date of training is provided.

Ordering Books:

Visit: www.archmil.org/Catholic-Girl-Scouts.htm to fill out the Online Order form for Religious Medals and Workbooks.

- For God is Love, Family of God and I Live My Faith, no leader book is required. Instructions are included in the book.
- For Mary, the First Disciple, a Leader Guide (which includes the project book) will need to be purchased in addition to the Scouts project book.
- For The Spirit Alive, in addition to the Scouts project book, the mentor will need to purchase the project book and the mentor handbook.
- All Religious recognition project books come with a prayer card

Orders are filled on Mondays so you should receive your workbooks within 2 weeks of ordering.

Filling Out Application:

Once the Scout has completed the required work for the medal, the application in the back of the book should be filled out completely. The application has places for the signatures of the scout, the parent/guardian of the scout, an adult advisor/mentor and the parish designate .

Ordering Medal/Patch:

After the Girl Scout(s) has completed the requirements for the medal, visit:

<https://www.archmil.org/Catholic-Girl-Scouts.htm> to fill out the Order form for Religious Medals and Workbooks. Patches are available in addition to the medals. Complete the online form and upload the signed ORIGINAL application(s) found in each participant's workbook. If you cannot upload them, you can email them to murphyjc@archmil.org

Orders are filled on Mondays so you should receive your medals within 2 weeks of ordering.

Completing the Evaluation:

Many of the project books include a Participant and/or a Parent/Adult Advisor Evaluation. This evaluation should be completed and sent to: NFCYM, NCCGSCF, 415 Michigan Avenue NW, Ste 40, Washington DC 20017, Fax: 202-526-7544

Presenting Medal/Patch:

Medals should be presented by parish priest or deacon to Girl Scouts during Mass at the parish or during a Girl Scout Ceremony.

Celebration of Catholic Scouting:

An Archdiocesan Celebration of Catholic Scouting is held in the Spring of each year. At this time Scouts who have received religious medals will be recognized. (No Medals will be presented at that celebration)

Questions: Please email Jennifer Murphy at murphyjc@archmil.org



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