

Dear 7th and 8th Grade Parents,

Sacha Bellman and I are beginning the Ad Altare Dei (to the altar of God) program.

Here is a brief explanation of the program from the National Catholic Committee on Scouting.

“The purpose of the Ad Altare Dei (to the altar of God) program is to help Catholic Boy Scouts of the Roman Rite develop a fully Christian way of life in the faith community. The program is organized in chapters based on the seven Sacraments. The seven Sacraments are a primary means toward spiritual growth.

Program Objectives

The most important aspect of the program is that the Scout grows in his spiritual experience of his relationship to God and the church.”

Requirements

Each Scout must have his own Activity Book. The book is designed for the youth to work on with the guidance of a counselor.

The program is designed to be completed in 6-8 months.

The use of a Catholic Bible is required for this program. You will need to have one to use.

Regular participation in Sunday worship.

Diocesan and BSA Youth Protection policies **must** be followed.

Complete the requirements in the Ad Altare Dei Scout Manual.

Successfully complete an Ad Altare Dei Board of Review.’

Scout's Role

Attend weekly meetings. Actively work on the activities.

All journal entries, reports, and written work should be legible and neat.

Work through the Ad Altare Dei Scout Manual with your counselor using a Bible where appropriate.

There are three parts to each step. When all parts of a step are completed, review the Emblem book with the counselor.

Be prepared to share experiences at the Board of Review.

Attend a retreat or Day of Recollection while working on the AAD program.

Keep the Religious Emblems Coordinator informed of his progress

We are thinking about working on the emblem on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 most likely at Saint James Church. (But this is subject to change depending on boys and the groups other activities.)

We are currently looking for interest and days of availability. We would like to have weekly meetings with most if not all of the work finished before school starts again in August.

If your son is interested in participating or if you have questions, please let me know by Monday, April 25, 2010. When you email me back, please let me know days that your son is able to meet.

Thanks,
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