

Religious Recognition Programs and Awards



The Catholic religious recognition programs administered by the National Catholic Committee for Girl Scouts and Camp Fire (NCCGSCF), under the auspices of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM), allow young people to explore and become more involved in their Catholic faith. All programs are designed to support and complement the catechetical efforts of Catholic parishes and schools. In particular, the *Family of God* is an excellent supplement for children preparing for the reception of their first Eucharist. *The Spirit Alive* provides substantial and creative activities to augment preparation for the sacrament of confirmation.

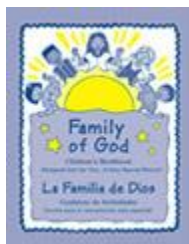
The religious recognition programs may be utilized by members of:

- Girl Scouts USA
- Camp Fire USA
- American Heritage Girls
- Junior Daughters of the Americas
- Catholic youth groups
- Religious education classes
- Or others as designated by the diocesan authorized administrators.

The religious recognition program books and adult guides may be purchased by any individual via the NFCYM publications guide or online store <http://www.nfcym.org>. **However, the religious recognition medals and patches may only be purchased and conferred by the diocesan authorized administrators upon verification of program completion and award application.**

Non-authorized administrators of the religious recognition programs, e.g., parents, troop leaders, may purchase the religious recognition workbooks directly from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. **Purchasers must contact their diocesan Scouting Committee before beginning any of the programs.** Each diocese has their own requirements for workbook completion and awarding of the religious recognition medals and patches.

Family of God – children grades 2-3 www.NFCYM.org/gscf/recognitions.htm



Family of God Project Book, Medal, and Patch *Family of God* is the official religious recognition program of the Roman Catholic Church for children grades 2-3 who are enrolled in the Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Boys and Girls, and other Catholic youth organizations. *Family of God* is a bilingual activity series developed to complement the catechetical efforts of the parish and families with children in the second and third grades. Revised and transliterated into Spanish in July 2004, the program helps children discover the presence of God in their daily lives as members of their family and parish.

The six chapters are titled:

- I Am Special to My Family
- I Am Special to God's Family
- I Belong to My Family
- I Belong to God's Family
- I Can Help My Family
- I Can Help God's Family