

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.

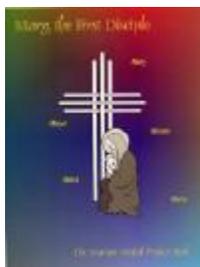
The religious recognition programs may be utilized by members of:

- 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.

"My being proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit finds joy in God my Savior ... "
(Luke 1:46-47)



The **Marian Medal** program is written for young Catholics, grades 7-10, to enable them to “proclaim the greatness of the Lord.” This is accomplished by actively involving the participants in an understanding of Mary as a model of openness and spirituality—a woman of the church. Through various projects, discussions, and liturgical celebrations over a period of months, the participants are provided with a unique opportunity to develop new insights into their personalities, friends, parents, and the world around them.

