

# **DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA**



## **MOTHER MARY AWARD**

For all Youth in Grades 1, 2, and 3

# MOTHER MARY AWARD INSTRUCTION/WORKBOOK

## Introduction

**MOTHER MARY AWARD** is a religious award for a very special person....**YOU**.

This program is designed to enrich each YOUTH with a greater understanding and knowledge of Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

This program encourages a deeper understanding and awareness of the Catholic faith through:

1. Exploration of our Catholic heritage
2. Increased participation in Catholic life
3. Greater Christian commitment through service at home, school, parish, and community under the protection of the Blessed Mother.

## Eligibility

1. Any Catholic youth (boy or girl) in first, second or third grade, registered as a youth member in a parish in the Diocese of Venice.
2. Any non-Catholic Scout with written parental permission.
3. It is recommended that all youth should be receiving regular religious instruction either through a Catholic school, religious education program or Sunday school.

## Fees

There is no fee for the medal that the youth will receive.

## Instructions

1. Ask your Pastor or Leader for the name of the religious emblem counselor for your parish. With your parents, read and familiarize yourself with all the parts of the program. A most important part of your participation in the Mother of Mary Award is the **SUPPORT, APPROVAL, and INVOLVEMENT** of your parents and family.
2. Each youth participating in this program must have their own separate book as described below. Use a permanent notebook or scrapbook for all written requirements and artwork. Keep track of your progress by having your parent initial each of your completed steps on the progress chart in this booklet.

## PART ONE:

World of Well-Being (do all four)

1. Describe in your notebook through words, pictures, or drawings, how you practice good manners in Church when attending Mass, services, or making a visit.
2. Buy two toys or collect four toys of your own and give them to a child in need. They cannot be broken or in bad condition.
3. Make a list of some good deeds you can do to make you a better Christian at home, at school, and with your friends.
4. Say a decade of the rosary every day for one week with your parents.

**PART TWO:**

Be a Good Christian (do both)

1. Memorize the "Our Father" and the "Hail Mary" and discuss with your parents what these prayers mean.
2. Write out in your notebook the Scout Promise appropriate to your age and gender, and explain the spiritual meaning of the Promise with your counselor or parent, or both.

**OR**

Read through the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) and discuss its meaning with your Counselor or parent, or both.

**PART THREE:**

Evaluation (do both)

1. Tell your parent(s) and Counselor what you have learned from this program and how it has made you a better Christian.
2. Write three THANK YOU notes to people who have helped you (Counselor, youth leader, teacher, parents, close friend or others) with this religious study. Write the names of people you wrote to in your notebook when you deliver them.

When all work is completed, please forward the Progress Chart and Application to the Diocese of Venice in Florida, Office of Youth and Young Adult Outreach, Attn: Scouting, address on the application. Make sure you make copies for your records.

## MOTHER MARY PROGRESS CHART

Counselor or parent should initial and date each activity as it is completed. The activities do not have to be completed in any special order.

### Part I – World of Well-Being (do all 4)

1. Good manners \_\_\_\_\_
2. Toys \_\_\_\_\_
3. Good deeds \_\_\_\_\_
4. Pray the rosary \_\_\_\_\_

### Part II – Be a Good Christian (do 1 and 2)

1. Memorize prayers \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Explain spiritual meaning \_\_\_\_\_
- OR
- Read the Magnificat \_\_\_\_\_

### Part III – Evaluation (do 1 and 2)

1. What have you learned? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Thank you notes \_\_\_\_\_



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**APPLICATION – MOTHER MARY AWARD**

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City and State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no. \_\_\_\_\_

School attending \_\_\_\_\_ Present grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parish/Church you are a member of \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby make application for the **MOTHER MARY AWARD**. On my honor as a Catholic and/or a Scout, I certify that I have faithfully fulfilled all the requirements for the Mother Mary Award to the best of my ability.

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parish consultant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no. \_\_\_\_\_

**To be completed by the Troop Leader:**

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is registered and is an active member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Scouts of the U.S.A., American Heritage Girls, or Youth Program and has shown a high level of spirit and participation in the program.

Signature of Unit Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Troop no. \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsoring Institution \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail this application to:** Diocese of Venice in Florida, Office of Youth and Young Adult Outreach, 1000 Pinebrook Road, Venice, FL 34285.

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Diocesan Record:

Date Application received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date recorded: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_