

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.**

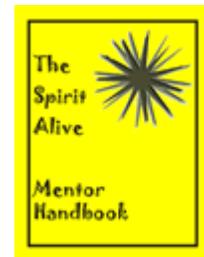
Non-authorized administrators of the religious recognition programs, e.g., parents, troop leaders, may purchase the religious recognition workbooks directly from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry. **Purchasers must contact their diocesan Scouting Committee before beginning any of the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

The Spirit Alive Project Book, Medal, and Patch

This program is designed for Catholic youth in high school (grades 9-12) who are in the senior level of Girl Scouts or Horizon Club members of Camp Fire Boys and Girls. It assists them in discovering how the Holy Spirit moves in their lives, calling them to greater participation in the church's ministry.

The four chapters cover:

- The Holy Spirit Alive in Scripture
- The Holy Spirit Alive in the Catholic Church
- The Holy Spirit Alive in Prayer
- The Holy Spirit Alive in Your Life



Activities are an integral part of *The Spirit Alive* process. Because different people have different learning styles, there are four categories of activities to choose from for chapters 1-3: written, artistic, interactive, and digital. The activity in Chapter 4 is the service component of the process.