

# **DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA**



## **QUEEN OF THE ROSARY AWARD**

For Youth in Grades 4, 5, or 6

Ages 8-11 years

**Introduction:**

The QUEEN OF THE ROSARY 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, through her Rosary. This award program is meant for girls in scouting programs, but any youth in the age groups indicated, may earn this award.

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

- a) Exploration of our Catholic heritage
- b) Increased participation in Catholic life
- c) Greater Christian commitment through service at home, school, parish and community, under the protection of the Blessed Mother

**Eligibility:**

1. Any Catholic youth registered as an American Heritage Girl, Girl Scout or member of a Catholic Youth Program within the Diocese of Venice in Florida.
2. It is recommended that all youth should be receiving regular religious instruction either through Catholic school, religious education programs, Sunday School, private instruction from a Catholic tutor, or a combination of these.
3. There is no fee for the medal that the youth receive. This medal is usually awarded by the Bishop at the annual Scout Recognition Mass.

**Instructions:**

1. Ask your pastor, or leader (Scout, Youth Group, Class) for the name of the Religious Emblem Counselor for your parish.
2. With your counselor, and parent, read and familiarize yourself with all parts of this Award.
3. A most important dimension of your participation in the QUEEN OF THE ROSARY AWARD is the support and involvement of your parents and family.
4. Use a permanent notebook or scrapbook as a diary or journal for all written requirements or art work.

## Part I – Prayers

1. Learn the Apostles' Creed. Be able to recite it from memory.
2. Learn how to say the Rosary, and know the 20 mysteries of the Rosary. Write them in your notebook.
3. A Catholic celebrates the gift of God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Write a prayer that you can use as an Act of Contrition. Pray the prayer each evening for a week. Write your prayer in your notebook. If you commit a mortal sin, i.e. miss Mass on Sunday (if it is not a serious reason) you would need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in order to be in a state of grace to receive Communion on Sunday.
4. Do three of the items listed below.
  - a) Keep a diary for two weeks listing the things you need to do better.
  - b) Find out about five of our Blessed Mother's feast days. In your notebook, tell when each feast is celebrated and why it is significant.
  - c) Draw or collect six pictures which illustrate different statements of faith contained in the Apostle's Creed.
  - d) Plan, organize, and carry out a Living Rosary. (Group prayer with each individual saying a prayer of the Rosary and rotating.)
  - e) With a group, depict five Mysteries of the Rosary for your Scout troop or Youth group.
  - f) Draw or collect pictures of five different Mysteries of the Rosary.
  - g) Say a full rosary each night for a week (7 days) and record the time and day you did it in your notebook.

## Part II – Christian Living

1. Do either a) or b)
  - a) Fill a section of your notebook with items that illustrate the religious interpretation of American Heritage Girls or the Girl Scout Promise, Law, or Motto. This may include poems, quotations, pictures and drawings.
  - b) Explain in words or pictures how things that Mary did in her life were examples of our American Heritage Girls, or Girl Scout Promise or Law.
2. In your notebook, draw or collect pictures of five religious symbols and describe briefly what they mean. The following is a partial list of symbols:

Cross	fish	oil	sheaves of wheat
Dove	star	Chi Rho	loaves of bread
Heart	Crucifix	tablets	symbol of patron saint
Pelican	rings	grapes	triangle
Palms	halo	candle	

3. Do either a) or b)
  - a) Attend and actively participate in a Catholic Event for youth your age. In your notebook, list activities that helped you gain a greater understanding of your Catholic faith, God and our Blessed Mother. Include explanations with each activity.
  - b) Each youth is to select a badge or sign to work on and to pick three (3) activities. You are expected to earn this badge or sign. Describe in your notebook how the badge or sign relates to your Catholic faith. By doing this you will be giving a religious significance to your badge activities.

### **Part III – Service**

Participate in three (3) service projects and discuss with your counselor how these projects have made you a better Christian.

The following are some suggestions for service (they are not requirements). You may have some ideas of your own.

1. Make scrapbooks and give them to the children's hospital, religious education program or differently-abled children.
2. Help set, decorate tables or serve at a Church supper, parents meeting, school meeting, etc.
3. Make items for a bazaar or other parish function.
4. Games and song – give service to another scout troop, or a different age group in your scout troop.
5. Collect good used toys for a children's hospital, a parish nursery school, poor families or a mission.
6. Assist your parish school or religious education teachers by washing blackboards, passing out papers, stacking chairs, etc.
7. Help in Church with tasks such as collecting songbooks or replacing old missalettes with new ones.

### **Part IV – Evaluation**

Take a few moments and discuss with your family and/or Counselor the following three questions:

1. Which activity did you like best and why?
2. What did you gain from working on this program?
3. How did it bring you closer to God through Mary?

# QUEEN OF THE ROSARY 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 – Prayers (do all four)

1. Apostles' Creed \_\_\_\_\_
2. Rosary \_\_\_\_\_
3. Act of Contrition \_\_\_\_\_
4. Do three of the following:
  - a) Poster or banner \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) Diary \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) Feast Days \_\_\_\_\_
  - d) Pictures \_\_\_\_\_
  - e) Living Rosary \_\_\_\_\_
  - f) Mysteries of the Rosary \_\_\_\_\_

## Part II – Christian Living (do all three)

1. Do a) or b)
  - a) Religious interpretation \_\_\_\_\_  
of Scout Promise/Law/Motto
  - b) Examples of Mary \_\_\_\_\_  
In Scout Promise/Law/Motto
2. Religious symbols \_\_\_\_\_
3. Do a) or b)
  - a) Catholic Youth Event \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) Badge/Sign Activity \_\_\_\_\_

## Part III – Service

Do all three (3) service projects \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Part IV – Evaluation (do all three)

1. What do you like? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What did you gain? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Closer to God? \_\_\_\_\_



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APPLICATION – QUEEN OF THE ROSARY AWARD

Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

I hereby make application for the QUEEN OF THE ROSARY AWARD. On my honor as a Catholic and a Scout I certify that I have fulfilled all the requirements for the QUEEN OF THE ROSARY AWARD to the best of my ability.

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

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

Religious Emblem Counselor signature \_\_\_\_\_

Phone no. \_\_\_\_\_

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

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_

is registered and is an active member of the American Heritage Girls/Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts and has shown a high level of spirit and participation in the program.

Signature of Troop 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

Diocesan Record:

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

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