

Sample Script for Presentation at Church and or Court of Awards/Court of Honor for both Girl & Boy Scouts

(To be read by a volunteer/Scouting Adult and use /read only those parts to which awards are presented)

The Boy Scout Oath begins as follows:

On my honor I will do my best

To do my duty to God and my country,

The Girl Scout Oath begins this way:

On my honor, I will try

To serve God and my country

When the founders of Scouting began the program in 1908 they understood that there was a higher power and respected the Faiths that all one of us believe.

In 1926, the Arch Diocese of Los Angeles was the first to begin a program recognize youth that were also involved in Scouting. Soon after other Faiths followed suit.

In 1939 Scouting again realized the importance of religion and approved the award as suitable to wear on the uniform.

Today we continue the tradition.

Will the following young men and women and their families please come forward?

These young women have completed the:

- Family of God award. The purpose of this program is to invite children to explore a wide range of activities that help them discover the presence of God in their daily lives.
- I Live My Faith program. This program enables children to become more aware of the place God and religion hold in daily life.
- Mary, the First Disciple program. This scouting program focuses on scouts learning about Mary and more about themselves.
- Spirit Alive Program. This award helps young Catholics to grow in awareness of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

These young men have completed the:

- Light of Christ Award. This program helps Cub Scouts develop a personal relationship with Jesus.
- Parvuli Dei (Children of God) Award. This award is intended to help young boys explore a wide range of activities in order to discover the presence of God in their daily lives.
- Ad Altare Dei (to the Altar of God) Program. This scouting program focuses on the 7 Sacraments within the Catholic Church.
- Pope Pius XII Award. The program deals with church related ministries and vocation programs and with life choices. A large part of the program is youth led discussions on current issues facing the church and society.

Father if I could now ask you to bless the awards.

Parents if I could now ask you to pin the medal on your son or daughter

Scouts if your award carries a parent pin I could now ask you to take the parent pin and place it on your favorite parent.

The boys receive an emblem that they will wear on their uniform signifying that they have earned their religious award. Scouting thinks so highly of this that it is one of the few emblems the youth can carry onto their adult scouting career.

There are actually may be three parts to the award. The 1st part of the award is the presentation in front of his scout family. The 2nd part of the award is the presentation of the scout medal which is done front his church family. The 3rd part is a recognition ceremony with the Bishop at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in February.

Please help me in congratulating each of them and their parents.

Thank you.