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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

The Catholic Committee on Scouting Archdiocese of Los Angeles has lost a devoted member of its family. In accordance with the recently updated by-laws and constitution, as Vice-chair I am designated to assume the position of Committee Chair in a situation like this. I am humbled at the thought of trying to fill the void left by Andy's untimely passing and realize, as I hope you do,

that I need your help. I pledge to do my best.

One of the most important "purposes" of the Committee is to assist in the spiritual formation and development of Catholic youth and adults active in the Scouting movement. The Annual Catholic Scout Retreat which begins on September 30th is perhaps the most visible example of assistance provided by the

Committee to the Scouts and Scouters of the Archdiocese. We urgently need Retreat facilitators – hopefully you can attend the weekend with Scouts from your unit but even if you can only attend during the day on Saturday please sign up to help. For additional information contact Jim Shivers at 626-963-5162.
-Bill Cole

QUARTERLY MEETING

Every quarter the Catholic Committee on Scouting Archdiocese of Los Angeles meets to discuss the progress we make in our Catholic Scouting communities. Our next quarterly meeting will be September 11, 2005, at the Scout Huts in South Gate Park, just west of the intersection of Atlantic Boulevard and Tweedy

Boulevard in South Gate. The meeting begins at 2:15 P.M. preceded by a Retreat Committee meeting at 12 Noon and an Executive Board meeting at 1:00 P.M.. If you would like to have input into the actions of the Catholic Committee on Scouting, or you just want to observe the meeting and see what is

going on, please join us. We hope to see many people at this meeting, and would love to share the load of the Committee, both in its work and its ideas. Additionally, if you have never seen the South Gate Scout Huts, they are well worth the trip. Thank you in advance for your attendance.

HELP WANTED

You probably didn't expect to see a "Help Wanted" notice in the Reverent Scout did you? CCSALA has a vacancy in the office of Vice-chair. The Constitution and By-Laws provide that "a

vacancy in any office, but Chair and Chaplain, shall be filled by interim or acting appointment by the Chair subject to the approval of the Executive Board and the Chaplain acting for the

Archbishop." If you are interested in filling this important position as a CCSALA officer please contact Bill Cole at (805) 493-8351 or send an email to cole3bme@adelphia.net.

CATHOLIC SCOUT RETREAT XIV – 2005

The Catholic Scout Retreat will be held at Veteran's Memorial Park in Sylmar from Friday, September 30 to Sunday October 2, 2005. The theme for the Retreat is "Charity" and the Patron Saint is Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, known as Mother Seton. The Retreat is open to all Boy Scout Troops, Venture Crews, Girl Scouts, Webelos, Cub Scout Packs, Daisies, Brownies, Campfire Kids and their adult leaders and parents.

The Retreat will include programs tailored to each age group, and be run by trained facilitators. All religious denominations are welcome. The Retreat experience will include Mass (or Scout's Own for non-Catholic attendees) and Benediction, as well as time for fun and games. The Scouts attending will also have the opportunity to earn the Rosary Patch for the Sorrowful Mysteries. Save the dates, and join hundreds of fellow Scouts and

Scouters for this wonderful event. The cost of the Retreat is \$12 per Scout or Scouter for registrations postmarked by September 23, 2005. Thereafter, the cost is \$15. The cost includes the Retreat patch, neckerchief, site facilities and camping fees. Scout units are responsible for their own food and tour permits. For further information, contact your CCSALA Council Chair or Jim Shivers (626) 963-5162.

RETREAT XIV – 2005 SERVICE PROJECT

As a service project at the Scout Retreat, we are collecting old eyeglasses.

Please bring them to the Retreat. They will then be turned over to the

appropriate charity that will distribute them to the needy.

SCOUTER DEVELOPMENT

If you want to become a better Scouter, a better Catholic, better at integrating the two and at serving our youth and if

you want to be a step closer to earning the Bronze Pelican, you need to attend Scouter Development. Enjoy a

quiet weekend of practical spirituality, meditation, good fellowship and learning in the beautiful and majestic Santa Ynez

mountains at Camp Rancho Alegre, about 20 miles northwest of Santa Barbara. Scouter Development will be held November 18-20, 2005. Being a Catholic Scouter

is being involved in youth ministry. Scouter Development is a great way to enhance your ministry. There is also a program for Boy Scout and Venture youth, 16 or

over, who have the desire to assist in the Catholic Scouting program. For further information, contact Jim Shivers (626) 963-5162.

FACILITATOR TRAINING

As always, we still need approximately 25 trained facilitators to provide for the discussion groups at the Retreat. The quality of the Retreat program is reliant upon the quality of our facilitators. We need facilitators for all age groups. The final

facilitator training will be held on September 10, 2005, at 9:00 A.M. at the South Gate Park Scout Huts, west of Atlantic Boulevard and Tweedy Boulevard in South Gate. At the training, we will explore the theme materials which will be

used at the Retreat. For further information, or to make a reservation (not necessary, but appreciated) contact Pete Mascarenas, (562) 924-3137. Thank you for your participation.

INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS EMBLEM

The International Catholic Conference of Scouting offers a Pin and Patch Activity for Recognition for Cub Scouts, and a Medallion and Patch Activity Recognition for Boy Scouts, Venturers, and Scouters. The awards are offered in recognition for increased awareness of Scouting in the Catholic Church throughout the world. This is an activity of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting International Committee. The pin, patch and medallion may be worn for formal occasions.

The Cub Scout requirements are to look

up in the dictionary, and write out, the definition of the word "catholic," plus two of the following: (1) List ten (10) countries that have Scouting programs for Catholics; (2) Pass the religious achievement or requirement proper to your rank in Cub Scouts; (3) Know the name of the Cub Scout religious emblem for Catholics, tell what language it is in, and its meaning; (4) With your parent or guardian, visit a Catholic Church of a different national background or a Rite different from your own; or (5) Draw a picture or take a photo of the Jerusalem Cross.

The Boy Scout/Venturing requirements are to look up the definitions of the word "catholic" in the dictionary and tell how it applies to the Catholic Church, plus two of the following: (1) Talk to someone who has experienced Catholicism in a foreign country about living as a Catholic in that country; (2) Do one of the following pertaining to a Catholic church of a different national background or different Rite from your own; (a) Visit and attend a Liturgy or a Mass, if possible in a foreign language, and compare it to your own parish, (b) Write or meet

with a Scout of that church to find out in what way that church differs from your own and is like your own, (c) View a video or a movie about that church; (3) Earn the Citizenship in the World merit badge; (4) Write to a Catholic Scout in a foreign county; (5) View a video or movie on Scouting in a foreign country (for example World Youth Day, World Jamboree); (6) Learn a Scouting phrase and the Sign of the Cross in a foreign language; or (7) Help a Cub Scout earn his International Activity Recognition.

The Scouter Requirements are to help at least one Cub or Scout earn the International Pin or International Medallion Activity Recognition plus two of the following: (1) Attend a Divine Liturgy or a Mass celebrated in a Catholic church of a different national background or of a different Rite from your own. Share the experience with Cubs or Scouts; (2) Share information about Scouting for Catholics in another country with Cubs or Scouts; (3) Participate in an international Scout activity. Share the religious dimension of

what you experienced with Cubs or Scouts; or (4) Explain the difference and similarities between two (2) kinds of religious art (for example, icons, statues, paintings) to Cubs or Scouts.

The cost of the pin and patch for Cub Scouts is \$6. The cost for Scouts, Venturers and Scouters is \$12 for the medallion and patch and \$15 for the medallion, pin and patch. The applications are on the website for the National Catholic Committee on Scouting: www.nccs-bsa.org, or contact Mary Oleinik (562) 862-0964.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Retreat Facilitator Training – South Gate Park	Sept. 10, 2005 - 9:00 A.M.
Retreat Committee Meeting (at South Gate Park)	Sept. 10, 2005 - 12 Noon
Executive Board Meeting (at South Gate Park)	Sept. 11, 2005 - 1:00 P.M.
CCSALA Quarterly Meeting (at South Gate Park)	Sept. 11, 2005 – 2:15 P.M.
Catholic Scout Retreat XIV (at Veteran’s Park Sylmar)	Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2005
Deadline for St. George Trek Applications	October 31, 2005
CCSALA Quarterly Meeting	Nov. 13, 2005
Scouter Development (at Rancho Alegre Scout Camp)	Nov. 18-20, 2005
Deadline for Msgr. Dolan and Bronze Pelican Awards (Send to Fr. Jim Maher)	Nov. 30, 2005