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## The Catholic Church and Scouting Need You!

The Catholic Committee on Scouting Archdiocese of Los Angeles (CCSALA) promotes the formation and operation of Catholic Committees on Scouting in each of the Councils of the Boy Scouts of America in the Archdiocese. CCSALA meets quarterly at different parishes throughout the

Greater Los Angeles area. The April meeting will be held in South Gate and all Catholic Scouters are urged to attend. Come hear about the exciting program activities that CCSALA has planned in the next year. For more information contact CCSALA Chair Bill Cole or Chaplain Deacon Wayne Rascati.

## April Quarterly Designated as Annual Meeting

Did you know that the CCSALA Constitution/Bylaws designate the April quarterly meeting as the "Annual Meeting". All Catholic Scouters are urged to attend. In accordance with the Constitution/Bylaws, at this meeting there is to be an election of the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer for this next year. This year the following have accepted nomination for office as follows:

Chairman	Bill Cole
Vice Chairman	Dennis Swink
Treasurer	Mary Ann Moore
Secretary	Mary Oleinik

This Quarterly will be held at the Scout Hut in South Gate Park, just west of Atlantic Ave. On Tweedy Blvd.

The Retreat Committee meeting will be held at 12.00 followed by the Quarterly at 1:30 PM.

To get to the Scout Hut take the 710 (Long Beach Freeway) to Firestone. Turn West on Firestone. Take a diagonal left on Rayo (If you miss it turn left on Atlantic). This will merge with Atlantic Ave. Turn Right on Tweedy Blvd. The Park is on the left. The Scout Hut is one of the small buildings on the right.

A map of the area is at the top of the next page:



## **Pope Pius XII 2006 Class Big Success**

Twenty two Boy Scouts and Venture Scouts from Manhattan Beach, Verdugo Hills, Agoura, Westlake, Simi Valley, Moorpark, Santa Barbara, Goleta and Santa Maria took part in a Pope Pius XII Class which was completed in three weekends. The first and foremost requirement for this to succeed was that each participant had to agree to complete pre-course work prior to each meeting date. The final weekend took place at Rancho Allegre BSA Camp, and involved team building exercises, a Cope Course, service project for the Camp, and in depth presentations of research projects which was shared and discussed by all. The weekend also

included Mass with Bishop Curry as celebrant and a Board of Review. The weekend format was a new presentation for this Religious Emblem and required much Pre-planning of lessons by all Scouts and facilitators. Many of those in attendance have formed new friendships and have stated that they will serve on next year's Board of Review. If you would like to take part in this endeavor please call Deacon Wayne Rascati at (805) 967-0646, or Thelma Reeves at (805) 527-8356. Pope Pius XII candidates must have finished eighth grade prior to beginning this program with no exceptions.

## **Awards Dinner for Adult Scouters**

The Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting's yearly award dinner was held at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Moorpark. The dinner was catered by Red's Barbeque, a favorite with the CCSALA Committee. The highlights of the evening included awarding the Bronze Pelican, St. George

and Monsignor Dolan awards to deserving Catholic Scouters who have gone out of their way to make a difference in the lives of our scouts. Without their dedication and hard work, this committee and the various religious emblems programs would not exist. Congratulations to all of the recipients.

## Scout Retreat

The annual Catholic Scout Retreat will be the weekend of October 6-8 at Veteran's Memorial Park. To provide the best retreat experience, we need around 50 trained facilitators. A facilitator's job is to be the leader of a group of 8-10 Scouts, called a saint patrol, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. on Saturday, October 7. You will lead discussions in the morning and escort the Saint patrol through the Pow-wow in the afternoon. The Scouts return to their units for lunch and dinner. I especially need a facilitator to lead a Spanish Adult Group.

There will be three training dates this year. The first one is July 22 at Mary Ann and Keith Moore's home near Oxnard. The second training session is August 19 in San Gabriel Valley. The third session is September 23 in South Gate. You only need to attend one session to be considered trained. The sessions run from 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please email me at [KMD3EL2@yahoo.com](mailto:KMD3EL2@yahoo.com) or call me at 805-658-6844 to RSVP for a training session. That way, I'll have enough materials for everyone. Remember, every Scout deserves a trained adult leader.

## *Ad Altari Dei* Counselor Training

One of the tasks of your Archdiocesan Committee is to identify and train Religious Emblem Counselors and Facilitators. In today's legalistic society the requirements sometimes scare people away. But we need adult Scouters who are committed to working through the process and becoming those counselors, facilitators, role models for the Scouts they serve.

On Saturday, May 13, we will have a day long training class for *Ad Altare Dei* counselors at 9:00 AM at the WLAAC Scout House, 16525 Sherman Way Suite C-8, Van Nuys, CA 91406. We need you to be there and be committed to serving the Scouts in your local community for at least one year.

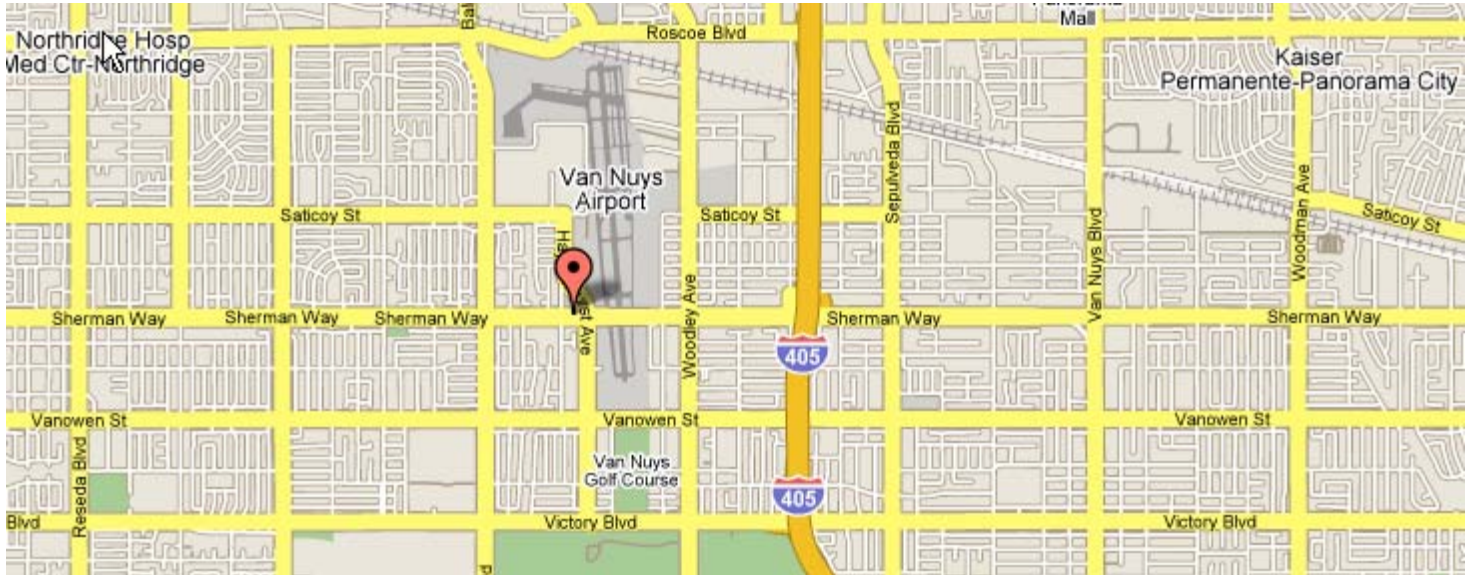
To get there from the South Bay take the 405 North to the Sherman Way exit West and turn right on Sherman Way. Continue on Sherman Way under the runway for the Van Nuys Airport. The first light after the tunnel is Hayvenhurst go one block beyond Hayvenhurst and turn right on De Celis Pl.

(Just after the Denny's). Take the first driveway (Just behind the Denny's) on the right. The C building is on the left. About half way down the building is the entrance to the Scouting Office. If this is locked go to the back of the building to the Scout Shop.

From Simi Valley/Moorpark take the 118 East to the 405. Take the 405 South to the Sherman Way exit. Turn left at the bottom of the off ramp onto Haskell. Turn right at the next signal on to Sherman Way. Then follow the instructions above.

From Verdugo Hills and the San Gabriel Valley take the 210 West to the 134. Take the 134 to the 101. Take the 101 North (West really) to the 405. Take the 405 North to Sherman Way and follow the above directions.

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Below you will find the requirements for a counselor/facilitator that must be completed before you begin your first session. That's the legalism. We need the enthusiasm each of you brings to educate our youth.

On the day of your session, please bring lunch, a writing tablet, and copies of the *Ad Altare Dei Scout Manual* (BSA Item 33094) and *Ad Altare Dei Counselor's and Review Board Guide* (BSA Item 33073). Each book should be available at your local Scout Center; cost is about \$3.50 each. The \$15 fee which is payable at the door covers a helpful CD, training booklet, and refreshments.

For more information about this opportunity I invite you to contact me at [wrascati@cox.net](mailto:wrascati@cox.net) or by calling me at (805) 967-0646. We look forward to giving you the tools that will make your involvement rewarding.

#### Archdiocesan Requirements

1. Complete LiveScan fingerprinting requirement of the Archdiocese. Consult your Parish Office

to find when the next session is in your local area. Be sure to make an appointment.

2. Complete the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children Virtus Training. Again your Parish Office should be able to tell you when the next session is being offered locally.

#### BSA Requirements

1. Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
2. Hold a valid Youth Protection Training Card from your Scout Council.

#### Catholic Committee on Scouting Requirements

1. Be a practicing Catholic
2. Have the written approval of your Pastor to lead youth in such a program.
3. Complete the appropriate level course (*Ad Altare Dei* or *Pope Pius XII*) Training program for the sessions you will be conducting. Your authorization to conduct a session under this section remains valid until the National Catholic on Scouting makes major changes in the program or three years have elapsed since you last conducted the program.

## Calendar of Events

CCSALA Quarterly Meeting	April 23, 2006
CCSALA Executive Committee Meeting	May 8, 2006
AAD Religious Emblem Counselor Training	May 13, 2006
AAD and Pope Pius XII Awards Presentation Mass	May 21, 2006
CCSALA Executive Committee Meeting	June 12, 2006
Retreat Facilitator Training Channel Islands	July 22, 2006
Retreat Facilitator Training San Gabriel Valley	August 19, 2006
Retreat Facilitator Training South Gate	September 23, 2006
Catholic Scout Retreat XV	October 6-8, 2006
Scouter Development (Las Vegas)	October 20-23, 2006
Scouter Development (Santa Barbara)	November 3-5, 2006