



# The Reverent Scout

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## The Newsletter of the Catholic Committee on Scouting Archdiocese of Los Angeles

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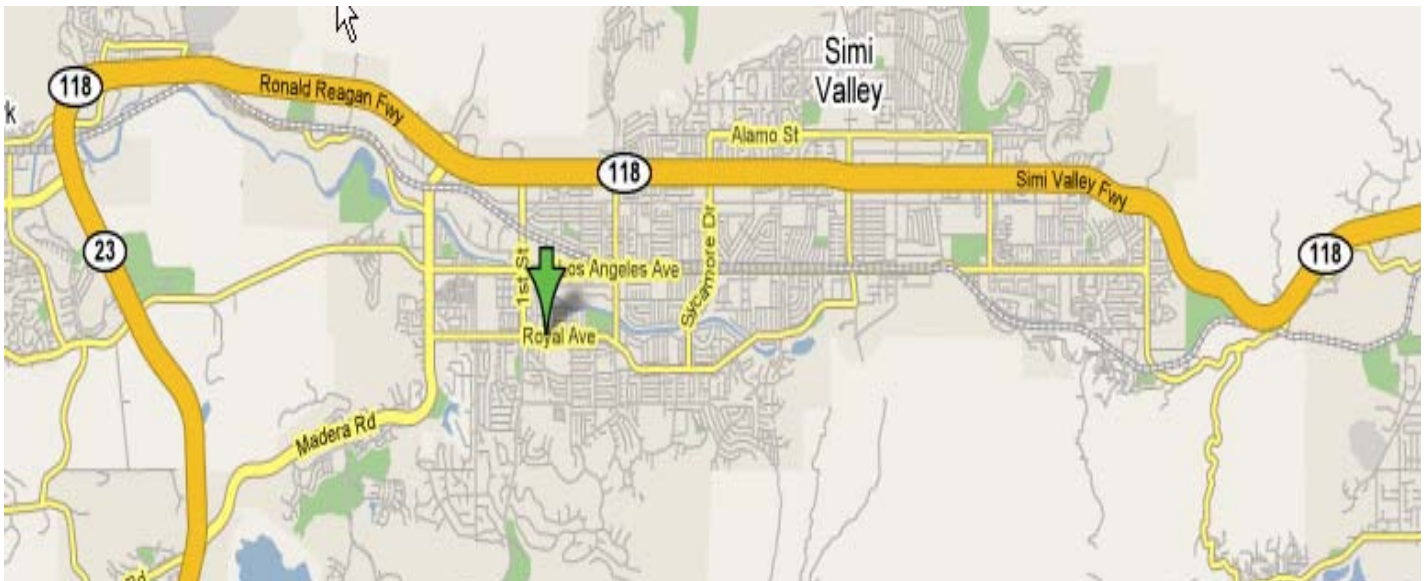
### November Quarterly Meeting

The Los Angeles Catholic Committee on Scouting Quarterly meeting will be held Nov. 19 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, School Music Room, 1325 Royal Ave., Simi Valley, CA, 93065

The meeting begins at 1:30 P.M. preceded by a Retreat Committee meeting at 12 Noon. 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. Thank you in advance for your attendance.

A map of the area is below:



**From CA 118:** Take the Erringer Rd. Exit and turn South. Turn West or Right on Royal Ave. St. Rose will be on your right (1325 Royal Ave.) opposite Royal High School.

**From Interstate 405 Headed North:** From Interstate 405 headed North take CA 118 (Simi Valley Freeway) West. Then follow the directions for CA118 above.

**From Interstate 210 headed West:** From Interstate 201 headed West take CA 118 (Simi Valley Freeway) West. Then follow the directions for CA118 above.

**From Interstate 5 Headed South:**From Interstate 5 headed South take Interstate 405 South. Once on the 405 the CA 118 exit comes fairly fast, take CA 118 (Simi Valley Freeway) West. Then follow the directions for CA118 above.

**From Interstate 5 Headed North:** From Interstate 5 headed North take CA 118 (Simi Valley Freeway) West. Then follow the directions for CA118 above

**From US 101 Headed North or South:** From US 101 take the CA 23 freeway North toward Fillmore. Exit at Olson Rd. and turn right. Olson Rd. becomes Madera. Turn right on Royal Ave. St. Rose will be on your left (1305 Royal Ave ) after passing First St.

## **The Reverent Scout by e-mail**

The Catholic Committee on Scouting Archdiocese of Los Angeles (CCSALA) is trying to save money by sending the *Reverent Scout* by e-mail. It costs the Committee \$600 postage and printing for each issue. This comes to \$2,400 per year.

The committee needs everyone's e-mail address in order to cut expenses. If you have not received this by e-mail please let the Membership Subcommittee Chair know what your e-mail address is. His e-mail address is [jesse.reeves@ccsala.org](mailto:jesse.reeves@ccsala.org).

So you have an idea as to how each Council is doing here is the percentage of addresses for each council for which we have e-mail addresses:

Los Angeles Area	16%
Long Beach Area	23%
Los Padres	47%
San Gabriel Valley	84%
Ventura County	37%
Verdugo Hills	15%
Western Los Angeles County	12%

As you can see we have a good start but we have a ways to go.

## **Coordinator for Awards Presentation Mass Needed**

Over the years many of you have attended the Presentation Mass where the Scouts are awarded the Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII awards they have earned. In 2007 this ceremony will again be at Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral in downtown Los Angeles. CCSALA needs a coordinator for this event – someone to make sure there are Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, altar servers, a program with

all of the Scouts names by parish listed, medals and certificates available, and everyone lined up in order to process into the Cathedral. If you are interested in being the coordinator or ever just a member of a sub-committee planning and coordinating the event please contact Bill Cole at (805) 493-8351.

## **Annual Scout Retreat XV**

Approximately 575 Scouts and Scouters gathered for the CCSALA Annual Scout Retreat XV at Veterans Park in Sylmar on the weekend of October 6, 7 and 8, 2006. I have been told that this was the second largest retreat ever – congratulations and thank you to all who attended. Our theme this year was evangelization, hopefully everyone learned that we are all called to evangelize just as this year's

patron saint – St. Isaac Jogues and the American Martyrs were called to do.

Thank you to those units and individuals who provided comments with the evaluation forms you submitted at the end of the weekend as you checked out. Your comments – both positive and negative are important to the Retreat Planning Committee.

The comments have been summarized and will be discussed at the first planning meeting for Retreat XVI which will precede the Quarterly Meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

“Hats off” to our Retreat Chairman John Lorentz and his crew of regulars – Bob Tarn, Maureen Brown, Mary and Keith Moore, Jesse Reeves, Jim Shivers, Pete Mascarenas, Steve Marsh, Bill Leahy, Sharon Shellman, and Gloria Brenneman. We were again joined by Karen Miank for our rosary program, this year Karen brought her own rosary patrol to help her. I want to say a huge thank you to Mr. Kim Bond who coordinated the midway activities and to Kathy Ellison who again this year trained facilitators and prepared the spiritual program on Saturday morning.

I want to say a special thank you to Father Jim Maher and Father Tom Baker who celebrated the

## Chaplains Message

As my term as Chaplain comes to a close, I want to thank all of you for the hard work and dedication that you have given to ensure that our youth experience true Catholic values in Scouting and their life. Over these past five years we have had to deal with many subjects. These have been years of change – but change for the better.

- (1) We have implemented the Quality Diocese program for Los Angeles and we look forward to a fourth recognition the National Catholic Committee on Scouting at the end of this years.
- (2) As an Archdiocesan Committee we stood up for full Spanish translation of our Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei booklets even when the National Office was cutting back on the Spanish language material in the latest edition of the Parvuli Dei booklet.
- (3) Working within the requirements of the Pope Pius XXII program we began an innovative pilot program to bring high school and college age Scouts together from

Saturday Eucharist liturgies with us. When our third priest developed a scheduling problem that prevented him from attending, Father Jim showed his Scout flexibility by celebrating the Rafael Mass on Saturday morning and then the Michael Mass in the afternoon. Thank you also to Deacon Wayne Rascati who assisted Father Jim with the Rafael Mass and then led us in Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday evening. For some this was their first experience with Benediction. We were honored to have Father Isaac from Valyermo monastery with us as the celebrant for the Sunday morning liturgy. His homily not only addressed our theme but was specially tailored for our youth.

If you didn't attend this year plan to join us at Retreat XVI. If you did attend please plan to come back and perhaps volunteer to help.

different areas to earn this Emblem(See article below).

- (4) Administratively, we re-wrote our governing By-laws and came out with a quality website to meet the needs of our counselors and Scouts.
- (5) Following the dedication of our new Cathedral we returned “home” for the annual presentation of our Scout Religious Emblems.
- (6) We have begun new Catholic Scout units in different areas and worked to strengthen those that are losing membership and leadership.
- (7) As an organization we have committed to our Cardinal Archbishop the need for Catholic led unit leaders to be fingerprinted and receive Virtus training. In conjunction with the BSA's excellent Youth Protection program, our leaders and counselors receive quality ratings in this area.
- (8) Finally, we took our existing programs – our annual Retreat, our awards dinner, our

training – and made them better packages to meet the needs of our counselors and Scouts.

All these accomplishments in the past five years were not my doing, but the actions of a strong Archdiocesan Committee of team players and leaders. My thanks to the three Chairs I have been privileged to work: Jim Shivers, the late Andy Beard, and Bill Cole. My hat is off to the fine people who planned and organized our events, led our Council Committees, and worked as Counselors and Moderators with our Youth. But most especially I give thanks to God every day for the

### **Chairman's Corner**

#### **Run for Vocations at the LA Marathon**

Every year over 150 priests, religious, and lay people run the 26.2 miles of the LA Marathon to raise awareness of the need for vocations to the religious life and priesthood. It is an incredible opportunity for the young and the young at heart. There are many teachers at our schools, pastors and associates, and over a hundred other lay people that train and then run, walk, or bike the marathon. If you are planning to run the LA Marathon please consider joining this group. Applications can be found on the CCSALA website. The night before the marathon there is a blessing of shoes at the 5:30pm Liturgy at St. Agatha Parish in Los Angeles

### **Pope Pius XXII Religious Emblem**

Last year we launched a new approach of presenting classes for the PPXXII Religious program. The program was streamlined and instead of the usual time frame for earning this Religious Emblem, the same was accomplished with success over a much shorter time period. We are once again offering this format to any Catholic Boy Scout and/or Venture Scout who has started the at least the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. The Emblem may be earned any time between 9-12 grades for Boy Scouts and up to the age of 20 for

youth – from Cub Scout to Venturer – who have inspired me and rewarded me by their commitment and service to God and to their fellow parishioners and Scouts.

I pray also that you will continue to support your new Chaplain and the Archdiocesan Committee with the same zeal and enthusiasm that you have shown and demonstrated all these years. May God continue to bless you and reward you as you demonstrate that Scouting is Youth Ministry and that we as a Scouting community are here to serve.

Deacon Wayne

followed by a pasta dinner to get a carb fix before the run. This year the marathon lands on the same weekend as our Religious Education Congress but this will not deter us from having the Mass and Pasta Dinner. Check it out today! Come run with a fun group and raise awareness of vocations. If you cannot run this year please consider getting people to commit to pray for vocations from now until the marathon. A PRAYER SPONSOR sheet is also available at the CCSALA website. After you have a sheet full send it to the Vocations Office at the Archdiocese. One of the runners, Fr. Tom Baker, was an active part of this years Retreat.

Venture Scouts. The first meeting time is scheduled as a weekend Retreat at Rancho Allegre Boy Scout Camp, Los Padres Area Council, January 19-21, 2007. We encourage all Catholic Boy Scouts and Venture Scouts (male or female) to join us for this special time. For further information please call Deacon Wayne Rascati (805) 967-0646 or Thelma Reeves (805) 527-8356. The dates of the other meetings are pending but will be available after Thanksgiving.

## Scouter Development in Las Vegas

In the last issue of the Reverent Scout I wondered if they had slot machines at the Las Vegas Area Council Boy Scout camp. Well I can now report that there are none.

However I must say that the Las Vegas Area Council Catholic Committee on Scouting is alive

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Fr. Jim Maher (chaplain Emeritus)

The Church strongly encourages both private and public devotion toward the Eucharist and teaches that prayer before the Lord sacramentally present in the Eucharist actually “extends the union with Christ which the faithful have received in holy communion.” It helps them to live in a more Christian way, trying “to maintain in their lives what they have received by faith and by the Sacraments.”

*(The Rites of the Catholic Church).*

This adoration, apart from the Mass, actually should acknowledge the marvelous presence of Christ in the Sacrament and foster the worship which is due to Christ in spirit and truth. Such public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament must clearly express its relationship to the Mass *(The Rites of the Catholic Church)*

In addition to these times of public adoration, we can each ... draw great nourishment from times of private adoration. .... *All you have to do is be present to the One who is present to you.* Certainly, bodily presence is a first step ... but we should also try to be present with our hearts. .... Many times, we need to be *silently* present - not analyzing, thinking, or saying prayers with our lips.

Even a few short moments of this silent presence to the Lord is a precious treasure, for it is in this silence that the Lord speaks to us. .... Especially in our age, which is so heavily bombarded with words - reading materials, radio, audio tapes, video and

and well. We (Tom Nishikubo, Jim Shivers, & Jess Reeves) had a wonderful time giving a Scouter Development weekend for them Oct. 20-22.

We were very well received and the weekend went very well. They have some very dedicated Scouters there.

TV (not to mention computers!) - we all need times to listen to the Lord, who speaks in a very special language called *silence*.

If, after an initial period of silent adoration, you feel a desire to pray, or read, or write, or sing! (as long as you alone with Him), then you simply allow yourself to move naturally into whatever activity you feel led to do at each moment.

Reading the [Sacred] Scriptures, pamphlets, or books is always appropriate, and many people also like to pray the Rosary or make the Stations of the Cross. Traditional prayers in preparation for Holy Mass or in thanksgiving after Mass can also be very fruitful, particularly when they are addressed directly to Christ in the Eucharist.

There is no single “right” way to begin a Holy Hour, but start with body-language, making some gesture of profound adoration, such as genuflecting or bowing to the Lord as a reverent acknowledgement of His Real Presence. Then, ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with His gift of praise. Unite your heart with the Heart of Mary... Call upon the angels and saints to help you to unite with their heavenly praise and worship. Then, follow His suggestion: “*Be still and know that I am God*” (Ps. 46).

A good way to end a Holy Hour is to *thank* the Lord. Thank Him for His presence, for His love, for all that He has done and will do in your life.

You can call to mind and thank Him for the specific graces or resolutions you received during the hour. Then, again, express your adoration with your whole body and soul, and renew your commitment to try to live each moment of your life in such a way that you will be a living sign of His presence, of His mercy to the world.

Remember, the length of time you spend with Jesus is not important. What is important is that you make time to spend with Him!

God bless. Fr. Jim

## Calendar of Events

- Quarterly Meeting
  - Deadline for Bronze Pelican Awards\*
  - Executive Board Meeting
  - Quarterly Meeting
  - Executive Board Meeting
  - Religious Education Congress
  - Adult Awards Dinner
  - Executive Board Meeting
  - Quarterly Meeting
  - Executive Board Meeting
  - Awards Presentation Mass
  - Executive Board Meeting
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  - Quarterly Meeting
  - Catholic Scout Retreat XVI
- November 19, 2006  
November 30, 2006  
December 13, 2006  
January 14, 2007  
February 12, 2007  
March 1-4, 2007  
March 10, 2007  
March 12, 2007  
April 8, 2007  
May 14, 2007  
May 20, 2007  
June 11, 2007  
July 9, 2007  
August 13, 2007  
September 9, 2007  
September 28-30, 2007

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