

Parvuli Dei



About the Emblem

The purpose of the Parvuli Dei (Children of God) emblem is to help young boys explore a wide range of activities in order to discover the presence of God in their daily lives as members of their families and parishes, and also to develop a good, positive self-image through the contributions they can make to the group or community.

Program Objectives

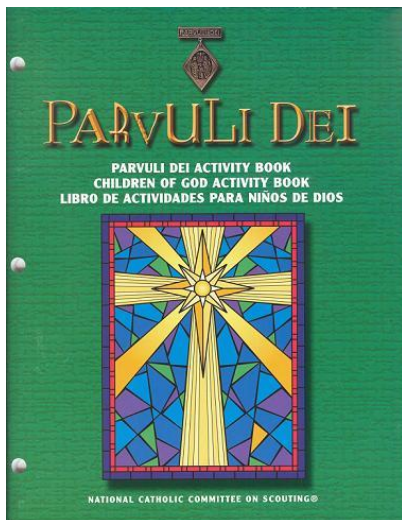
- To help the Scout of his age develop an awareness of God's love for each one of His special, unique created beings.
- To help the Scout become aware and understand his identity as an important member of his family, his community, and as a member of the Family of God.
- To continue to develop an awareness as members of the parish and the Body of Christ.
- To aid the Scout in his awareness of the responsibilities that grows out of God's love for us.

Eligibility

- Registered 8 to 10 year old (Bear or Webelos) of Catholic Faith.

Requirements

- Each Cub must have his own Activity Book (*Parvuli Dei Activity Book*, Publication Date: 2003).
- The book is designed for the Cub and his parent or guardian to work together.
- The Cub will be required to make a banner as part of the requirements.
- Diocesan and BSA Youth Protection policies *must* be followed.



Getting Started

- Emblem Books may be obtained most economically and quickly from your local BSA Council Service Center Scout Shops. Alternatively, they can be obtained directly from BSA Supply at "<http://www.scoutstuff.org>" or through the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting.
- Although the book could be completed in four to six hours, the goal of earning a religious emblem is to help the Cub develop a personal relationship with Jesus, so it is suggested that steps be spread over several weeks. This will help the Cub understand that this is a long-term commitment, not a one-time project.

Scout's Role

- Actively work on the activities with his parents or guardians.
- Keep the Religious Emblems Coordinator informed of his progress.

Parent's Role

- Actively work on the activities with their son. He may need your help with Bible readings and getting information.
- Keep the Religious Emblems Coordinator informed of the Cub's progress.
- Parent's / Mentor Guide

Program Completion

- When the Cub completes all steps, he is to present the book to his parish priest or the priest's representative and the book is reviewed with the Cub.
- After the pastor or his representative signs the book, the application form, the **form only** is sent to the Religious Emblems chairman for final approval, the counselor should send the completed form along with the payment to the Diocesan Religious Emblems Chairman. The Emblem will be sent to the scout's parish priest for presentation at a Mass or other celebration.



- Scouts who earn this Religious Emblem are also entitled to wear a BSA Religious Knot over their left pocket if this is the second emblem the scout has earned he will receive a device to pin on his previously received knot. The knot/device will be sent to the Pack Cubmaster and should be presented at a pack meeting or awards ceremony.

Presentation

- The first rule in preparing recognition ceremonies is to keep them simple but impressive. The second is to remember that the ceremony is for the youth. Cub Scouts will be invited to the annual Recognition Sunday in the spring of each year at St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral. The cub scouts will be recognized as a group by the bishop.
- The religious knot/device should be presented at a special event like the Blue & Gold banquet, or pack meeting.

Ordering of Emblems

- Send completed application, all fields filled out completely, have the Cubmaster's name and address on the form and enclose a check made out to the Dioceses of La Crosse for \$15.00, to cover the cost of emblem and shipping.

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