



Grand Rapids Catholic Committee on Scouting Bronze Pelican Award Nomination Form

The Bronze Pelican Emblem is a diocesan recognition defined by the Grand Rapids Catholic Committee on Scouting. It may be presented to any adult working in the scouting program under Catholic auspices, to Catholics in units not partnered with the Church and to those who have made a significant contribution to Scouting in the field of Catholic relationship. It may be given to Catholic men and women, including priests and religious. The purpose of this emblem is to recognize outstanding contribution to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in Scouting, with emphasis on developing Christian ideals and awareness of God in all Scouting activities. The recipient is not entitled to wear the BSA Adult Religious Award square knot on their uniform since the Bronze Pelican is an diocesan, rather than a national award.

The pelican is an ancient Christian symbol which has several meanings. One aspect of the symbolism describes the relationship of Jesus Christ with His people by referring to how a mother pelican will give her life's blood to her young to nurture and protect it. Also, the early Christian and Liturgical symbol of the pelican represents Christ. The significance of the Bronze Pelican Emblem is the Christ-like devotion to youth, recognizing that adults in Scouting are called to nurture and raise out Scouts in Catholic ideals.

Bronze Pelican Eligibility

1. Any adult who is working in the Scouting program.
2. May be given to clergy, religious, laity, or Scouters of other faiths.
3. Must be least 21 years of age.
4. Must be an active member of their faith community.
5. Must have a record of developing character and awareness of God in Scouts, so that they may become better members of the Church.
6. Must have a minimum of three years service to Catholic youth in Scouting as a registered BSA volunteer. (This requirement does not apply clergy or church professionals)
7. If a candidate has already received the St. George Award, they are ineligible to receive the Bronze Pelican Award, due to the higher rank and prestige of the St. George Award.

Guide for Nominations

Below are some examples, a combination of which might make a leader a possible candidate for this recognition. These suggestions are offered as a guide only; however, they are indicative of some of the things that the Award Committee will be looking for. This list is not all inclusive. There are many other areas that can be considered.

A. Promote the religious emblem program for Catholic youth.	H. Be responsible for Catholic youth being transported to Mass while on camping trips or summer camps.
B. Participate activity in the Catholic Committee programs: Adult or Youth Retreat, Cub Scout Day of Recollection, S-F Catholic week Camp, Scouter Development: (Ministry Formation for Leaders) or being instrumental in having others attend.	I. Encourage the true spirit of ecumenism as well as parochial responsibility and Catholic leadership within various Scout units under Catholic auspices.
C. Serve to promote units to perform Catholic activities and service projects for the church.	J. Be instrumental in promoting the full Scout program, “Scouting is Youth Ministry” in all parishes or Catholic organizations.
D. Attend Religious Emblem Training, become trainer, or serve as a counselor to the youth.	K. Make a significant contribution to Scouting in the field of Catholic relationships.
E. Promote and participate in Scout Sunday observances.	L. Be instrumental in organizing new Scouting groups under a Catholic charter or leadership.
F. Serve to bring Scouting to more youth under a Catholic identity.	M. Assist parishes and Catholic organizations in recruiting leaders for scouting programs.
G. Promote Vocations thru Scouting	N. Become a member of the Catholic Committee on Scouting.

The Catholic adult awards can not be earned, like a Scouting training award. An individual must be nominated by a third party. Each unit, parish, and/or individuals working within the Scouting organization are encouraged to submit nominations. This award is not meant to be an “honorary” or “retirement” award to recognize someone who is leaving the Scouting movement; it is meant for those actively involved in Scouting and the Church. All nominations to the committee must be kept confidential. The nominator will be informed by the committee once the award nomination has been approved.

Step One – Nominee Information

Nominee’s Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

e-mail _____

If married, Spouse’s Name _____ Number of Children _____

Parish _____ Pastor’s Name _____

Parish Address _____ City _____

Step Two – Scout Registration Information

Nominee’s current registered title(s) and Unit-District-Council _____

Nominee’s previously registered positions _____

Years as a registered Scouter _____

Step Three – Promotion of the Spiritual Aspects of Scouting

The **primary focus** of the Catholic recognitions is to highlight the ways in which the Nominee has **fostered the faith** of young people through the use of Scouting programs. Please list and describe the Nominee’s efforts to encourage the **spiritual growth and Catholic faith life** of scouts. Be sure to include any involvement with the religious emblems programs. Cite nature, length of service, and effectiveness of this involvement.

Step Four – Parish Involvement

Please list and describe the Nominee’s involvement in his/her parish, which support their candidacy for this recognition.

Step Five – Community Involvement

Please list and describe the Nominee’s involvement in civic and community organizations.

Step Six – Nominator Information

Nominator’s Full Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

e-mail _____

Position in Scouting _____

I hereby nominate _____ for the Bronze Pelican award and verify that the information given is accurate and will remain confidential until I am notified of acceptance.

Nominator’s Signature _____ Date _____

Step Seven – Final Submission

Please return completed nomination form by January 1st to:

Thomas A. Magnifico
Chairman, Grand Rapids Catholic Committee on Scouting
5455 Ranger Hills Dr SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

All nominations are due annually by January 1st, with presentation date to be announced.

Catholic Committee Approval

The Committee reviewed the nominee's record and certifies that he/she meets the standards of the Bronze Pelican.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Chairman, Adult Award Committee

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Chairman, Grand Rapids Catholic Committee on Scouting

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Chaplain or Delegate, Grand Rapids Catholic Committee on Scouting

Award Presented At: _____

Date: _____