

## Fort Belvoir Catholic Community Scouting Programs

**Eligibility:** All scouts active in the Fort Belvoir Catholic Community and Religious Education Programs (youth and adults)

### Medals For Girls

The Family of God – 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup> grade/Brownies

Purpose: To help girls discover God in their daily lives in their family and parish. It complements the catechetical efforts of the parish.

I Live My Faith – 5<sup>th</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Purpose: To assist girls in appreciating more deeply the place that God and religion occupy their daily life. They become more aware of their potential as a growing person, a friend, a member of a family, a citizen, and a participant in the community of faith.

Mary, The First Disciple – 8<sup>th</sup> thru 10<sup>th</sup> grade

Purpose: To help them learn more about Mary, and more about themselves. They will meet Mary in Scripture as a young teenager, follow her journeys and watch her grow into the woman known as the Mother of God.

The Spirit Alive – 11<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade

Purpose: To assist them in discovering how the Holy Spirit moves within their lives, calling them to greater participation in the ministry of the church, scripture and prayer.

### Medals For Boys

Light of Christ – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade/Tiger & Wolf Cubs

Purpose: To help boys develop a personal relationship with Jesus. To help them see Jesus as a real person and friend.

Parvuli Dei – 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade /Bear Cub & Webelos

Purpose: To assist boys discover the presence of God in their daily lives as members of their families and parishes and to develop a positive self-image through the contributions they make to the group of community.

Ad Altare Dei – 7<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade Boy Scouts

Purpose: To equip the Scout to take his place in the world as a maturing Catholic and a maturing American.

Pope Pius XII – 9<sup>th</sup> grade-12<sup>th</sup> grade Boy Scouts

Purpose: To have them examine how being a Christian affects their daily life. To help them evaluate their personal talents and explore a possible choice of lifestyle/vocation or ministry that relates in some way to belonging to and becoming increasingly more active in the Catholic Christian faith community. To give them an opportunity to share faith and practice their religion among peers, while receiving guidance and feedback attuned to the ideals of Scouting.

## **Other Activities for both Boys and Girls**

### **The Rosary Series**

The Rosary Series will focus on a different set of Mysteries of the Holy Rosary and an activity describing how to pray the rosary. This is an opportunity for the youth and adults alike to learn more about their faith.

### **The Footsteps of American Saints**

The Footsteps of American Saints program is a series of religious activities that encourages youth to learn about several individuals who have shaped the landscape of Catholicism in America. Through knowledge of the lives of these Saints and Blesseds it is hoped that participants will be inspired to imitate their heroic virtues and follow in their footsteps.

### **The Marian Activity Series**

Each activity in this series examines one of the nineteen Marian Feasts Commemorated in the United States, focusing on how and why the Church has honored Mary for more than 2,000 years.

### **The International Catholic Awareness Award**

This activity is being offered by The International Catholic Conference of Scouting (ICCS) in recognition of demonstrated awareness of Scouting in the Catholic Church throughout the world.

It contributes to the complete education of young people through Scouting from the perspective of the Catholic faith. It develops and enhances the spiritual dimension of Scouting in the World Scout Movement.