

NOMINATION FORM FOR ADULT RECOGNITIONS



**The Bronze
Pelican**



**The St. George
Emblem**

BACKGROUND

Bronze Pelican Award



The Diocese of Phoenix Catholic Committee on Scouting has authorized the Bronze Pelican 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 Award is Christ-like devotion to youth, recognizing that adults in Scouting are called to nurture and raise our Scouts in Catholic ideals. The Bronze Pelican Award recognizes adults who have made contributions to the spiritual development of youth in Scouting, but the requirements are somewhat less rigorous than for the St. George Award. Only in exceptional cases would the presentation of a Bronze Pelican Award not precede the presentation of a St. George Emblem, to the same honoree. An example of such a case would be an adult who received the St. George Emblem from the Catholic Committee on Scouting of another diocese before moving into the Diocese of Phoenix, and then later nominated for the Bronze Pelican Award by the Diocese of Phoenix.

St. George Emblem



The National Catholic Committee on Scouting® and the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, having observed the use and value of an award presented to adults for outstanding service to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in the Scouting program, approved the St. George Award in 1955. St. George, who died a martyr in the year 303, was the Patron Saint of Knighthood and of England. The principal order of Knighthood in England was placed under the patronage of St. George. The feast day of St. George, April 23, was a national holiday and a holy day of obligation for English Catholics for many years.

Early stories of St. George's knighthood describes his public witnessing of his faith, his arrest, brave suffering and martyrdom. A later legend, which added a description of St. George as a knight who rescued the king's daughter in Libya, was probably responsible for much of the popularity given to St. George as a defender of virtue, even at the risk of life itself, and as a person who spent his own life in the service of others.

St. George is an appropriate saint for Scouting, whose ideals describe many of the virtues demanded by those who would be knights. Likewise, Scouts and Scouters are called upon to make a public commitment to their ideals. The St. George Emblem identifies and gives the highest recognition to members of the laity and clergy, Scouters and non-Scouters alike, who have made significant and outstanding contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in Scouting. Since the St. George Emblem is a National award, recipients may wear the adult religious knot on their uniform as appropriate.



NOMINATION FORM
for
The Bronze Pelican
and
The St. George Emblem



CANDIDATE INFORMATION

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____
 C I T Y _____ S T A T E _____ Z I P _____ P H O N E _____
 NAME OF SPOUSE _____ N A M E S O F C H I L D R E N _____
 EMAIL _____
 P A R I S H _____
 REGISTERED IN SCOUTING AS _____ U N I T _____ C O U N C I L _____
 OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER _____

PARISH APPROVAL (required)*

The above named candidate is hereby approved as worthy of receiving the Bronze Pelican or Saint George Emblem.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____
 Pastor

* Nomination is not a guarantee that the candidate will receive the emblem this year.

PHXDCCS USE ONLY---DIOCESAN APPROVAL

The Bronze Pelican/St. George Selection Committee of the *Diocese of Phoenix Catholic Committee on Scouting* certifies that the record of service of the above named candidate has been carefully reviewed and that this candidate meets the requirements for receiving this award as approved by the ordinary.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____
 Chairman - Selection Committee

SIGNED _____ DATE _____
 Diocesan Scout Chaplain

DIOCESAN SCOUT CHAPLAIN'S RECORD

Date Award Ordered _____ Date Award Received _____

Date Award Presented _____ By _____

Award No. _____ in the Diocese of Phoenix

INSTRUCTIONS

The Bronze Pelican Award is a diocesan recognition defined by the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting with the approval of the local ordinary. The St. George Medal is a national recognition approved by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting®. Either award may be presented to any adult who is working in the Scouting Program and may be presented to clerics, laity, or Scouters of other faiths.

The purpose of these awards is to recognize each recipient's outstanding contribution to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in the program of the Boy Scouts of America. Other awards are available to recognize general Scouting achievements by districts, local councils, regions, and the national office. However, recommendations for the Bronze Pelican and St. George Emblems should carefully detail how the nominee meets the selection guidelines described below.

The recipients of the awards are to be selected by a committee, newly appointed annually, and approved by the diocesan Scout Chaplain. The committee will evaluate the nominees on the basis of the selection guidelines. In most cases, the Bronze Pelican is presented to a first-time selected nominee. The St. George Emblem is presented to a nominee who has previously received the Bronze Pelican and who has continued to significantly influence Catholic Scouting for at least two additional years. The selections of the committee shall be final.

SELECTION GUIDELINES

Candidates should be exemplary individuals of good character with adequate tenure working with the Scouting Program. Following are some guidelines for selecting candidates for these awards. These suggestions are offered as a guide only; however, they are indicative of some of the things the selection committee will be looking for to determine the candidate's spiritual contribution. This list is not inclusive, as there are many other areas that might be considered.

- A. Promotes the Catholic Religious Emblem Programs or actively serves as a counselor. Encourages non-Catholic scouts to participate in the religious emblem programs of their faith.
- B. Provides notable service in promoting Catholic activities and service projects for the church, and is willing to serve on committees for these activities.
- C. Actively participates in Scout retreats, religious emblems programs and other activities sponsored by the Catholic Committee on Scouting. Instrumental in having scouts and other adults participate.
- D. Provides outstanding service in promoting and participating in Scout Sunday observance.
- E. Provides notable service in bringing the Catholic program to scouts not in Catholic-chartered units.
- F. Assists parishes and Catholic organizations in recruiting Scoutmasters and other key leaders. Is fully trained, sets an outstanding example and helps provide an outstanding Catholic scouting program for youth in their units.
- G. Gives notable service in organizing, developing and maintaining new and existing Catholic-chartered units.
- H. Arranges opportunities for Mass and other Catholic worship services during campouts, camporees and summer camp and provides for spiritual needs of the non-Catholics in her/his charge.
- I. Encourages the true spirit of ecumenism, as well as parochial responsibility and Catholic leadership, within various Scouting units under Catholic auspices.
- J. Makes significant contributions to Scouting in the area of Catholic relationships and educates clergy and laity about Scouting as Youth Ministry.
- K. Creates a better understanding of the aims and ideals of Scouting by the clergy and laity through the Catholic press and other communication media.
- L. Provides leadership in promoting Scouting for all youth regardless of race or creed and is instrumental in organizing units for minority and disadvantaged youth.

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RECORD OF CANDIDATE

Describe OUTSTANDING service to the SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT of Catholic youth in the Scouting apostolate. Please give pertinent facts, such as dates, services provided, honors and offices held in parish and diocese, in the Boy Scouts of America program, and in other community organizations. Please use the Selection Guidelines as a help in listing qualifications. Use additional pages if necessary.

In Parish and Diocese:

In Scouting:

In Other Community Organizations:



NOMINATION SUBMISSION

Nominated By:

(The Nominator or Sponsor should not be related to the Nominee.)

Name _____ Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Relationship to Nominee _____ Date Submitted _____

Has Nominee Previously Received the Bronze Pelican Award? ___ Yes ___ No

The nomination form should be forwarded to the Catholic Committee on Scouting only *after* Parish Approval is obtained. Applications received without Parish Approval, or with incomplete information, will *not* be considered for either award.

The Selection Committee will determine which award is most appropriate for the candidate and will notify you of the final determination. Please note that the nomination will be kept confidential and is not a guarantee of selection.

Thank you for your submission and for acknowledging the outstanding contributions of this individual to Catholic Scouting!

Please mail the completed forms to:

**Mr. Anthony Madonia, Jr, Chairman
Adult Recognition Nominating Committee
1357 W. Obispo Ave., Mesa, AZ 85202
Website: <http://www.phxdccs.org>**



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