



# National Catholic Committee on Scouting

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Chairs and Chaplains of diocesan Catholic committees on Scouting,

Your help is needed! A task force of the NCCS is preparing a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) about the recent change in the BSA youth membership standard. These will be posted along with their responses on the NCCS Facebook page. We are also planning to develop suggested guidelines to help diocesan committees deal with the implementation of the changed youth membership standard. Here's how you can help:

- Make sure everyone on your committee (which may include all Catholic-chartered unit leaders) has the opportunity to read Bishop Guglielmone's article (attached) which was published in his diocesan paper and my letter (attached).
- Study Bishop Guglielmone's article and my letter noting anything that is challenging for you. Then, come together as a group and, after prayer, share your findings and concerns with each other. Document any unresolved questions and concerns and send them to us for consideration.
- Include in your response any significant reaction to the decision among your Catholic-chartered units. Especially include any statements relative to the decision released by your diocese or diocesan committee.

To be considered for inclusion in our FAQ pages, responses should be received by August 15, and may be emailed to [nccs@scouting.org](mailto:nccs@scouting.org) or mailed to:

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It's a challenging time for us to serve as volunteers and I offer my prayers for your perseverance. Thanks for all you are doing to promote Scouting as youth ministry! Pray that the Holy Spirit may guide us to be faithful and charitable in all we say and do!

Yours in Catholic Scouting,

Edward P. Martin  
National Chairman (2013-2016)

Attachments