

NOVEMBER 24, 2013

Hello Catholic Scout Leaders and families,

Please read this month's bulletin for important information!

You are invited! **Franciscan Renewal Center Leader retreat** is being planned for Saturday, January 11, 2014 at the Franciscan Renewal Center located at 5802 E. Lincoln Drive near Mummy Mountain in Scottsdale/Paradise Valley area. All Catholic Scout leaders in Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, American Heritage Girls etc., chartered organization reps, troop chaplains, diocesan religious emblems counselors, Diocesan Catholic Committee members etc...are welcome to join us for this special day. Check in is at 8:30 am at the Tekakwitha Conference Room. Lunch and morning and afternoon snacks will be provided and the retreat will conclude with 5:00 mass in the chapel at the Franciscan Renewal Center. In order to reserve your space at this special event, please RSVP to kpolo55@gmail.com. A donation of \$10 per person to cover the costs of the venue, food and retreat materials is appreciated. **Online payment can be made. Don't delay!** **Reserve your space and plan to join us for an inspirational day!!!**

Walk in the Son Retreat registration is in full swing! Please plan to attend this spiritual retreat which will be held at Heard Scout Pueblo on February 7-9, 2014. The retreat is open to all scouts of all ages. The main retreat is Saturday, February 8 and will include morning "faith hikes" in South Mountain (which will include brief talks along the trail about different aspects of the Catholic faith--the rosary, prayer, Eucharist, Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation). Additional activities include a visit by Wildlife World Zoo, the AZ Hiking Shack, birds of prey, crafts, a special service project, mass and an evening campfire. Overnight camping is available for one or both nights. Some rank advancement activities and religious emblems requirements will be fulfilled. The retreat flier/registration form is attached. Please forward it to your troops, packs and crews and talk it up! The **early bird deadline for registration is January 10, 2014!** Don't delay--register now and save, SAVE, SAVE!!

Interested in helping plan and carry out the Walk in the Son retreat? Join us on Wednesday, December 18 at 6:45 pm at the Grand Canyon Council service center.

10 Commandment Hike sponsored by the Grand Canyon Council Interfaith Religious Recognition Committee is Friday, November 29, 2013 and begins at 8:00 am at St. Theresa Catholic Church located at 5045 E. Thomas Road in east Phoenix, returning to the church parking lot about 4:00 pm. There are about 8 stops along the 5 mile route where representatives from different faiths will present information about one of the 10 Commandments. Details can be found on the attached flier. Please go to the following link to register. <http://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/event/1388969> Participants should bring sack lunches and water for the hike. Beverages and cookies will be provided. The hike is an excellent way to do our Duty to God and learn more about other faith traditions. Please join us!

Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII classes have started. If you know of a scout who is interested and hasn't signed up yet, please contact Nancy Welton at nqwelton@gmail.com ASAP so they can be placed in a group. Thanks!!!

Eagle Scout Recognition---Do you have an Eagle Scout that would like to receive a certificate from the Knights of Columbus or the National Catholic Committee on Scouting? Please contact James Moore at jmoore237@cox.net or Kathy Polowski at kpolo55@gmail.com to order the certificates.

Pope Paul VI Catholic Quality Unit Award 2013--If your BSA unit qualifies for this award please notify Kathy Polowski at kpolo55@gmail.com. If you would like to know more about this award or download the application form, please visit the following link: <http://nccs-bsa.org/ScoutUnits/CatholicQualityUnitAward.php>

Anza Trek, hosted by the Diocese of Tucson Catholic Committee on Scouting was rescheduled to Saturday, January 4, 2014. The flier can be found on our Face Book page.

Scout Sunday will be here before we know it! BSA has set the date for February 2, 2014 but you can be somewhat flexible during the month for planning a mass and ceremony. Many packs and troops recognize scouts for an achievement at the Scout Sunday mass. This is a great time to present Cub Scouts with their Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei emblems, Brownies with Family of God and all scouts with patches from other patch programs. Please check our website at www.phxdccs.org for more information. For additional ideas on what to do for Scout Sunday, please visit the following link at the NCCS website: <http://nccs-bsa.org/ScoutUnits/ScoutSunday.php> Girl Scout Sunday is March 9, 2014. If your

parish has both programs, it is appropriate to combine the Scout Sunday events. It is nice to make arrangements with the parish to have scouts usher, lector, altar serve, bring up the gifts and hand out song sheets and bulletins.

Please mark your calendar for our next **Quarterly Meeting**---to be held on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at 6:30 pm at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. New members are welcome!!

PLEASE FORWARD THIS EMAIL TO CATHOLIC LEADERS AND FAMILIES IN YOUR PACKS, TROOPS, NEIGHBORHOODS, DISTRICTS ETC.

May you all have a blessed Thanksgiving!