

Greetings Catholic Scout leaders, parents and friends,

Welcome back to another GREAT year of scouting!!! Please read below for information on important upcoming events!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY-Arizona Rosary Celebration, Sunday October 12, 2014. Boy Scouts are needed to hand out programs and greet people as they arrive. Check in with Kathy Polowski at the Phoenix Convention Center by 11:30 am. The celebration is from 2:00-4:15 and is a joyful, spirit filled event with guest speakers, music and dance and of course praying the rosary, this year honoring Mary under her title of Immaculate Conception. Scout volunteers will receive a rosary! Please RSVP to kpolo55@gmail.com ASAP.

GROWING IN FAITH! Religious Emblems groups are now forming! Please spread the word and encourage scouts to sign up now so they don't miss out on this opportunity to work on their emblem and learn more about their Catholic faith. Emblems are: Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and Family of God, I Live My Faith, Mary, the First Disciple and Spirit Alive for Girl Scouts, American Heritage Girls etc. Please visit our website for information on these emblems or contact kpolo55@gmail.com for information on the boy emblems and anncolvinsmith@gmail.com for information on the girl emblems.

Pack and Troop Religious Emblems Coordinators, Emblems Counselors and Facilitators are needed!!! If you have not yet been trained as a Religious Emblems Counselor please watch for the next date for the **REC TRAINING!** We will offer another session or two very soon if there is interest. Please spread the word and invite potential coordinators, counselors and participants to email Kathy at kpolo55@gmail.com.

PLEASE JOIN US!!! The next quarterly meeting for our Catholic Committee on Scouting is **October 22, 2015 at the DPC, Room 159 C at 6:30 pm.** We will be discussing MANY important topics and upcoming events. Please become an active member of this vital team! We provide many programs and opportunities for our Catholic Scouts and we have many areas where you can help! Even if you come and take the information back to your units and spread the word about our efforts, that helps!

TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO APPLY for the **Saint George Trek**, a high adventure backpacking trek in the context of a spiritual retreat, held at Philmont Scout Ranch July 8-23, 2015. This trek is for youth who are ages 15-17 and will still be in high school the fall of 2015. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet other youth from dioceses across the country. Seminarians and priests are the crew leaders! Please contact Kathy at kpolo55@gmail.com ASAP if you are interested.

SAVE THE DATE!!! "Walk in the Son 2015" Catholic Scout Retreat---for ALL scouts-- will be at the Heard Scout Pueblo at South Mountain on **February 7, 2015.** Camping will be available Friday and Saturday nights. Watch for the flyers and registration information coming soon!!!

YOU ARE INVITED!! The first planning meeting for the Spring retreat is **Wednesday, October 15 at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, Room 165 at 6:45 pm.** Please join us! For more info please contact Gina at gkeating@sttheresaphx.org.

JOIN THE CREW!! Diocesan Venturing Crew 2009 is seeking new members--young men and women ages 13-20. The crew will be planning their future activities at an upcoming meeting. Don't miss out on this great opportunity for scouting adventure and service to the diocese. Scouts can be registered in both a troop and crew or two crews so even if you are already in another unit, you can be part of the diocesan crew, also nicknamed the "Bishop's Crew". For more information, please email Crew2009@AzScout.org or check the Venturing Tab at www.phxdccs.org.

APPRECIATION FOR OUR PRIESTS---**Priesthood Sunday**, celebrated nationwide on the **last Sunday of October** each year, is a special day to honor Priesthood in the United States. It is a call for parishioners to honor Christ as Priest and the men who were called to be his priests on earth. It is also a day to honor all religious and to focus on the importance of vocations. Catholic Scout Packs, Troops, Venture Crews and even individual scouts are encouraged to make a special effort to involve the youth in programs of making appreciation cards to be presented after Mass on **October 26** or at an event planned in your parish. We would love to have pictures from any recognition you do! Please send them to kpolo55@gmail.com

MANY THANKS to the **Bishop's Dinner Planning Committee** for their hard work and dedication to making the recent dinner a huge success!! Please thank Tony Madonia, Ann Colvin-Smith, Dolores Bartlett, Dorene Healy, Jim Moore and Tom Koncel for their efforts! Thanks to Mike and Lynn Coomer for the great slide show; Macreena Cress and Ashley Hall for photographing the event and a special thanks to Craig Pierson of Orange Table for his generous donation of the dinner for the event. Thanks to everyone who attended and all who support our Catholic Scouting events and programs! Please check our website in the future for pictures and information from the dinner! Thanks to all!