

B.S.A. Troop 123 North Merrick New York  
Ad Altare Dei Program

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**Program Information**

**Date Program will start: November 8, 2009**

**Number of Participants: 6 (approximate).** It is strongly recommended that the Scouts be in at least the eighth grade and have received their confirmation to begin the emblem. They should also be of first class rank.

We should have at least four scouts willing to make the commitment to work on the award. Less than four does not facilitate the group process. One cannot work with one scout alone.

**Location of Meetings:** Sacred Heart School -location to be announced.

**Date of week meeting will be held:** Sundays 2:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. The program will take approximately six to nine months to complete from beginning to end, meeting on a bi-weekly basis. The meeting will be for a **minimum** of two hours.

**Materials Needed:** Scouts should bring their Ad Altare Dei book, their Scout handbook, a Bible, and a notebook to each meeting. These materials must be brought for the first session. Ad Altare Dei book can be obtained at the Scout Store in Massapequa.

**Dress:** Scout should wear their Class A's for the first meeting, on the Ten Commandment Hike, and Pilgrimage to the Seminary. If there is a guest speaker or the Scout must interview an individual, they should wear their Class A's. Class B's will be appropriate at all other times.

**Deadlines:** All work and banner must be in the Ad Altare Dei book to be submitted the Diocese no later than May 1, 2010. Every section, question, activity, prayer service, etc. must be completed before the Board of Review takes place in May of 2010. All posters, prayers, etc. must be available to the members of the Board of Review. All signatures must be filled in.

**Presentation of the Ad Altare Dei Award:** Scouts who complete the program will be presented their award at Saint Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre New York by the Bishop. The date of the awards will be in September or October of 2010.

## **Dates of Meetings**

### **November 8, 2009 -**

*Parent Mandatory Meeting* There will be a mandatory parent meeting before the onset of the sessions in order for the parents and the scouts to be informed and consent to the commitment for the program. The Scouts will begin the program immediately thereafter.

### **Introduction - Sacraments and Sacraments in our Daily Life**

Requirements to complete the chapter:

- Complete all section of Chapter 1.
- Attend mass on three occasions and report lessons learned from the Scripture Readings.
- Create and complete one of the following: a skit, makes a video presentation, make an audio presentation, make a poster or banner.

### **November 22, 2009 -**

#### **The Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism**

Requirements to complete the chapter:

- Complete all Sections of Chapter 2.
- Attend and/or participate in a Catholic Baptism or read the Rite of Baptism.
- Make up a prayer based on the Scout Oath or Write some petitions that can be used in a baptismal renewal service or Design and make a banner that would be appropriate for Baptism.

### **November 27, 2009 -**

#### **Ten Commandment Hike Mineola/ Williston Park**

Registration fee: \$5.00

More information to follow

Ad Altare Dei candidates - **mandatory**

### **December 6, 2009 -**

#### **The Sacrament of Confirmation**

Requirements to complete the chapter:

- Complete all Sections of Chapter 3.
- Make two art projects regarding human dignity or Prepare and put on two skits about human dignity or Bring in newspaper articles and magazines on human dignity and loss of human dignity.
- Develop and complete a service projects that identifies and uses a Scout's particular gifts to serve others.

### **December 20, 2009 -**

#### **The Sacrament of the Eucharist**

Requirements to complete the chapter:

- Complete all Sections of Chapter 4.
- Attend a Eucharistic Celebration. If permitted have the Scout act as Lectors **or** go to Mass with your family.

**Happy Christmas!!!!**

**January 10, 2010 -**

**The Sacrament of Healing - Reconciliation**

Requirements to complete the chapter:

- Complete all Sections of Chapter 5.
- Make a collage **or** make a presentation **or** make an audio presentation **or** write a play.
- Participate in a prayer service that includes an examination of conscience, an Act of Contrition and a symbolic gesture of forgiveness. (Attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation on January 9 or at other appropriate times).

**January 24, 2010 -**

**The Sacrament of Last Rites - Anointing of the Sick**

Requirements to complete the chapter:

- Complete all Sections of Chapter 6.
- Attend an Anointing of the Sick **or** act out the Administration of the Anointing of the Sick.
- Write a prayer that you could share with a sick person and share the prayer with a sick person.
- Complete and document a service project in helping an elderly, sick, or injured person.

February 21, 2010

**The Sacraments of Service - Holy Orders**

Requirements to complete the chapter:

- Complete all Sections of Chapter 7.
- Attend the ordination of a Priest or Read the Rite of Ordination and discuss with your pastor or priest. Then write a paragraph of the commitment required of a priest.
- Interview a bishop, priest, or Deacon.
- Pilgrimage to the Seminary (Dates to be announced)
- Correspond with a seminarian at least twice **or** Read an article concerning the seminary / priestly life **or** a short essay on the similarities between the priesthood and Scouting **or** Write a brief description of the seminary training.

March 7, 2010

**The Sacrament of Marriage**

Requirements to complete the chapter:

- \_ Complete all Sections of Chapter 8.
- Attend a Catholic Wedding Ceremony or Read the Rite of Marriage and write a paragraph about the Commitment required of a married couple.
- The Scout will interview their respective parents about their marriage.
- The Scout will interview a Married Couple from the Pre Cana team.
- Select a married couple the Scout admires and make a poster or banner or make a video presentation or make an audio presentation or make a play or write an article on why you appreciate them.

**Merry Easter!!!!**

**Additional follow up dates will be scheduled in April and May for loose ends and final completion of the Ad Altare Dei book.**