

## Did You Know...? By Bob Oldowski

Religious emblems are church programs, not Scout programs. Catholic programs for boys and girls registered with the BSA are created and administered by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting. Catholic programs for other boys and girls such as members of Girl Scouts and American Heritage Girls are part of a subcommittee of the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry. Adult recognitions are similarly available.

Youth of other faiths should pursue programs offered through their faith belief group. Encourage these Scouts to pursue the programs pertinent to their own belief. The BSA may authorize emblems of such programs to be worn on the uniform upon approved application by a national religious organization,

## Six Awarded Emmett Doerr Scholarships

The National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS) is pleased to announce the winners of the Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Distinguished Scout Scholarships for 2018. The recipients are: **Gabriel C. Bartunek, Fargo, N.D., diocese of Fargo; Gregory Bycraft, Granger, Ind. diocese of Ft. Wayne-South Bend; Lawrence M. Eiden, Ann Arbor, Mich., diocese of Lansing; Robert Frei, Weldon Spring, Mo. diocese of St. Louis; Ryan J. Garcia, Kailua, Hawaii, diocese of Honolulu; and Brent Schaefer, Round Rock, Texas, diocese of Austin.**

The Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Distinguished Scout Scholarship program was established fourteen years ago by the family of the late Emmett J. Doerr, who was an active member of the NCCS.

Each of the six \$2,000 scholarships recognizes outstanding Eagle Scouts or Venturing Silver Award recipients who are registered in a program of the Boy Scouts of America. This year's winners were chosen from over 100 applicants from across the country based on a number of criteria including service to their home parish, leadership in their Scout units and other school or community organizations, letters of recommendation and their scholastic record. "We are honored to recognize these six outstanding Catholic Scouts for their achievements as they certainly serve as role models in their communities," said Bill Davies, NCCS Vice Chairman for Finance, who oversees the scholarship Committee.

## PAPAL LETTER AVAILABLE FOR ACHIEVING EAGLE RANK

Any Catholic Scout who achieves Eagle rank can get a letter from Pope Francis. Send the following information in a letter to the address below. Please make sure you include: 1) Scout's Name 2) Troop Number 3) Council 4) Parish and Parish Town 5) Eagle Project details with any copies of certificates and pictures. 6) Address certificate is to be mailed to for presentation.

**NOTE: Unfortunately this cannot be done retroactively.**

Please mail the above to:

**Pope Francis  
Vatican Embassy  
3339 Massachusetts Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20008**



Five NCCS members were honored at the Bishops Liaison's Luncheon at the recent Biennial Conference by receiving the Silver St. George emblem. This recognition is given to Scouters for both their years of service as a member of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting and the impact they have made in the promotion of Scouting within the Catholic Church. Recipients are nominated by their peers. The award was presented by the Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops liaison to the NCCS. The 2018 recipients (l-r) are: **John Anthony, Diocese of Fort Worth, Texas, Roselito de los Reyes, Diocese of Orange, Calif., Bishop Conlon, Kathleen Polowski, Diocese of Phoenix, Ariz., Fr. Ross Chamberland, OFM, Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y and Fr. Mark Spring, Diocese of Davenport, Iowa.**