

## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

### **Scout /Facilitators/Coordinators/Advisors participating in the Catholic Religious Emblem Program of the Archdiocese of Boston**

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and the Girl Scouts of America (USGSA) are proud of its long-standing and mutually supportive relationship with the Catholic Church, which dates back to the early 1900's. It is understood that the motivating force in Scouting is spiritual and that through a relationship with Scouts, each boy and girl is encouraged to become a disciple of Jesus Christ and a participating member of his/her parish.

The Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting acknowledges the long history of mutual support and close cooperation with Scouting. Scout troops have been a consistent presence in many of our parishes and schools, working in close cooperation with Catholic pastors, principals, and other Church leaders to nurture the healthy development of young men and women, and building faith through the Catholic Religious Awards Programs. The Catholic Committee on Scouting has benefited from the extraordinary volunteer service by Catholic women and men who have found in the Scouting program a means to help Catholic boys and girls develop into knowledgeable Catholic men and women who are followers of Jesus Christ.

Based on mutual respect and shared values, the Facilitator/Coordinator/Advisor agrees to the following:

- Respect and relate the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts with whom they are working;
- Maintain regular, ongoing communication with the Catholic Committee on Scouting through the Office of Faith Formation of Youth and Young Adults;
- Be screened and approved by BSA or USGSA in accord with BSA and USGSA policies and procedures and the policies and procedures of the Archdiocese of Boston.
- Ensure that at least two adult volunteers are present at each meeting in which scouts are present and that the health and safety of all is of utmost importance;
- To conduct and teach classes in compliance with Catholic teaching and diocesan policy, especially its Child Protection policies;
- Promote and provide support for the achievement of Catholic religious awards;
- Establish regular, clear, and ongoing communication with parents of Scouts participating in the program;

#### **The Catholic Committee on Scouting agrees to:**

- Provide ongoing support for Catholic religious awards programs through its Catholic Committee on Scouting and the Office of Faith Formation of Youth and Young Adults;
- Provide guidance and support to Facilitators/Counselors/Advisors in matters related to

Catholic teaching and/or Archdiocesan policy;

This memorandum of understanding will be in effect for three years, renewable, and may be terminated by any one of the above parties at any time.

**Facilitator/Counselor/Advisor**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

Letter From Pastor Received \_\_\_\_\_

Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Pack: \_\_\_\_\_

Troop: \_\_\_\_\_

Position in Pack or Troop:  
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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Catholic Committee on Scouting Designee**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title:  
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