

**Pope Pius XII Religious Emblem
St Joseph's Parish, Shelton, CT
2009-2010**



Eligibility

- A registered youth member of the Boy Scouts of America of the Catholic faith.
- Has started ninth grade and 15-16 years old, but all registered Venturers (male or female before their 21st birthday) and all registered Boy Scouts (in high school, before their 18th birthday) are eligible.

Purpose

- Pope Pius XII is Catholic Scouting's church-related ministries and vocation program.
- The program deals with different life choices (single, married, religious, ordained), occupations and ministries in the church as calls from God.
- It includes youth led discussions on current issues facing the church and society, which are normally included as part of a Pius XII retreat or day of recollection

Requirements

- Course size: Ideal group size is 4-12 and will be filled based on first come registration.
- The program will be run by the candidates themselves, the adults (Thomas Wilson and Fr. Nick Pavia) will serve as Moderators
- Candidate will conduct a number of interviews and will explore controversial issues facing the Catholic Church and society.
- Candidates are required to experience a retreat focused on the Pope Pius XII Program and conduct a ministries service project.

Course Materials:

- Purchase Pope Pius XII Emblem from the Milford BSA Scout Shop
- New American Catholic Bible

Program Completion

- Complete requirements for the Pope Pius XII Religious Emblem
- Pass a Pope Pius XII Board of Review (Pope Pius XII Board of Review is made up of former Pope Pius XII recipients with adult leaders acting in an advisory and supervisory capacity)

Presentation

- The religious emblem will be presented to the Scout at the annual Diocese of Bridgeport's Annual Scout Recognition Ceremony June 2010.
- The religious knot will be presented by their scout unit.

Scout's Role

- As an older Scout/Venturer, the candidate is expected to actively share in group discussions and complete all interviews and activities.

Parent's Role

- Support and encourage their youth's participation in the program.

Time Requirements

- The group will meet (at a minimum) for ten (10) two hour sessions on Sundays (schedule attached) at St Joseph's Church Upper Room from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. **Flexibility is required in scheduling sessions due to inclement weather, school vacations, and course progress. Additional sessions will be scheduled for Retreat and Service Project. Make up work for absences will be at the discretion of the Course Counselor.**

Course Sections/Goals

- Unit I – "In the beginning": To examine the individual's I have chosen to associate with, and to explain the implications of those choices.
- Unit II – "God and You" : To explore what it means to be called by God through the Sacraments of Initiation, and how these calls continue to affect my life
- Unit III – "Life Choices": To examine and discover various "life states" to which God may be calling me
- Unit IV – "9 to 5": To examine various professions or occupations, and seek to discover the ones to which God may be calling me
- Unit V "Here I am": To examine various ministries, and seek to discover ones to which God might be calling me
- Unit VI - "A melting Pot": To examine the Church's definition of vocation and how it and God's call intertwine in an individual's daily life through life state, occupation and ministry
- Unit VII – "Putting it all together": To aid the participants in a realization that our faith and call from God affect our daily life and how our daily life affects our faith and call from God.

**2009-2010 Calendar
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November 8th

November 22nd

December 6th

December 20th

January 10th

January 24th

February 7th

February 21st

March 7th

March 21st

Flexibility is required in scheduling sessions due to inclement weather, school vacations, and course progress. Additional sessions will be scheduled for the Retreat, Service Project and Board of Review. Make up work for absences will be at the discretion of the Course Counselor.

Points of Contact:

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Registration Form

Name:	Address:
Age:	Year in High School:
Scout Rank:	Scout Troop/Crew:
Parish:	Town:
Phone #:	E mail:
Parent(s):	Emergency Contact#:

**Please complete application and return to Thomas Wilson at
gilwell1@sbcglobal.net by November 1st.**