

Catholic Committee on  
Scouting for the Colorado  
Springs Diocese  
presents

## Pillars Of Faith Award



*Duty to God  
Boy Scout Award*

## Pillars of Faith History

*In 2005, the Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Colorado Springs Diocese developed the Pillars of Faith award, similar to the P.R.A.Y. Four Star award, to present to Boy Scouts who earn all four Catholic Religious Scouting Emblems: Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei, and Pope Pius XII. The idea was to recognize Scouts who achieve such a rare accomplishment and to encourage more Scouts to persevere and earn all four Emblems.*

*For the Scouts who earn it, the pin represents their commitment to exploring their faith more deeply and to showing that commitment by earning the four Emblems. The Committee decided to offer the pin to Catholic Scouting Committees across the country to encourage Boy Scouts everywhere to stay with Scouting and discover every level of their faith as they grow and become citizens of the world.*

Pillars of Faith - Duty to God  
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## A Superlative Religious Recognition Award for Boy Scouts

### Overview

The purpose of the Pillars of Faith program is to provide a special recognition to those Boy Scouts who have earned all four of the Catholic Religious Emblems. For every 100 boys who join Scouting, only 4% reach the rank of Eagle. Even fewer Scouts earn a Religious Emblem, so to earn all four Catholic Religious Emblems is a monumental feat. The Pillars of Faith - Duty to God pin recognizes these Scouts.

The name and design of the award represent the fact that the four Religious Emblems are like pillars, supporting the Scout's development in and appreciation of his Catholic faith. The Religious Emblems are the pillars, not the roof, for none of us are ever done growing in our faith. The design also includes the Church, Bible, and cross, other essential elements in faith.

### Eligibility

The Scout must have completed *Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei, and Pope Pius XII*.

### Previous Years

Scouts who have earned all four Religious Emblems in previous years are eligible to receive the Pillars of Faith pin.

### Other Dioceses

Other dioceses, outside of the Colorado Springs Diocese, can use the Pillars of Faith pin to recognize their Scouts. This is the highest recognition Scouts can receive after earning their Religious Emblems. We encourage you to recognize their accomplishments.

### Presentation of the Pillars of Faith Pin

This award should be presented as the highest religious recognition that a Scout can achieve while he is on the Scouting Trail. The Pillars of Faith pin should be presented in a formal Awards Mass or appropriate formal ceremony (preferably by the Bishop, Pastor or Priest). The key is to make the presentation very special, so the youth understands the magnitude of what he has achieved. Also, the recognition should be presented in a timely manner so the youth is recognized shortly after earning his fourth Religious Emblem.

### Wearing the Pillars of Faith Pin

The recipient can wear the pin on his Scout uniform. Additionally, once the recipient becomes an adult, he can wear the pin on his adult Scout uniform or as a lapel pin. The Pillars of Faith pin can become a pin that the recipient wears proudly at both Scouting and other events.

For more information regarding the Pillars of Faith pin, please contact Curtis J. O'Connell at 719-590-1104 or [CJOCS@comcast.net](mailto:CJOCS@comcast.net)

## Order Form

Pillars of Faith	Quantity	_____
Duty to God	x \$6.00 ea.	_____
Pins	Total	\$ _____

Please print neatly

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Please make your check or money order payable to "Catholic Committee on Scouting." Send completed order form with payment to:

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