



Bronze Pelican Award

The Catholic Committee on Scouting of the Diocese of Worcester has authorized the Bronze Pelican Award.



The pelican is an ancient Christian symbol, which has several meanings. One aspect of the symbolism describes the relationship of Jesus Christ with his people by referring to how a mother pelican will give her life's blood to her young to nurture and protect it.

The early Christians had a liturgical symbol of the pelican as a representation of Christ. The significance of the Bronze Pelican Emblem is Christ-like devotion to youth. It acknowledges that adults in scouting are called to nurture and raise our scouts in Catholic ideals. The Bronze Pelican Award recognizes adults who have made contributions to the spiritual development of youth in scouting. The requirements are somewhat less rigorous than for the St. George Award. Only in exceptional cases would the presentation of a Bronze Pelican Award not precede the presentation of a St. George Award to the same honoree.

INSTRUCTIONS

Candidates for the awards are to be chosen by the Catholic Committee on Scouting.

Candidate Qualifications:

- The person sought as a recipient of the Bronze Pelican should be one of excellent character and an exemplary role model.
- Recipients should be adults currently active with the organizations served (ideally registered members).
- Awards may be given to clergy, religious, laymen or women either Catholic or non-Catholic.
- Catholic recipients should be active, practicing Catholics with the support of their congregations and their respective pastors. Non-Catholic congregations and clergy should support their non-Catholic candidates as well.
- In most cases the Bronze Pelican is presented to a selected nominee who has significantly influenced Catholic scouting for at least three years. The St. George Emblem is usually presented to a nominee who is a Bronze Pelican honoree and who has continued to influence Catholic Scouting.

Selection Guidelines

The following list is given as examples of some of the services performed by nominees. It is not inclusive as there are many other accomplishments, which could promote the spiritual good of scouts. However, the selection committee is asked to consider each of the items mentioned in this list.

1. Promotes the Catholic Religious Emblem programs or actively serves as a counselor. Encourages non-Catholic scouts to participate in the religious emblem programs of their faith.
2. Actively participates in scout retreats and other activities and religious programs sponsored by the Catholic Committee on Scouting. Is instrumental in having scouts and other adults participate.
3. Provides outstanding service in promoting and participating in Scout Sunday observance.
4. Provides notable service in bringing more boys to scouting under Catholic auspices.
5. Assists parishes and Catholic organizations in recruiting scoutmasters and other key leaders.
6. Is fully trained in the aims, goals, methods and skills of scouting. Is outstanding in his/her sense of responsibility and sets good example.
7. Assumes responsibility for transporting Catholic scouts to Mass during campouts, camporees and summer camp. Provides for the spiritual needs of non-Catholics in his/her charge.
8. Creates a better understanding of the aims, goals and ideals of scouting by the clergy and laity through the Catholic press and other communication media.
9. Fosters good relationship with the Scout Council and is capable of interpreting Catholic programs to Council members.

NOMINATION FORM FOR ADULT AWARDS

THE BRONZE PELICAN AWARD

CANDIDATE

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

NAME OF SPOUSE _____ NAME(S) OF CHILDREN _____

PARISH _____ TOWN _____

REGISTERED and ACTIVE IN SCOUTING for _____ years

UNIT _____ COUNCIL _____

PARISH APPROVAL

The above named nominee is approved as worthy of receiving the Bronze Pelican or St. George Award.

Pastor's Signature _____ Date _____

DIOCESAN APPROVAL

The Catholic Committee for the Diocese of Worcester voted in the majority and certifies that the record of service of the above named candidate has been carefully reviewed and that this candidate meets the requirements for receiving an award.

Chairman of the selection committee's signature

Date

Scout Chaplain / Episcopal Liaison signature

Date

CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING RECORD

Record of Candidate

Describe **outstanding** service to the **spiritual development** of Catholic boys in the scouting apostolate.

Please give pertinent facts, such as dates, services provided, honors and offices held in the Archdiocese, parish, Boy Scouts of America and other community organizations. Please use the Selection Guidelines as a guide in listing qualifications. Use additional pages if needed.

In Parish and Diocese:

Boy Scouts of America:

Other community organizations

Questions can be sent to:

- Jamie Pitney – Committee Chair: Jamie_pitney@charter.net or (508) 414-8997
- Deacon Bill White – Episcopal Liaison for Scouting: wwhite@worchester.edu

Forward nominations to:

**Diocese of Worcester
New Evangelization Worcester
Attn: Deacon Bill White
Catholic Committee on Scouting
49 Elm Street
Worcester, MA 01609**

By February 20th of the year that the award is to be presented

Nominated by:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Date submitted: _____