

## NATIONAL CATHOLIC COMMITTEE FOR GIRL SCOUTS AND CAMP FIRE

A Standing Committee of the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry  
(Girl Scouts USA, Camp Fire, Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas, etc.)

### SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR ADULT RELIGIOUS RECOGNITIONS

#### ST. ANNE MEDAL

In February, 1980, the NCCGS & CF developed the guidelines and sample form contained here. They are not national requirements; rather, they are offered for your consideration in a spirit of service to diocesan committees and leaders. Feel free to reproduce or adapt the material presented here according to your diocesan situation. These suggestions pertain to the St. Anne Medal.

#### AIMS AND PURPOSES

The St. Anne Medal for adults working with Catholic members of national organizations serving girls is an award of the Department of Education, USCC. It was inaugurated at the Sixth National Conference on Catholic Youth Work in Philadelphia in November 1957 and it was redesigned in 1980. It is offered to those dioceses which choose to use it, subject to the approval of the local ordinary. It is the highest national award in this field. The purpose of the award is to honor the outstanding service of adults contributing to the spiritual development of Catholic members of girls' organizations, and to further Catholic adult leadership in youth ministry through organizations serving girls.

#### SELECTION PROCESS

- Nominations and recommendations may be made by anyone, using the official nomination forms obtained from the Diocesan Catholic Committee, Youth Director, or chaplain of the above organizations. Persons who were nominated in a previous year but were not selected may be renominated if still eligible.
- Each diocese should set the number of awards to be given in each year, placing emphasis on selectivity and genuine achievement. The optimum number of awards might be based on a number proportionate to diocesan size, but this does not mean that the entire quota must be awarded each year. No honorary awards should be made.
- A local diocesan selection committee should determine recipients of the awards. It is suggested that the committee be composed of five to seven members, including the Diocesan Youth Director and or Diocesan Chaplain. If possible, the committee should include previous recipients of the St. Anne Medal. Selections made by the committee and approved by the Diocesan Youth Director and/or Chaplain will be final. The committee should be appointed and activated at least sixty days before the date of presentation.

## **St. Anne Medal (cont.)**

### CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

The kind of person sought as a recipient of a national adult recognition should be one of excellent character and exemplary in every way.

Recipients should be adults currently active with the organizations served (ideally, registered members).

There are no national restrictions regarding recipients. Awards may be given to clergy, religious, non-Catholic, lay men or women.

Catholic recipients should be exemplary Catholics, with the support of their parish community and their respective pastors. Non-Catholic recipients should also be supported by their congregations and clergy.

The nominee:

1. Has given a minimum of seven years active service to youth as a adult member
2. Promotes the religious recognition programs for Catholic member and/or serves as a counselor. Encourages non-Catholic members to participate in the religious recognitions of their faith.
3. Gives notable service in promoting Catholic activities and service projects for the church and shows willingness to serve on like committees.
4. Participates actively in the Adult Spiritual Motivation program, retreats or days of recollection. Is instrumental in having others participate.
5. Gives outstanding service in promoting and participating in Girl Scout/Camp fire Sunday observances.
6. Gives notable service in extending the national organizations to more members under Catholic auspices.
7. Assists parishes and Catholic organizations in recruiting adults for key leadership positions.
8. Is fully trained in the skills of the organization and is outstanding for his/her sense of responsibility, humility and good example.
9. Is responsible for Catholic members being transported to Mass at camporees and summer camps and provides for spiritual needs of the non-Catholics within these groups.
10. Creates a better understanding of the aims and ideals of the organizations by the clergy and laity through the Catholic press and other communications media.
11. Is instrumental in organizing and promoting these programs for all members regardless of race or creed and gives leadership.
12. Encourages the true spirit of ecumenism as well as parochial responsibility and Catholic leadership within the girls' organizations served.
13. Fosters good relationship with Council and is capable of interpreting Catholic programs to Council members.

NOMINATION FORM

ST. ANNE MEDAL

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT AND PROVIDE ALL INFORMATION.

NOMINEE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH PARISH: \_\_\_\_\_

(1) YEARS AS AN ADULT MEMBER:

Girl Scouts: \_\_\_\_\_ Camp Fire: \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate Others: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) POSITION NOW IN:

Girl Scouts: \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Fire: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

(3) POSITIONS PREVIOUSLY HELD IN GIRL SCOUTS/CAMP FIRE/OTHER:

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(4) PLEASE STATE SPECIFICALLY WHAT CONTRIBUTIONS THE CANDIDATE HAS MADE IN THE SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT OF CATHOLIC MEMBERS IN THE ABOVE ORGANIZATIONS THAT WOULD MERIT THIS AWARD:

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**St. Anne Medal (cont.)**

(5) PLEASE RECORD OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CANDIDATE, WITH POSITIONS HELD AND DATES, SPECIFICALLY IN REGARD TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PARISH, DIOCESE, ORGANIZATION SERVED (girl scouts, camp fire, other: business, civic, religious, educational organizations).

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ENDORSEMENTS:

I HEREBY AFFIRM THE NOMINATION OF: \_\_\_\_\_  
AS WORTHY OF THIS RECOGNITION.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Priest's Name Church Parish

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Pastor or Parish Priest Date

The above named candidate is currently registered and active in: \_\_\_\_\_  
of the above organization, and has been registered as an adult member for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Council Representative Date

Nomination Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

NOTE: NOMINATION IS TO BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL. THE PERSON MAKING THE NOMINATION WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE RESULTS.

**Send this form to:**  
**Catholic Committee On Scouting, 118114 Coursey Blvd., P.M.B. 422, Baton Rouge, La 70816**

Approval by Committee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson

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Chaplain

(This form to be used and retained by the Diocese.)

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