

Deacon Mike:

I ask that Scout John Carrera and Scout Erik Kaplan please stand.

John and Erik pursued a discipline of study, classroom discussion sessions, and a board of review to complete the requirements for the Catholic Scouting Religious Emblem called Ad Altare Dei. They were presented with their emblems at the Catholic Scouting Convocation at St. Agnes Cathedral on September 15, 2019. John and Erik, congratulations on your hard work and noble achievement.

(pause for probable applause)

Of all that you've studied, the best lesson you may learn from this emblem is its very name, "Ad Altare Dei." It is Latin and it literally means "To the Altar of God." Come to the Altar of God always and often.

I now ask that all Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturers, and any members of Girl Scouts, USA, please stand. Adult Scouters and Scout Parents who nurture these young men and women, please stand.

The Scout Oath is your promise to do your best to be what God made you to be, a Saint, a person who is called to Holiness.

Please make the scout sign and say the Scout Oath with me.

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country; and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

The Scout Law is a list of 12 charisms or gifts that scouts seek to develop in themselves to serve God and others.

Please make the scout sign and say the Scout Law with me.

A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.

The Scout Motto is “Be Prepared.” Through your Catholic Faith and your scouting experience you will be prepared for whatever life has in store for you and to give loving service to others.

The Scout Slogan is “Do a Good Turn Daily.” Strive to live up to that! This community of St. Joseph calls that a “Work of Mercy”. If you find a way to do at least one good turn, one work of mercy, every day, you will be living the life of a saint!

Bow your heads for a blessing.

Father Bala:

God, our Father: Bless these scouts and those who nurture them. May they live up to the scout oath and law that they proclaim. May they be true and faithful disciples of your Son, Jesus. Through their service and good works may they bring glory to your Name. Bless us all in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.