

Bronze Pelican Award - Archdiocese of Detroit-CYO

The Bronze Pelican is established by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting for the recognition by a (Arch) Diocese of Youth Ministry service to the Catholic Church by a Scout Leader. In the Archdiocese of Detroit this award is given in recognition of service rendered primarily at the Scout Unit and Parish level.

Tenure of Service The recipient of the Bronze Pelican should have served Catholic Scouting for a minimum of three, or in many cases, five years. The shorter period of time might be appropriate for someone whose service intensely involves the Catholic faith (e.g. a Religious Emblems Counselor) while the longer tenure might be more appropriate for a Scout Leader (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Advisor) of a Catholic-chartered unit.

Nature of Service This award recognizes service at the Unit or Parish level (in contrast to the St. George award which generally recognizes BSA District or Council service or service to a Diocese). The Pelican can recognize Pack Emblems Coordinators or AAD/Pius XII Counselors who have undergone their Catholic training and have rendered more than two years of successful service. The Pelican can also be used to recognize Cub Scout, Boy Scout or Venturing adult leaders of units chartered to Catholic institutions (churches, schools, K of C councils). These individuals should have actively promoted the spiritual development of their Scouts, encouraging them to earn their Religious Emblems and leading them in Scout Sunday services, Archdiocesan masses and retreats. Catholics in units chartered to non-Catholic institutions qualify if they promoted the spiritual development of the youth in their unit (e.g. served as an AAD Counselor, ensuring that Catholic scouts have an opportunity to get to mass during weekend campouts, getting scouts to retreats). Religious Relations members of a District Committee are recognized after several years of service promoting Catholic Scouting with an emphasis on the spiritual development of the youth.

Parish Life Recipients ideally serve as an example for Catholic youth by actively participating in parish life in roles such as Lector, E.M., Music Ministry or other publicly-visible parish positions. They should encourage Scouts to take the lead in assisting in their parish liturgical celebrations.

Altruism of the Nomination Self-nominations are prohibited since the emblem should seek the candidate. Spouses and family members may nominate a candidate.

Ongoing Nature of Service A purpose of the award is to encourage future service at an even higher level. Therefore, the emblem is awarded only for current service and cannot be awarded for past service by someone who is no longer active in Catholic scouting.

Service by Non-Catholics This emblem can be awarded to a non-Catholic who promotes Catholic Scouting and who meets the criteria for Tenure and Service.