



GRAND RAPIDS CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING

GRAND RAPIDS DIOCESE

BISHOP BARAGA MISSIONARY TRAILS AWARD

As we begin to celebrate 100 years of Scouting in the United States it is important to know that 100 years ago our country was still a mission country in the eyes of the Roman Catholic Church. Bishop Fredrick Baraga was the Missionary Priest that set up a mission church on the west side of the Grand River in what is now Grand Rapids for the Ottawa in 1832. He spent the next 36 years ministering to Native Americans and settlers from Europe. Missionary Priests brought the Roman Catholic Church to America and continue to bring our faith to all corners of the World. To celebrate 100 years of Scouting, the Grand Rapids Catholic Committee on Scouting is offering the opportunity for Scouts to earn the Bishop Baraga Missionary Trails Award.

Complete all of the following:

1. Give a brief history of a Missionary Priest that served the Catholic Church in your Diocese. Bishop Baraga must be used for this requirement for the Grand Rapids Diocese.
2. Explain the difference between a Missionary Priest and a Diocesan Priest.
3. Visit a Catholic shrine and give a brief history of the shrine.
4. Pray the Stations of the Cross at the Shrine and describe the Crosses that a Missionary Priest may encounter as they spread our Catholic Faith throughout the World.
5. Attend a Mass at a church that was operating when the Boy Scouts of America was founded in 1910.
6. Explain how you as a Catholic Scout in the United States in 2010 can be like a missionary.
7. Prepare a map that shows the locations that the Missionary you choose preached the Word of God and Evangelized the native people.

The above requirements have been completed by _____
Date _____ Approved by _____ (Parent, Scout Leader or Pastor)

Mail the completed form along with \$15.00 for each medal and \$3.00 shipping and handling to:

Grand Rapids Catholic Committee on Scouting
6550 Belmont Ave NE
Belmont, MI 49306.

Please send the Baraga Award(s) to: Name: _____
Address: _____
City, State & Zip: _____

Please contact Scott Harvey at 616 364 9086 or by e-mail scottharvey@prodigy.net with any questions.