



ARCHDIOCESE OF DENVER

Catholic Committee on Scouting & Camp Fire

BRONZE PELICAN ADULT RECOGNITION

The Bronze Pelican is a Diocesan recognition given to adults who have made a significant and outstanding contribution to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in the Boy Scouts of America. It may be presented to any adult, Scouter or non-Scouter, member of the laity or religious, or a member of another faith in recognition of consistent support of the Scouting program under Catholic auspices within a Catholic chartered unit. Recipients of the award must be exemplary adults and members in good standing in their respective positions in Scouting and in their faith communities, and have the approval of their pastor(s) before the recognition is given. The Bronze Pelican is not earned; rather, suitable candidates are sought out by others and nominated for this award. No honorary awards are given.



Historical significance of the Pelican as a symbol.

The pelican has been used since the earliest days of the Church as a symbol of Christ's self-sacrifice giving of himself to his people. The pelican was often believed to pierce its own breast to provide life-giving blood to its young, just as Christ shed his own lifeblood to give His children life. Although this belief actually occurs because of the appearance of the pelican's pouch-like bill during the mother's feeding of the young, the pelican remains an excellent symbol of adult leaders who give of themselves to nurture youth.

Guide for nomination and selection for the Bronze Pelican

The following are general guidelines for appropriate candidates for the Bronze Pelican. Candidates should be noteworthy in the following three areas. General Scouting achievements alone do not qualify a person to receive the Bronze Pelican. Although accomplishment and sustained dedication are more significant than a specific number of years in Scouting, it is expected that most candidates will have a record of three or more years of commitment, and that the Bronze Pelican will be presented before a candidate is nominated for the St. George emblem.

SEND COMPLETED RECOMMENDATION FORM TO:

Archdiocese of Denver
Catholic Committee on Scouting
c/o Mike Dunn, Secretary
2393 W. 23rd Circle
Golden, CO 80401

RECOMMENDATION FOR BRONZE PELICAN

NOMINEE:

Name: _____ Phone No.: _____

Address: _____ City: _____, CO Zip: _____

Parish: _____ City: _____, CO

Primary Scouting Position: _____ Unit Type & No.: _____

Charter Partner: _____ Council: Denver Area Longs Peak

Total years of service: To Scouting: _____ To Youth: _____ In Diocese: _____

NOMINATOR:

Name: _____ Phone No.: _____

Address: _____ City: _____, CO Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

[Note: Nomination should be kept *confidential*.]

NOMINEE INFORMATION:

1. Date of Catholic Scouter Development Training. _____
2. What has Nominee done to provide Catholic content and action in Scouting (i.e., work on religious awards, etc.).

3. If the Nominee is not associated with a unit, list his/her accomplishments toward Catholic Scouting.

4. List dates and places Nominee has participated in religious retreats, pilgrimages, or Camporee in Unit, District, Council or Area basis.

5. List dates of participation in Archdiocesan Scout Sunday, including attendance at Religious Emblems Recognition Ceremony.

6. How has Nominee promoted Catholic action at encampment activities?

7. How has Nominee supported the Catholic Committee on Scouting and Camp Fire?

8. List religious accomplishments of note with youth and religious community.

9. How does the nominee live an exemplary religious life?

10. Other significant activities, accomplishments, awards, etc.

Additional Comments:

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DCCS Selection Committee Chairman

Date of Approval

DCCS Diocesan Committee Chairman

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DCCS Chaplain

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