

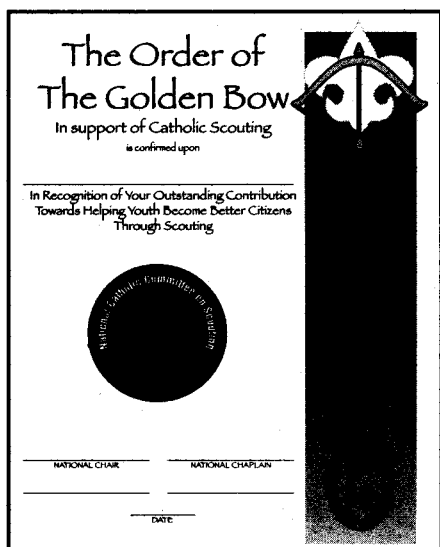


National Catholic Committee on Scouting®

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP INITIATIVE

Golden Bow Membership Initiative and/or Service Recognitions

Recognition is available for Unit Members, Leaders and other individuals working to increase the availability and quality of Scouting to Catholic Youth as a part of the Scouting as Youth Ministry Program.



Golden Bow Certificate

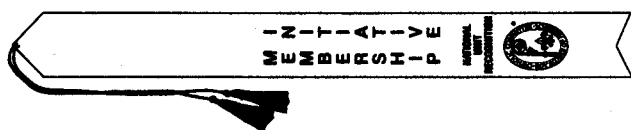
Presented at the discretion of (Arch)Diocesan/Eparchial and Unit committees to adult leaders, committee members and others who have made a commitment to the NCCS Membership Initiative or performed service to a Unit. The certificate is intended to promote commitment to Scouting as a Youth Ministry in Scout Units with Catholic Chartered Organizations and should include Unit Leadership, Pastors, School Principals, PSR/CCD Directors, (Arch)Diocesan/Eparchial Committee Members, etc. The award should be made for commitment and not be held back for performance. Adults working with and in existing Units should be considered as well as those assisting the formation of new Units. Notable service in any capacity to the Catholic Scouting Program should be acknowledged.



Golden Bow Achievement Patch

Presented by Unit Leaders to any Scout who has recruited a new member to a Catholic Chartered Unit or a Catholic youth to any Unit in the past twelve (12) months (may be earned several times). Leader may also present the patch to the recruited member. Local BSA Councils also offer incentive awards for recruiting and these should also be encouraged. Registered adult leaders and youth members in Units increasing their membership by more than 10% (or a minimum of three new members) are also eligible to receive the patch and should be included in the recognition.

Membership Initiative Streamer



Presented by (Arch)Diocesan/Eparchial committees to units increasing their membership by more than 10% (or a minimum of three new members) in the past twelve (12) months.

The "Golden Bow" symbolizes the arrow shot from a bow straight toward its target. The bow represents leadership and chartered organizations - the arrow, Catholic Scouting Programs - the target, Catholic youth in our communities. The Golden Bow is a symbol, then, of our intention to deliver quality Catholic Scouting programs to as many Catholic youth as possible by strengthening charter relationships, building new units, and recruiting more youth and adult members. Our goal is to make the Scouting ministry available to every Catholic youth.

