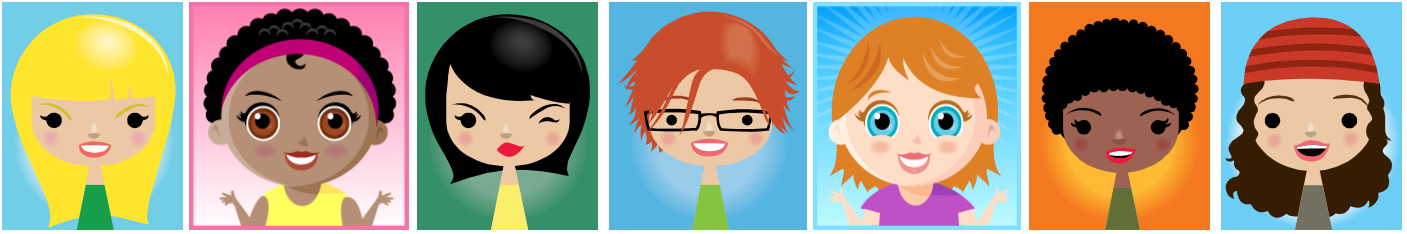


# CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS AWARD AWARENESS



Many religious groups have special awards for Girl Scouts of their faith. Religious recognition programs are created by religious groups (not by Girl Scouts of the USA or GSSNE) to encourage girls to grow stronger in their faith. A girl works with her own family and religious leaders to complete the requirements for these awards. Booklets and information for girls of Protestant faiths, Jewish and some Eastern religions can be purchased at the Council Office shop. Booklets for the Catholic faith can be purchased through the Office of Catholic Youth Ministry. A troop with girls of different religions may work together on activities that are similar and then meet individually with their priest, minister or rabbi to complete the award.

## Highlighted here are the Catholic Religious Awards available for Girl Scouts in Rhode Island

### DAISY/BROWNIE LEVELS:

#### **GOD IS LOVE (Grades K –1)**

This National program helps students discover an appreciation that God created, cares for, and loves us all.

#### **FOR THE LOVE OF GOD (Grades 1 & 2)**

This Diocesan developed program is worked with a moderator and the girl's parents. It helps to make girls become more aware of God's love in their daily lives.

#### **FAMILY OF GOD (Grades 2 & 3)**

This National program's purpose is to help the child explore a wide range of activities & discover the presence of God in her life as a member of their family & parish. Parents and adults serve as advisors to the child and help her grow in religious awareness by talking about the experiences that make up the program.

### JUNIOR LEVEL:

#### **HOLY FAMILY (Grades 4 & 5)**

This Diocesan developed award is given for advancement in religious knowledge and spiritual formation. Its purpose is to help the girl become more aware of God's presence in her daily life through home and community.

**ALL ABOVE awards are presented at a parish liturgy, usually during Girl Scout Month, or at the discretion of the moderator and the parish priest.**

### JUNIOR, CADETTE, SENIOR AND AMBASSADOR LEVELS:

#### **I LIVE MY FAITH (Grade 6-8)**

This National award program enables the girls to grow as a Christian person and to take her place as an active and responsible member of her family, parish, troop and community. The girl participates with a trained counselor for a period of 3-6 months on activities and projects outlined in the project book.

#### **MARIAN MEDAL (Grades 7-12)**

The purpose of this National program is to provide the girl with a unique opportunity to develop new insights into herself, friends, family and the world around her. The Marian Medal enables girls to discuss and share in order to come to a better understanding of the Christian life. They have the opportunity to look at their values, their approaches to life, their relationship with God and their understanding of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Above all, they have the opportunity to grow in an understanding of their Catholic faith and its traditions. The girl participates in the program with a trained moderator and in a team/group. It takes approximately a year to complete the projects and activities required. The girl is required to participate in the Diocesan Day of Recollection scheduled prior to the presentation ceremony.

#### **SPIRIT ALIVE (Grade 9-12)**

This National program's purpose is to help youth discover the Holy Spirit acting in their lives. It fosters spiritual growth through challenging youth to build a solid foundation for their faith. At the same time it draws the young person into "responsible participation in the faith community". Each of the program's four chapters has three sections: Research, dialogue and activities. The research can be done alone or in a group setting. The dialogue section is to be carried out with the help of an adult counselor. Activities help the girls apply what they have learned to their own lives.

**The I LIVE MY FAITH, MARIAN, and the SPIRIT ALIVE MEDALS are presented by the Bishop to Girl Scouts at the Scout Sunday Celebration held each year in the Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul, Providence.**

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to serve God and my country,  
to help people at all times,  
and to live by the



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