



*Roman Catholic*  
**DIOCESE of WINONA**

**Winona Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting**



## ADULT NOMINATION FORM

**Saint George Emblem**

**Saint Anne Medal**



**Bronze Pelican Emblem**

**Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Medal**



### OVERVIEW

The Diocese of Winona recognizes adults who have made a significant and outstanding contribution to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), the American Heritage Girls (AHG), and the Girl Scouts of the USA (GSUSA). These awards are open to laity and clergy, Catholic and non-Catholic, male and female. The Catholic youth being served may be in Catholic or non-Catholic units.

BSA honorees are first presented the Bronze Pelican, which is defined and awarded by the diocese. This is followed by the St. George Emblem, awarded by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS) acting through the local diocese. AHG or GSUSA honorees are first presented the Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Medal and then the Saint Anne Medal, both through the auspices of the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM). These awards are not earned. Candidates are nominated and approved by the diocese.

The diocese may annually award up to three (3) St. George Emblems, three (3) Saint Anne Medals, six (6) Bronze Pelicans, and six (6) Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Medals. Emphasis is on being selective, and it is not required to award them all. Final selection is made by a committee of at least three (3) persons appointed annually by the Scout Chaplain or the Chairperson of the Winona Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting (WDCCS). No posthumous or honorary recognitions are allowed.

### HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Bronze Pelican: The pelican is an ancient Christian symbol signifying the relationship of Jesus Christ with His people. As Christ sacrifices His holy blood to sustain us, it was believed that a mother pelican pierced her own breast to give her life's blood to her young to nurture it in times of need. We recognize the sacrifice of adults as they nurture Catholic youth.

St. George: He was a knight and martyred in the year 303. Early stories describe his public witness of faith, arrest, brave suffering, and martyrdom. A later legend concerning the rescue of the king's daughter may have led to him being a defender of virtue and living in service to others. Scouters are asked, like St. George, to publicly commit to their ideals.

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton: She was widowed with five young children at age 29 and converted to Catholicism. She established a school for girls in Baltimore and then founded the Sisters of Charity, an educational ministry for girls and women. It is in the spirit of her work for education and young women that this medal is awarded.

Saint Anne: The mother of the Virgin Mary is a most fitting role model and the inspiration for the highest aims of those serving young Catholic women.

## GUIDE FOR NOMINATION AND SELECTION

### The nominee shall...

- ◆ Be 21 years of age.
- ◆ Be of excellent character, displaying behavior that reflects the Gospel values and the values of the organization.
- ◆ Complete the diocesan *VIRTUS® Online* training.
- ◆ Serve actively with the organization, but registration is not necessarily required.
- ◆ Serve Catholic youth in the Diocese of Winona a minimum number of years:
  - a) three (3) years of **noteworthy** service for Bronze Pelican and Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Medal
  - b) five (5) years of **outstanding** service for St. George Emblem and Saint Anne Medal
- ◆ Serve tenure actively in one or more of these positions:
  - a) Parish or Unit Scout Sunday Coordinator
  - b) Parish or Unit Religious Emblems Coordinator
  - c) Religious Emblems Counselor or Moderator
  - d) Unit Chaplain
  - e) Winona Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting
  - f) Promote Catholic faith to youth in another noteworthy way

The following considerations are offered as **only a guide** in gauging the nominee's worthiness. Accomplishment and sustained dedication are more significant than a specific number of years in Scouting. Bronze Pelican and Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton requirements are somewhat less rigorous than that of the St. George and Saint Anne:

- ◆ Promotes the religious emblems programs for Catholic youths or serves as a counselor, moderator, or coordinator. Is trained as a counselor. Encourages non-Catholic youths to participate in the religious emblems programs of their own faiths.
  - ◆ Gives notable service in promoting Catholic activities and service projects for the church and is willing to serve on committees for those purposes.
  - ◆ Actively participates in and promoting Scout retreats and days of recollection.
  - ◆ Provides notable service in promoting and participating in Scout Sunday observance.
  - ◆ Gives notable service in organizing and maintaining Catholic-chartered Scouting units including multiple units where needed.
  - ◆ Gives notable service in bringing the Catholic program to those youths not in Catholic-chartered Scouting units.
  - ◆ Uses fully his/her general Scouter training as well as "Scouter Development" to provide an outstanding Catholic Scouting program for youths.
  - ◆ Arranges opportunities for Mass and other Catholic worship services at camporees and summer camps. These must be consistent with the documents of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. Provides also for the spiritual needs of non-Catholic Scouts.
  - ◆ Encourages appropriate ecumenism and Catholic leadership within the various Catholic-chartered Scouting units.
  - ◆ Uses the Catholic press and other communications media to create a better understanding of the aims and ideals of Scouting as an apostolate to youths.
  - ◆ Educates clergy and laity about Scouting as a youth apostolate in the Catholic Church.
  - ◆ Gives leadership in promoting Scouting for all youths regardless of race or creed. Helps organize Scouting units for minority and disadvantaged youths.
  - ◆ Has been involved in adult catechesis, RCIA, or study in the Catholic Faith or in own faith community.
- \*Note: A long career can influence whether service is considered noteworthy or outstanding.**

### SEND THIS COMPLETED NOMINATION FORM TO THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS AT THE DIOCESE OF WINONA

The St. George and the Saint Anne are the highest recognitions for adults. Only in special cases would the presentation of a Bronze Pelican or Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton not precede these awards to the same person. An example would be an adult who received the St. George from another Diocese before moving into, and being nominated for the Bronze Pelican by, the Diocese of Winona. **Only St. George recipients are allowed to wear the BSA adult religious emblems knot.**

The NCCS limit of one St. George annually plus one additional emblem for every 20 Catholic-chartered units or fractions thereof within the diocese is the basis for the annual quota. The total number of units is based on the records at the national office on Dec. 31 of the year preceding the nomination. **One order form is submitted to the national office as required for national awards. Do not send this form.**

Nominations may be made all during the year, but the deadline is December 1<sup>st</sup>. The selection committee then considers all nominations, with awards being available to recipients by Scout Sunday in February.

## NOMINATION

**RECORD OF NOMINEE:**

*Using the guide-points below, describe the outstanding service the nominee has given to the spiritual development of Catholic youths through the Scouting apostolate. Include pertinent dates. Use additional sheets of paper as needed. Greatest emphasis should be placed on the first point below.*

- 1. Service to or positions held in the spiritual development of Catholic youths in the Scouting apostolate.**
- 2. Service to or positions held in the Boy Scouts of America, American Heritage Girls, or Girl Scouts of the USA.**
- 3. Service to or positions held in the parish, (arch)diocese/eparchy, or both.**
- 4. Service to or positions held in other organizations (business, civic, religious, educational, and fraternal).**

**NOMINEE:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Diocese: Winona  
Registered in Scouting as: \_\_\_\_\_ Council: \_\_\_\_\_  
Occupation and employer: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (home, business, pager, or cell) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Years serving Catholic youth: \_\_\_\_ Nominee has previously earned the ☐ Bronze Pelican, ☐ St. George,  
☐ Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, ☐ Saint Anne

**RECOMMENDED BY:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (home, business, pager, or cell) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Date submitted: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**Pastor Signature:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the candidate's pastor, know of no reason for refusal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
Date

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**DIOCESAN SELECTION COMMITTEE APPROVAL:**

The adult awards selection committee of the Diocese of Winona certifies that the record of service of this nominee has been carefully reviewed and that the nominee meets the standards for the ☐ Bronze Pelican Emblem, ☐ St. George Emblem, ☐ Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Medal, or ☐ Saint Anne Medal. The nominee is hereby selected for reception.

Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Selection Committee Chairperson

**DIOCESAN APPROVAL:**

Based upon the above-named candidate's pastor, as indicated above, stating no reason why the candidate should not receive the indicated emblem, and based upon approval of the selection committee, the candidate is approved.

Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Diocesan Scout Chaplain

**WINONA DIOCESAN CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING OFFICE RECORD:**

Date emblem ordered: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Date emblem received: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Date emblem presented: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Presented by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send application to the following address:**

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Attn: Department of Youth and Young Adults  
55 W. Sanborn  
PO Box 588  
Winona, MN 55987