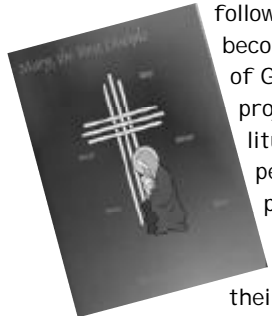


The *Mary, the First Disciple* program is written for young Catholics, grades 7 to 10 (ages 12 to 15), to grow in appreciation of Mary and in understanding themselves. They will meet Mary in Scripture as a young teenager and



follow her journey, as she becomes a woman and the Mother of God. Through various projects, discussions, and liturgical celebrations over a period of months, the participants are provided with a unique opportunity to develop new insights into their personalities, friends,

parents, and the world around them. This revised version of the Marian Medal Project book demonstrates the importance of Mary for all generations and cultures. A separate leaders guide for adults is available.

*The Spirit Alive* program is designed for Catholic youth in high school grades 9 to 12 (ages 15-17) who are in the senior level of Girl Scouts or Horizon Club and Teens in Action of Camp Fire. It assists them in discovering how the Holy Spirit moves in their lives, calling them to greater participation in the church's ministry. A separate guide book for adults is available.



### Adult Recognitions

The *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton* medal recognizes any adult who serves Catholic youth through national organizations like Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. and Camp Fire USA, the *St. Anne* medal, is the highest recognition for adults.

### Ordering Program Books

Program books may be purchased directly from the local diocesan liaison or the NFCYM. Order online at <http://www.nfcym.org/store> using a credit card. The NFCYM also accepts pre-paid orders by mail and fax.

### Recognition Medals and Patches

Religious recognitions are administered and awarded by the diocese according to local needs and tradition. Youth and adults are encouraged to contact the diocesan youth ministry office for more information on local awards (medals and patches).



### National and Local Leadership

The National Catholic Committee for Girl Scouts and Camp Fire is a management committee of the NFCYM and is comprised of 14 regional representatives. Each diocese designates a liaison who serves as the local contact for Girl Scouts and Camp Fire religious recognitions.



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## Girl Scouts of the USA and Camp Fire USA: Partners in Youth Ministry

Today, when youth ministers and Girl Scout or Camp Fire leaders get together, they share resources and learn from one another. This positive, cooperative relationship enables these adults to effectively serve Catholic young people. Partnerships include work on service projects, retreats, program activities, and camping to name a few.

### Girl Scouts USA

Girl Scouts of the USA is committed to helping today's girls become tomorrow's leaders. For more than 90 years, the Girl Scout program has delivered quality experiences for girls age 5 to 17, locally, nationally, and internationally.

The Girl Scout program is "girl-driven," reflecting the ever-changing needs and interests of its participants. The program encourages increased skill building and responsibility, and promotes the development of strong leadership and decision-making skills. All activities are age-appropriate and based on the Four Program Goals, as well as the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

### Camp Fire USA

Camp Fire USA is a youth development organization serving 735,000 children and youth annually in hundreds of communities across the United States. Founded in 1910, Camp Fire USA's coeducational, outcome-based programs include youth leadership, self-reliance, after school groups, camping and environmental education, and child care. Serving youth from

birth to 21, Camp Fire USA helps boys and girls learn and play—side by side—in comfortable, informal settings.

### National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry

The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) seeks to foster positive and value-centered programs for Catholic youth. Girl Scouts of the USA and Camp Fire USA are commended for their continued commitment to the faith development of youth in their programs.

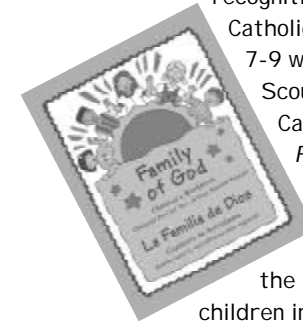
Catholic youth ministry, Girl Scouts, and Camp Fire have collaborated in various ways for more than twenty years. These programs are committed to building assets in the youth they serve through quality programming. The Catholic Religious Recognition Programs, administered by the National Catholic Committee for Girl Scouts and Camp Fire, under the auspices of the NFCYM, allow young people to explore and become more involved in their Catholic faith.



## Programs and Recognitions

### Youth Recognitions

*Family of God* is the official religious recognition program of the Roman Catholic Church for children ages 7-9 who are enrolled in the Girl Scouts, Camp Fire, and other Catholic youth organizations. *Family of God* is a bilingual activity series developed to complement the catechetical efforts of the parish and families with children in the second and third grades. Revised and transliterated into Spanish in July 2004, the program helps children discover the presence of God in their daily lives as members of their family and parish.



The *I Live My Faith* program is designed to help Girl Scouts and Camp Fire members, grades 4 to 6 (ages 9 to 11), appreciate more deeply the place that God and religion occupy in their daily life. The action-oriented program activities focus on developing awareness within the individual of his/her potential as a growing person, friend, family member, citizen, and a participant in the community of faith. To assist adults working with groups of participants, an adult guide is included in the program booklet.

