



Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Office for Youth and Young Adults
Catholic Committee for Girl Scouts & Camp Fire USA

ADULT RELIGIOUS RECOGNITION'S

The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award and the St. Anne Medal were instituted by the Department of Education of the United States Catholic Conference to recognize the significant contributions of adults serving the spiritual needs of Catholic youth in national youth organizations.

The St. Katharine Drexel Award was instituted by the Archdiocesan Catholic Committee for Girl Scouts & Camp Fire in 2005 to recognize the outstanding service of adults contributing to the spiritual development of Catholic youth through religious recognition programs and activities throughout the diocese and to further Catholic leadership in youth ministry through organizations serving youth.

The For God and Youth Awards is the highest recognition given by a diocese from the National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministry for exceptional service to youth and in furthering the cause of youth ministry within their organization, diocese, and parish over a long period of time.

The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award: This recognition is presented to adults who serve the spiritual needs of Catholic youth as Advisors or Coordinators of the Diocesan Religious Recognition Programs for at least **three years**, or who has contributed to the Girl Scout ministry on a parish level over a period of **three years**.

Selection Guidelines:

- * Nominee should have a minimum of **three years** active leadership with youth in the Religious Recognition Program of the Diocese.
- * Helps promote activities which contribute to the spiritual development of Catholic youth.
- * Pursue opportunities for personal spiritual growth and development.
- * Encourages ecumenism while preserving parochial responsibility and Catholic leadership.
- * Contribute other services to their local parish and community.
- * Exhibits a good sense of responsibility, humility and good example to the youth.

The St. Anne Medal: This recognition is presented to adults who have contributed notable service to youth, over a period of **five to seven years** on a council level, demonstrating a willingness to serve as a leader in developing Catholic youth activities, an/or to those who have made a contribution to Scouting in the field of Catholic relationships. Recipients should have received the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award.

Two endorsements are required. See attached form.

Selection Guidelines:

- * Nominee should have received the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award.
- * Have a minimum of **five to seven years** of active leadership with youth on a broader level. (Parish, Council or Catholic Committee)
- * Promote the religious recognition programs serving as an advisor or coordinator for them.
- * Give notable service in promoting and participating in Catholic activities and services for youth (e.g. Masses, retreats, pilgrimages etc.).
- * Willingness to serve on committees to help promote activities and services for Catholic youth.
- * Attend religious workshops training for advisors or coordinators of religious recognition programs.

- * Be a role model of responsibility, humility, and Christian ideals for youth.
- * Contribute services to their local parish community.
- * Be responsible for Catholic members' spiritual needs while camping, at summer camp and traveling and also to provide for the spiritual needs of the non-Catholic members of the group.

The **Katharine Drexel Award**: This is given to adults who exhibit outstanding service, contributing to the spiritual development of Catholic youth through religious recognition programs and activities throughout the diocese and to further Catholic leadership in youth ministry through organizations serving youth. This would have been done over a period of **ten or more years**. Two endorsements are required. See attached form

Selection Guidelines:

- * Nominee must have received the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and the St. Anne awards.
- * The outstanding service contributed should have been such that it is well known throughout their **Parish** promoting the use of the Religious Recognition programs, special retreat days, and other activities that enrich the girls faith.
Council Actively advocating for the Catholic Girl Scouts, as well as programs and activities that promote the values of our faith.
Catholic Committee Work with the Catholic Committee as a Trainer, Retreat facilitator, or with special projects.
- * Be a role model of responsibility, humility, and Christian ideals for youth in the best tradition of St. Katharine Drexel.

Companions on the Journey: This prestigious recognition is given by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry to adults who have made a significant impact on youth ministry within their organization, parish and on a diocesan level. Nominees must be recipients of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and the St. Anne Medals. They must be actively serving young people for **fifteen years or more**.

Two recommendations are required; one from their council and the other from a deacon or priest.

Selection Guidelines:

- * Nominee continues to demonstrate the guidelines which are required for the St. Anne and the St. Katharine Drexel.
- * Actively advocates for a vibrant youth ministry program at the parish, district, and council levels.
- * Recruits other adults to serve as advisors for the religious growth projects to youth in their organization.
- * Assists in training adults to continue the ministry of the religious growth projects.

Nominations for Adult Religious Recognition Awards must be received at the Catholic Committee office no later than **February 1st** of the current year.

Please use the Nomination Form provided.

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