



# The Encounter Newsletter

“A meeting place”

Catholic Committee  
For  
Girl Scouts & Camp Fire

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## National News— NCCYM 2006 Regional—Special meeting planned

### Regional News

Region 3 of the National Catholic Committee for Girl Scouts & Camp Fire will gather Saturday September 9th thru 10th in Carlisle, PA.

This year our meeting will be followed by a joint meeting to the BSA and the Diocesan Directors of our Region. This is the first meeting of its' kind in the country. We will be discussing how to better serve the youth of our diocese and parishes in partnership with the diocesan office and the parish youth ministers.

We are planning to have a guest speaker and that will be announce soon.

If anyone is interested in attending please call Pat at 215-965-4636 to get more detailed information.

### National News

The National Catholic Conference for Youth Ministry was held in early December, in Las Vegas at this event the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry will celebrated it's 25th Anniversary.

## Archdiocesan Catholic Committee for Girl Scouts & Camp Fire—Looking for New Members.

Our local committee is looking for new members to enrich the committee. We need more representatives in the Bucks and Delaware County areas. We meet only 5 times a year and plan and carry out the Annual Mass as well as Encounter & Spirit Day programs. Meetings are kept short and to the point.

Special festivities included walks down memory lane, cake, and a history lesson.

It was also at this meeting that our own Pat Antonacci attended her Board orientation and first Board meeting. Pat was asked to serve on the Board of Directors for the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry in July. She will serve as the Board rep for NCCGSCF.

Congratulations Pat.

### NFCYM Annual Membership Mtg.

In January the Annual membership meeting of the NFCYM met in Colorado Springs, CO. At this meeting Pat began her official duties as a member of the Board of Directors and Liaison to the NCCGSCF Management Committee. On the agenda this year was taking a look at I Live My Faith for possible revisions and beginning the process for a new logo for NCCGSCF. More details to come.

Two of the meetings will now be over dinner as we are the review board for the Drexel, Marian and The Spirit Alive programs. The commitment is for two years and you can renew or choose to go on to other things. In order to keep current we need new blood on the committee.

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## Training News

### Welcome April Training Class

Marie Berry	SS. Peter & Paul
Katherine Burke	St. Anastasia
Terry Carrozzino	St. Isidore
Angela Culloty	St. Joseph, Aston
Deborah Davis	SS. Peter & Paul
Lisa Devenney	IHM & St. Philip
Donna Devlin	St. Isidore
Carrie Erdlen	St. Anastasia
Cheryl MacDonald	St. John the Baptist
Gretchen Nichter	SS. Peter & Paul
Patti Tulske	St. Anastasia

### Summer Training Class

Joyce Hepting	Assumption BVM
Gerri Sauers	Assumption BVM
Susan Joseph	Assumption BVM
Joyce Keller	Our Lady of Good Counsel
Peggy Pelosi	St Ignatius
Teresa Schwarz	Bl. Teresa of Calcutta

### Fall Training Class

Susan Diebold	St Katharine—Wayne
Kimberly Yavorski	St Joseph

**If you attended a training class and your name does not appear on the list please contact Pat at [pantonac@adphila.org](mailto:pantonac@adphila.org) and confirm your training date and site.**

### UPCOMING TRAINING

#### Religious Program Coordinator

June 2                      9:30—12:30                      Shelly Ridge

To register contact Bonne Peters at the GSSP council office. Or check on the council web page.

## 2006-2007 Event Report

**November 18<sup>th</sup>** Junior Encounter Program at the Drexel Shrine

Our thanks to those who attended this event . This is a beautiful facility and the Sisters are so welcoming. We had a tour of the shrine, learned about the new addition to their building and the wonderful stained glass window, which is the height of the building. Although only one troop took advantage of this particular Encounter it was a great success for both the girls and the facilitator.

**December 9<sup>th</sup>** Brownie Spirit Day at the Drexel Shrine

Three troops attended this day at the Shrine. We hosted over 60 brownies working on Child of Mary I and Family of God programs. Although it some tight quarters we all managed to have an amazing day. The girls took a tour of the Shrine and Chapel and completed some great crafts. The prayer service at the end of the day was our highlight. The girls did a wonderful job. Special thanks to the adult leaders and Moms that stayed to help us. We learned a lot about doing this day with the girls and perhaps next year we will have enough to do two sessions and AM and a PM.

**February 25<sup>th</sup>** Junior Encounter Program  
This was canceled—no registrations.

### New Schedule of Events 07-08

Flyers for the Encounter programs and the Spirit Day for 2007-2008 will be posted on the web page by April 1st.

If you are planning on working on Religious Programs next program year try to plan on of these days into your program They are a great help to the advisors and a wonderful leaning experience for the girls.

Watch on the web page for the new flyers and registration materials. [www.ooya.org/ccgscf.html](http://www.ooya.org/ccgscf.html).

**PROGRAM MATERIALS**

There are a few changes in our material prices for the coming year..

Family of God Books	\$5.00
Pin	\$5.25
I Live My Faith Books	\$5.00
Pin	\$5.25
Kateri Plays	\$2.00 set
Drexel Philadelphia Story	\$2.75
Marian Resource Packet	\$6.25 NEW

**2007 Recognition Mass**

This year’s Annual Recognition Mass will be held Sunday March 18, at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter & Paul. Our Celebrants will be Bishop Robert Maginnis and Msgr. Richard Bolger

If you have not yet received your Mass mailing please contact Pat. This mailing went out to every registered troop in January. Please watch the RSVP date for participation in the Mass. The deadline is February 23rd..

**THE WEB PAGE**

[www.oyya.org/ccgscf.html](http://www.oyya.org/ccgscf.html)

Reminder that Program Registration forms are now the web page. Just download the generic form and fill it out and send it to the office with your check. Registration fee will remain at \$1.00 per participant.

Also on the web page you will find the flyers and registration materials for the Encounter and Spirit days.

**Remember All registrations must be in the**

**OTHER PROGRAM CHANGES**

Other program changes include a Board of Review for all Drexel, Marian & Spirit Alive participants’ work. This will happen in the first weeks of March, so all of the work for these three programs must be in the office by the end of February each year.

Also after the beginning of the program year we will post on the web page the criteria and forms for nominating adults for Recognition.

If you have any suggestions for improving service or programs please contact Pat at [pantonac@adphila.org](mailto:pantonac@adphila.org).

**Scouting Rosary Patch**

The Rosary patch for the Glorious Mysteries is available through the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (BSA) The requirements are available online at [www.nccs-bsa.org](http://www.nccs-bsa.org) You can download them and complete the program and then mail the check and your information to the NCCS. Please remember the patches are very large.

**New National Certificates**

For anyone working on a National Religious Recognition program ,we now have available a wallet or post card size Certificate. You will still receive the 8 1/2 x 11 certificate but we will also include wallet size one as well. If you should happen to prefer the larger post card size you must let us know.

Also this year we needed to reprint the certificates for the Archdiocesan Religious programs. We took this opportunity to update these certificates by adding some color and also a small picture in the top right corner which represents the program. Example; the Angel on My Shoulder now has the picture of the Guardian Angel and the Children on the Bridge, etc. We feel this is a nice addition to the girls certificate. The only one that will not have this is Kateri as we are not reprinting that certificate this year.

## Finding the Strength

O, Mighty Lord, I pray that  
 you  
 will be my shield as I do battle  
 against ignorance, cruelty and  
 injustice. Through your  
 unending love, I pray that you  
 will grant me goodness and  
 steadfastness, so that I might  
 lead others to do your will and  
 glorify Your name.

## Important Things to Remember

- \* **The Annual Recognition Mass is  
 Sunday March 18th at 2:00 PM  
 At the Cathedral.**
- \* **Mass RSVP due February 23,**
- \* **Journals for Drexel & Marian due  
 February 28th**
- \* **Keep a check on the web page for new  
 program flyers and pictures after the  
 Mass**
- \*\* **All necessary registrations forms can be  
 found on the web page  
[www.oyya.org/ccgscf.html](http://www.oyya.org/ccgscf.html)**

**If you are receiving this for the first time  
 and would like more information about the  
 programs and how to get involved -**

**Call or e mail me**



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