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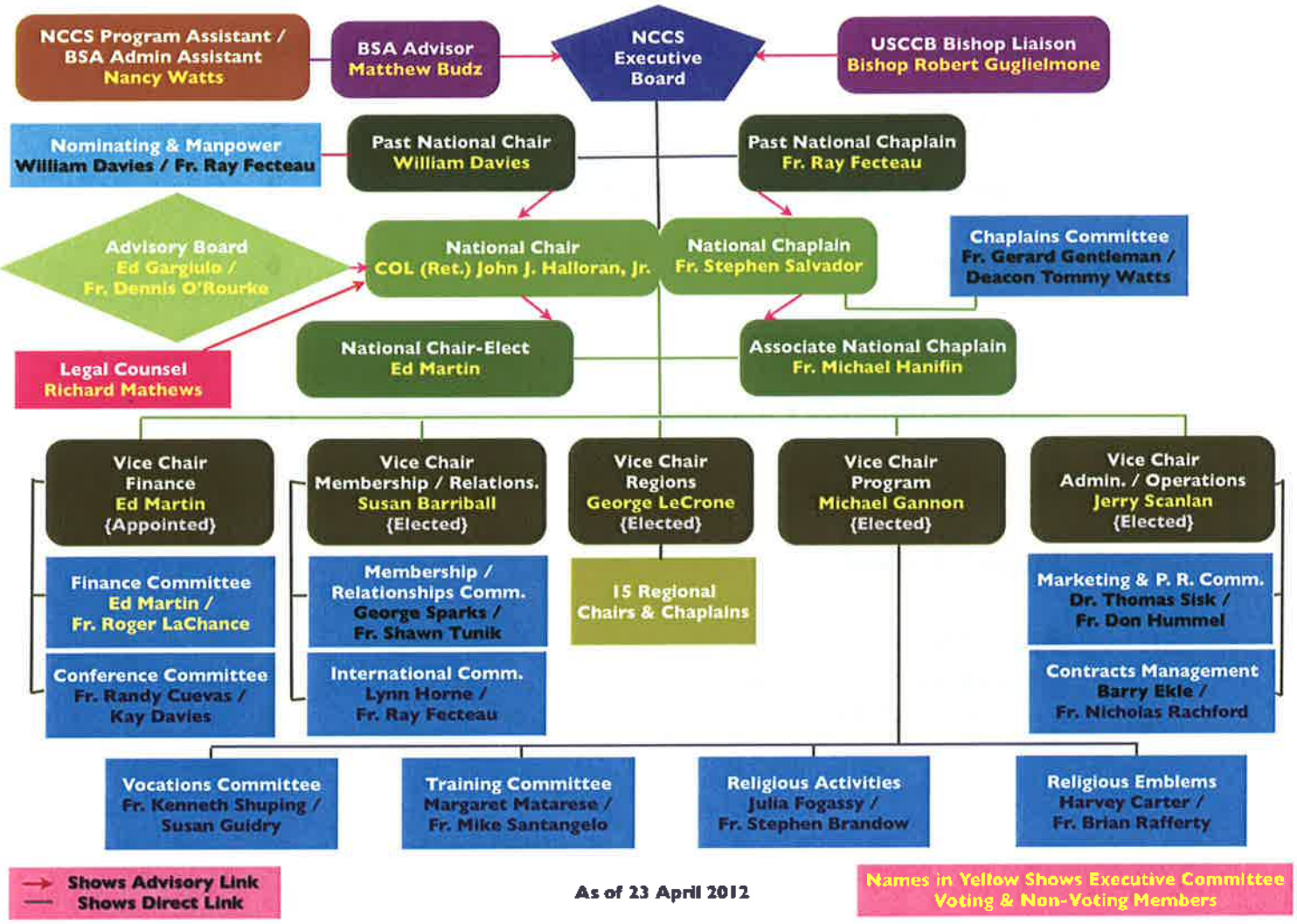

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Introduction

Purpose of this Report: This report summarizes the fundamental goals of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting and objective progress made over the past year in achieving them.

HIGHLIGHTS

At the NCCS Biannual meeting in Dallas, Gary Butler and Bray Barnes presented Bishop Bob Guglielmone the Silver Buffalo, the highest honor in the BSA, since he was not able to make the Annual BSA Meeting in Orlando. Also The Brother Barnabas Founders Award, the highest honor given by the NCCS, to very few most worthy Catholic Scouters was presented to both Father Leo LeBlanc and Fr. Randy Cuevas for their continuous meritorious service to NCCS.

In 2011, Bishop Bob Guglielmone replaced Bishop Gerald Gettelfinger as the liaison between NCCS/BSA and USCCB. They both are pictured below at Philmont along with COL (Ret) John J Halloran Jr. and Rev. Stephen Salvador our current NCCS Chair/Chaplain. Also pictured is Archbishop Sheehan of Santa Fe.

NCCS Mission and Authority

The National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS) exists to utilize and ensure the constructive use of BSA programs as a viable form of youth ministry with Catholic youth of our nation.

The NCCS is a committee of concerned Catholic laity, consecrated religious, and clergy, advisory to the Boy Scouts of America, and relates to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) through its NCCS Bishop Liaison.

BSA Mission

It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to serve others by helping instill values in young people, and preparing them to make ethical decisions during their lifetime in achieving their full potential. The values we try to instill are based on those found in the Scout Oath and Law.

Catholic Values, Programs, and Activities

Building Units with Catholic Identity

The goals of Catholic youth ministry are:

1. To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today,
2. To draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community.
3. To foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person.

The NCCS addresses these goals by:

- Encouraging the formation and support of Catholic-chartered units.
- Supporting Diocesan Catholic Boy Scouting Committees.
- Offering Catholic programs complementary to BSA programs.
- Providing formation and activity training for leaders and youth.

- The NCCS develops **programs and activities** to supplement the secular scouting program and these are delivered through the operations of local Arch/Diocesan/Eparchy Scout Committees.

- NCCS Religious Emblems literature is available at local Scout Shops, on BSA National Supply web site, www.Scoutstuff.org and at P. R. A. Y. website, www.praypub.org

- For the year of 2012& 2013 the Emblems Committee will be looking at the time line of all of the emblems. For Cubs who earn their Religious Emblem of Faith in their Bear year there is a gap of several years. We will explore the possibility and needs of adding an additional Emblem between Parvuli Dei and AAD.

The Emblems Committee has completed its work on the update of the AAD. It has now been published and should be on their shelves. The AAD Counselors guide has been revised and reprinted and should be arriving in scout shops very soon.

- Currently available statistics show a 10.6% decrease in the number of Catholic youth earning their religious emblems.. This indicates that we still need to re-enforce our emphasis on "Duty to God" throughout our Scouting programs. The trend for emblems of all faiths declined 6.2% from last year.

	Cub Scouts	Boy Scouts	Venturers	All Youth	Adult
2012 Catholic	13,831	2,3638	941	17,140	507
2011 Catholic	15,514	2863	785	19,162	748
2010 Catholic	15,525	3,530	1,027	20,082	865
2009 Catholic	18,016	2,778	897	21,691	187
2008 Catholic	18,527	3,674	1,125	23,356	273
2007 Catholic	18,184	2,841	841	22,340	679
2006 Catholic	23,930	3,984	1,443	29,357	745
2005 Catholic	25,694	3,809	1,232	30,735	784
2004 Catholic	23,640	3,676	1,235	28,551	780
2003 Catholic	26,622	4,348	1,476	32,446	758
2012 All Faiths	30,979	5,073	2,011	38,063	1,052
2011 All Faiths	33,098	5,617	1,853	40,568	1,309
2010 All Faiths	34,675	6,651	2,209	43,535	1,568
2009 All Faiths	37,239	5,628	1,853	44,690	930
2008 All Faiths	18,264	2,478	1,020	21,762	645
2007 All Faiths	36,874	5,648	1,874	44,364	1,257
2006 All faiths	56,454	13,037	5,656	75,147	5,613
2005 All faiths	55,215	12,432	5,058	72,705	5,858
2004 All faiths	56,637	12,830	5,384	74,850	5,821
2003 All Faiths	65,148	12,812	7,263	85,223	5,604
Source: ESCO/PRAY Pub.					

Catholic Values, Programs, and Activities (Continued)

• **Vocations Committee**: Since 2003 the NCCS Vocations Committee has promoted Priesthood Sunday, which is sponsored by the USA Council of Serra International. In 2008 we reached many more Catholic Chartered units through the NCCS Webpage, the Bridge and e-Bridge. Hundreds of priests received personally created appreciation cards from Scouts and Scouters. Priesthood Sunday is celebrated on the last Sunday of October each year. During the second year of Serra Club Chartered Venturing Units in Catholic High Schools five units were formed and Catholic Committees on Scouting and Serra Clubs in 17 dioceses are partnering to establish additional units. The relationship between the NCCS Vocations Committee and USA Council of Serra International has produced positive results. We look forward to continued collaboration to create a positive culture for religious vocations through Catholic Scouting.

Special Events

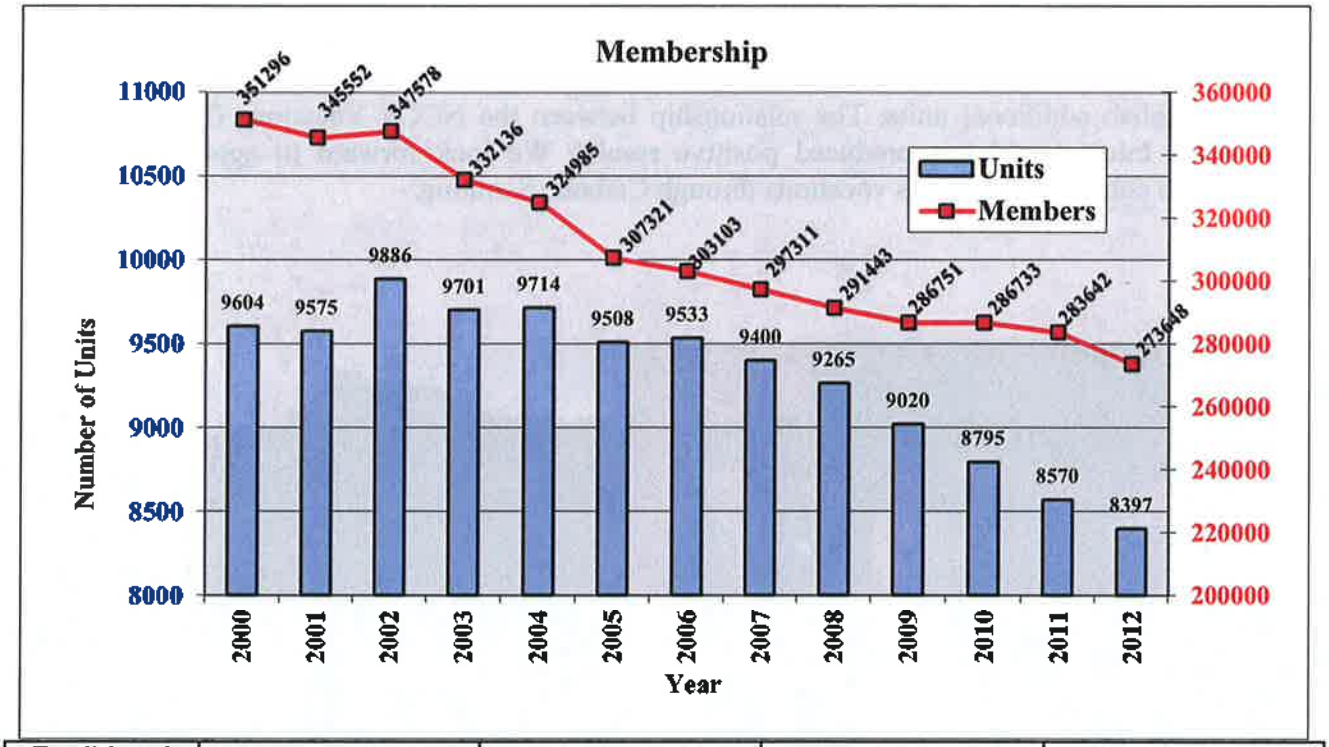
Four NCCS members were honored at the Bishops Liaison's Luncheon by receiving the Silver St. George Recognition. This year's recipients are: Harvey Carter, Margaret Matarese, Fr. Joseph Powers, Fr. Michael Santangelo

- The recognition is given to Scouters that serve at the national level of Catholic Scouting through nomination of their peers.
- Our Biennial St. George Trek will be held at Philmont this year and once again many of our priests will hike the back country with our scouts and we expect visits for mass by Bishops Gettelfinger and Guglielmone.

- This year we were privileged to have three bishops active with NCCS at our annual meeting in St. Louis. Seen concelebrating (to the left) at one of our evening masses are Bishop Bob Guglielmone, Bishop James Tamayo, and +Padre, Bishop Gerald Gettelfinger. Aside from our normal business including the induction of Ed Martin as our new National Chair and Fr Mike Hannifin as our new National Chaplain, considerable time was spent in discussions on the Potential change to BSA' s membership policies.

Membership

Report of the Membership Committee for 2012:



Traditional BSA Units/Youth	2009		2010		2011		2012	
	Units	Youth	Units	Youth	Units	Youth	Units	Youth
Cub Scouting	49,037	1,634,715	47,416	1,601,981	45,962	1,582,930	44,830	1,528,421
Boy Scouting	49,499	897,868	48,676	898,186	47,853	909,102	47,066	910,163
Venturing	19,752	257,361	18,900	238,846	17,853	231,127	17,075	219,453
All Scouting	118,288	2,789,944	114,992	2,739,013	111,668	2,723,159	219,453	2,658,037

Catholic Church – Membership and Units – 2000 - 2012

2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
9,604	9,575	9,886	9,701	9,714	9,508	9,533	9,400	9,265	9,020	8,795	8,570	8,397
-0.47%	-0.30%	3.24%	-1.90%	0.13%	-2.12%	0.26%	-1.35%	-1.43%	-2.64%	-2.49%	-2.55%	-2.01%
351,296	345,552	347,578	332,136	324,985	307,321	303,103	297,311	291,443	286,751	286,733	283,642	273,648
-2.40%	-1.63%	0.59%	-4.44%	-2.15%	-5.44%	-1.37%	-1.91%	-1.97%	-1.61%	-0.006%	-1.08%	-3.52%

Catholic Relationships

The NCCS is recognized by the USCCB as the authority to represent all Catholic Boy Scout Chartered institutions to the BSA. This is recognized as a dual responsibility: first, to build relationships with all youth-serving Catholic institutions that can charter Scout units and second, to properly understand and represent Catholic youth ministry goals and objectives to the BSA. This is best done by building liaison relationships with several Catholic bodies.

- **USCCB Committee for Laity, Family Life, and Youth** (Subcommittee on Youth and Young Adult Ministry) The Subcommittee on Youth and Young Adult Ministry assists the bishops to respond to the pastoral needs and concerns of youth and young adults and fosters their participation in the community and mission of the Church. It collaborates with other national organizations also dedicated to these purposes in accord with the Bishops' documents Renewing the Vision: A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry and Sons and Daughters of the Light: A Pastoral Plan for Ministry with Young Adults.

- **National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry**: The NFCYM is the professional organization of affiliated dioceses and collaborating members and participates in the mission of the Catholic Church by advocating for and supporting Catholic youth ministry on the national, diocesan, and local level. It functions under the auspices of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and cooperates with the USCCB Committee for Laity, Family Life, and Youth. The strategic goals of the NFCYM are:
  - To serve adult leaders of youth ministry by providing vision, leadership, professional standards, and educational, spiritual, and ministry formation.
  - To be an advocate for youth in the Catholic Church and in society, ensuring that the voice of young people is heard and that the gifts of young people are valued. To promote and encourage ministry to youth within all cultures, settings, and environments within the Catholic Church.
  - To ensure that the structures, programs, and services of the Federation reflect the multicultural and diverse church.
  - To exercise responsible stewardship of human and material resources.
  - To collaborate with the organizational structures of the Catholic Church and with other ministry and youth-serving organizations that affect the field of youth ministry.

Affiliated, voting Members of the NFCYM include United States Catholic dioceses and the National Catholic Committee for Girl Scouts and Camp Fire (NCCGSCF). In addition, there are 71 Collaborating Members who are youth-oriented groups or organizations that share in the mission, activities, and interests of the NFCYM. The NCCS is a collaborating member representing the BSA and Catholic institutions that charter Boy Scouting as part of their youth ministry. Ed Gargiulo represented the NCCS at the annual membership meeting in February.

Collaborating members have the following privileges and responsibilities:

- To participate and address the membership while in general session at the Annual Membership Meeting on all matters before the membership;
- To serve as members of and leadership for management committees and task groups of the membership;
- To receive an annual accountability report from the board of directors and executive director;
- To receive all NFCYM membership communications;
- To submit an annual report of their activities, especially as they pertain to the NFCYM, along with an annual renewal of commitment; and
- To work with individual diocesan youth ministry leaders.

The NCCS also exhibited at the December biennial National Catholic Conference of Youth Ministers (NCCYM) in Orlando, FL. Ed Gargiulo, John Halloran, George Sparks, and ED Martin manned the exhibit with the assistance of Fr. Dennis O'Rourke. Also at this meeting NCCS Executive Board member Chip Travers was honored with a National Youth Ministry Award for his significant and outstanding contributions in youth ministry through Scouting.

- The National Chairman and Chaplain, as well as the Past National Chair, Past National Chaplain, Associate National Chaplain, Chair-elect and Membership Committee Chair are active members of the **BSA Religious Relationships Taskforce Committee and Religious Relationships Sub-committee** and were present at all of their meetings. With other Catholic members of these committees we represent Catholic perspectives to the National Council.

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- **Knights of Columbus** –The Knights of Columbus continue to be a strong supporter of Catholic Scouting. There are approximately 1,300 units chartered by Knights Council with 39,204 youth registered in those units. In addition, 17,054 adults are acting as role models in those units.

- **USA Council of Serra International.** The long term relationship between the NCCS and Serra in the USA continues to grow ever closer through the formation of additional Serra/Venturing Crews in Catholic High Schools each year. The emphasis on the BSA Full Family of Scouting has developed more interest by Council professionals to encourage Serra Clubs, DCCS and Catholic High Schools to step forward to form new Units. The newest Serra/Venturing Unit became official on March 8th 2013 in the Archdiocese of KC in KS. The partnership of Serra and the NCCS Vocations Committee has received more attention each year for Priesthood Sunday which will be celebrated on October 27, 2013. Serra Clubs are encouraged to work with their local Diocesan Catholic committee on Scouting to promote and support candidates for St. George Trek.

- **USCCB Annual Meeting**: At the annual breakfast meeting, over 50 Bishops heard the Scouting story from Bishop Gettelfinger

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Catholic Relationships (continued)

International Catholic Conference on Scouting

- The International Committee continues its mission to "maintain relationships with the international Scouting and Catholic Youth Movement to ground programs in the Universal Church." A cooperative relationship is maintained with Fr. Leo LeBlanc, World Chaplain, and Fr. Joe Weber. Chaplain for the Americas Region and our own Bray Barnes as World Chairman.
- International Awareness Activity Award: This program of ICCS was developed to raise awareness of Catholic Scouting around the world. Funds earned from the sale of awards are used to support the work of the ICCS. The NCCS continues to be the largest purchaser and presenter of these awards. During 2012, 309 Medallions, 721 Pins and 1068 patches were sold, earning $1030 in royalties for ICCS.
- Bray B. Barnes, Past National NCCS Chair, continues to serve as Deputy Secretary General of the ICCS. And Fr. Leo LeBlanc continues to serve as World Chaplain.
- Fr. Joe Weber was appointed to serve as Chaplain of the ICCS Inter-Americas Region
- This is the start of the 100th year of International Catholic Scouting started by Pere Jacques Sevin SJ in France. The first celebration was this spring in Belgium where the first encampment was. Scott Harvey is serving as chair of the ICCS 100th Anniversary Working Group, Anne Lederman is serving as chair of the Education Working Group and Jerry Scanlan is serving on the Finance working group. This spring a St Paul Fellowship was launched to raise funds to support ICCS directly and the International Foundation for Catholic Scouting (IFCS) whose corpus provides funds into the future. Bray Barnes serves as chair and Jerry Scanlan (also Vice-Chair of FICS) serves as Vice-Chair. This fellowship raised almost $50,000 in its first year, the majority coming from USA donors.

- The NCCS established a fund to support the Catholic Scouting in the inter-Americas in 2004 with an initial corpus of $100,000. The balance of the ICCS Inter-Americas Fund as of December 31, 2012 was $149,869.61. The International Committee may submit applications for the use of earnings from the ICCS Endowment Fund to service Catholic Scouts from the Central Americas Region.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING
REPORT ON REGION SERVICES

Service outreach to Catholic Scouts, Scouters, and Catholic sponsored units is handled through local Diocesan Catholic Committees which fall into one of 15 Catholic Episcopal Regions. Each Region has an elected Chairman and an appointed Chaplain who oversee our programs within their Region and report annually to the National Vice-Chairman for Region. This position is currently held by George C. LeCrone, Sr. and can be contacted at (lecroneg@charter.net) or 865 719 1548. The Region leaders provide guidance and supervisory assistance to the leaders of each (Arch) diocesan Committee to help them learn about our extensive website <nccs-bsa.org> and make use of its information and numerous program offerings. A sampling of the many offerings they are familiarized with includes the Quality Diocese Award, the Pope Paul VI and Gold Medallion Unit Awards, the International Catholic Committee on Scouting Awards , and the Rosary and Saints Activity patch programs. The Region leaders evaluate the strength and accomplishments of each Committee using the Quality Diocese Award as a measuring tool.

Communications are effected by personal phone calls and letters (E-mail), newsletters, and regional meetings and conferences. More than half of the regions hold meetings or conferences independent of the NCCS biennial meeting and a few produce a regional newsletter.

Support is also provided through the NCCS quarterly newsletter, "The Bridge," e-mail blasts, our Internet Website: www.nccs-bsa.org. and a Chaplains electronic newsletter.

Quality Diocese Award 2012

A "Quality Diocesan Committee" Award was developed in 2002 with the assistance of the Regional leadership and was revised in 2003 to reflect updated standards. The promotion of our revised Quality Diocesan Award as a tool for communication, program evaluation, and recognition achieved great success, with the following earning this recognition in2012:

Region 1: Arch. D. Hartford, Conn., D. Springfield, Mass., D. Bridgeport, Conn., D. Providence, Rhode Island, Arch. D. Boston, Mass., D. Norwich, Conn. (6)

Region 2: D. Albany, NY., D. Buffalo, N Y., Arch. D. San Juan, Puerto Rico, D. Ogdensburg, NY., D. Rochester, NY., Rockville Centre, Brooklyn, San Juan Puerto Rico; D. Ponce, Puerto Rico, Arch. D. New York, NY., D. Brooklyn, NY., D. Rockville Center, NY., D. Mayaguez, Puerto Rico; (10)

Region 3: D. Greensburg, PA., D. Camden, NJ., Arch. D. Philadelphia, PA., D. Harrisburg, PA., D. Pittsburg, PA., Arch. D. Newark, NJ., (7)

Region 4: D. Arlington, VA.; D. Wilmington, Del., Arch D. Baltimore, MD., Arch. D. Washington, DC., (4)

Region 5: D. Knoxville, TN., D. Memphis, Tn., Arch. D. Louisville, Tn., Arch. D. New Orleans, LA., D. Owensboro, KY., D. Nashville, TN., D. Covington, KY., D. Birmingham, Al., D. Baton, Rouge, LA., D. Lexington, KY., D. Houma-Thibodaux, LA., (11)

Region 6: Arch. D. Detroit, MI., D. Lansing, MI., D. Grand Rapids, MI., D. Saginaw, MI., D. Cleveland, OH., D. Youngstown, OH., D. Kalamazoo, MI., D. Toledo, OH., D. Columbus, OH., (9)

Region 7: D. Green Bay, WI., D. Joliet, Il., D. Springfield, Il., D. Fort Wayne-South Bend, IN., D. Madison, WI., (5)

Region 8: Arch. D. St. Paul-Minneapolis, MI., (1)

Region 9: D. Springfield-Cape Girardeau, Mo., Arch. D. Dubuque, Lo., D. Kansas City-St. Joseph, Mo., D. Sioux City, Io., Arch. D. St. Louis, Mo.; D. Jefferson City, Mo.; Arch. D. Kansas City, Mo., D. Wichita, Ka., (8)

Region 10: Arch. D. Galveston-Houston, Tx., D. Oklahoma City, Ok., D. Corpus Christi, Tx., D. Ft. Worth, Tx., D. Dallas, Tx., D. Brownsville, Tx., Arch. D. San Antonio, Tx., D. Lubbock, Tx., D. Austin, Tx., D. Tyler, Tx., D. Laredo, Tx., D. Tulsa, Ok., (12)

Region 11: D. Fresno, Ca., D. San Diego, Ca., D. Honolulu, Ha., D. San Jose, Ca., D. San Bernardino, Ca., D. Los Angeles, Ca., D. Sacramento, Ca., D. Orange, Ca., (8)

Region 12: Arch. D. Portland, Or., Arch. D. Seattle, WA., Arch. D. Anchorage, Al., (3)

Region 13: D. Phoenix, Az., D. Tucson, Az., Arch. D. Denver, Co., Arch. D. Santa Fe, D. Colorado Springs, Co., (5)

Region 14: D. Charleston, SC., D. Charlotte, NC., Arch. D. Atlanta, GA., D. St. Augustine, FL., D. Venice, Fl., D. Palm Beach, Fl., D. Raleigh NC., D. St. Petersburg, Fl., D. Pensacola-Tallahassee, Fl., Arch. D. Miami, (10)

99 TOTAL DIOCESES.

Other Committees

Training

Philmont Training Conference, "Scouting in the Catholic Church"

Since its inception on 1974, the focus of this annual training conference has been the formation and training of leaders for Diocesan Boy Scout committees. The 2012 conference continued the program format using "Scouter Development: Lay Apostolate Formation for Scouting," "Renewing the Vision" and the "Catechism of the Catholic Church". The course was attended by 34 participants and was directed by Margaret Matarese. Faculty Members were Ben Feril and Susan Barriball, and Fr. Kevin Smith was the course advisor.

In conjunction with the "Scouting in the Catholic Church" course, participants who complete the course have the option to do a "Jerusalem Cross Mission Project" of their own choosing once they return home. On completing this project, they are recognized for their work at either the NCCS Biennial Conference or at the NCCS Meetings. Since the program was introduced at the 2004 PTC course, 62 people have completed a mission project and were recognized. Add to that the 18 "Scouting in the Catholic Church" faculty members who have been recognized, 80 people now proudly wear the Jerusalem Cross recognition.

For the 2013 'Scouting in the Catholic Church' Philmont Course (21 to 27 July), Ben Feril has been named as Course Director, Fr. Norm Supancheck is the Course Advisor, and George Sparks and Nancy Watts complete the faculty as instructors.

Training Committee

In addition to the coordinated efforts outlined above, the Training Committee offers assistance to the other standing committees, to regional leaders, and to diocesan committees for their training needs or for training tools. The Training Committee coordinates the training efforts of the standing committees through the scheduling of workshops at the Biennial Conference. With the new compact format for our conferences, there is only opportunity for a total of six workshops to be presented. Standing committees are encouraged to put together more concise offerings, and in some cases to collaborate with other committees on joint workshops for 2014.

NCCS Training programs are aligned with the BSA Training Continuum concept. Fast Start tools found online on the NCCS Website are available for Unit leaders and CORs of Catholic Units as well as Diocesan and Regional leaders. Basic programming includes Scouter Development: Lay Apostolate Formation for Scouting, and Mentoring and Action Planning, and are recommended during their first year. Supplemental training is received at Biennial workshops and at regional meetings through training workshops. The Philmont Training Conference Scouting in the Catholic Church, the Catholic equivalent to BSA Wood Badge Training, will satisfy advanced training needs.

The Training Committee also provides regional trainings to meet the needs of new leaders. NCCS Regional Training (NCCS Basic Training) has been held in conjunction with the NCCS Meetings in 2011 in Phoenix and in 2012 Irving, Texas. In addition, it has been held three times within NCCS Region 3 in 2012.

Conference Committee

The Conference Committee plans and manages all our NCCS Biennial Conferences and Annual Meetings, based on criteria supplied by our Executive Committee. In 2013, for the first time in its history, the NCCS has contracted to permit and utilize on-line registration for our conferences and annual meetings using "Double-Knot" as the vendor approved by the Executive Committee for this purpose. Because of the increasing time constraints related to contracting with favorable proposals from properties, the Executive Committee in 2012 authorized the Conference Committee to solicit approval from the National Chair and Chaplain on its behalf of our recommendations, and, because of industry market insecurities and volatility, to acquire permission to annually search nationwide for proposals, as opposed to a previous policy of alternating searches by geographical region, in order to contract with the most attractive properties who submit proposals to the NCCS. Our 2013 Annual Meetings are in St. Louis, MO; Our 2014 Biennial Conference will be in Irvine (Newport Beach), CA; Our 2015 Annual Meetings will be in Tampa, FL; Our 2016 Biennial Conference will be in Atlanta, GA; And, while not yet approved, we are recommending to our Executive Committee that our 2017 Annual Meetings be in Reno, NV.

Religious Activities Committee

At the April, 2012 Executive Board Meeting, a proposal for the development of a new activity patch program called the 'Footsteps of Modern Saints" was approved. The first patches in that series will be submitted to the Board prior to the April, 2012 meeting.

The Religious Activities Committee was asked to develop a set of Marian Patch Activities. The first installment of that series is Our Lady of Guadalupe which was completed this past fall. Drafts of at least five additional Marian Activities will be submitted to the Board prior to the April, 2013 meeting.

Requirements for the Rosary Patch Series were revised to match with Scripture and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Complete answers to all the questions, plus scriptural or catechism references were included. Final approval of requirements and answers was obtained in December, and posted to the NCCS web site.

Contract Management:

Last year our print services provider, Ave Maria Press (AMP), advised the NCCS that AMP would be exiting the physical printing business by the end of 2012. Since then, AMP has indeed ceased print operations but they are continuing to serve the NCCS as our fulfillment center for the bulk large scale supplier orders. The stock of AMP printed booklets remains ample, ensuring that we can meet our projected booklet needs through 2013. Contract negotiations are in progress with a new printer and should be ready to consummate either by the NCCS Annual Meeting, or shortly thereafter. The prospective printer has produced their own first run copies of the NCCS produced booklets, which are currently under quality review by both the Contract Management and Religious Emblems committees.

Staffing National Committees

The NCCS is constantly seeking people to serve on standing committees, task forces, boards, and as regional leaders. More than 100 volunteers offer their time and talents to serve on national committees to achieve the mission of the NCCS. Scouters can learn more about our activities at the annual Philmont Training Conference *"Scouting in the Catholic Church,"* at Annual Standing Committee Meetings, regional meetings, and at our Internet Website.

The **Nominating Committee** is charged with the responsibility to search out qualified individuals to serve as officers and executive board members and to facilitate the election. The 2013 election was a change to a three year term for National Chair Elect from a one year term and to correspond to a recent change in NCCS By Laws.

Finding qualified regional NCCS leaders is a continuing challenge. It should be noted that all Clergy appointments have to have the approval of the priest's Bishop prior to the appointment. Bishop Guglielmone is responsible for obtaining the Bishop's approval. Two Regions are waiting for the respective Bishop's approval. The Nominating Committee is also responsible for the Silver St. George process. It receives nominations, assigns a selection committee, announces and presents the Emblem to the selected recipients.

Advisory Board

In 2009, the NCCS membership ratified a major change to its bylaws to alter the composition of the Advisory Board. In addition to at-large membership appointed for five year terms by the Executive Board, the eleven standing committee chairs and chaplains were transferred from the Executive Board to the Advisory Board with terms determined by appointment of the National Chair and approval of the Executive Board. The primary intent of the Advisory Board, to provide continuing assistance and guidance to the Executive Board, has not changed. The board is presently composed of 22 standing committee leaders and 39 at-large members and is led by Edward Gargiulo, Chairman, and Rev. Dennis O'Rourke, Advisor.

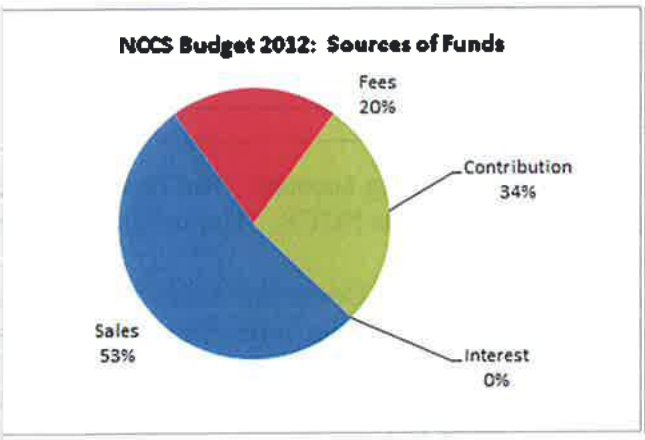
Financial Stability

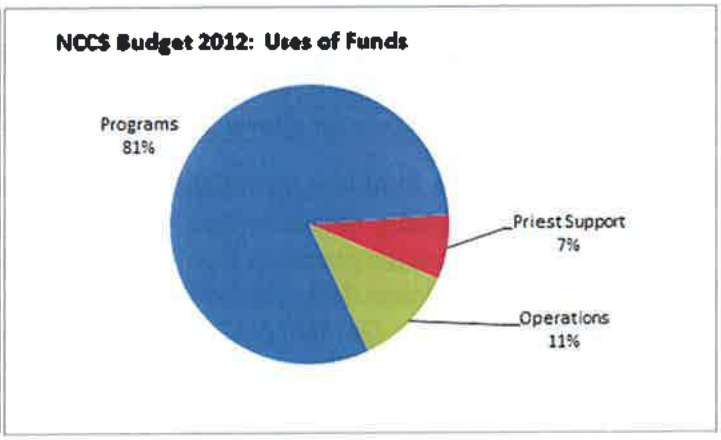
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW

BSA Operating Account (Unaudited)

	ACTUAL 2008	ACTUAL 2009	ACTUAL 2010	ACTUAL 2011	ACTUAL 2012
Balance as of January 1	**99,242**	**112,227**	**176,253**	**193,945**	**157,304**
RECEIPTS					
Sales	262,172	662,070	262,325	211,349	227,654
Fees	59,265	67,570	43,554	86,879	86,003
Contributions	71,527	73,250	123,833	85,330	116,646
Interest	3,042	777	253	207	387
Total Receipts	**396,006**	**803,667**	**429,965**	**383,765**	**430,690**
EXPENSES					
Programs	281,107	279,213	325,319	306,911	309,264
Priest Services	50,831	29,670	45,131	29,246	28,663
Committee Operations	1,945	3,081	7,941	3,331	0
Administrative	20,697	53,816	20,241	25,623	44,409
Special	38,345	32,407	21,116	19,150	0
Total Expenses	**392,925**	**398,187**	**419,748**	**384,261**	**382,336**
Net Increase (Decrease) in Operating Account Before	**3,081**	**405,480**	**10,217**	**-496**	**48,354**
TRANSFERS (from(+)/to(-) Fund Accounts)					
Scout Trust (ICCS)	9,904	8,546	7,475	6,355	5,960
Priest Services (Golden Ad Altare Dei)	0	0	0	-7,500	0
International	0	0	0	0	0
Scout Trust (Spes Mundi)	0	0	0	-15,000	-2,500
Holding	0	-350,000	0	-20,000	-75,000
Net Transfers	**9,904**	**-341,454**	**7,475**	**-36,145**	**-71,540**
Net Increase (Decrease) in Operating Account	**12,985**	**64,026**	**17,692**	**-36,641**	**-23,186**
Balance as of December 31	**112,227**	**176,253**	**193,945**	**157,304**	**134,118**

Note: Due to a re-categorization of line items, some totals reported in prior years may not match those reported here. Beginning and ending balances do match those reported in prior years. For accounting purposes, years begin January 1 and end December 31.





FUND ACCOUNTS ACTIVITY SUMMARY

ACCOUNT	Value (12/31/08)	Value (12/31/09)	Value (12/31/10)	Value (12/31/11)	Value (12/31/12)	2012 Account Increase/ Decrease	2012 Percentage Increase/ Decrease
Scout Trust	224,514.67	246,038.74	256,117.88	250,955.17	263,636.65	12,681.48	5.05%
St. George	179,158.23	209,869.77	226,821.26	226,665.84	248,540.77	21,874.93	9.65%
Holding	294,861.28	541,022.42	558,127.88	480,077.41	290,569.82	-189,507.59	-39.47%
NCCS	430,666.55	503,663.26	544,347.39	544,026.66	596,641.27	52,614.61	9.67%
Committee	98,550.31	116,668.88	126,189.61	126,036.64	138,341.76	12,305.12	9.76%
Golden AAD	327,708.47	482,465.32	519,518.45	526,783.77	579,709.68	52,925.91	10.05%
Inter-Americas	113,662.86	114,053.84	122,693.97	136,913.12	149,869.61	12,956.49	9.46%
Scholarship	0.00	0.00	0.00	99,980.28	130,510.97	30,530.69	30.54%
Administrative					256,377.22	256,377.22	
Total	**$1,669,122.37**	**$2,213,782.23**	**$2,353,816.44**	**$2,391,438.89**	**$2,654,197.75**	**$262,758.86**	**10.99%**
Increase/Decrease	-12.54%	32.63%	6.33%	1.60%	10.99%		

HIGHLIGHTS

1. Changes in Receipts
   a. Sales. Sales of religious activity patches increased and sales of religious emblem booklets were greater than expected. Royalties from sales of religious emblems continued its annual decline with an 8% drop from 2011.
   b. Fees. There were increased revenues from the annual meeting due to increased attendance.
   c. Contributions. Even with the loss of a major donor, contributions were 40% greater than expected and 18% greater than 2011.
   d. Revenues were $66,000 (18%) greater than expected.
2. Changes in Expenses
   a. Total expenses were comparable to 2011 and were $15,000 less than expected.
   b. Spent $20,000 more than expected on the printing of additional religious emblems books.
   c. Spent nearly $34,000 less than budgeted on priest expenses.
3. Changes in Fund Accounts
   While the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) manages our operating account, Morgan Stanley continues to manage our other nine NCCS fund accounts.

Fund/Account	Purpose
Scout Trust	Endowed by Emmett J. Doerr; supports ICCS only
St. George	Supports St. George Trek
Holding	Temporary holding account for major upcoming purchases
NCCS	Supports general funding
Committee	Supports committee activities
Golden AAD	Supports clergy activities
Inter-Americas	Supports ICCS activities
Scholarship	Provides academic scholarships
Administrative	Supports employee compensation
Operating	Annual operating revenues and expenses

   a. An Administrative fund was established with $250,000 from the Holding account. The fund is intended to provide an on-going means to hire and compensate employees of the NCCS. The original source of the funds was insurance proceeds from an embezzlement.
   b. Deposits. $77,500 was deposited to the Holding Account from our BSA Operating Account. $7500 will be transferred to the Golden AAD Fund, $5000 will be transferred to the Inter-Americas Fund and $10,000 will be transferred to the Scholarship Fund. A $2500 donation of stock was made to the Golden AAD Fund.
   c. Withdrawals. Interest on the Scout Trust fund in the amount of $5346 is used to support ICCS activities and was forwarded to that organization.

4. Support for the Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Scout Scholarships
   The Emmett J. Doerr Memorial Distinguished Scout Scholarship program awarded its 9th year of scholarships and the fifth year of five $2000 scholarships. Over 150 applications were evaluated and the five scholarship winners received a letter of personal congratulations from John and Julie Doerr. For 2012, the recipients were: Gerrit S. Bakker, a student at Ithaca High School in Alma, Michigan, Diocese of Saginaw; Andrew S. Nemec, a student at St. Thomas High School in Houston, Texas, Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston; Justin Isami Bicoy Hata, a student at Maryknoll High School in Honolulu, Hawaii, Diocese of Honolulu; William E. Heiges II, a student at Wiesbaden High School in Wiesbaden, Germany, Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA; Joseph A. Walker, a student of Seton Home Study School, Diocese of Las Cruces.
5. Support for the International Catholic Committee on Scouting (ICCS)
   a. Emmett J. Doerr Scout Trust Fund provides support for ICCS activities. In February 2012, the NCCS made a donation in the amount of $5,960.30 and paid annual dues of $4,000. In February 2013, the NCCS made a donation in the amount of $5,346.15 and paid annual dues of $4,000.
   b. Inter-Americas Fund. Established in 2004 to support youth activities in the Americas region. This fund had a balance of $149,869.61 as of 31 December 2012, an increase (gain) of $12,956.49 over last year.
   c. International Awareness Activity Emblems. NCCS raises additional funds to support ICCS though the International Awareness emblems purchased through ICCS. Royalties amounted to $1030 on sales of 309 medallions and 721 pins.
   d. Spes Mundi Emblem. This emblem is presented to those who wish to donate at least $2500 to support the participation of USA religious in the work of the ICCS. Three donations were received during 2012. Only 50 medallions were struck and the remainder was awarded in 2012.
   e. NCCS funds the expenses of the USA Chaplains serving ICCS (Fr. Leo LeBlanc, Fr. Joe Weber and Fr. Donald Hummel), along with some support for the Chairman, Bray Barnes. This support amounted to $17,150 in 2012. Mr. Gerard Scanlan, the Vice Chair of FICS, Scott Harvey, Chair for the ICCS 100th Anniversary of World Catholic Scouting, and Ann Lederman, Chair of the ICCS Education Working Group, donate their own expenses.

Appendix: National Leadership (April 2011-2012)

Executive Committee	Position	Leader
	National Chairman	Col. (ret) John J. Halloran Jr.
National Chaplain		Rev. Stephen Salvador
Immediate Past National Chairman		William Davies
Immediate Past National Chaplain: International		Rev. Ray Fecteau
Associate National Chaplain		Rev. Michael Hanifin
National Chair Elect		Mr Edward P. Martin
Vice-Chairman: Finance		Edward P. Martin
Finance Advisor (non voting member)		Fr. Roger LaChance
Vice-Chairman: Membership, Relationships		Susan Barriball
Vice-Chairman: Administration, Operations		Gerard Scanlan
Vice-Chairman: Regions		George LeCrone
Vice-Chairman: Program		Michael Gannon
Bishop Liaison to the NCCS (non-voting member)		Most Rev. Robert Guglielmone
Team Leader, Community Alliances, BSA (non-voting member)		
Advisory Board Chair		Edward Gargiulo
Advisory Board Advisor		Rev. Dennis O'Rourke
Program Assistant(non-voting member)		Nancy Watts
Legal Counsel /Contract Administrator(non-voting member)		Richard Mathews

Regional Leaders	Region	Chair	Chaplain
	1	Ray LaLuna	Rev. David C Frederici
	2	Edward Winterkorn	Rev. Kevin Smith
	3	Fred Shetter	Vacant
	4	Ben Feril	Msgr. John B. Brady
	5	Charles Hulsman	Rev. Michael Weglicki
	6	Alan Tarlo, Sr.	Msgr. James Kolp
	7	Charles Keskel	Rev. Roger Strebel
	8	Scott Zimmer	Rev. Benjamin Little
	9	Homer Radford	Rev. Joseph B. Powers
	10	Charles Raimond, Sr.	Rev. Anh Tran
	11	Chris Manning	Rev. Norm Supancheck
	12	Deacon Roy Harrington	Rev. Leo McDowell
	13	Nancy Welton	Rev. James Blaine
	14	Jim Weiskirker	Rev. Jeff Kirby
	15	Marge Dillenburg *(Eastern Churches)*	Rev. Nick Rachford *(Eastern Churches)*

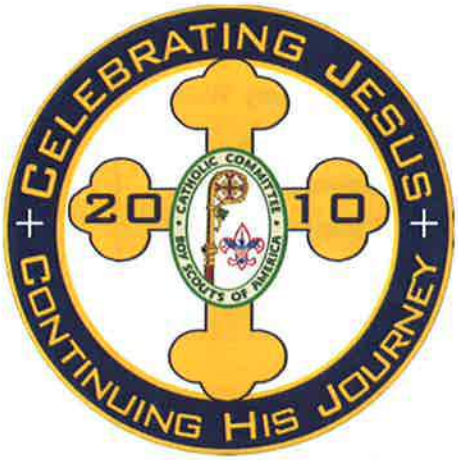
Appendix (Continued)

Standing Committees	Chair	Advisor
Chaplains	Rev. Gerard Gentleman	Rev. Mr. Tommy Watts
Conference	Rev. Randy Cuevas	Kay Davies
Finance	Edward Martin.	Rev. Roger LaChance
International	Lynn Horne	Rev. Raymond Fecteau
- ICCS Inter Americas Region Chaplain	Rev. Joseph Weber	
-ICCS World Chaplain	Rev. Leo LeBlanc	
-ICCS Chainman	Bray B. Barnes	
-Vice-Chair FICS	Gerard Scanlan	
Marketing PR	Dr. Thomas Sisk	Rev. Donald K. Hummel
-Web Master	Tony Madonia	
-*BRIDGE* Editor	Mike Gannon	
-*e-Bridge* Editor	Karen Stone	
Membership	George Sparks	Rev. Shawn Tunink
Religious Activities	Julia Fogassy	Rev. Stephen Brandow
Religious Emblems	Harvey Carter	Rev. Brian Rafferty
Training	Margaret Matarese	Rev. Michael Santangelo
Vocations	Rev. Kenneth Shupping	Susan Guidry
Nominating	Bill Davies	Rev. Raymond Fecteau
Contract Management	Barry Ekle	Rev. Nicholas Rachford

AD Hoc Committees

Philmont Training Conf.	Ben Feril; Director	Fr. Norm Supancheck Course Advisor
	Nancy Watts	George Sparks
St. George Trek	Rev. Gerard Gentleman	Chris Manning
Historian	Robert Oldowski	
Representative to NFCYM	Edward Gargiulo	
Representative to Serra USA Council	Bill Davies	
Representative to Knights of Columbus	Bill Davies	
Representative to Constantinian Order of St. George	Austin Cannon	

A Brief History of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting



A Time Line of Scouting in the Catholic Church 1910-2011

In 1976 Truman Stacey prepared and printed "A Short History of N.C.C.S." for the NCCS biennial meeting. That article and updates through 1977 were serialized in three issues of the NCCS Newsletter prior to the 1978 meeting. The following account lists significant events pursuant to that with subsequent updates provided by Bob Oldowski. Additional information will eventually be available on the NCCS web site, www.nccs-bsa.org.

1910 Boy Scouts of America is founded

1910 Troop 1 in St. Paul, Minnesota is the BSA's first Catholic chartered troop

1914 BSA creates a Catholic Bureau with Victor Ridder as National Commissioner

1922 The first Catholic Committee on Scouting (CCS) was created in New York by Victor Ridder and Brother Barnabas with Bishop Conroy as chairman

1932 Bishop Kelley expands the committee to include bishops from across the country

1933 The Plan of Cooperation is approved between BSA and the Bishops' Committee

1939 The Bishops' Committee becomes part of the bishops' conference

1939 The NCCS adopts the Ad Altare Dei - the first religious emblem. approved by BSA

1954 The St. George emblem is approved for adults

1956 The Parvuli Dei is approved as a Cub Scout religious emblem

1960 The Pope Pius XII emblem for older Scouts is presented for the first time

1960 The Scouter Development program is adopted

1969 Josef P. Kessler (BSA) is named NCCS Executive Secretary

1970 Bishop Michael McAuliffe becomes Episcopal Moderator for NCCS

1974 Pope Paul VI national unit recognitions first presented.

1974 First NCCS course at Philmont (funded by Knights of Columbus for 10 years)

1976 Ben Hauserman and Father John Rice become National Chairman and Chaplain

1977 The Plan of Cooperation and Organization is revised

1978 Bishop Joseph Hart becomes Episcopal Moderator

1978 Henry Murphy arranges funding for an NCCS Hispanic Outreach program

1979 BSA hires Raul Chavez as director for Hispanic Outreach

1980 The National BSA moves its headquarters from New Jersey to Irving, Texas

1980 Ellie Starr is hired as NCCS Administrative Secretary

1980 Terms for NCCS national officers lengthen from 2 years to 3 years

1980 Henry Murphy and Father Dick LaRocque become National Chairman and Chaplain

1980 The Eastern Catholic "Light is Life" religious emblem is approved

1981 NCCS Vocations Committee is created

1982 The National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) is formed

1982 Luis Gallegos replaces Raul Chavez as Hispanic Director BSA/NCCS

1983 Bishop Michael H. Kenny becomes new Bishop Advisor

1983 Gerard Rocque and Father Greg Weider become National Chairman and Chaplain
1984 First ICCS conference in the United States is hosted by NCCS
1985 BSA Relationships announces 1986-87 Catholic Membership emphasis
1986 Marv Smith and Father Joe Carroll become National Chairman and Chaplain
1986 The Spes Mundi-O'Connell award is established; trust revenue goes to support ICCS
1986 Josef P. Kessler retires from BSA and as NCCS Executive Secretary
1987 Dann Cooke (BSA) becomes NCCS Executive Secretary
1988 Bishop George Fitzsimons becomes Episcopal Moderator
1988 Award For Excellence instituted by the Activities Committee
1989 John Turo and Father Bob Guglielmone become National Chairman and Chaplain
1989 50th Anniversary of the Ad Altare Dei
1989 The Golden AAD recognition is approved by NCCS board to help support chaplain activities
1989 Father Richard LaRocque is appointed World Scout Chaplain
1990 NCCS regional organization changes from 6 to 14 regions
1990 NCCS revises the Plan of Cooperation
1990 Cabrini Project created - Scouting for disadvantaged youth
1990 Guy Eichsteadt (BSA) becomes NCCS Executive Secretary
1991 Brother Barnabas recognition is approved for meritorious service to NCCS
1992 Frank Rossomondo and Father Leo LeBlanc become National Chairman and Chaplain
1992 The Light of Christ religious emblem for Tiger and Wolf Cubs is approved
1992 National BSA downsizes. The position of "Associate Director of Catholic Relationships" is eliminated. No longer an NCCS Executive Secretary. Dave Worley of BSA becomes liaison person to NCCS.
1992 First NCCS Youth Leadership (St. George) Trek at Philmont
1993 Board establishes NCCS Associate Membership and dues
1993 Father Joe Carroll and Bob Oldowski head up Scouting at World Youth Day, Denver
1993 Don Townsend (BSA Relationships) becomes liaison to NCCS
1994 Bishop Robert Carlson becomes Episcopal Moderator
1995 Bob Runnels and Father Randy Cuevas become National Chairman and Chaplain
1995 Two-year Membership Initiative kicks off
1995 Bob Runnels initiates the Golden Bow program
1995 The International Awareness activity is introduced
1995 Tom Deimler (BSA Relationships) becomes liaison to NCCS
1996 Chaplain Certification program is started by Chaplains Committee
1996 NCCS Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate is approved
1996 Bob Oldowski creates first web site for Region 8, then for NCCS
1996 Ballot for the first time lists two candidates for one position—national chairman.
1997 The Silver St. George is approved for national Catholic Scouting service.
1997 The Millennium patch program begins
1997 Bishop Gerald Gettelfinger becomes new Episcopal Liaison
1997 The Gold Medallion is approved to recognize top Catholic units in each region
1998 Bob Oldowski and Father Dennis O'Rourke become National Chairman and Chaplain
1998 An unofficial NCCS Handbook is made available to accompany the bylaws
1998 First Silver St. George emblems presented (6 for 1997 and 6 for 1998)
1999 Don Oblander becomes liaison to NCCS
2000 The Advisory Board is created with 47 charter members
2000 Ellie Starr retires in May. Barb Nestel is new NCCS Administrative Secretary

2000 NCCS has contingent of 45 at World Youth Day in Rome
2000 NCCS name & emblem are registered with U.S. Patent & Trademark Office
2000 Msgr. Bob Guglielmone appointed World Scout Chaplain
2001 Ed Gargiulo and Father Don Hummel become National Chairman and Chaplain
2001 NCCB and USCCB merge into the USCCB
2001-Scouter Development updated and renamed Scouter Development: Lay Apostolate Formation for Scouting
2002 The completely rewritten Pope Pius XII requirements are approved
2002 The Rosary Patch series is approved
2002 Membership Initiative is kicked off. "Scouting is Youth Ministry"
2002 Don York becomes Director of BSA Relationships Division and NCCS liaison
2003 CD-ROM for Membership Initiative is distributed
2003 First Quality Diocese Award is presented for the year 2002
2003 Term of national vice-chair is extended from two years to three years, renewable
2003 Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei books are printed in English and Spanish
2004 Bray Barnes and Father Roger LaChance become National Chairman and Chaplain
2004 Emmett J. Doerr Scholarships established. First presented 2005
2004 Celebrate 50 Years of Catholic Chaplaincy at Philmont
2004 The Jerusalem Cross program is initiated for Philmont participants
2005 NCCS opens Smith Barney Investment account
2005 Board initiates $100,000 ICCS Americas endowment program to support with $80,000 seed money
2005-*Scouting in the Catholic Church* revised and repositioned as NCCS's advanced training program
2005 Knights of Columbus' Initiative with Scouting begins
2006 The first edition of the monthly e-Bridge is published, with Tony Madonia as editor
2006 NCCS and USCCB establish Region XV comprising Eastern Catholic Churches
2006 SERRA arranges grant money to help fund Venturing in Catholic high schools
2007 Bill Davies and Father Ray Fecteau become National Chairman and Chaplain
2007 Board votes to use consultant SMI to help with Long Range Planning, Oldowski to chair Renewal committee
2007 Board drops Eagle Regalia and signs with ESCO as emblems provider
2007 Bob Mazzuca is named Chief Scout Executive replacing Roy Williams
2008 "Footsteps of American Saints" is approved. First five available June 2008
2008 Barb Nestel leaves as NCCS Administrative Secretary and is replaced by Nancy Watts as NCCS Program Assistant
2008 Don York retires as BSA Director of Relationships
2008 National BSA reorganizes. George Sparks is NCCS Liaison
2009 Father Leo LeBlanc is appointed ICCS World Scout Chaplain
2009 Msgr. Bob Guglielmone is named bishop of Charleston (SC) Diocese
2010 COL (ret) John Halloran and Father Stephen Salvador become National Chairman and Chaplain
2010 Bishop Bob Guglielmone becomes Bishop Liaison of USCCB to NCCS replacing Bishop Gerald Gettelfinger
2011 Matthew Budz replaces George Sparks as BSA Advisor to NCCS
2012 Wayne Brock succeeds Bob Mazzuca as Chief Scout Executive
2013 Chair Elect (George Sparks) become three year term and Lee Shaw Jr replaces Matt Budz as Community Alliances Team Leader