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Dear Pastors and Pastoral Leaders:

May God bless you!

I am pleased to introduce the reorganized Catholic Committee on Scouting. Scouting has been a vital part of faith formation in our parishes for many years. The members of this committee are committed to strengthening this legacy by working with parishes and troops to encourage collaboration among scouting units and parish ministries and to foster Catholic identity within scouting troops as part of our overall archdiocesan youth ministry efforts.

I encourage you to read the attached introductory letter from the Archdiocese of Louisville Catholic Committee on Scouting and to peruse the new web site at www.ArchLouCCS.org.

The efforts of all involved are greatly appreciated. I extend special thanks to Charlie Hulsman who has been chair of the Catholic Committee on Scouting for the last 20 years and to Karl Dolson, our director of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Both provided great leadership to this renewal effort.

Please do not hesitate to be in touch with any of the scouting representatives who serve on the Catholic Committee on Scouting with questions or concerns.

You are in my prayers.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D.
Archbishop of Louisville

Enclosure



Archdiocese of Louisville Catholic Committee on Scouting

www.ArchLouCCS.org

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June 15, 2017

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Dear Pastors, Principals, Youth Ministers, Religious Educators and Scout Representatives:

We would like to introduce you to the newly formed Archdiocese of Louisville Catholic Committee on Scouting. This committee was formed to share resources of different scouting groups and embrace their common goals of promoting our Catholic faith and the value of Catholic scouting throughout the Archdiocese as a significant part of our youth ministry efforts. The members serving on the committee are representatives from American Heritage Girls, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana, Troops of St George, and the Archdiocesan Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

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The mission of our Archdiocese of Louisville Catholic Committee on Scouting is as follows:

We endeavor to be a valuable Catholic resource for scouts, units, leaders, parents and charter/host organizations; to jointly promote all Catholic scouting as an important element of youth ministry; and to help scouting units deepen Catholic identity, keeping Jesus at their core.

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We ask that you share this resource with your parish and school scouting representatives, teachers, coordinators of youth ministry, and directors of religious education. Sharing this letter and the website will begin the first steps of communication with the committee and help bring families and youth the information they need concerning Catholic scouting. Please visit www.ArchLouCCS.org to learn more about Catholic scouting in our Archdiocese, including Archbishop Kurtz's welcome video.

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One of our goals is to encourage participation in the Catholic Religious Awards. All of the scouting organizations have some form of Catholic Religious Awards. Please refer to the website for more information on the awards for each organization. Our committee members are available to answer any questions about the awards or joining a scouting organization. Please contact any of us.

Karl Dolson

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We hope the committee will help you find the information you need to support our Catholic youth and Youth Ministry.

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