



**When youth earn all four of the Catholic religious emblems; it shows a unique commitment to one's faith. The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women recognizes this and is pleased to award the...**

*Pillars of Faith—Service to God* (Girl Scouts of the USA, American Heritage Girls)

### Overview

The purpose of the Pillars of Faith program is to provide a special recognition to those Girl Scouts and Catholic girls who have earned all four of the Catholic Religious Awards. Very few girls who join girl Scouts ever earn the Gold Award. Even fewer Scouts earn a Religious award, so to earn all four Catholic Religious Awards is a monumental feat. The Pillars of Faith—Service to God pin recognizes these Scouts and young women.

The name and design of the award represent the fact that the four Religious Awards are like pillars, supporting the young woman's development in and appreciation of her Catholic faith. The Religious Awards are the pillars, not the roof, for none of us are ever done growing in our faith. The design also includes the Church, Bible, and cross, other essential elements in faith.

### Eligibility

The Scout must have completed Family of God, I Live My Faith, Marian medal and Spirit Alive and be a member of any organization that uses these four Religious Awards.

### Presentation of the Pillars of Faith Pin

The Pillars of Faith pin will be presented at the Formal Awards Ceremony, (preferably by the Bishop), usually held in April/May of each year. We want to make the presentation very special, so the Scout understand the magnitude of what she has achieved.

### Wearing the Pillars of Faith Pin

The recipient can wear the pin on her Scout vest or as a lapel pin.

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