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Dear Scouter:

The Religious Recognitions Programs (also called religious 'emblems' or 'awards' programs) are programs created by various religious groups for their children and youth who are also members of national agencies (i.e. Boy Scouts of America, Camp Fire USA, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. and American Heritage Girls). These religious recognition programs are ideally suited to Scouting in that they promote and emphasize a Scout's commitment to reverence and duty to God.

The Chaplain's committee is available to come to your unit to help promote the religious emblems programs that are available for all faiths. The district has an emblem display case which is a wonderful visual reminder to the Scout's on all of the various emblems that are available, many of which can be worn on their uniform. In addition, the committee has available the booklets for the Catholic and Protestant emblem programs for all ages of Scouting.

To schedule a presentation, purchase materials, or simply for more information on the religious emblems programs, contact either myself at 250-7282 (deaconh@wwdb.org) or Carl Ness; CCS Chair at 258-7349 (caness@nd.gov). Additional information can be found on the National Catholic Committee on Scouting website (<http://www.nccs-bsa.org>) or P.R.A.Y. (<http://www.praypub.org>). These two sites have a wealth of information on these and other programs available to Scouts and Scouters of all ages.

Yours in Scouting,

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