

St. Cloud Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting

(Ad Altare Dei/Catholic Emblem Retreat)

September 10-12 2010 Parker Scout Reservation

Dear Scoutmaster:

The St. Cloud Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting with the help of Central Minnesota Council BSA is offering a retreat experience for Catholic Boy Scouts in our area. The retreat will be held at the Parker Scout Reservation near Brainerd on the weekend of September 10-12 of this year 2010. The cost will be \$ 38.00 per scout with an extra cost of \$10.00 for those who turn their registration forms in late, after the August 31, 2010 deadline. Please eat or bring a bag lunch for Friday night. We will not supply a Friday night meal.

The purpose of this weekend is to kick off the Ad Altare Dei religious emblems program and to get those Catholic scouts who are interested in earning this emblem started in 1999. As part of the requirements for the **Ad Altare Dei program**, each scout has to attend some sort of retreat experience and so this is a perfect opportunity for them.

The Scouts will be staying in the various Parker Scout Camp Lodges so a minimum amount of camping equipment is required. We have enough chaperones to conduct the retreat so far, but if more are needed, some parents of the Scouts attending may be contacted to help. A minimum number of Boys Scouts from various Minnesota councils (combined) will be needed before we go ahead to conduct this retreat, and a maximum number of 25 scouts will be allowed to attend. Any late registrations above that amount will have to wait until next year's date. Further information will be forthcoming once we have received individual registration forms.

If you know any Catholic Scouts in your troop who are interested in earning the Ad Altare Dei religious emblem this year, please pass this information on to them at one of your regularly scheduled meetings. Feel free to photocopy the enclosed registration form and hand it out to those scouts who are interested.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me, Fr LeRoy Scheierl (Diocesan Scout Chaplain at 320-876-2240. Thank you and have a great year in Scouting!

Sincerely yours,

Fr LeRoy Scheierl

(Scout Chaplain for the St. Cloud Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting)