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-Preamble, Constitution of Girl Scouts of the United States of America

The following national organizations have created religious recognitions to encourage girls to grow stronger in their faith. The Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. has approved of these programs and allows the recognition insignia to be worn on the official uniform, but each religious organization develops and administers its own program. Check with your council store or contact the religious organization directly to obtain the curriculum booklets.

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# **Roman Catholic Church**

Local diocesan office or National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry, 415 Michigan Ave. NE, Ste. 40, Washington, DC 20017-1518 Attn: Orders Clerk (202) 636-3825 / e-mail: info@nfcym.org / www.nccgscf.org / www.nfcym.org

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# **Unity Worldwide Ministries**

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# How do we get started on these programs?

# 1. Girls must obtain the specific booklet for their religion.

- Check with your council store or contact the religious organization directly (see list above).
- Each girl needs her own booklet to document progress.
- Some religions offer adult manuals for counselors and mentors.

# 2. Parents should review the program guidelines.

- Some programs require that girls be official "members" of the religious institution.
- Age/grade requirements vary from program to program.
- Each program sets its own guidelines as to who may serve as counselor. Some programs require clergy to serve as counselor, other programs allow parents or other family members to serve as counselor.

- 3. Families should talk to their religious leaders and show them the booklet before beginning any program.
- Most programs require that they be completed under the auspices of that religious organization.

Many programs require a religious leader's signature.

- 4. Girls must complete the requirements, obtain the proper signatures, and follow the instructions to order the recognition or pin.
- These recognitions or pins are not available in your Girl Scout store (follow the instructions in your booklet).
- The award should be presented in a meaningful ceremony, preferably in the girl's religious institution.
- The award can be presented at anytime of the year. (Don't forget: Girl Scout Sunday/Sabbath is in March.)

Need help in making a presentation on religious awards? Find sample scripts at www.praypub.org.