

*Catherine Tekakwitha*

**THE GIRL SCOUT PROMISE**

On My Honor, I Will Try:  
To Serve God,  
My Country And Mankind  
And To Live By The Girl Scout Law

Catholic Committee on Scouting  
Greensburg Diocese  
723 East Pittsburgh Street  
Greensburg, Pa. 15601



**AWARD RECORD FOLDER**

# INSTRUCTIONS

## THE PURPOSE

The Catherine Tekakwitha Award is a recognition that the Catholic Church gives Junior Girl Scouts for advancement in religious knowledge and spiritual formation.

The purpose of the award is to help the Junior Girl Scout become more aware of God's presence in her everyday life, and to learn more about some of God's heroines.

The presentation of the award should be made in the parish or deanery, frequently in connection with the annual Holy Hour for Scouts on Girl Scout Sunday in March. It can only be made on the authority of the Bishop of the diocese, through the diocesan Scout chaplain.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any Catholic girl who is an active registered Junior Girl Scout can work on the award. She must be in the 5th or 6th grade and have been a registered Scout for at least 6 months when she receives the award. She must also attend Catholic school or receive regular religious instructions.

## HOW TO EARN THE AWARD:

1. An advisor, a member of the Catholic Committee on Girl Scouting, will meet with eligible, interested Junior Girl Scouts of her parish or area, to instruct them about the requirements and the log book. She will continue to meet with the girls periodically to check on their progress and to help them obtain resource material, if necessary.

2. The Junior Girl Scout begins to work on the requirements with her parents' guidance and help. They pass on her work for each of the twelve requirements.

3. When the advisor is satisfied that the girls have completed all the requirements, she makes an appointment with the pastor, assist-

ant pastor or religious sister (approved by the pastor,) who reviews the girls on the requirements and logbook. (An approved member of the Catholic Committee on Girl Scouting may examine and pass the girls with the approval of the Scout Chaplain.)

4. The application should be signed by the Junior Girl Scout Leader to certify that she is an active registered Girl Scout. The parent, study group advisor, and examiner must also sign the application.

5. All applications and fees for the award are sent to the Deanery Chairman of the Catholic Committee on Girl Scouting who forwards them to the Diocesan Scout Office. The fee, determined by the diocese, covers the cost of the medal.

7. The award is blessed and presented in a suitable church ceremony in the parish or deanery, usually on Girl Scout Sunday at the annual Holy Hour.

## THE MEDAL—HOW WORN

The award is a medal depicting Catherine Tekakwitha holding a wooden cross and is suspended from a bar pin bearing the inscription "Catherine Tekakwitha. Girl Scouts of the U. S. A., Diocese of Greensburg. The ribbon colors—red, white, and blue—depict love of country, patriotism.

The award should be worn on the left pocket of the uniform, below the Girl Scout pin.



## REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CATHERINE TEKAKWITHA AWARD

- I. DAILY PRAYER**  
A. Tell how and why you say morning and evening prayers.  
Say these prayers daily.  
Say grace before and after meals.  
B. In your logbook: Write your favorite prayer.  
Mother or Dad sign.....
- II. THE CROSS**  
A. Know what the Cross means and why it is important to Catholics, and tell of four ways the Cross is used in church and three ways a Catholic uses the sign of the Cross.  
B. In your logbook: Draw four kinds of crosses.  
C. Make a wooden cross from tree branches.  
Mother or Dad sign.....
- III. SPIRITUAL HEALTH**  
A. Tell another girl:  
1. What Holy Communion is and why you receive Holy Communion.  
2. What is Confirmation and why should you be confirmed.  
B. In your logbook: Draw symbols of three sacraments.  
Mother or Dad sign.....
- IV. SPIRITUAL SERVICE**  
A. Know the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, and do some spiritual or corporal good work to help those who are made to suffer because of their religion, e.g. missions.  
B. In your logbook: Describe what good work you did and and tell how Catherine Tekakwitha suffered because of her religion.  
Mother or Dad sign.....
- V. SPIRITUAL TOOLS**  
A. Tell what the rosary is and name the fifteen mysteries.  
B. Show how a girl of your age should assist at Mass.  
C. In your logbook: Draw a rosary, an altar, and a missal.  
Mother or Dad sign.....
- VI. RELIGIOUS HANDICRAFT**  
A. Show some religious article that you have made such as an altar, a shrine, a Christmas crib.  
B. In your logbook: Describe in writing the article and how you made it.  
Mother or Dad sign.....
- VII. PARISH HISTORY**  
A. Describe briefly the history of your parish church.  
B. In your logbook: Paste in a picture or drawing of your parish church.  
Mother or Dad sign.....
- VIII. CHURCH SUPPORT**  
A. Tell what is meant by the Fifth Commandment of the Church.  
How do you obey this commandment?  
B. In your logbook: Tell what you do to obey this commandment.  
Mother or Dad sign.....
- IX. SPIRITUAL SAFETY**  
A. Tell three ways you avoid sin.  
B. In your logbook: Write out the prayer you use in time of temptation.  
Mother or Dad sign.....
- X. HEROES OF GOD**  
A. Tell the story of your patron saint.  
B. In your logbook: Write what you do to imitate your patron saint and Catherine Tekakwitha.  
Mother or Dad sign.....
- XI. KNOW YOUR DIOCESE**  
A. Give the name of your cathedral, and tell where it is, and the name of the bishop or bishops of your diocese.  
B. In your logbook: Paste in a picture of your bishop and of your cathedral.  
Mother or Dad sign.....
- XII. LIFE OF THE BLESSED MOTHER**  
A. Read a book about THE BLESSED MOTHER and tell the story to other girls.  
B. In your logbook: Place your favorite picture of Christ and the Blessed Mother.  
Mother or Dad sign.....

**APPLICATION FOR THE CATHERINE TEKAKWITHA AWARD**

Last Name ..... First Name ..... Middle Name .....

Address ..... City and Zone.....

Parish ..... Address ..... City .....

Father's Name ..... Phone .....

Age ..... School .....  
(If not parochial school, state where you receive religious instructions)

Signed .....  
Junior Girl Scout

The above-mentioned Junior Girl Scout has been an active, registered member of the Girl Scouts for at least six months.

Date ..... Signed ..... Troop #.....  
Girl Scout Leader

The above-mentioned Junior Girl Scout has satisfactorily completed all requirements for the Catherine Tekakwitha Award and has appeared before her pastor or his representative or an approved member of the Catholic Committee on Girl Scouting for review.

Signed .....  
Parent

Signed .....  
Study Group Advisor

Signed .....  
Pastor or Representative

Date ..... Signed .....  
Catholic Committee on Girl Scouting

Forward this application to The Catholic Committee on Scouting, Diocesan Office.