

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE

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Worthy Vice Supreme & District Masters:

The Knights of Columbus has had a long relationship with and involvement in scouting. The United States Congress of Catholic Bishops also remains committed to supporting and encouraging the scouting movement. Personally, I am proud to be a third generation Eagle Scout and have always enjoyed my time as a scout and troop leader. Recently, while traveling in California, leaders with Scouting America (formerly the Boy Scouts of America) shared with me their excitement over the upcoming *Youth Read Sacred Texts Day* this May 1, 2025, the National Day of Prayer in the United States.

This will be their second annual celebration. As Fourth Degree leaders, I encourage you to share this event with your assemblies, encouraging them to contact their diocesan or local scout council committee for Catholic scouting or scout troops in your parishes to inquire how your assemblies can help support this event. As always, safe environment compliance is essential to supporting any youth activities.

Some recommendations:

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- Offer to provide an honor guard for a scheduled National Day of Prayer event.
- Host a Youth Read Sacred Texts Day reception in your parishes.
- Present Saint George prayer cards and medallions to participants.
- Assure that non-Scouting youth organizations in your parish are aware of the event.

By doing so, you will be an example to many of the importance of bringing the sacred scriptures to life through your dedication to living in a manner that exemplifies your Catholic faith and patriotism.

Click **HERE** for more information on the program.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael R. McCusker