

Answers to the Requirements

- 1) October 1, 2000 (www.americancatholic.org)
- 2) St. Katherine Drexel's father was wealthy. However, her mother opened her home to the poor three days each week and her father spent a half an hour each evening in prayer. (www.americancatholic.org)
- 3) Indians and African Americans. She had always been interested in the plight of the Indians, having been appalled by reading Helen Hunt Jackson's *A Century of Dishonor*. (www.americancatholic.org)
- 4) Founding of Xavier University in New Orleans, the first university in the United States for African Americans. She also founded Sisters of the Blessed Sacraments. (www.americancatholic.org)
- 5) When visiting with Pope Leo XIII in Rome, Katherine asked him for missionaries to staff some of the Indian missions that she as a lay person was financing. She was surprised to hear the Pope suggest that she become a missionary herself. Katherine made the decision to give herself totally to God through service to African Americans and Native Americans. On February 12, 1891, after her novitiate at the convent of the Sisters of Mercy in Pittsburgh, Katherine made vows as a religious, founding the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. (www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly)
- 6) Her Feast Day is March 3rd. (www.americancatholic.org)

Visit www.NCCS-BSA.org for information on how to order the Footsteps of American Saints patches.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can work on this program?

All youth and adults.

Does the youth need to submit the answers to the requirements when they are done with the activity?

No. The answers should be reviewed by an adult. The application and patch fee are the only things that need to be submitted.

Will there be more than one Activity Patch?

Yes. There will be an activity patch for every American Saint. Five new activities will be added each year. If a new American saint were to be canonized, that person would be added to the rotation in a timely manner.

How long will this saint be available for me to work on?

Each saint activity will be available for scouts to work on for two years. After that, the activity will be rotated off and replaced with a new saint.

Is this activity considered a religious emblem, and will Cub or Boy Scouts receive their religious knot after completing the form?

No. The activity is considered a religious activity not a religious emblem. Cub and Boy Scouts will not receive a religious knot after completing the form.

Footsteps of American Saints



St. Katherine Drexel Activity



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Footsteps of American Saints Activities

This program honors those men and women who led heroic lives of faith. Their words, their deeds, and their devotion to prayer and to the sacraments, inspire all American Catholics. In the church calendar for the United States, some have the rank of "saint" and are venerated by the universal church. Some have the rank of "blessed" and are venerated by the local church. Some have the rank of "venerable" and, while on the way to becoming a "saint", may be venerated by Catholics. Most of these men and women lived and worked in either North or South America. Many lived in what is now the United States. Others never set foot in our country, however their lives and work have had a huge impact on the Catholic American landscape. All of them sought to follow Jesus.

Requirements for St. Katherine Drexel

All – Read about this saint. You can find the answers to these questions on www.americancatholic.org. Feel free to use other resources.

1st thru 5th Grades - Complete 4 requirements and 2 of the activities.

6th thru 12th Grades - Complete 5 requirements and 3 of the activities.

Requirements:

- 1) When did she become a saint?
- 2) What kind of upbringing did St. Katherine Drexel have as a child that led her down the path to help others?
- 3) What groups of people did St. Katherine Drexel dedicate her life to helping and Why?
- 4) What was considered one of her crowning achievements?
- 5) What prompted St. Katherine Drexel to devote her life to serving African Americans and Native Americans?
- 6) When is St. Katherine Drexel Feast Day?

Activities:

- 1) Discuss with your family or counselor, some of the values that you admire most about St. Katherine Drexel. What is she known for? How can you be more like her?
- 2) Draw a picture showing some of her accomplishments. Share this picture with your family.
- 3) Organize a Food drive and donate the food to charitable organization in her name.
- 4) St. Katherine Drexel lived her life to serve African Americans and Native Americans. What can you do in your community to assist others? Organize a fund raising event or service project.

Requirements for Adults

- 1) Assist the youth with this Footsteps of American Saints activity
- 2) Share your thoughts with the youth about this Saint.
- 3) Review the youth requirements after they have completed the activity.
- 4) Fill out the application for this activity and send it along with the fee to the NCCS.

For more information about this Saint, check out the websites below.

- www.Catholic.org
- www.AmericanCatholic.org
- www.NewAdvent.org
- www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly