

Answers to the Requirements

- 1) Petra, Spanish Majorca on November 24, 1713.
- 2) He taught philosophy and theology at Lullian University.
- 3) While traveling on foot from Vera Cruz to the capital, he injured his leg in such a way that he suffered from it throughout his life, though he continued to make his journeys on foot whenever possible.
- 4) On the West Coast of the US where he founded twenty-one missions.
- 5) The Serra Club is an international Catholic organization dedicated to the promotion of vocations, and the support of seminarians and religious novices.

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.

Do 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.

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Footsteps of American Saints



Blessed Junípero Serra Activity



National Catholic
Committee on Scouting®

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 Blessed Junípero Serra

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) Where and when was he born?
- 2) After he was ordained, what was the work he did and where?
- 3) Why did he have so much difficulty walking?
- 4) Where did he do the majority of his ministry and how many missions did he found?
- 5) What present day organization is named after him? What is their role?

Activities:

- 1) Discuss with your family or counselor some of the values that you admire most about Blessed Junípero Serra. What is he known for? How can you be more like him?
- 2) Draw a picture showing some of his accomplishments. Share this picture with your family.
- 3) Blessed Junípero Serra once traveled 900 miles before starting his first mission. Plan and participate in a fundraising event such as a 5 – 10K walk to benefit mission work in your community.
- 4) Blessed Junípero Serra sought the famous “Regulation” protecting the Indians and the missions. Do you see any injustices in the world still? Write a “Bill of Rights” that you feel will protect those individuals. Discuss with your family or counselor some of the reasons why it is important.

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