

Answers to the Requirements

- 1) Prachititz, Bohemia on March 28, 1811
(www.catholic.org)
- 2) He was ordained a priest in the United States because there was an abundance of priests in Bohemia. On his original ordination date, his bishop was sick. (www.catholic.org)
- 3) He preferred ministering to people in the countryside and he knew twelve languages and used all of them in his ministry. (www.catholic.org)
- 4) Bishop of Philadelphia. (www.catholic.org)
- 5) He built fifty churches, began building a cathedral, and the number of students in Catholic schools grew from 500 to 9,000. (from allformary.org)
- 6) - He was the first to organize a Catholic diocesan school system and increased the number of Catholic schools in his diocese from one to two hundred.
 - He also introduced the School Sisters of Notre Dame to the New World to assist in religious instruction and staffing the orphanage.
 - He established Saint Peter's Parish in Riverside, New Jersey.
 - Neumann wrote in many Catholic newspaper and magazine articles. He also published two catechisms and a Bible history in German. There were also many teaching orders brought in by him. (www.catholic.org)
- 7) First American man and first American bishop to be canonized. (www.catholic.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. John Neumann 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. John Neumann

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

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

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

Requirements:

Where and when was he born?

Where was he ordained a priest and why?

Did he prefer ministering in the city or countryside?

In what diocese did he become bishop?

What was one of the skills he brought to the people he ministered to?

What were some of his major accomplishments?

What was significant about his canonization in US history?

Activities:

1) Discuss with your family or counselor, some of the values that you admire most about St. John Neumann. 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) On one occasion, St. John Neumann made a trip of 25 miles over mountain roads in order to administer the sacrament of reconciliation to a single child. Remember that transportation was a lot more difficult back in the 1850's. Attend confession. Discuss with your parents or counselor about your experience.

4) Research a ministry in your parish. Create posters that are written in a language other than your primary language. Describe a ministry in your parish. Participate and encourage others to help out with this ministry.

5) St. John Neumann took seriously our Lord's words, "Go and teach all nations.". Meet with your religious coordinator at your church. Assist a catechism class or youth in grade K – 5th learn more about Jesus by sharing a craft activity (examples: weave a palm cross, make a rosary with them, read a story from the Bible).

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.AllForMary.org
- www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly/saints