

Answers to the Requirements

1) Ossernenon, Iroquois Territory (Present day New York) in 1656.

(www.newadvent.org)

2) A smallpox epidemic swept through the area, taking the lives of both her parents and her brother. It also left her with bad scars and poor eyesight. (www.newadvent.org)

3) A Jesuit priest, Father Jacques de Lamberville in 1676. (www.newadvent.org)

4) She escaped to Caughnawaga on the St. Laurence where she lived a life dedicated to prayer, penitential practices, and care for the sick and aged. (www.newadvent.org)

5) Native American ministries in Catholic Churches all over the United States and Canada. (www.catholic.org)

6) July 14th. (www.newadvent.org)

7) The first Native American beatified by the Catholic Church. (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.

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Footsteps of American Saints



Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha 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 Kateri Tekakwitha

All – Read about this saint. You can find the answers to these questions on www.newadvent.org and www.catholic.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:

- 1) Where and when was she born?
- 2) What tragedy happened to her and her people when she was four years old?
- 3) Who was the person who converted and baptized her?
- 4) Where was she forced to move to and what did she do there?
- 5) What is the name of the association named after her?
- 6) When is the Blessed Kateri feast day celebrated?
- 7) What special distinction does Blessed Kateri have to Catholic Americans?

Activities:

- 1) Discuss with your family or counselor, some of the values that you admire most about Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. 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) Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha found a place in the woods where she could pray an hour a day. Write a prayer and find a special place in nature and say your prayer.
- 4) At the Christian colony of Indians, Kateri lived a life dedicated to prayer, and care for the sick and aged. Find a small feather and pin it to you shirt in remembrance of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha. Contact the volunteer coordinator at a local children's hospital or senior citizen home and arrange a visit. Bring some games to play. Share some laughs.

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/saints