

EASTERN CATHOLIC ASSOCIATES

THE EASTERN CATHOLIC BISHOPS IN THE USA

Rev. Nicholas Rachford
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Dear Fr. Nicholas,

Thank you for your interest and concern for the scouting programs. Your work in this area is commendable.


On behalf of the Eastern Catholic Associates, the Eastern Catholic Bishops in the USA, I emphasize our support of the Scouting Programs.

Since 1918 the Catholic Church in the United States had carefully used the resources of the Scouting movement to carry out youth ministry. No other program in the Church so completely addresses each aspect of Catholic youth ministry.

For us Eastern Catholics, Christ is our light; he is life itself. The *Light is Life* religious emblem program for Boy Scouts is a particular effective means of reinforcing the religious education of young people and assisting them in their spiritual formation, their love for their Eastern Catholic heritage and their commitment to bringing the leaven of the Gospel into market place.

With our best wishes and prayers, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ God,



Bishop Nicholas Samra
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