



## **Buffalo Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting** **Saint Joseph the Worker Activity Patch**

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled [Patris corde](#) (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis states:

***“Let us implore Saint Joseph the Worker to help us find ways to express our firm conviction that no young person, no person at all, no family should be without work!”***

The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX’s declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special “Year of St Joseph,” beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.

The purpose of the Saint Joseph the Worker Activity Patch is for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturers, Girl Scouts and Scout Leaders to learn about Saint Joseph the step-father of Our Lord Jesus and why he is known as the worker as well as being a family man with a strong faith.

After completion of the requirements, contact Jim Smyczynski at [jimsmyczynski@att.net](mailto:jimsmyczynski@att.net) to obtain the patches. The cost is \$3.00 each.

### **Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA and Girl Scouts:**

1. With your family read and discuss Pope Francis’ Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* (“*With a Father’s Heart*”). Share what you and your family discuss with your Counselor and Religious Emblems group, your Den, Pack or Troop.  
[http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap\\_20201208\\_patris-corde.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html)
2. St. Joseph also worked with Dignity. Find the meaning of Dignity. Discuss the meaning with your family.
3. St. Joseph was a carpenter meaning he worked with his hands to make things of wood. Make something with your hands. A wood project (a kit you purchase at any craft shop) a pine wood derby car (last year’s car does not count), a craft project or a sewing project.
4. St. Joseph was a man of deep faith in God. Find a prayer dedicated to St. Joseph say that prayer every day for one week. There are many prayers to St. Joseph on the internet.

### **Leaders:**

1. Read Pope Francis’ Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* (“*With a Father’s Heart*”). Share your thoughts with your Scouts when introducing them to the patch.  
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2. Review and guide Scouts through the patch activities.