

Annual Joint Religious Retreat – Messenger of Christ
Sponsored by
The Washington Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Boy Scouting
and
The Protestant Committee on Scouting – National Capital Area Council

When: April 16-18, 2010 Friday 5:00pm through Sunday Noon

Where: Our Lady of Mattaponi Youth Retreat Center, on the grounds of the original Bowie Estate (Mattaponi Road, Croom, MD)

What: The Retreat is an annual weekend of camping and religious reflections sponsored by the Washington Archdiocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting and the Protestant Committee on Scouting of the National Capital Area Council. It is open to all Boy Scouts; Venture Crews, and all Girl Scouts, and Camp Fire Youth in 6th – 12th grade. Retreat activities begin Friday evening. Following Saturday morning services and a presentation by our special guest, Scouts will rotate through a variety of station activities. Where possible, activities will include Scout skills, which may be used toward rank advancement. On Saturday evening, all gather in a procession to the ceremonial campfire for an evening of singing and skits. In addition to fun, the weekend includes chaplain's aide training, and time for prayer, reflection, and a penance service. Catholic Mass and Protestant Services are offered on Saturday and Sunday. The retreat concludes Sunday morning after the closing ceremony. All registered participants receive commemorative patches.

Our special guest this year is Fr. Leo Patalinghug, a priest from the Archdiocese of Baltimore and founder of Grace Before Meals (www.gracebeforemeals.com), who recently won a Throwdown challenge from celebrity Food Network chef Bobby Flay. Also known for his expertise in breakdancing and martial arts, Fr. Leo will join us at the retreat for a cooking demonstration tailored to the outdoors and will send us home with ways to help our families reunite through regular meals together.



Registration: Registration fee of **\$15.00** per participant is payable onsite (Please make checks payable to the Catholic Committee on Scouting). We ask that units pre-register (by mail or by email) to reserve your space and so that we may estimate the number of participants. Please direct registration questions to Trish Walker (301-498-3071 or walkerscouts@verizon.net) or to Dottie Tamai 301-773-1995.

General Questions: Scout Units, Venture Crews, and Camp Fire please contact Santa Bigony (msbrn@aol.com or 301-262-8645)
Priests and Religious should contact Rev. Scott Woods (301-862-4600)
Protestant Committee on Scouting contact: Pastor Ken Schnepf (301-894-3773 or pkrailshep@verizon.net)

Interested in Helping? Adults and Scouts interested in helping before or during the retreat should contact Santa Bigony.