

## **FAQs on the Authorized Catholic Religious Recognition Programs**

### **Are there any specific procedures that must be followed to begin these programs?**

You must notify your diocesan Catholic committee or the diocesan office of youth ministry before you begin. Each diocese administers the program separately and in order to receive the medals, you must follow their guidelines. Only an authorized purchaser may purchase medals and patches for your diocese.

### **Can I photocopy the workbooks?**

No, the workbooks are copyrighted. A workbook should be purchased for each participant.

### **What age/grade corresponds to each workbook?**

The following are the suggested ages/grades

- *Family of God* workbook—grades 2-3
- *I Live My Faith* workbook—grades 4-6
- *Mary, the First Disciple* workbook—grades 7-10
- *The Spirit Alive* workbook—grades 9-12

### **How long does it take to complete a workbook?**

On average it takes:

- A minimum of 3-6 months to complete the *Family of God* workbook
- A minimum of 3-6 months to complete the *I Live My Faith* workbook
- A minimum of 1 school year to complete the *Mary, the First Disciple* workbook
- A minimum of 1 school year to complete *The Spirit Alive* workbook

### **How much are the books?**

Currently, the NFCYM charges \$4.45 each for the workbooks (all levels) with separate shipping and handling charge. The shipping and handling charge is determined by our online store and is based upon actual UPS charges or USPS charges. You may also order books through your diocese. Please contact them for their current charges.

### **Does the workbook come with a leader's guide?**

The leader's guide is part of the workbook (not a separate document) for the *Family of God* and *I Live My Faith* workbooks. A separate document is available for the *Mary, the First Disciple* and *The Spirit Alive* workbooks respectively. The separate leader's guide is shipped free with an order at a ratio of 1 free leader's guide per every 5 workbooks purchased. Otherwise, the leader's guide may be purchased at a cost of \$2.00 each. You may also order the leader's guide through your diocese. Please contact them for their current charges.

### **I have old copies of the *Family of God* books (pre-2004), *Marian Medal* book (pre-2000), and *The Spirit Alive* book (pre-2004). Can I continue to use them?**

Yes, the old copies may be used. They cannot be exchanged by the NFCYM for the new books. However, it would be better to use the newer editions of these books (*Family of God* ©2004, *Mary, the First Disciple* ©2000, and *The Spirit Alive* ©2004) as they are more contemporary, content has been updated, and the books are visually appealing.

**How do I order the workbooks?**

Click on “Online Store” in the navigation bar of our website [www.nfcym.org](http://www.nfcym.org) and place your order by using your Visa, MasterCard, or Discover (American Express is not accepted) credit card. If paying by check follow the steps of the online store until you reach the page that gives you a total for your order that includes the shipping costs. Print this page and mail it to the NFCYM along with your check. You may also order books through your diocese. Please contact them for their current ordering policies.

**How do I purchase the medals and patches?**

Only authorized diocesan purchasers are allowed to purchase the medals and patches. Contact your diocesan Catholic committee or diocesan office of youth ministry for this information. The diocesan offices of youth ministry and links to them are located on our website at [www.nfcym.org/about/membership.htm](http://www.nfcym.org/about/membership.htm).

**Where do I send the medal application forms?**

The medal application forms are to be completed by the youth and adult advisor. Once completed, they should be sent to your diocesan office of youth ministry or diocesan authorized representatives.

**For further details regarding the religious recognition programs, contact:**

- Your parish
- Your diocesan committee on Catholic scouting and Camp Fire
- Your diocesan office of youth ministry
- Your regional representative on the National Catholic Committee for Girl Scouts and Camp Fire (NCCGSCF). The regional representatives, their telephone number, and an email link (if given to the NFCYM) for them are located on our website at <http://www.nfcym.org/gscf/structure.htm>.