

Our Lady of Good Help



An Activity Patch for Youth and Adults.

This activity patch is offered by the Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting of the Diocese of Green Bay, but is open to any youth or adult, in Scouting or not. It focuses on Mary's apparition in Wisconsin on how and why the Church has honored Mary for more than 2,000 years.

Requirements to earn the patch are grade specific and can be found below. Any knowledgeable parent, Scout leader, group leader, priest, religious or catechist who meets the standard Scouting and Diocesan safe environment requirements may oversee this activity.

How to start:

Read about Adele Brise and Our Lady of Good Help. You can find the answers to questions on:

- ✚ www.shrineofourladyofgoodhelp.org
- ✚ miraclehunter.com
- ✚ Feel free to use other resources.
- ✚ 1st-5th Grades—Complete 3 requirements and 2 activities
- ✚ 6th-12th Grades—Complete first 3 requirements **plus one** and 3 activities
- ✚ Adults—See [flier](#)



Requirements

- ✚ In 1859, Mary appeared to Adele Brise, a 28 year old Belgian immigrant woman, in a remote part of Northeastern Wisconsin. When Adele asked the apparition to identify herself, what was Mary's answer? What did Mary ask Adele to do? What was Adele's response?

Requirements, continued

✝ Often, Mary appeared to children or the “poor” in the eyes of society. How does Adele Brise compare with other visionaries (from Lourdes, Fatima, Guadalupe for instance)?

✝ In October 1871, the worst recorded forest fire in American history raged through Northeastern Wisconsin destroying property and taking many lives; what fire was this, what did Adele and her neighbors do, and what happened apparition site during/after the fire?

✝ Many people make pilgrimages to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help. What is a pilgrimage and how is it different than other travel? What do you think draws people to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help?

✝ According to the official decree of authenticity of the 1859 apparition of Our Lady of Good Hope in Wisconsin, what did Marian experts study before coming to their recommendation?



Activities

✝ Pray the Litany of Our Lady of Good Help (available at the Shrine website) with at least one other person. Include petitions concerning world issues/ current events.

✝ Visit the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help. Talk to some of the people at the Shrine and write a short paper explaining your experience (to whom did you talk, what did you see, in which activities did you participate, what were your impressions of the Shrine)

✝ Watch one or more descriptive videos about the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help (in person at Shrine or via youtube)

✝ Create a promotional pamphlet about the key points of the Apparition and about the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help.

✝ Make a list of how has Mary shown her good help to people who ask her intercession throughout the centuries?

How to Finish

✝ Once requirements are met and reviewed, the order form (with fee) may be submitted to: Diocese of Green Bay; ATTN: Scouting; PO Box 23825; Green Bay, WI 54305-3825

Answers to Requirements

- 1) Mary said she was the Queen of Heaven. She instructed Adele to gather the children and teach them what they needed for salvation and to pray for the conversion of sinners and make a general confession. Adele responded by preparing herself spiritually, then began visiting the local farmhouses and performing services to the parents in exchange for teaching their children. She later established a chapel and school at the apparition site.
- 2) Adele Brise was:
 - An immigrant from the Walloon part of Belgium, a people considered uneducated, poor and unskilled
 - Illiterate
 - Disfigured due to the loss of one eye
 - Faith-filled
- 3) The Peshtigo Fire occurred the same day as the more famous Chicago Fire, but was much more devastating. As it swept toward the site of the apparition, neighbors gathered there to pray. They prayerfully processed with a statue of Mary around the property, and while the Peshtigo Fire destroyed everything in the area surrounding the Shrine, the convent, school, chapel and five acres of land consecrated to the Virgin Mary were spared.
- 4) A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey with the purpose of honoring God. Pilgrimage destinations are often shrines of faith. People who visit the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help are seeking peace, prayer and healing through the intercession of Mary, Our Lady of Good Help.
- 5) The Marian experts studied the history and all related documents, letters, and recorded accounts of the alleged apparition. They looked for consistency with the Catholic faith and freedom from error. They investigated whether there was enough evidence that the events were of a supernatural nature. In 2010, Bishop David L. Ricken decreed the apparition as “worthy of belief” granting the Church’s official approval of this apparition.



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