

CATHOLIC-SPONSORED UNITS – RECHARTER 2023-2024

NOTE: ALL CATHOLIC-SPONSORED UNITS LOCATED IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES ARE REQUIRED TO USE THE RECHARTER FORMS THAT WERE APPROVED BY THE ARCHDIOCESE.

It is important to understand that the Archdiocese of Los Angeles continues to fully support Catholic Scouting and in fact, encourages all Pastors to welcome Catholic Scouting into their parishes. But it is also important to understand that the Archdiocese **REQUIRES** that all Catholic-sponsored Units use the Recharter form specifically designed for the Catholic Church.

The following is a summary of the rechartering information that was presented by Mrs. Maureen Brown, Chairperson of the Catholic Committee on Scouting for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Please read this carefully and be sure to comply with these instructions.

1. The Charter is a legally binding contract between BSA and the Parish. Because it is a contract, **ONLY the Pastor can legally sign the Charter**. There is only one exception to this: those few parishes that have a Parish Life Director can have the PLD sign the Charter instead of the Pastor. (NOTE: If the “Charter Organization” is the Parish School, then only the Principal can sign the Charter).
2. **The Charter Organization Representative CAN NOT sign the Charter!** The COR does not have the legal authority to do so.
3. Currently, the Charter is not available as a fillable document. So, you will need to make an appointment with the Pastor to fill out the form and get his “wet signature”.
4. The original Charter (signed by the Pastor, PLD or Principal) will be submitted to BSA when rechartering. A photocopy should be kept by the Pastor (or Principal) and by the Unit.
5. A copy of the Charter **MUST** be submitted to the Archdiocesan Real Estate Office. Send it to: realestate@la-archdiocese.org

SOME ADDITIONAL DETAILS...

BSA REQUIRES that adults: 1) register with BSA, 2) complete YPT Training and fingerprinting and 3) complete AB-506 Training and fingerprinting.

The Archdiocese ONLY REQUIRES Virtus Training and fingerprinting. Both of these are *FREE* and your Parish can help you schedule them. Also worth noting is that the Archdiocese has volunteered to do the AB-506 fingerprinting *FREE* for Scouting parents that bring the paperwork.

Final Note: This is a brief summary of a 1 ½ hour presentation. If you have any questions about rechartering a Catholic-sponsored Unit, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Maureen Brown. She can be reached at:

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