

# Girls Friendly Society, Diocese of Los Angeles Special Service Badges



## Crown



The crown on this badge represents the reward awaiting in heaven for those who are faithful in life. (Rev. 2:10)

How to earn the Crown badge:

Give 5 hours of service to your parish. The next 8 hours of parish service counts towards the Bezant Cross badge, below.

Examples of service to the parish:

- Assisting at a parish meal or parish work day
- Serving as a junior usher
- Making treats for coffee hour
- Making palm crosses for Palm Sunday
- Decorating the church for Christmas and other celebrations
- Any kind of service that is devoted primarily for the parish as opposed to the outside community.

Note: Service such as singing in the choir, acolyting, assisting in Sunday School or Altar Guild have separate badges: the Harp(choir), the Cross and Cruet(acolyte); the Hand of God(Sunday School) and the Chalice(altar guild).

Service hour records should be kept by a GFS leader, using the Parish Service Form, which is found at [www.GFSCalifornia.org](http://www.GFSCalifornia.org)

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## Bezant Cross



The cross on this badge is formed by small discs (“bezants”) which represent apples. The apples represent the “fruits” of living a good life.

How to earn the Bezant Cross badge:

After earning the Crown badge (above), give 8 hours of service to your parish. For every additional 8 hours of parish service glue a small jewel to the cross and then around the border.

Please read the description for The Crown badge for ideas for service.

Note: Other service such as singing in the choir, acolyting, assisting in Sunday School or Altar Guild do not count towards this badge. These activities earn separate badges: the Harp(choir), the Cross and Cruet(acolyte); the Hand of God(Sunday School) and the Chalice(altar guild).

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## Water Jug



The water jug on this badge represents the good work of the Samaritan woman who gave a stranger (Jesus) a drink. (John 4:7-13)

How to earn the Water Jug badge:

Give 5 hours of service to your community. For every additional 5 hours of community service glue a small jewel around the border.

Examples of service to the community:

- Participate in Souper Bowl Sunday ([www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org))
- Collect Christmas gifts for underprivileged children
- Make gifts for residents or entertain at a senior home
- Collect pet supplies for an animal shelter or organization
- Participate in an environmental or recycling project

Service hours for the Jug Badge should be as part of a GFS or church project. GFS service hours may be combined with other group or school service hours to apply for the Presidential Volunteer Service Award.

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## World Project



Every 3 years, GFS members from around the world meet at World Council. At this meeting, the World Project is chosen. Every GFS country does what it can to contribute to the GFS World Project. The many hands on this badge represent how our GFS work can help girls in faraway countries.

How to earn the World Project badge:

Learn about the GFS World project and raise funds to donate to the project. The funds should be forwarded to the GFS diocesan treasurer.

You can learn about the current GFS World Project by visiting [www.gfsglobal.org](http://www.gfsglobal.org) or [www.girlsfriendsociety.ie](http://www.girlsfriendsociety.ie). or by asking your diocesan president for more information.

Ideas to support the GFS World Project:

- A bake sale
- Host a theme dinner for the parish
- Organize a small craft boutique

When you organize the fundraiser, you will learn leadership and planning skills and also have fun!

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## Patriarchal Cross



The cross on this badge indicates that the GFS member has participated in events at the diocesan level.

To earn the Patriarchal Cross, a girl must serve at two diocesan GFS events, such as:

- Assist at the GFS exhibit at diocesan convention
- Serve as a reader, acolyte or usher at the Anniversary Service
- Participate in the worship service at a GFS diocesan event, such as Not So Quiet Day or Rally Day
  - Participate in any GFS or ECW event that extends beyond the parish

For every two additional diocesan GFS events, glue a jewel on the cross or around the border of the badge.

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## Cross and Cruet



The cruet on this badge represents one of the tasks of the acolyte: to provide the priest with water and wine for the Holy Eucharist.

How to earn the Cross and Cruet badge:

- Attend acolyte training and serve regularly as an acolyte for one year.
- Arrange for a substitute if you cannot make it to a scheduled acolyting commitment.
- Participation should be verified by the rector of the parish.

For every additional year of service as an acolyte, glue a jewel around the border of the badge.

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## Harp



The harp on this badge represents one of the earliest musical instruments. David, of the Old Testament, played the harp to soothe King Saul.

How to earn the Harp badge:

- Be a faithful member of the music ministry for one year
- Membership can be in the vocal choir, the chime/bell choir, praise band or other musical group which supports the worship of the parish
- Attend rehearsals regularly
- Participation should be verified by the music director

For every additional year of service in the music ministry, glue a jewel around the border of the badge.

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## Hand of God



The hand on this badge denotes that Christian education is an important ministry which helps form the faith of children.

How to earn the Hand of God badge:

- Serve as an assistant for one term of religious education work, such as vacation church school, a semester of Sunday School, etc.
- Assist on a regular basis
- Participation should be verified by the religious education director of the parish.

For every additional term of service, glue a jewel around the border of the badge.



## Chalice



The chalice on this badge holds the wine for Holy Eucharist. One of the tasks of the altar guild is to prepare the altar for Holy Eucharist.

How to earn the Chalice badge:

- Consult the altar guild director for a mentor from whom the GFS member can receive training
- Receive training
- Assist on a regular basis for one year
- Participation should be verified by the altar guild director.

For every additional term of service, glue a jewel around the border of the badge.

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## Servant's Cross



The ribbon and cross on this badge represent the cross worn by some chalice bearers.

How to earn the Servant's Cross badge:

- Attend chalice bearer training and serve regularly for one year.
- Arrange for a substitute if you cannot make it to a scheduled chalice bearer commitment.
- Participation should be verified by the rector of the parish.

For every additional year of service as an chalice bearer, glue a jewel around the border of the badge.

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## Dove



The dove on this badge represents the blessing of the Holy Spirit on those who confirm their baptismal covenant.

How to earn the Dove badge:

- Attend confirmation class as required at your church.
- Receive the sacrament of confirmation

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## Triquetra



The triquetra on this badge is comprised of three interlocking vesica shapes which represent the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The vesica shape is also used as the border for all of the GFS badges and reminds us of the the shape of a fish, an early Christian symbol.

How to earn the Triquetra badge:

- Earn all of the badges in the blue, green, red and purple levels
- GFS member must be at least in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade
- Be fully responsible for one aspect of a diocesan event, for example, select, prepare and lead a craft activity at Rally Day or plan, prepare and implement a worship service at Not So Quiet Day
- The diocesan board may request to review the member's notebook
- This badge is only awarded at the Anniversary Service

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## Fleur de lis



The fleur de lis on this badge is a stylized iris (or lily) dating back to pre-Christian times. Versions of the fleur de lis have been used for heraldic, artistic, and religious symbolism. The fleur de lis is associated with the conversion to Christianity of King Clovis I of France in the 12<sup>th</sup> century

How to earn the Fleur de lis badge:

- Dedicate a minimum of one year of thoughtful study, research, and writing, under the direction of a clergy person or person designated by the clergy
- Topic of study to be determined by the GFS member and approved by the supervisory clergy person
- Written work must be presented to the diocesan GFS board
- This badge is only awarded at the Anniversary Service