

Dear Mr. Lustig,

For some time, I have been happily following the development of the Troops of Saint George as an authentic Catholic apostolate of scouting. Dr. Taylor Marshall first informed me of the Troops some three years ago. My heartfelt congratulations on the recent recognition of the Troops of Saint George as a Catholic Apostolate of the Diocese of Fort Worth.

The Troops of Saint George, in an excellent way, assist Catholic boys and young men to develop a sound appreciation of nature, in accord with the Law with which God has created all things. In a particular way, it assists them to respect the Law which God has written upon the heart of every man, the only earthly creature created in His own image and likeness.

Helping boys and young men to unite their minds and hearts ever more perfectly with the Mind and Heart of Christ, God the Son Incarnate, the Troops of Saint George safeguard and foster the family as the cradle of human life, the place in which children first come to know God, to have communion with Him through prayer and worship, and to live always in His company through the practice of the virtues. In a particular way, the Troops of Saint George safeguard and foster the irreplaceable relationship between fathers and sons as a fundamental experience of the Fatherhood of God and of His special gifts to men for the good of the family and of all society. Boys and young men are thereby helped to know their vocation in life, whether God calls them to the married life, to the consecrated life or to the Holy Priesthood, and to embrace and follow it with pure and selfless love.

May God bless the boys and young men of the Troops of Saint George. May He bless you and all who dedicate themselves to the apostolate of the Troops of Saint George. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of the Family, and Saint Joseph, Pillar of Family Life, and Saint George, Martyr, intercede for the intentions of the Troops of Saint George.

Yours devotedly in the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and in the Purest Heart of Saint Joseph,

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