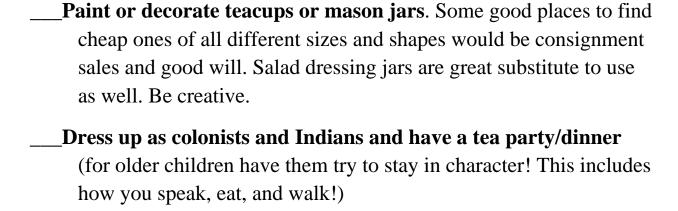
American Catholic History Badge

There is a prayer that goes "Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ to my left and Christ to my right." America was founded on the principal of freedom of religion. Catholics from all over the world came to America so that they may be free to live out their faith. Many immigrants came to America with the above prayer constantly in their hearts.

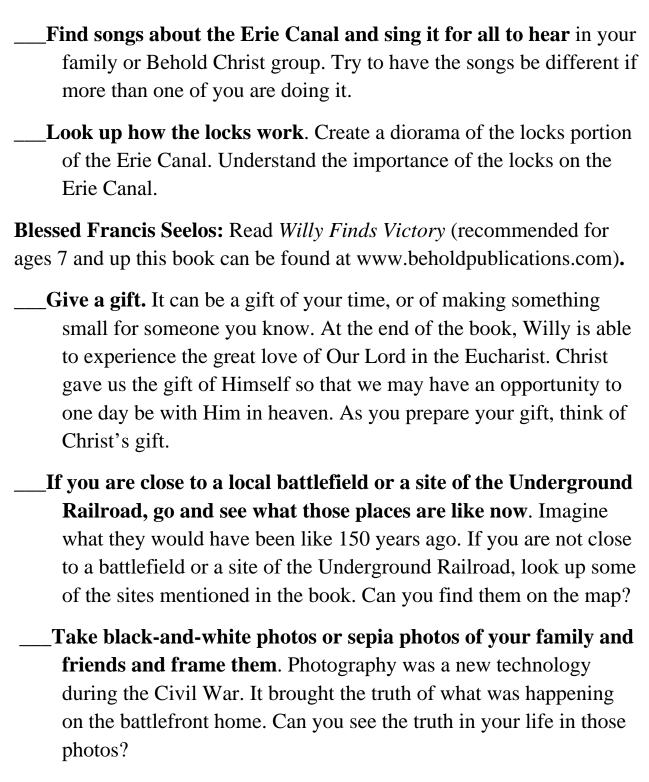
Earning this badge works just like earning any other Behold Christ Club patches. There are ten activities that members can complete to earn badges. How many and which activities each club member must complete is up to the discretion of the parent and/or club leader. Unlike past badges, this badge is organized chronologically. Under each title there is a list of possible activities. Like other badges, easier tasks are listed first and harder ones will be listed last. Leaders and parents may feel free to modify the activities to fit the age of each child.

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Boston Tea Party:



Look up the representatives in your area. See if you can visit
your local courthouse or possibly even state senate building if you are close enough. In the early days of the colonies the people were upset because of "No Taxation without representation" they saw the taxes on tea and paper were not something that they wanted. Today it is considered a leading cause for the Boston Tea Party and the American Revolution. Do you agree with what your representatives are doing?
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: Read <i>Kat Finds a Friend</i> (this book can be found at www.beholdpublications.com)
Have a picnic with your family or Behold Christ Club like Kat, Kitty and Mother Seton used to have.
If you are close to the national shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes then consider possibly visiting it.
Create a basket of food (make sure all the items are sealed) and give it to a family who you know will need it; try to remain anonymous if possible. If you are unsure to whom you should give it, spend some time praying about it.
St. John Neumann: Read <i>Thomas Finds a Treasure</i> (recommended for ages 7 and up this book can be found at www.beholdpublications.com).
Paint stones with your favorite bible verses, images and other reminders of truth that comes through the Church. Use stones that are flat are smooth and of interesting shapes. These stones are reminders of Father Neumann's debate where he speaks about how the Church is the pillar and the foundation of truth.

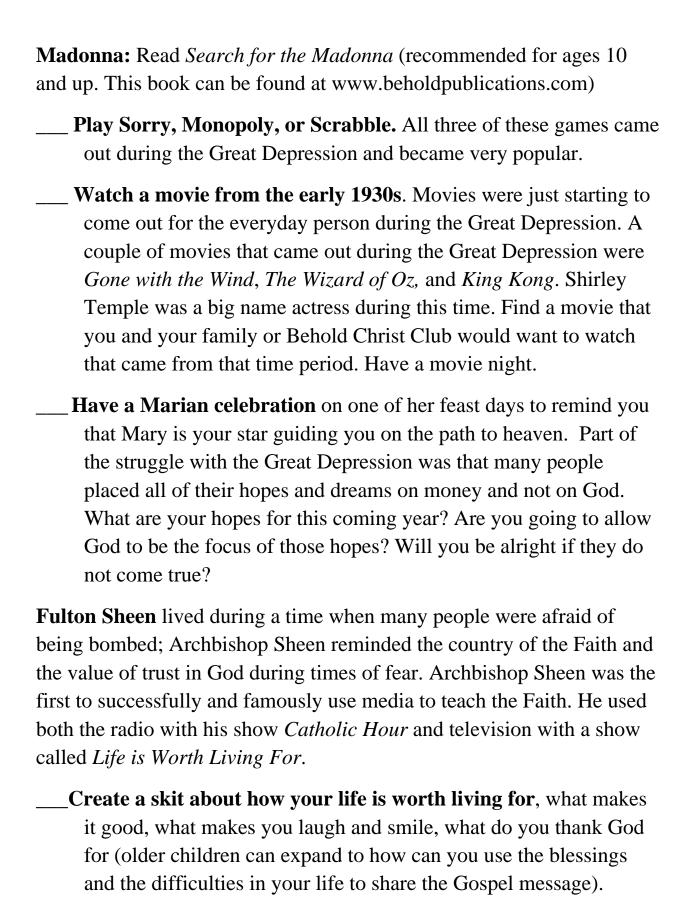


American Saints in Progress: Read the *Iron Spy* (book recommended for ages 10 and up this book and can be found at www.beholdpublications.com).

Research the Pinkerton Detective Agency. Do a presentation or example of the training that the agents would have to go through before they could go into the field.	
Research the Molly Maguires who were convicted. They may have been treated unfairly, but did they have the right to protest that the injustice the way they did? Create photograph timeline of one of the Molly Maguires and present it.	
Play Blind Man's Bluff. We are not all have the ability to see; some, like Kathleen, are born blind or something happens that makes the person unable to see. She had to have a great deal of trust in God and in others in order to go about her everyday life. Play Blind Man's Bluff with friends or siblings as a reminder that we to must have that blind trust in God. Here is a good website for instructions: http://spoonful.com/family-fun/blind-mans-bluff	
Mother Cabrini : Read <i>The Orphans Find a Home</i> (This book can be found at www.beholdpublications.com).	
Visit the Shrine to Mother Cabrini. There are ones in Chicago, Colorado, and New York. Mother Cabrini's remains are in New York.	
Volunteer at a hospital or nursing home for an afternoon, after reading the story of the "Good Samaritan" in Luke 6:17-26. Mother Cabrini and Maria talk about being a Good Samaritan. While at the nursing home try to find little ways to be a Good Samaritan.	
Look up your family tree. How did your family come to America? A good place to start is with your last name. Have a younger child	

look up the origin their last name. An older child can interview grandparents and look up family trees to see where your family has traveled from.

St. Katherine Drexel: Read <i>The People's Princess</i> (recommended for ages 7 and up this book can be found at www.beholdpublications.com).
Research different Native American tribes and their culture. Younger children can research recipes and clothes. Older children can research hunting, religion, and artwork. Using this research, create a presentation and example to their club or family. See if you can make any of the recipes or replicas of the art work.
Visit one of the many missions throughout the country. How it was built? How big was it? Why was built where it was? Who built it? How long was it use as mission? Maybe it still is?
St. Miguel Pro: Read <i>José Finds the King</i> (recommended for ages 7 and up this book can be found at www.beholdpublications.com).
Make buñuelos (cookies). Mexican dishes that will give the children an opportunity to experience the culture. (Capiritalda, a Mexican version of bread pudding that is normally served on Good Friday. The bread budding is used to symbolize of the passion of Christ.)
Host a Christ the King Party.; Viva Cristo Rey! The translation to
that is Long Live Christ the King! It was the message by which St. Miguel Pro lived. How is God the king in your life?
Research relics. What are relics? Why are they important especially
to us as Catholics? Why do we value them? Are there any in your area? If so see if you can go see them one day. (Older children can look up what determines the three different degrees of relics).



Create it with your siblings or friends and put it on for your family or Behold Christ Club. While producing your skit, see if you can film or videotape it (we would love to see it!)

____ Can you find pictures of the different communist flags. How they are different from the American flag? What does the Church teach about communism? What countries were communist during the 1950s? What countries are communist now?