

KNIGHTS
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Faith
in Action



Introduction

Programming with a Purpose

Faith in Action is the program model of the Knights of Columbus offering a mission-driven platform that is focused on quality of events and service. Faith in Action is designed to consider the needs of men in the twenty-first century.

In order to accomplish this, Faith in Action changes the previous Knights of Columbus program structure by reducing the amount of program categories from six to four: Faith, Family, Community, and Life. Within each of these categories are eight (8) Supreme-recommended programs for a total of thirty-two (32) programs altogether. These programs are designed to be flexible and adaptable in order to easily relate to the many current activities councils already perform. Councils should, of course, continue existing successful programs that are not part of the new model, but are encouraged to do so in the spirit of Faith in Action.

Under Faith in Action, to earn the Columbian Award, councils must complete four (4) programs in each category for a total of sixteen (16) programs altogether. These programs do not all need to be Supreme-recommended. There are eight (8) featured programs which count as two (2) program credits toward the Columbian Award. For detailed information on featured programs, see *Featured and Required Programs Minimum Requirements* (#10746).

For a full explanation including all program descriptions, action steps, resources and guidelines and to answers any outstanding questions on Faith in Action, consult the comprehensive *Faith in Action Program Book* (#10907) or the website kofc.org/faithinaction.

Faith in Action on College Campuses

Faith in Action is particularly suited to engage college students and their campuses.

Free time in college is a commodity, and many organizations offer competing opportunities to fill students' free time. With Faith in Action, the Knights of Columbus offer college students fulfilling programming

that will generate excitement and increase participation for your council! By balancing the key priorities of our lives — Faith, Family, Community and Life — and focusing on mission-driven programming, Faith in Action offers opportunities for fun, hands-on activities that facilitate life-long friendship and fraternity.

When planning events with your council, whether the program be Supreme-recommended or unique to your college, be sure to consider how the program fits into the Faith in Action model. Does it engage students on your campus in one of the four categories? Does it reach past your council and engage the broader community? If the answer is no, consider how the program might be altered to better engage and inspire your community to put *their* faith in action.

College Specific Changes to the Faith in Action Model

Although Faith in Action is a great benefit to college councils, it is not perfect. Since it was designed for traditional, parish-based councils, there are some aspects of the model that do not translate well to the collegiate environment — particularly in the Family program category.

For this reason, the Supreme Council College Councils Department has designed five college-council specific programs, complete with their own resources and guide sheets (overview documents). This will ensure that there are still thirty-two (32) Supreme-recommended programs available to college councils and they are not penalized as a result of their unique status. College councils can implement these programs in the place of the five standard Faith in Action family programs that they replace. These programs are:

- **Knight of the Month/Year** replaces Family of the Month/Year
- **College Movie Program** replaces Family Fully Alive
- **Love & Responsibility Week** replaces Family Week
- **Dinner & Discussion** replaces Family Prayer Night
- **Consecration to St. Joseph** replaces Consecration to the Holy Family

Please note that, although these five programs are the only Supreme-recommended programs designed specifically for college councils, for the purposes of the Columbian Award, and thus the Star Council Award, they are all counted in the Family program category.



Faith in Action

Taking these changes into account, the thirty-two (32) Faith in Action programs for college councils are:

The hope of the College Councils Department is that these programs in the family category will assist college councils in forming future husbands, fathers and priests in their vocations, and will introduce concepts of healthy relationships, good stewardship and strong family life. Moreover, we hope that these programs will provide

avenues for college Knights to involve the larger campus community in their council programming!

This *Faith in Action College Councils Addendum* (#10770) is comprised of the guide sheets (overview documents) for the five unique college programs.

The Supreme Council encourages you to explore each program outlined in the *Faith in Action Program Book* (#10907) and in this *College Councils Addendum* (#10770) with your chaplain and council officers. Discuss how you might revitalize your council's traditional programing with these new Supreme-recommended programs, and how a creative implementation of these programs might attract new members and effect a greater change in your college community. March forward, good and faithful Knights!

Vivat Jesus!

College Faith in Action Programs

FAITH	COMMUNITY
RSVP Into the Breach Spiritual Reflection Holy Hour Pilgrim Icon Program Building the Domestic Church Kiosk Rosary Program Sacramental Gifts	Coats for Kids Global Wheelchair Mission Habitat for Humanity Disaster Preparedness Free Throw Championship Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Soccer/Hockey Challenge Helping Hands
FAMILY	LIFE
Food for Families <i>Knight of the Month/Year</i> College Movie Program Love & Responsibility Week Consecration to St. Joseph Dinner & Discussion Keep Christ in Christmas Good Friday Family Promotion	March for Life Special Olympics Ultrasound Initiative Pregnancy Center Support Christian Refugee Relief Silver Rose Mass for People with Special Needs Novena for Life

Bold denotes Featured Programs

Bold italics denote programs specific to college councils (Note: the five college programs are **not** featured programs)

Knight of the Month/Year

A Higher Purpose

Promote the example of faithful men of virtue. Each council establishes a committee to recognize deserving Knights of the Month and one Knight of the Year, with potential for recognition on the international level.

Overview

Each month, the council Knight of the Month Committee selects one Knight who models Christian masculine virtues and visibly lives them every day. Once a year, each council also selects one of the previous Knight of the Month winners as their Council Knight of the Year. Additionally, the College Knight of the Year is chosen from the pool of council Knights of the Year by the Supreme Council and recognized at the annual College Councils Conference.

Chairman Role and Responsibilities

- Working with your chaplain, assemble a committee of council leaders to serve as that year's Knight of the Month Committee.
- Order supplies for the event through Supplies Online. The Grand Knight and Financial Secretary of each College Council have been activated to order resources at no charge through a special link to Supplies Online, provided via email.
- Each month, ensure that the winning Knight is selected and formally recognized.
- Complete and submit all associated reporting forms to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission and College Councils Department, including the *Knight of the Month Entry Form* (#10764) which must be submitted by the 15th day of the following month and the *Knight of the Year Entry Form* (#10765) which must be submitted by June 30.

Action Steps

1. Working with your chaplain, obtain his recommendations on conducting the Knight of the Month/Year program.
2. Ensure that all events and activities related to this program are fully approved by your chaplain and campus student activities office.
3. Order the *Knight of the Month/Year Kit* through Supplies Online.
4. Working with your chaplain, assemble a committee of council leaders to serve as that year's Knight of the Month Committee. Some smaller councils may find it difficult to create such a subcommittee, in cases such as this, the whole council generally participates in the selection process. Before selecting any Knights of the Month, ensure that all committee members and your chaplain have reviewed the *Knight of the Month/Year Guidebook* (#10791), in depth. All members of the selection committee are asked to approach selection proceedings with the utmost professionalism and to remember that this is a reward for merit and virtue, not popularity.
5. Each month, hold a committee meeting to select the Knight of the Month (this is sometimes done in conjunction with regular council business meetings). To be selected as Knight of the Month, winners should stand out as exemplary models to others in the council and on campus. The committee should consider the following factors in their search for a Knight of the Month:
 - Does the member have a robust prayer-life that goes beyond weekly mass attendance?
 - Has the member made significant contributions to the parish and church community?



- Is the member active in serving his local community?
- Is the member a true Catholic gentleman? Does he serve as a model man to his brothers?

6. Once the Knight of the Month has been selected, formally present the *Knight of the Month Certificate* (#1476-CC) to him. Make sure that he is duly recognized! This could be after a Mass, at a Knights of Columbus activity, or at another campus ministry event. Be sure to ask a fellow Knight or community member to photograph each event and make sure everyone wears Knights of Columbus-branded apparel.

7. Build public interest! Promote your program in the campus community through a variety of efforts:

- Posting on your council website / social media pages
- Prominently display promotional posters (which can be ordered through Supplies Online and at no cost by the council Grand Knight and Financial Secretary)
- Pulpit announcements
- Bulletin announcements

8. Make sure to submit the *Knight of the Month Entry Form* (#10764) to the College Councils Department by the 15th day of the following month. (Knights of the Month may be contacted to be showcased online, in the *College Councils Newsletter* or in other Knights of Columbus publications.)

9. At the end of the academic year, select one of the previous winning Knights as your council's Knight of the Year. Make sure to submit the *Knight of the Year Entry Form* (#10765) to the College Councils Department by June 30, so your Council Knight of the Year can be considered for the College Knight of the Year Award and scholarship presented annually at the fall Knights of Columbus College Councils Conference.

10. Do not forget to make sure that your Council Knight of the Year is recognized too! Use the same procedures outlined for the Knights of the Month to celebrate the presentation of the *Knight of the Year Certificate* (#1545-CC).

11. To gain credit for your program, complete the associated reporting forms and submit them to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission and College Councils Department. Remember to retain copies for your council records.

- Immediately after your event is finished, complete the *College Programs Report Form* (#10784-CC)
- At the end of the fraternal year, complete your *Columbian Award Application* (#SP-7) and the *Outstanding College Council Application* (#10766)

Program Requirements

To satisfy program requirements, councils should select at least six Knights of the Month and one Knight of the Year during the academic year. For councils at schools with two semesters, this would be three Knights of the Month per semester.

Resources

1. #10791- *Knight of the Month/Year - Guidebook*
2. #10764- *Knight of the Month - Form*
3. #1476-CC- *Knight of the Month - Certificate*
4. #10765- *Knight of the Year - Form*
5. #1545-CC- *Knight of the Year - Certificate*

Links

www.kofc.org/knightofthemonth

www.kofc.org/knightoftheyear

College Movie Program

A Higher Purpose

Enjoy a relaxed atmosphere with friends while also engaging with great films and considering larger questions in a fun and accessible way. Councils will host screenings of thought-provoking films, and participate in discussion of the film's themes, audience impressions and implications for how to live a good and virtuous life.

Overview

Featuring movies handpicked by the supreme knight, the College Movie Program is designed to introduce students to quality films that facilitate engaging conversation. During a movie night film screening, the council will not only view a film, but also lead discussion that considers the content of the movie, its historical background and connections to present day concerns. To assist with these discussions, the College Councils Departments offers study guides (both in print and online) that include an introduction, which offers a historical perspective on the era portrayed in the film, explains important characters and explores relevant background information. Additionally, memorable quotes and "Thoughts for Discussion" are included to help steer your post-movie conversation.

Chairman Role and Responsibilities

- Work with your chaplain on conducting movie nights.
- Order supplies for the event through Supplies Online. The Grand Knight and Financial Secretary of each College Council have been activated to order resources at no charge through a special link to Supplies Online, provided via email.
- Promote the events to your council, campus ministry and larger campus community.
- Lead the movie night discussions.
- Complete and submit all associated reporting forms to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission and the College Councils Department.

Action Steps

1. Working with your chaplain, obtain his recommendations on conducting the College Movie Program.
2. Ensure that the film viewings are fully approved by your chaplain and campus student activities office.
3. Secure a location to screen your movies. Make sure it is a large space so that more than just the council or campus Catholic community can attend.
4. Pick the film that will be viewed! Be sure to go through the proper procedures to acquire the screening rights for the film. Contact your student activities office to learn more about procedures on your campus.
5. Order supplies for the event, including enough copies of the film study guide for attendees, through Supplies Online. Be sure have access to a copy of the film, as well!
6. Plan to have refreshments and snacks on hand to improve the viewing experience and increase fraternity.
7. Build public interest! Promote the movie nights in your council and larger community through a variety of efforts:
 - Posting on your council website / social media pages
 - Prominently display promotional posters (which can be ordered through Supplies Online and at no cost by the council Grand Knight and Financial Secretary)



- Pulpit announcements
- Bulletin announcements

- At the movie screening and discussion, wear Knights of Columbus-branded apparel and have the council membership director set up a table with brochures and membership documents (including *Prospect Cards* (#921A) and *Online Membership 'Why Join?' Brochures* (#10537)). Do not forget that this event is a recruiting opportunity!
- Before showing each film, be sure to introduce it. Reading the intro on the study guide can be a great place to start. Also, remember to mention that this event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and briefly mention what the council does, inviting any Catholic men present to join.
- Following the film, invite attendees to discuss the film, starting with their general impressions, and then move on to the items covered in the study guide. Also invite observations that may be outside the materials covered in the guide. Depending on the size of the crowd, breaking up into smaller groups may be more effective than a single group discussion.
- Enlist a fellow Knight or community member to photograph the movie nights.
- To gain credit for your program, complete the associated reporting forms and submit them to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission and College Councils Department. Remember to retain copies for your council records.
 - Immediately after your event is finished, complete the *College Programs Report Form* (#10784-CC)
 - At the end of the fraternal year, complete your *Columbian Award Application* (#SP-7) and the *Outstanding College Council Application* (#10766)

Program Requirements

To satisfy program requirements, councils should hold at minimum two to four movie nights through the academic year.

Resources

1. #10346- *A Man for All Seasons*; *Study Guide*
2. #10347- *Judgement at Nuremberg*; *Study Guide*
3. #10348- *On the Waterfront*; *Study Guide*
4. #10350- *We Were Soldiers*; *Study Guide*
5. #10468- *Henry V*; *Study Guide*
6. #10492- *Liberating a Continent*; *Study Guide*
7. #10559- *For Greater Glory*; *Study Guide*
8. #10745- *The Mission*; *Study Guide*
9. #10771- *Shane*; *Study Guide*
10. #10807- *Michael Collins*; *Study Guide*
11. #10808- *Katyń*; *Study Guide*
12. #10809- *Becket*; *Study Guide*

Link

www.kofc.org/movie

Love & Responsibility Week

A Higher Purpose

Dedicate a week to joyfully and compassionately uphold the dignity of each human person as outlined in Catholic teaching. Throughout the week, hold fun and innovative events that affirm faith and engage with Catholic truths.

Overview

In conjunction with your chaplain, work as a council to choose a theme from Catholic teaching. Plan a week, offering a variety of events, activities, and resources that promote and explore the various aspects of this theme. The central role of the family, the dangers of pornography addiction and the important realities of Catholic sexual ethics are all examples of potential Love & Responsibility Week topics.

Chairman Role and Responsibilities

- Work with your chaplain on conducting a Love & Responsibility Week.
- Order supplies for the event through Supplies Online. The Grand Knight and Financial Secretary of each College Council have been activated to order resources at no charge through a special link to Supplies Online, provided via email.
- Promote the events to your council, campus ministry and larger campus community.
- Complete and submit all associated reporting forms to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission and the College Councils Department.

Action Steps

1. Working with your chaplain, obtain his recommendations and choose a theme which relates to Catholic teaching on the ideas of love and responsibility.
2. Designate a specific week to organize your events. Be sure to consider factors that might affect participation such as exams, vacations, sporting events or other campus events and campus ministry programs.
3. Plan a schedule of interesting activities that affirm faith and engage with ideas from Catholic teaching. Ideally, the week of activities should begin with Mass on Sunday and conclude the following Sunday.
4. Ensure that all the events for the week are fully approved by your chaplain and campus student activities office.
5. Order supplies for the week through Supplies Online.
6. Build public interest! Promote the Love & Responsibility Week on your council and larger community through a variety of efforts:
 - Posting on your council website / social media pages
 - Prominently display promotional posters (which can be ordered through Supplies Online and at no cost by the council Grand Knight and Financial Secretary)
 - Pulpit announcements
 - Bulletin announcements



7. At each event, wear Knights of Columbus-branded apparel and have the council membership director set up a table with brochures and membership documents (including *Prospect Cards* (#921A) and *Online Membership 'Why Join?' Brochures* (#10537)). Do not forget that this event is a recruiting opportunity!
8. Enlist a fellow Knight or community member to photograph the events.
9. To gain credit for your program, complete the associated reporting forms and submit them to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission and College Councils Department. Remember to retain copies for your council records.
 - Immediately after your event is finished, complete the *College Programs Report Form* (#10784-CC)
 - At the end of the fraternal year, complete your *Columbian Award Application* (#SP-7) and the *Outstanding College Council Application* (#10766)

Resources

1. #10802- *Love & Responsibility Week - Prayer Card*
2. #10803- *Love & Responsibility Week - Calendar Poster*
3. #10804- *Love & Responsibility Week - Calendar Flyer*
4. #10805- *Love & Responsibility Week - Vertical Poster*

Link

www.kofc.org/responsibility

Dinner

& Discussion

A Higher Purpose

Engage your campus with unique ideas that promote faith and community. Dinner & Discussion events should focus on group discussion and incorporate meals shared in community.

Overview

Councils use a variety of formats to host events that address perspectives not typically found on campus, centered broadly on themes of faith and community. Lectures and book studies are two of the most common activities. Each year, councils should host at minimum two to four Dinner & Discussion events. Before hosting the first Dinner & Discussion, councils should decide on a common discussion theme for the year, with topics that range from religious liberty to the lives of the saints to engaging with the council's local town or city. The dinner can be prepared by members of the council as a fraternal activity and a way of sharing in one of the most common service activities performed by Knights of Columbus: providing meals for their community.

Chairman Role and Responsibilities

- Work with your chaplain on conducting a Dinner & Discussion series.
- Order supplies for the event through Supplies Online. The Grand Knight and Financial Secretary of each College Council have been activated to order resources at no charge through a special link to Supplies Online, provided via email.
- Promote the events to your council, campus ministry and larger campus community.
- Complete and submit all associated reporting forms to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission and the College Councils Department.

Action Steps

1. Working with your chaplain, obtain his recommendations and choose a theme for your Dinner & Discussion series.
2. Ensure that the events are fully approved by your chaplain and campus student activities office.
3. Order supplies for the event through Supplies Online.
4. If your Dinner & Discussion program has a lecture component, be sure to book your speaker far in advance and secure a large enough space so that many members of the campus community can attend.
5. Build public interest! Promote the Dinner & Discussion events in your council and larger community through a variety of efforts:
 - Posting on your council website / social media pages
 - Prominently display promotional posters (which can be ordered through Supplies Online and at no cost by the council Grand Knight and Financial Secretary)
 - Pulpit announcements
 - Bulletin announcements



6. On the day of each event, provide a meal for attendees. Preferably, this meal will be home-cooked, as resources allow.
7. Be sure to wear Knights of Columbus-branded apparel and have the council membership director set up a table with brochures and membership documents (including *Prospect Cards* (#921A) and *Online Membership 'Why Join?' Brochures* (#10537)). Do not forget that this event is a recruiting opportunity!
8. Enlist a fellow Knight or community member to photograph the events.
9. To gain credit for your program, complete the associated reporting forms and submit them to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission and College Councils Department. Remember to retain copies for your council records.
 - Immediately after your event is finished, complete the *College Programs Report Form* (#10784-CC)
 - At the end of the fraternal year, complete your *Columbian Award Application* (#SP-7) and the *Outstanding College Council Application* (#10766)

Program Requirements

To satisfy program requirements, councils should hold at minimum two to four Dinner & Discussion events on the same theme during the fraternal year.

Resources

1. #10747- *Dinner & Discussion - Poster*

Link

www.kofc.org/discuss

Consecration

to St. Joseph

A Higher Purpose

Grow in masculine virtue and strengthen the lives of men on your campus. College councils will invite both council members and the community at large to consecrate themselves to St. Joseph and to dedicate themselves to the ideal model that he set.

Overview

To help men on campus live out the joy of Christ, and to provide all members of the college community with examples of virtue, prudence and leadership, councils are called to lead their communities in a consecration to St. Joseph. By this act of consecration, we ask for the aid and intercession of the foster father of Jesus Christ, St. Joseph, who serves as a true model for every man. Preparing for the Consecration to St. Joseph is not a single event, it is choosing a way of life for oneself. Through this act, each participant consciously chooses to be a beacon of God's love through the Church and to hold himself and his brothers to the standard established by St. Joseph, Chaste Protector of the Virgin, Defender of the Universal Church and Terror of Demons.

Chairman Role and Responsibilities

- Work with your chaplain on conducting a Consecration to St. Joseph.
- Order supplies for the event through Supplies Online. The Grand Knight and Financial Secretary of each College Council have been activated to order resources at no charge through a special link to Supplies Online, provided via email.
- Ensure that all participants are properly prepared for the consecration.
- Promote the consecration to your council, campus ministry and larger campus community.
- Complete and submit all associated reporting forms to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission and the College Councils Department.

Action Steps

1. Working with your chaplain, obtain his recommendations on conducting a Consecration to St. Joseph.
2. Ensure that the event is fully approved by your chaplain and campus student activities office.
3. In conjunction with your chaplain, set a Sunday for the consecration and announce it a month before the official day.
4. Order supplies for the event through Supplies Online, including enough copies of the *Consecration to St. Joseph Prayer Card* (#10679) to be distributed at all Masses on two weekends.
5. Distribute *Consecration to St. Joseph Prayer Cards* (#10679) and *Preparing for a Consecration* (#10677) at all Masses the week before the consecration. Place more prayer cards in your chapel/church and campus ministry office.
6. Although the formal consecration should occur at all Masses on a chosen Sunday, serious and mindful preparation for at least a week prior is a major aspect of this program. To ensure that all members of your parish are fully participating and readying themselves for the consecration, consult *Preparing for a Consecration* (#10677). In addition, your council should consider promoting the following activities:
 - Asking your pastor to make an announcement at all Sunday Masses the week before the consecration. Ask him to explain what a consecration is, why it is being undertaken and how to properly prepare.
 - Suggesting that people join with the council to pray together each day for the week before the consecration. Ideally, this will lead them to continue the practice, at least on a weekly basis, after the consecration has occurred.



- Encouraging each participant to intentionally fast from something ahead of the consecration. This fast should last at least a week leading up to the consecration. It is strongly encouraged to fast from something that would normally be consumed or an activity that is regularly done. Fasting helps to discipline our minds and hearts and moves us to be more focused on God.
- Strongly encouraging all participants to go to confession before the consecration.
- Hosting an event in the middle of the week prior to the Sunday consecration. One idea for this event is to invite a guest speaker to discuss St. Joseph, his role as the model of masculinity, the meaning and impact of consecrations or related themes. Be sure to set aside time at your event for prayer in community. Consider praying the Litany of St. Joseph together and be sure to recite the consecration prayer together in preparation.

7. Build public interest! Promote the Consecration to St. Joseph in your council and larger community through a variety of efforts:

- Posting on your council website / social media pages
- Prominently display promotional posters (which can be ordered through Supplies Online and at no cost by the council Grand Knight and Financial Secretary)
- Pulpit announcements (see Action Step #6)
- Bulletin announcements

8. On the day of the consecration, distribute *Consecration to St. Joseph Prayer Cards* (#10679) once again. Under the direction of your chaplain, recite the Consecration to St. Joseph prayers together at Sunday Mass. If he is willing, ask your chaplain to also incorporate themes relating to the Consecration and St. Joseph in his homily.

9. Following the consecration, host an event for all participants to celebrate together! Remind all present that this consecration has a lasting impact. Although the time of preparation has ended and the consecration has occurred, devotion to St. Joseph continues, and we should always strive to resemble his ideal model of holiness and masculine virtue.

10. At the celebration event, be sure to wear Knights of Columbus-branded apparel and have the council membership director set up a table with brochures and membership documents (including *Prospect Cards* (#921A) and *Online Membership 'Why Join?' Brochures* (#10537)). Do not forget that this event is a recruiting opportunity!

11. Enlist a fellow Knight or community member to photograph the event.

12. Following the event, update the campus and larger community on the success of your program by distributing an announcement to local media (particularly your student paper), along with energizing photographs from the event.

13. To gain credit for your program, complete the associated reporting forms and submit them to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission. Remember to retain copies for your council records.

- Immediately after your event is finished, complete the *College Programs Report Form* (#10784-CC)
- At the end of the fraternal year, complete your *Columbian Award Application* (#SP-7) and the *Outstanding College Council Application* (#10766)

Resources

1. #10677- *Preparing for a Consecration*
2. #10678- *Consecration to St. Joseph - Poster*
3. #10679- *Consecration to St. Joseph - Prayer Card*

Link

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