



Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge for April 2025 *Cor*

Each month, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori selects a brief passage from the Gospel reading of one of the Sunday Masses, shares a reflection on the passage, and issues a challenge for men to live during the month and discuss afterward.

This resource can easily be used for the Formation key element of *Cor*.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Open with the Sign of the Cross and a brief prayer.
- 2) Re-read the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge with the challenge that was lived during the previous month.
- 3) Open the floor for discussion on what it was like to try and live the previous month's challenge. Every month has a number of *Questions for Reflection* that may help facilitate discussion. Attendees who did not undertake the previous month's challenge can still participate in the discussion.
- 4) When finished with the discussion, read the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge for the next month to prepare participants for the new challenge they will strive to live.
- 5) Close by asking if there are any intentions and end with a brief prayer.

PREVIOUS MARCH 2025 MONTHLY CHALLENGE:

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles." (Gospel for March 2, Lk 6:43-44)

Scripture often reminds us that our faith must be made evident through our works, through the good that we do. If we are truly prayerful and holy in an interior way, we will also be productive in the world. Like a tree, we will be known by the fruit we produce. May we always be mindful that faith calls us to lead lives of virtue in service to God and neighbor.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: This month, I challenge you to prayerfully identify at least one area of your life where you could bear better fruit. Then, guided by the Holy Spirit, undertake at least one concrete resolution to improve.

Questions for Reflection: To borrow an old question: If you were accused of being a Christian, would there be sufficient evidence to convict you? Where do you see room for improvement in turning your faith into action? What opportunities does the Knights of Columbus provide to help you bear good fruit?

NEXT APRIL 2025 MONTHLY CHALLENGE:

She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." (Gospel for April 6, Jn 11:27)

These words belong to Martha, sister of Lazarus, as she and Jesus speak outside her brother's tomb. Her choice of words is important: "I have come to believe." This suggests her belief has evolved, that her previous uncertainty or ignorance about Jesus has blossomed into faith. Growing in faith is usually a process of moving from questioning or doubt to illumination and trust. How do we come to faith and then grow deeper in it? We do so through prayer, study and reflection. Let us continually deepen our faith in this manner.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: This month, I challenge you to take part in a Catholic faith formation course, event or opportunity offered through your local council (such as *Cor*), your parish or diocese, or online.

For more information on the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge visit: kofc.org/monthlychallenge