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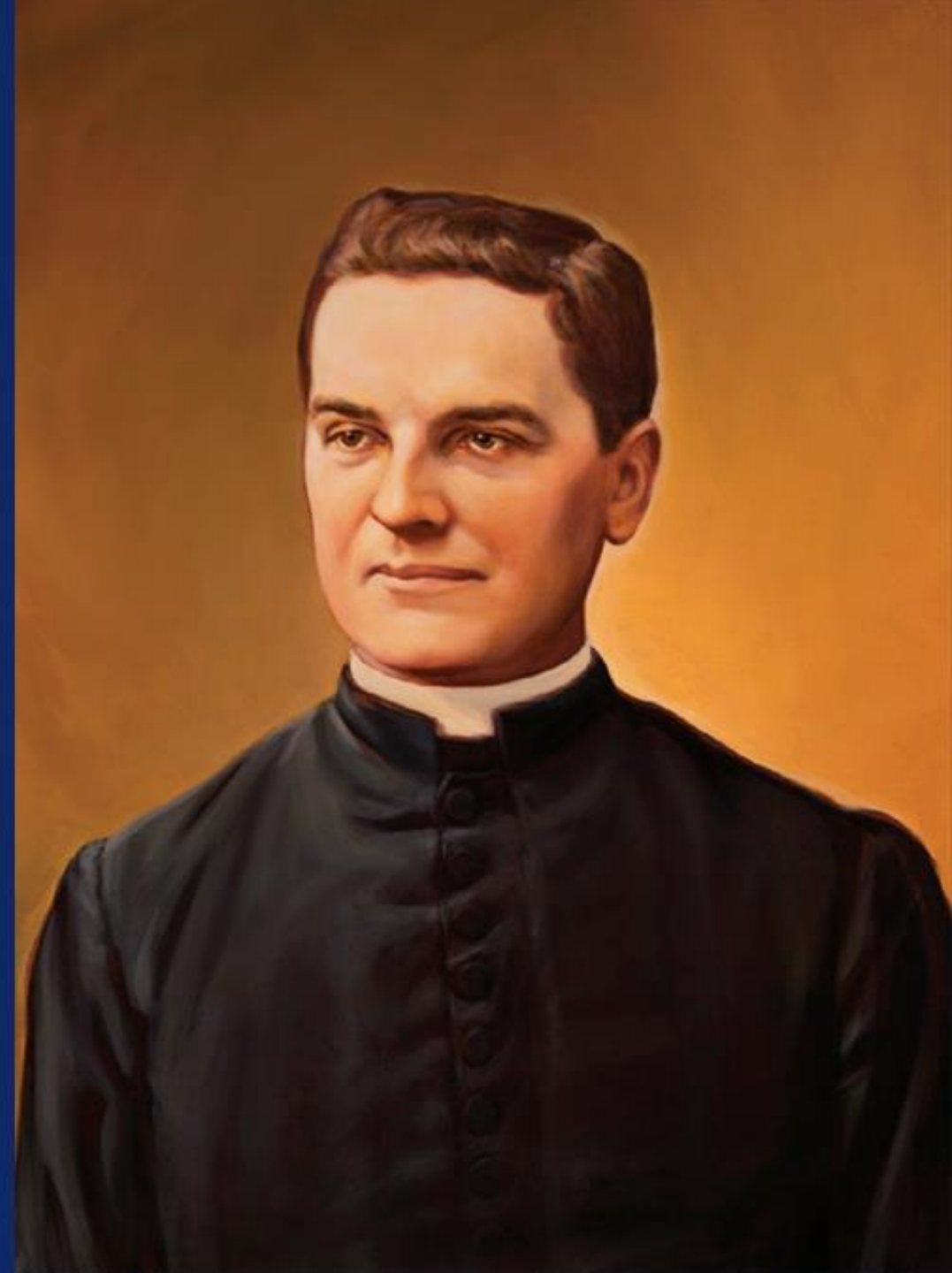
Faith & Fraternity Foundations for Success

February 20, 2025



Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

God, Our Father, protector of the poor
and defender of the widow and
orphan, you called your priest,
Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an
apostle of Christian family life and to
lead the young to the generous
service of their neighbor. Through the
example of his life and virtue may we
follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more
closely, fulfilling his commandment of
charity and building up his Body
which is the Church.



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Let the inspiration of your servant prompt
us to greater confidence in your love so
that we may continue his work of caring
for the needy and the outcast. We
humbly ask that you glorify Blessed
Michael McGivney on earth according to
the design of your holy will. Through his
intercession, grant the favor I now
present (*here make your request*).
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Agenda

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Mission



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**Get the man right,
get everything right.**

**“If we get the man right, we get everything
right — the marriage, the family, the parish,
the community.”**

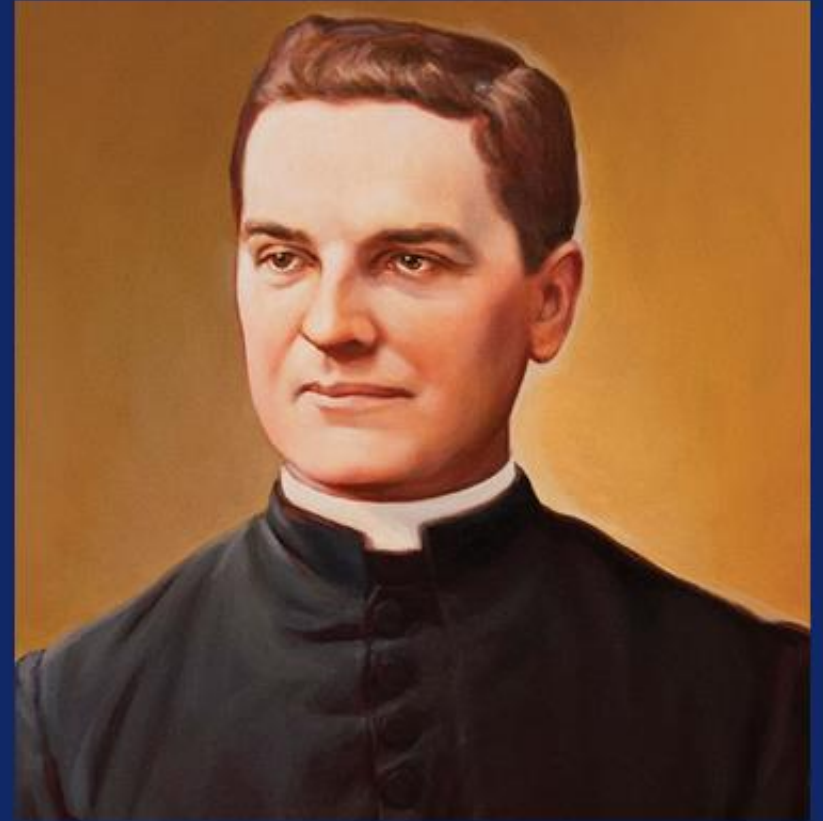
- *Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly*



Fr. McGivney's Purpose

“It was Father McGivney’s purpose in instituting the Knights of Columbus, to keep the young men of his parish within the household of the faith, to preserve them from the taint of infidelity.... It was his aim to surround his proteges with an atmosphere of religion and to bring them into even closer relationship to Mother Church.”

- Fr. O'Donnell's Address
Monday, June 11, 1900



What does every Catholic man need?



- ◆ ***Prayer:*** Active and growing relationship with God
- ◆ ***Formation:*** Continued formation in faith & virtue
- ◆ ***Fraternity:*** Brotherhood that strengthens and sharpens holy men and puts their faith into action



Why are men looking to join?

Charity

Helping those less fortunate

Having an opportunity to
give back

Faith

Give me a sense of purpose

Enable me to achieve peace
of heart

Strengthen my
prayer/spiritual life

Fraternity

A desire for friendship

To become a better father
and husband

Enrich my social life

➤ Source: CARA Survey, 1,003 Catholic adult men, 2023



Council Proposal

1. **How does a council help men grow in their faith?**
2. **How does a council help men serve their family, parish and community?**
3. **How does a council build fraternity?**



1

Faith



Cor Mission

To help focus Catholic men on Jesus by building ***Christ-centered brotherhood*** through a simple, flexible framework of ***prayer, formation, and fraternity.***



Cor Vision

To aid in ***transforming the hearts of men*** through Christ-centered brotherhood. Rooted in prayer, formation and fraternity, men will be sharpened in faith and virtue as they cultivate authentic friendships with Christ and each other.



Cor is...

- ◆ ***Christ centered brotherhood***
- ◆ Intentional and frequent time for:
 - ◆ Prayer
 - ◆ Formation
 - ◆ Fraternity
- ◆ Offered by the council for all men of the parish
- ◆ To build and strengthen them in faith and virtue as they strive to live the mission of their vocational fatherhood and share their faith



Poll #1

Have you heard of *Cor* before this webinar?



Sacred Heart of Jesus Pilgrim Icon Program

- Holy Hour or Adoration
- Prayers to the Sacred Heart
- Reflections from *Dilexit Nos*
- Involve the entire parish
- Host post-event social



Home Enthronement of the Sacred Heart

- Deepen your family's faith
- Centers your vocation on Jesus
- Family-friendly prayers
- Involve pastor, family, & friends



Pilgrim Icon Resources

(kofc.org/sacredheart)

Pilgrim Icon Program

Overview

Every few years, the Knights of Columbus select a Catholic icon featuring an image that is particularly edifying to Knights and their communities. Each jurisdiction receives one or several of these icons which travel from council to council and serve as the centerpiece for prayer services in parishes throughout the Order. The current icon in circulation depicts the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is the aim of this program to continue to foster greater devotion to the Sacred Heart among Knights and their communities. More than 191,000 council and parish prayer services with some 23 million participants have been held since the first traveling pilgrim icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe in 1979. For Pilgrim Icon Program resources, visit www.kofc.org/pilgrimicon.

Additionally, in conjunction with the Sacred Heart Holy Hour, Knights and their families are encouraged to enthrone the Sacred Heart of Jesus in their homes using the enthrone resources mentioned in this guide sheet.

Action Steps

1. Identify a program chairman to oversee all action steps and delegate tasks as needed. If coordinating with the parish, confirm pastor approval with the grand knight, and then set up subsequent planning meetings.
2. Working with your jurisdiction's Pilgrim Icon Program chairman and your pastor, coordinate when your council is scheduled to receive the icon. To identify your chairman, contact your state council or email fraternalmisssion@kofc.org.
3. Determine whether your prayer service will include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament or not. The Sacred Heart Holy Hour Booklet (#5050) can be used for a prayer service with or without exposition.
4. Review the Sacred Heart Holy Hour Booklet (#5050) and identify council and parish members to fulfill the various roles required in the holy hour. Examples include a leader for the readings, such as a member of the clergy or council officer, additional lectors, a cantor or choir, and musicians.
5. Accompanying each icon will be a case containing prayer cards, prayer service booklets, posters, and a log book. Working with your jurisdiction's Pilgrim Icon Program chairman, determine if enough booklets remain from previous services. Additional copies of the Sacred Heart Holy Hour Booklet (#5050) and Sacred Heart of Jesus Prayer Cards (#1520) can be ordered through Supplies Online via [Officers Online](#).
6. Prior to the Sacred Heart Holy Hour, use the Pilgrim Icon News Release (#11266) as a model to create and distribute a tailored release to your parish, council, and local media.
7. Build public interest for the event. Promote the Pilgrim Icon Program in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts:
 - Prominently display promotional posters (which can be ordered through Supplies Online)
 - Bulletin announcements

Faith in Action




Faith



Sacred Heart Holy Hour



Certificate of Enthronement



We, the undersigned, hereby acknowledge
Jesus Christ to be King of our home and family,
having enthroned and consecrated ourselves to His
Most Sacred Heart
in our home on this _____ of _____
in the year of Our Lord _____

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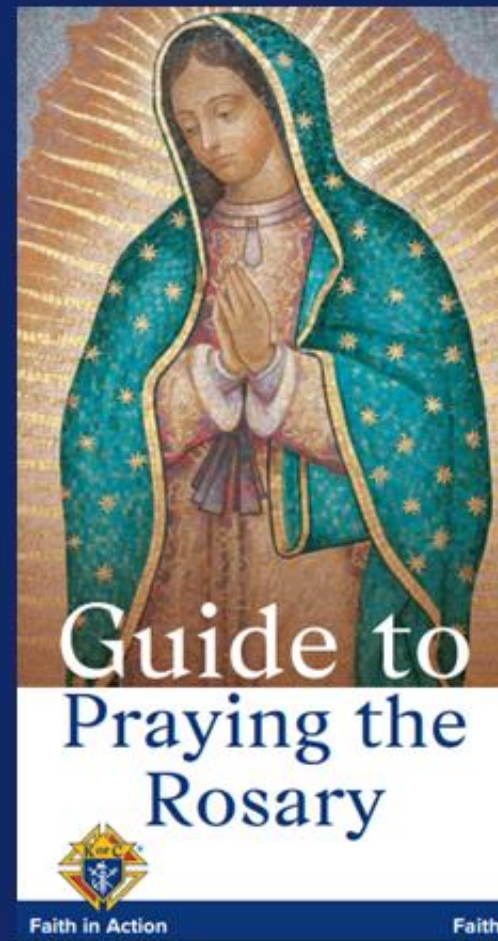
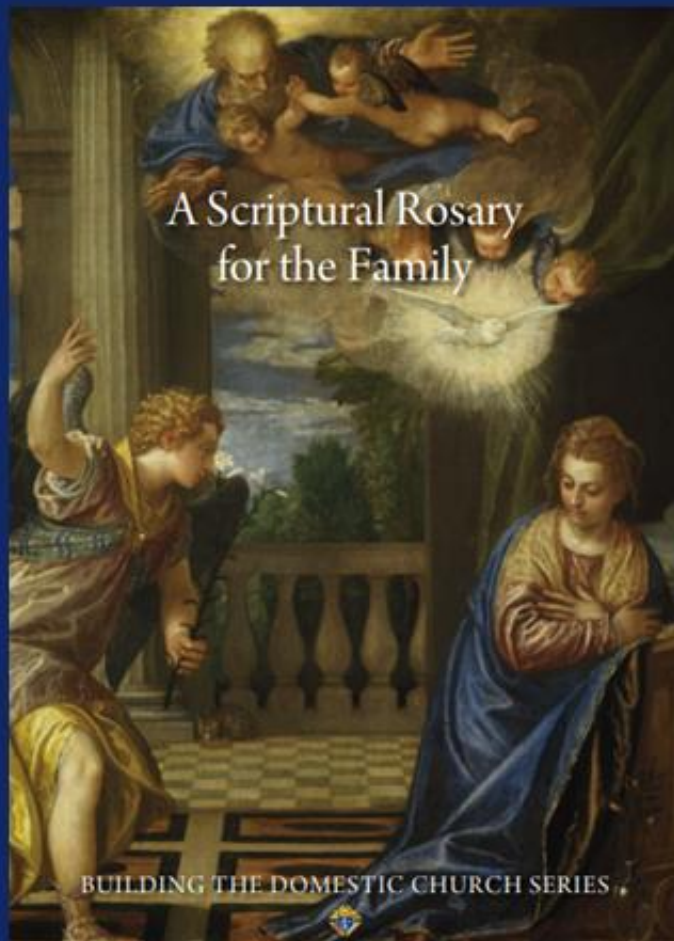
Rosary Program

5 Reasons to Pray

1. 15 Promises
2. Obtain World Peace
3. Reflect on the Gospels
4. Spiritual Healing
5. Prayer Works



Rosary Resources



Consecrations

- Means “Association with the Sacred”
- Total gift of oneself
- Sets the foundation for a grace-filled future
- Pray as an individual or group



Consecration Resources

Preparing for a Consecration



How to Prepare

The word consecration literally means "association with the sacred," and as such it requires a much larger commitment than simply reciting a prayer off of a card. To receive the full benefit of intercession, one must cleanse the body, mind and soul.

The decision to consecrate oneself needs to be intentional and a process through which you completely surrender to God. Pope Pius XII described the act of consecration as "a total gift of self, for the whole of life and for all eternity, and a gift which is not a mere formality or sentimentality, but effectual, comprising the full intensity of the Christian life." In light of this, such an act must only be performed in a fully aware and serious manner, after a period of intentional preparation.

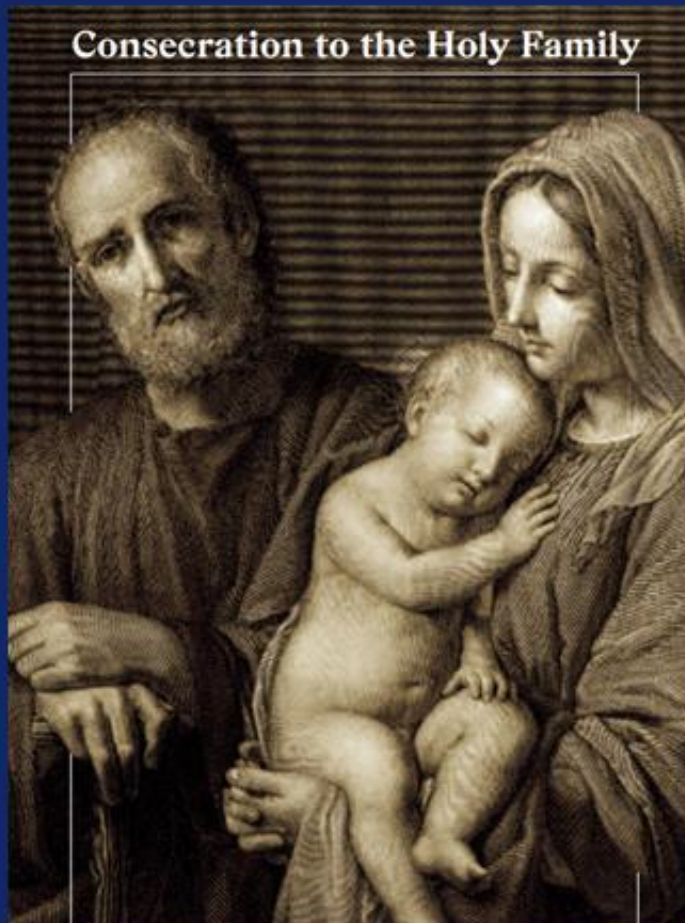
Four suggested steps before the act of Consecration:

- 1 Discuss the importance of this consecration with your council. Reflect on what it means and why it is being undertaken. Why, as a group, are you offering this act of dedication and sanctification? Why, as an individual, are you consecrating yourself?
- 2 Receive the sacrament of reconciliation. Consecrating yourself is an act that fills you with the grace of God. To prepare yourself to receive that grace, receiving forgiveness of your sins through the sacrament of reconciliation is an important part of preparation.
- 3 Fast. This fast should be for at least a week. As our physical bodies are drawn to things of the world, it is strongly encouraged that you fast from something that you would normally do or consume. Fasting helps to discipline our minds and hearts to refrain from secular activities and be more focused on God.
- 4 Prepare for the commitment you are making. This consecration is not a single event. You have chosen a way of life. You are consciously choosing to be a beacon of light of God's love through his Church. In the week before the consecration, prayerfully reflect on what this means and what the ramifications will be on your life.

Faith in Action



Consecration to the Holy Family



Consecration to St. Joseph

Memorare to St. Joseph

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who implored your help and sought your intercession was left unassisted.

Full of confidence in your power,
I fly unto you and beg your protection.

Despise not, O Guardian of the Redeemer, my humble supplication, but in your bounty, hear and answer me.

Amen.

Act of Consecration to St. Joseph

O dearest St. Joseph, I consecrate myself to your honor and give myself to you, that you may always be my father, my protector and my guide in the way of salvation.

Obtain for me a greater purity of heart and fervent love of the interior life.

After your example may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me, that I may share in the peace and joy of your holy death.

Amen.



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Catholic Information Service (CIS)

- 75 years of Catholic Evangelization and Catechesis
- Resources for individuals, groups, & families
- Available at low or no cost
- www.kofc.org/shopcis



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Fraternity



Fraternity through Faith in Action

Faith in Action programs:

1

**Bring men (&
their families)
together**

2

**Serve
others**

3

**Form men
through
experiences**



Suggested Activities

- **Parish Projects**
- **Build-A-Bed & Habitat for Humanity**
- **Food for Families**
- **Family Prayer Night**
- **Council Socials**



Parish Projects

Ask your Pastor what he needs!

Common projects:

Faith-Based Ministries

- Hospitality / Ushering
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Lectors
- Men's formation - *Cor*

Service-Based Support

- Renovations (painting, sanding, etc.)
- Landscaping
- Church Cleaning



Build-A-Bed & Habitat for Humanity

Build-A-Bed

shpbeds.org or shpbeds.ca



Habitat for Humanity

habitat.org or habitat.ca



- Hands-on, outdoor activities
- Work together to produce a tangible good for others



Food for Families

- Serve and connect with the poor
- Volunteer, collect food, donate
 - Mutual sacrifice of time, talent, treasure
- Ways to serve
 - Parish food pantry
 - Community food banks
 - Direct service to individuals



Food for Families

- Refund Program
 - For every \$500 or 1000 pounds donated, Supreme will refund the council \$100
- Resources found at kofc.org/food



Food for Families Report Form

Refund Application 20__ - 20__

FORM DUE TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL BY JUNE 30.

*Featured Program
Instructions on
Page 2

IMPORTANT: PLEASE COMPLETE THIS BOX

☐ Council ☐ Assembly Council/Assembly No. _____
State/Province _____

FORM MUST BE COMPLETED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE FOOD FOR FAMILIES CERTIFICATE
& FEATURED PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

REFUND INFORMATION

Applications will not be accepted without supporting documentation. Attach copies of canceled checks (front and back) for monetary donations and signed Food Donation Receipts for food donations.

See directives on the reverse side before completing this section.

List each contribution of \$500 or more with name, amount and date of check,
or each contribution of 1,000 or more pounds of food.

| NAME OF FOOD BANK | DATE | CHECK # | AMOUNT | POUNDS OF FOOD |
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Total hours provided _____

I AFFIRM THE ABOVE TO BE ACCURATE: _____

Grand Knight/Faithful Navigator

Date

Family Prayer Night

- Christian families thrive in *community*
- Bring families together for prayer, fellowship, or service
- Council role is to promote and create a space for participation
 - ✓ Create and promote sign-ups
 - ✓ Ask families to host the event in their homes
 - ✓ Provide resources
 - ✓ Can be offered to families or couples



Council Socials

- Create opportunities for friendship
- Invite
 - Council Members
 - Men of the Parish
 - Families
- Organize informal or formal events
 - Coffee Hour after Mass
 - Post-Exemplification Pizza Dinners
 - Holy to Happy Hour



Poll #2

Is your council including spouses, children, and grandchildren in the programs you provide?



3

Mission



Your Council's Mission

Serve the needs of men, families, parishes, and communities in the vision of Fr. McGivney

Provide programs and activities that:

- Help men have an active relationship with God
- Continue to form men in their faith
- Provide opportunities for charity & service to their parish & community
- Offer men opportunities to share fraternal bonds and develop lasting friendships
- Offer opportunities for families to come together in faith filled social activities



Taking Action

- ✓ Has your Grand Knight appointed an Evangelization and Faith Formation Director?
- ✓ Has your council started *Cor* yet? You still have time this fraternal year.
- ✓ Connect or insert Faith Programs to *Cor*
- ✓ Invite men to *Cor* during your programs



Final Quarter Program Calendar

March

Food for Families

April

Family Prayer Night
(or May)

May

Build a Bed

Habitat for Humanity

June

Sacred Heart of Jesus
Pilgrim Icon Program

Council/Parish
Socials



Questions?



Share Your Success

- ☐ **State Service Programs Awards**

Faith, Family, Life, Community Programs

- ☐ **State Blessed Michael McGivney Award**

Chaplain of the Year

- ☐ **State Family of the Year Award**

Families exemplifying Christian values and service

- ☐ **Cor Quarterly Survey**

Share the progress of *Cor*

- ☐ **Cor Testimony**

What impact is *Cor* having?



Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the
wickedness and snare of the devil.

May God rebuke him,
we humbly pray,
and do thou,

O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.





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Thank You!
Vivat Jesus!