



Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge for November 2026 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 OCTOBER 2026 MONTHLY CHALLENGE:

They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Gospel for Oct. 18, Mt 22:21)

The Pharisees were trying to entrap Jesus into taking sides in the dispute. Are the faithful to be good Jews or good citizens? But Jesus says there is no conflict here. One can be a solid citizen and maintain his true and proper obligations to the civil government, as long as he gives primacy to his duties to God. We should keep in mind that the Knights of Columbus was founded with the understanding that faithful Catholics are also faithful citizens.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: This month, I challenge you to study how the Knights of Columbus, at the time of its founding and throughout its history, has combated anti-Catholic bigotry and shown there is no conflict between love of God and love of country. The book *The Knights of Columbus: An Illustrated History* (2020) is an excellent resource.

Questions for Reflection: Do you obey civil law and authority, even in smaller matters, or do you tend to rationalize infractions? Do you fulfill your civic duties, such as by voting? Do you consider moral issues when voting, beyond mere self-interest?

NEXT NOVEMBER 2026 MONTHLY CHALLENGE:

"He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.'" (Gospel for Nov. 22, Mt 25:45)

Sin can be categorized in two ways, sins of commission and sins of omission. We ask God to forgive us of both kinds of sins in the main form of the *Confiteor* at Mass — "in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do." It is a sin to do evil, and it is a sin to neglect one's moral obligations. The true disciple sees the suffering Jesus in the poor, the sick, the oppressed and the lonely — and offers what he can to help.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: This month, I challenge you to be aware of those in need around you, just as Blessed Michael McGivney did, and take action to serve those in need, perhaps by participating in your council's Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program.

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