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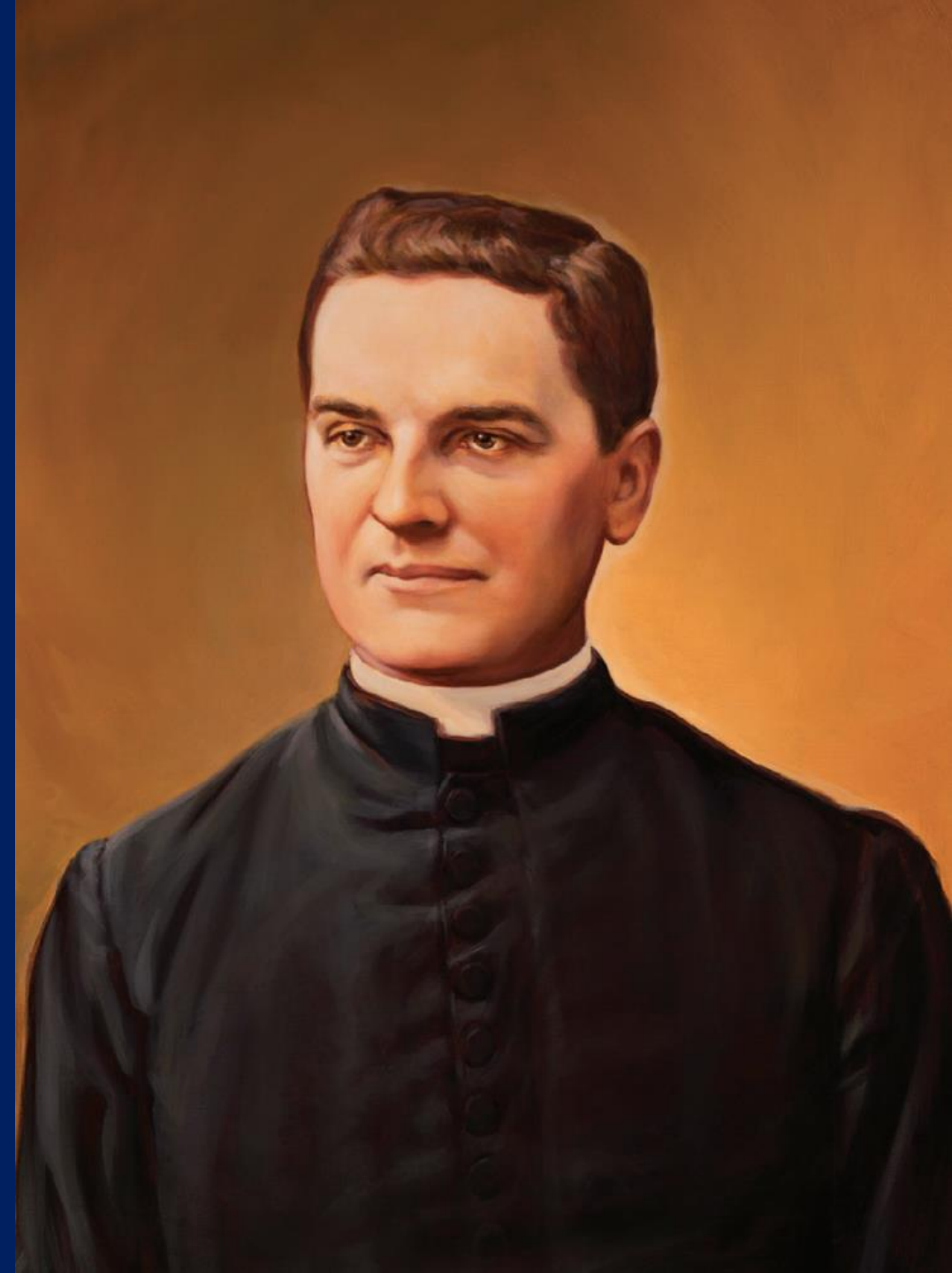
# **Practical Tips for a Strong Finish**

**March 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.



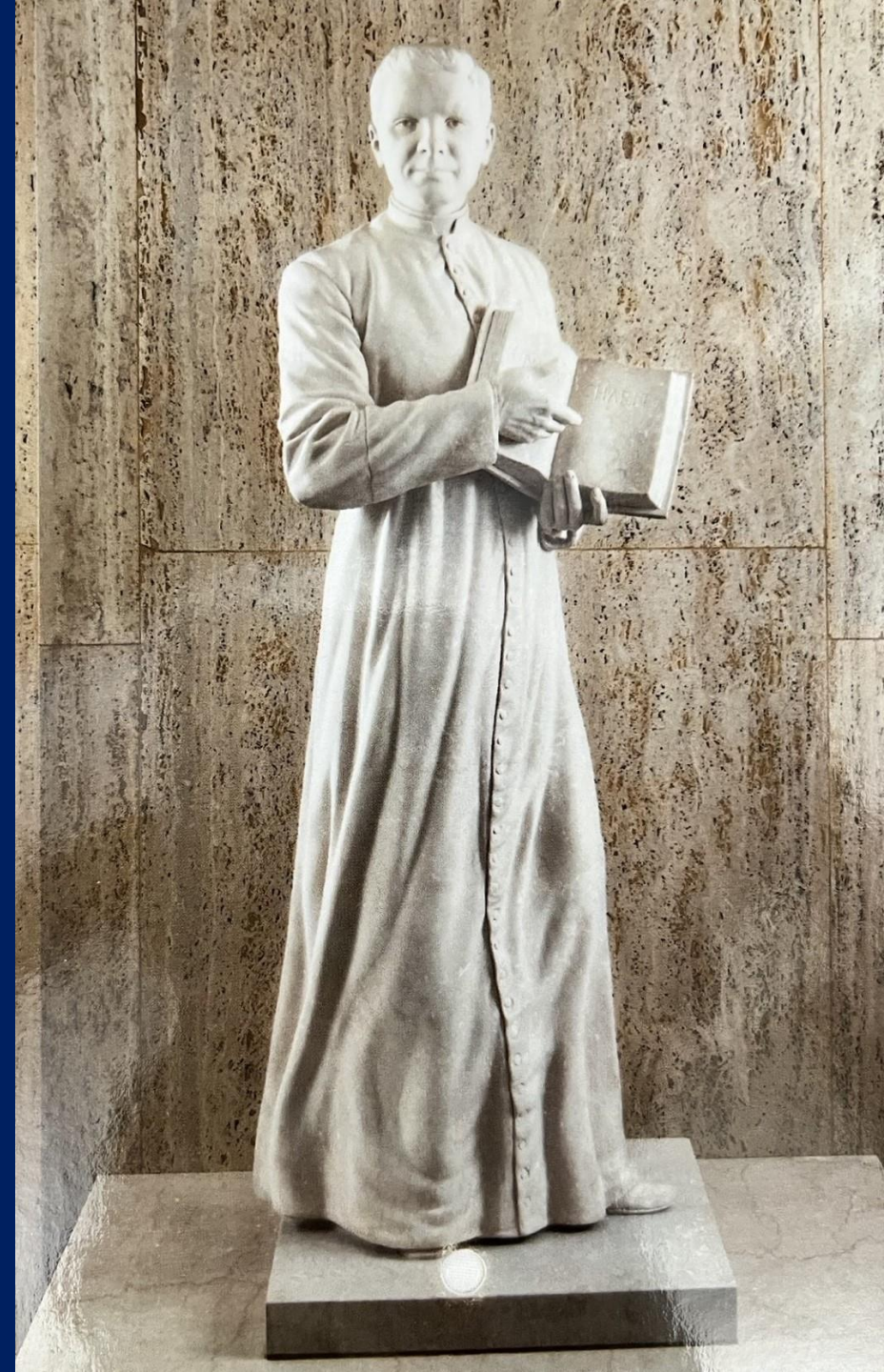


# Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

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**

- 1. Star Council Requirements**
- 2. Fraternal Benefit Events**
- 3. Safe Environment Compliance**
- 4. Culture of Invitation**
- 5. Recognize Top Performers**
- 6. Questions**



# 1

## **Star Council Requirements**

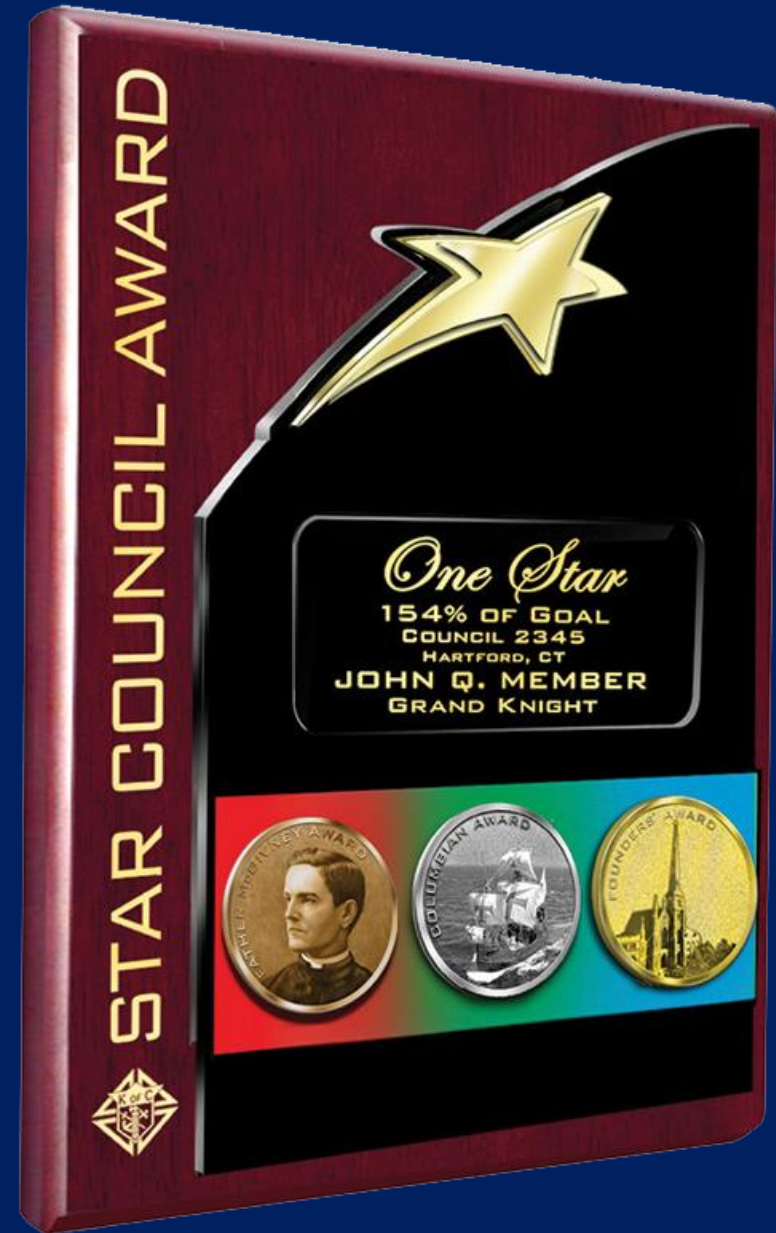


# Component Awards

**McGivney Award**  
*Growth*

**Founders' Award**  
*Fraternal Benefit Seminars*

**Columbian Award**  
*Programs*



# Mandatory Admin

- **Forms**
  - Service Program Personnel (Form 365)
  - Survey of Fraternal Activity (Form 1728)
  - Columbian Award (Form SP-7)
- **Safe Environment Compliance**
  - USA and Canada Only
- **Council in Good Standing with Supreme**
  - Supreme assessments are paid



# Star Council Summary (Order-wide)

**54  
Star  
Councils**

**2023-2024  
2,622 Order-wide Star  
Councils**

**9,772 Submitted #365  
8,457 Submitted #1728**

**OYP Compliant  
3,762**

**McGivney Award  
2,542**

**Founder's Award  
1,362**

**Columbian Award  
120**





# **Poll #1**

**What is preventing you from earning the Star Council Award?**



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# **Fraternal Benefit Events**



# Participate in Fraternal Benefit Events

- Work with Field Agent/General Agent
- Upcoming Virtual Events



## #11077 Fraternal Benefits Event Council Report

Councils striving for the Founders' Award must host / promote at least two Fraternal Benefits Events during the fraternal year. The required sum total attendance of members, or member eligible men, at these events must equal or exceed:

- 10 for councils with 99 or fewer members on their July 1, 2024 roster
- 14 for councils with 100 or more members on their July 1, 2024 roster

Councils should submit this report form within seven (7) days of each Fraternal Benefits Event.

Council Number \*

Characters used: 0 out of 5

Jurisdiction \*

Grand Knight Name \*

Grand Knight Email \*

Event Date \*

Number of Attendees \*

Please provide the names, email addresses, and phone numbers of all member or member-eligible attendees invited by your council.

**Note: If you need to list more than 10 attendees, please select the option to attach an image, text, Word, Excel, or PDF file. \***

- ☐ I will upload an image, text, Word, Excel, or PDF file with this information
- ☐ I will manually enter this information

Submit

0%

# Upcoming Virtual Fraternal Benefit Events

Date	Country	Language
April 29	CA	French
May 6	CA	English
May 7	US	English
May 12	US	English
May 28	US	English
May 28 (Tentative)	CA	French
June 10	US	English
June 11	CA	English

**Watch upcoming issues of the FLA for additional information and registration links**



# 3

## **Safe Environment Compliance**





# Safe Environment Compliance



Officers Desk  
Reference



Office Of Youth  
Protection



Home  
Corporations



Member  
Management



By Laws  
Online



Knights Gear



Supplies  
Online



Canadian  
Supplies  
Online

Membership

Reports

Forms

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Candidate

Search:

Report Name	Date	PDF	Excel
Membership Roster	11/8/2022		
Membership Roster - January	1/1/2022		
Membership Roster - July	7/1/2022		
Safe Environment Member Status	11/8/2022		
Safe Environment Participation Rate Report	11/8/2022		
Council Billing Statement (Past)	10/31/2022		



# Safe Environment Member Status Report

Role	Training Program Type	Training Program Start Date	Training Due By/Compliance	Re-training Eligibility Date	Background Check Start Date	Background Check Due By/Compliance	Re-screening Eligibility Date	Member Status
Program Director	Round 1 -	2024-07-16	Compliant	2027-06-02	n/a	n/a	n/a	Compliant
Family Director	Round 1 -	2024-07-20	Compliant	2027-06-09	2024-07-20	Compliant	2027-06-09	Compliant
Community Director	Legacy	2022-06-17	Compliant	2025-06-16	2022-06-16	Compliant	2025-06-15	Compliant
Grand Knight	Round 1 -	2024-07-16	Compliant	2027-06-02	n/a	n/a	n/a	Compliant



# 4

## **Culture of Invitation**



# Renewing Our Culture of Invitation

We asked Catholic men why they join groups like ours. And we asked them why they don't. The study suggests that as many as seven million men are open to joining groups like the Knights. **But the vast majority haven't joined for a simple reason: they haven't been invited.** Think about that. Seven million potential Knights. We have a duty to invite these men to build with us.

- Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly  
*Annual Report of the Supreme Knight*



# How are we going to bring men to Jesus Christ?

The same way Jesus brought men to himself:

1. Invitation (*John 1:39*)
2. Friendship (*John 15:12-15*)
3. Brotherhood (*Psalms 133:1*)
4. Shared Mission (*Acts of the Apostles 2:42*)





# Programs

- Expand your invitation
  - Invite the whole parish
  - Make it family-friendly
  - Work with other ministries/groups
- Offer a variety of programs
- Adapt to the weather



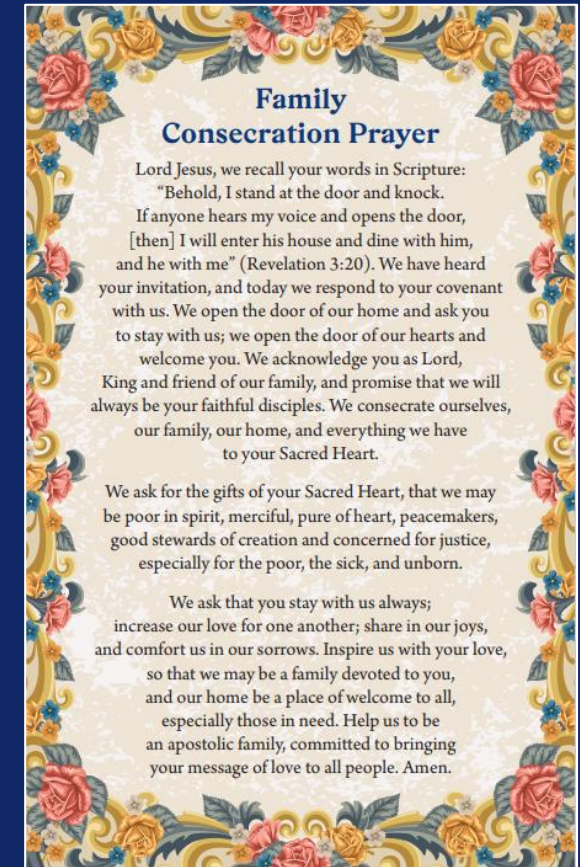
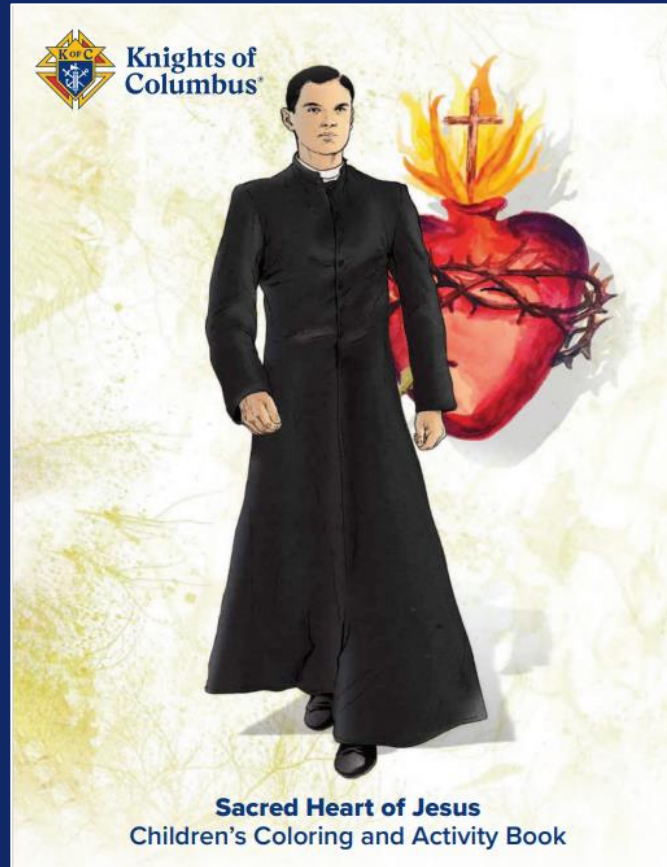
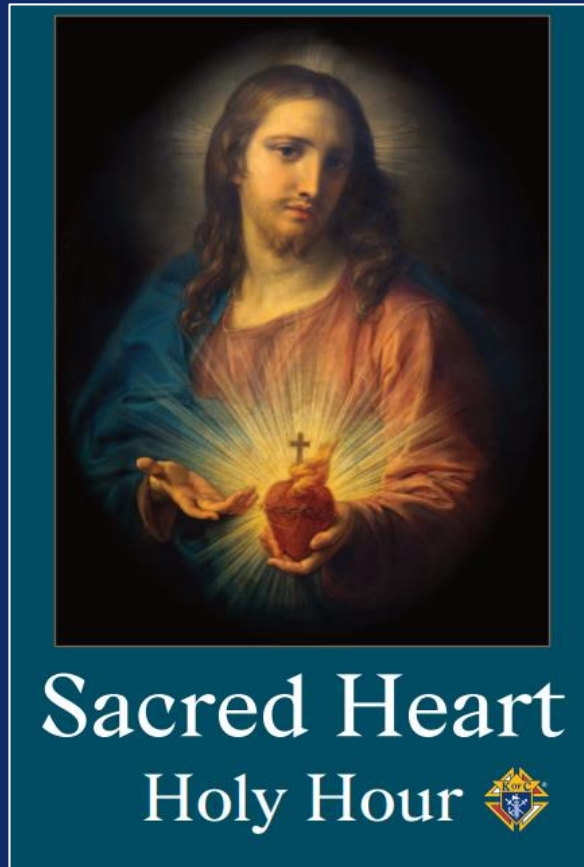
# Faith Program Ideas

- Pilgrim Icon
  - Feast of the Most Sacred Heart (6/27)
- Eucharistic Processions
  - Corpus Christi (6/22)
- Sacramental Gifts





# Pilgrim Icon Resources



Resources available at [kofc.org/sacredheart](https://kofc.org/sacredheart)

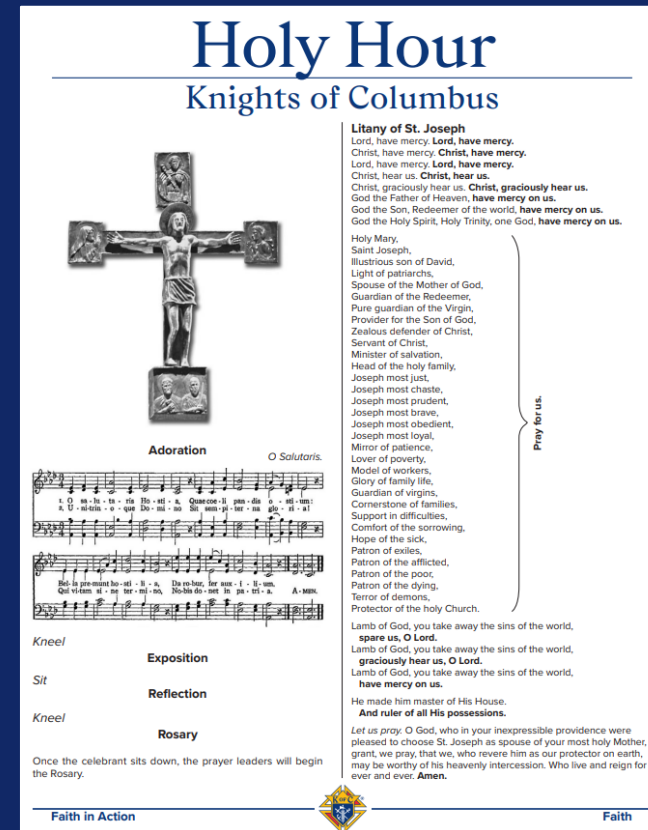
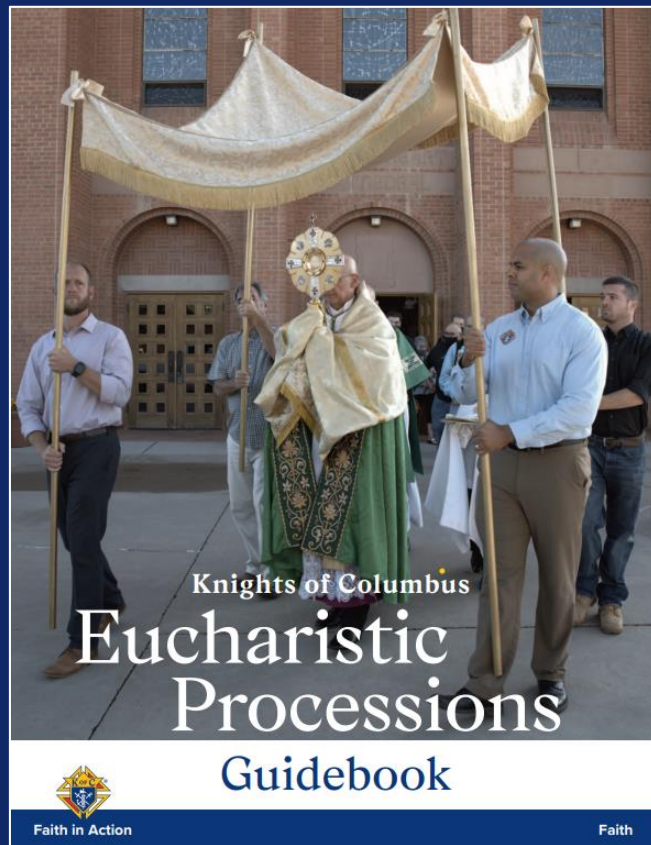


## **Poll #2**

**How does your council plan on celebrating the Sacred Heart this June?**



# Eucharistic Procession Resources



Resources available at [kofc.org/eucharist](http://kofc.org/eucharist)





# Sacramental Gifts

- Welcome new Catholics
- Celebrate Confirmations and First Communions for Children



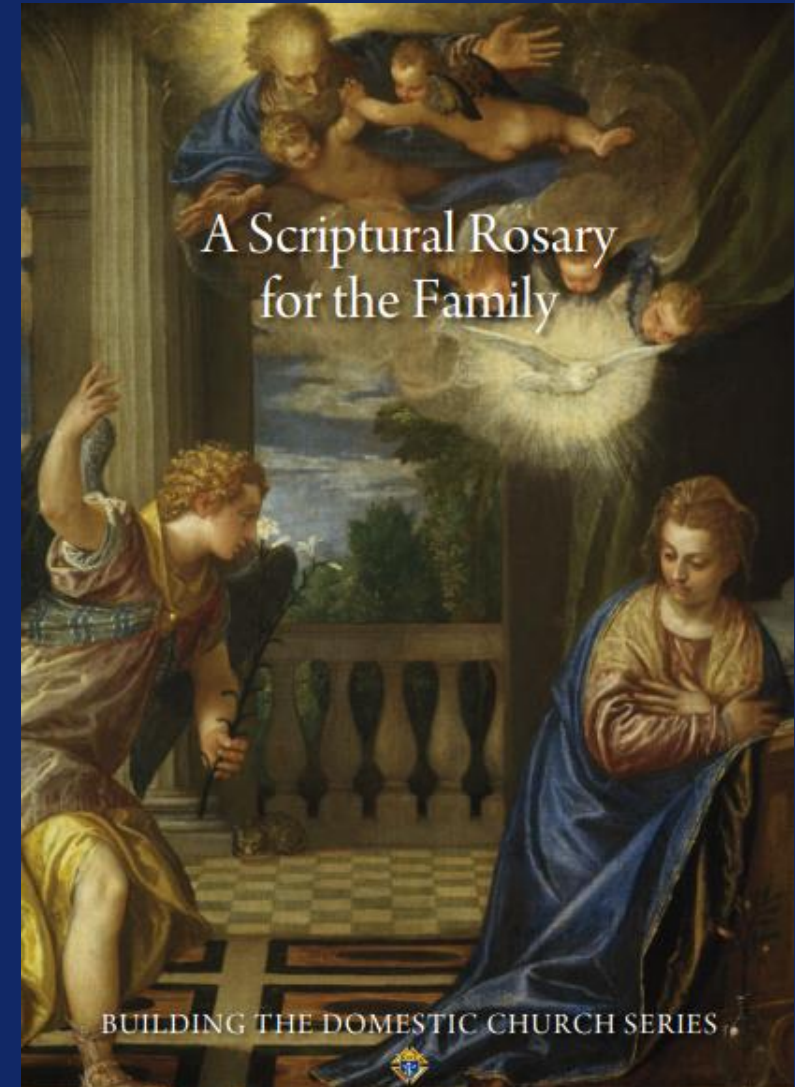
# Family Program Ideas

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Family Service Day
- Parish Picnics
- Outdoor Family Rosary



# Rosary Program Kits

- **Contains:**
  - 25 Finger Rosaries
  - 1 Scriptural Rosary for the Family
  - 25 Guide to Praying the Rosary
  - 5 Family Rosary Program Poster
- **Available on Supplies Online**



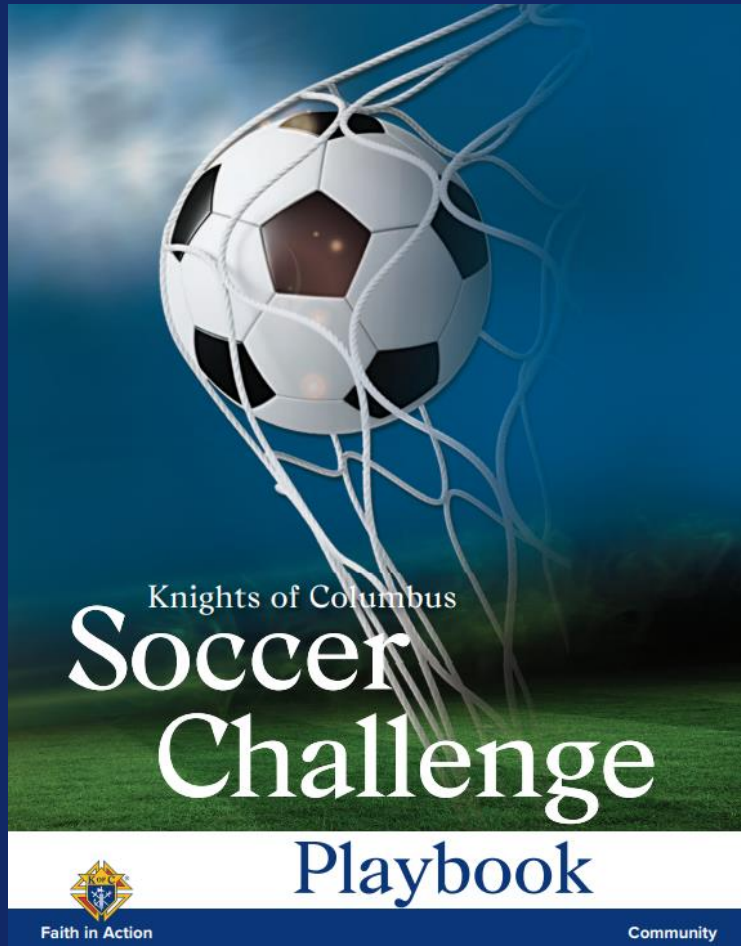


# Community Program Ideas

- Helping Hands
- Soccer Challenge
- Memorial Day Commemoration
  - Memorial Day Cemetery Clean-up / Flag Placement



# Soccer Challenge Resources





# Life Program Ideas

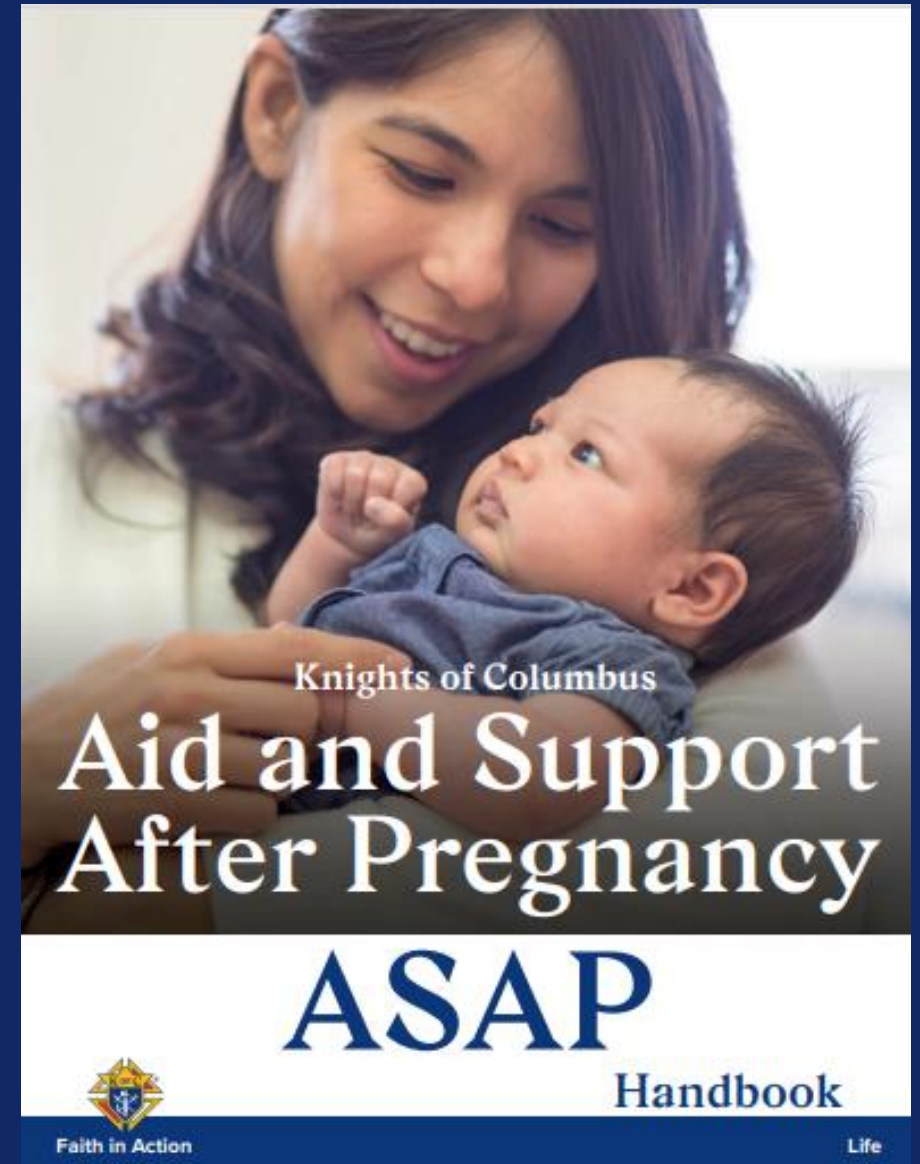
- **ASAP**
  - Pass the Hat
  - College Council Incentive
  - Mother's Day Fundraisers
- **Ultrasound**



# ASAP Resources

- Handbook
  - Suggested Activities
  - Talking Points
  - Pulpit & Bulletin Announcements
- Map of Pregnancy Centers and Maternity Homes
- Online Application

Resources available at [kofc.org/asap](http://kofc.org/asap)



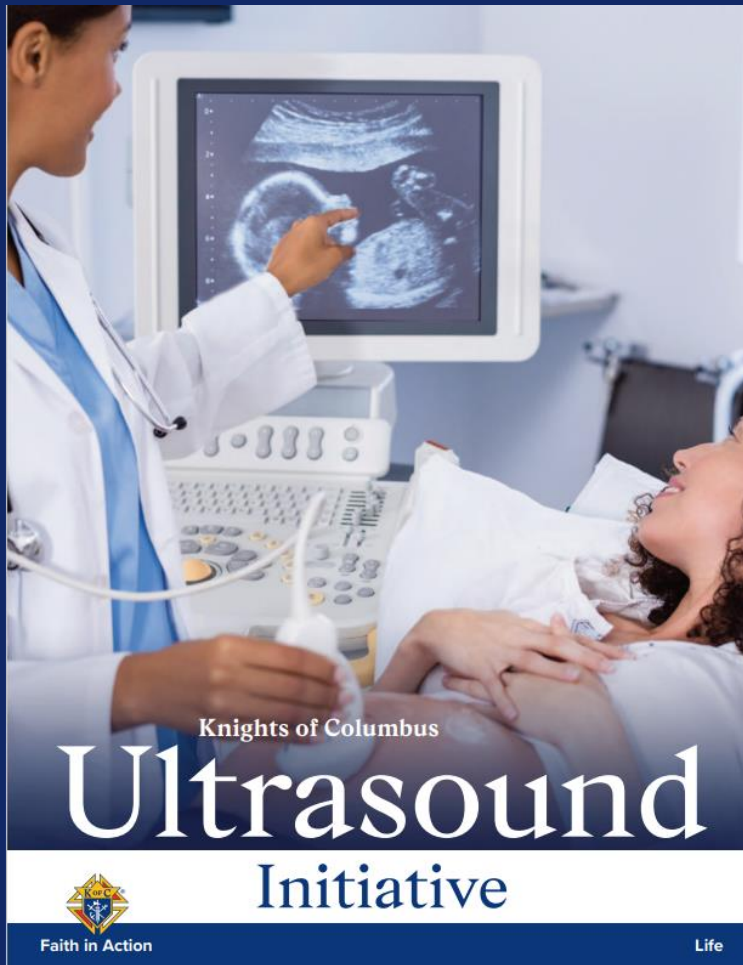
# Ultrasound Initiative

- Fund 100% an ultrasound machine for a pro-life pregnancy resource center
  - 50% from local/state councils
  - 50% from Supreme
- Approaching 2,000 machines
- Submit your applications ASAP!





# Ultrasound Resources



Step 1: Learn about  
the program.

## Ultrasound Initiative

### Diocesan Evaluation

**Section to be completed by the Knights of Columbus sponsoring unit**

Name of sponsoring Knights of Columbus Unit (Council, Assembly, Chapter, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Unit number: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Section to be completed by the pregnancy center and provided to the sponsoring unit**

Pregnancy center name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (physical location): \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/postal code: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different from physical address): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/postal code: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ EIN number: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Ultrasound Initiative (choose one):  
Ultrasound Machine ☐ Ultrasound Machine and Vehicle (Mobile Unit) ☐

Pregnancy center hours of operation:

Monday _____	Friday _____
Tuesday _____	Saturday _____
Wednesday _____	Sunday _____
Thursday _____	

Expected number of clients per week: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of medical doctor who will be overseeing ultrasound machine:  
Dr. \_\_\_\_\_

Step 2: Identify and  
evaluate pregnancy  
center.

## Ultrasound Initiative

### APPLICATION

**General Information**

Please indicate which matching funds program option being applied for:

☐ Ultrasound Machine Funding

☐ Ultrasound Machine and Vehicle Funding for Mobile Unit

Sponsoring state/provincial or local council: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Council location: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_

The council voted to approve proceeding with fundraising for this initiative on (date): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Pregnancy Center: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. – Tax Status: ☐ 501(c)(3) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ PCC's U.S. Tax ID # (EIN): \_\_\_\_\_

Canada – The Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA) has approved this PCC as a registered charity authorized to perform limited medical services: Yes ☐ No ☐ Canadian Registered Charity #: \_\_\_\_\_

National Affiliations: NIFLA ☐ Care Net ☐ Heartbeat ☐ other: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ This pregnancy center has no policies that are anti-Catholic in any way and does not engage in practices that would tend to lead Catholic women away from their faith.

☐ This pregnancy center does not advocate or refer for birth control.

Does the pregnancy center require ( ☐ ) employees, ( ☐ ) volunteers or ( ☐ ) patients/clients to sign a Statement of Faith? Yes ☐ (If yes, please enclose a copy) No ☐

Step 3: Fundraise  
and apply for a  
matching grant.



# Columbian Award Application (SP-7)

16 program credits  
4 in each category

Programs should:

1. Involve the council
2. Deepen faith or serve others

Form due June 30  
Online form: [kofc.org/forms](http://kofc.org/forms)



## Columbian Award Application

Due by June 30th

Review the Columbian Award Program Reporting Guidelines on page 1 before completing this form.

Council Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Jurisdiction: \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ - 20\_\_\_\_

**FAITH PROGRAMS:** RSVP, Into the Breach, Spiritual Reflection, Holy Hour, Pilgrim Icon Program, Building the Domestic Church Kiosk, Rosary Program, Sacramental Gifts

1. Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Featured Program Minimum Requirements met? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Program Description: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Featured Program Minimum Requirements met? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Program Description: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Featured Program Minimum Requirements met? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Program Description: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Featured Program Minimum Requirements met? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Program Description: \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY PROGRAMS:** Food for Families, Family of the Month/Year, Family Fully Alive, Family Prayer Night, Keep Christ in Christmas, Family Week, Consecration to the Holy Family, Good Friday Family Promotion

1. Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Featured Program Minimum Requirements met? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Program Description: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Featured Program Minimum Requirements met? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Program Description: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Featured Program Minimum Requirements met? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Program Description: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Featured Program Minimum Requirements met? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Program Description: \_\_\_\_\_

# ***Cor* is...**

- ***Christ-centered brotherhood***
- **Intentional and frequent time for:**
  - **Prayer**
  - **Formation**
  - **Fraternity**
- **Open to all men of the parish**
- **Not meant to compete with other men's ministries but to strengthen and support**



**Learn more at [kofc.org/cor](https://kofc.org/cor)**



# One-on-One

- Invite men to participate in council events
- Parish and Council events are a perfect venue
- Be Prepared





# Pastor Ask

- Invitation from a priest is powerful
- Can be done in person or via letter
- Be ready to follow up



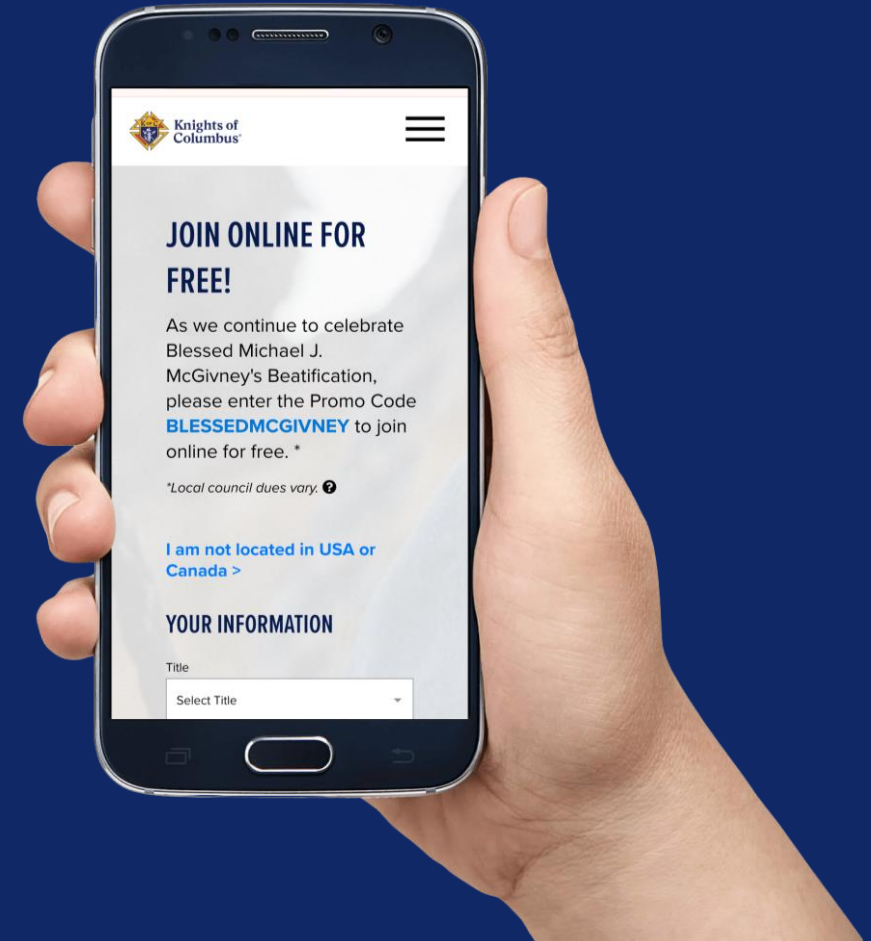
# Church Drives

- Make sure your pastor is on board
- Promote – Promote – Promote
- Enthusiastic members on hand
- Get family members involved
- Invite them to an event
- Follow-Up



# Online Signups

- Invitation can happen anywhere
- Strike while the iron is hot
- Be Prepared



# Fishers of Men Council Banner Incentive

Recruit 125% of membership goal between March 1st and June 30<sup>th</sup>

*Example*

Annual Goal of 8

$$8 \times 125\% = 10$$

If you bring in 10 new or readmitted members between 3/1 and 6/30, you win!

**Winner receives either:**

**Blessed McGivney “Join Us”  
membership pop-up banner**

**OR**

**Cor pop-up banner complete  
with a Cor startup kit**



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**Recognize Top  
Performers**



# Accolades

- Family of the Year
- Knight of the Year
  - Other



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# Family of the Year

Awarded to the family of

\_\_\_\_\_

*who has served as an incredible inspiration to our parish, community and council  
by supporting and strengthening Catholic Family Life*

\_\_\_\_\_

Grand Knight

\_\_\_\_\_

Council Number

\_\_\_\_\_

Date

1843A 3/21

Faith in Action

Family





# Thank You's

- **Chaplain & Pastor**
- **Non-Member Volunteers**
- **Community leaders**
- **Ministry leaders**





# Questions?



# Recommended Trainings



[kofc.org/training](https://kofc.org/training)





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# **Programming Ideas to Help Councils Shine**

**Thursday, April 24, 2025  
8:00pm Eastern**

**Email your Success Stories:  
[fraternaltraining@kofc.org](mailto:fraternaltraining@kofc.org)**





# Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the  
wickedness and snares 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!**