



**Knights of
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Preparing for the New Fraternal Year



Prayer for our New Pope

O God, who in your providential design willed that your Church be built upon blessed Peter, whom you set over the other Apostles, look with favor, we pray, on Leo XIV, our Pope and grant that he, whom you have made Peter's successor,

may be for your people a visible source and foundation of unity in faith and of communion.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



Agenda

1. Finish Strong
2. Transition
3. Start Strong
4. Member Engagement
5. Culture of Invitation
6. Questions



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Finish Strong



Run through the tape

- Submit year end items before June 30
- Get the Star Council Award
- Exemplify your prospects
- Continue programs in June
- Recognize top performers

Already Earned

1,100
Star
Councils



Claim Funds Your Council Earned



Food for Families

*\$100 refund for every
\$500 or 1,000 lb
donated*



RSVP

*\$100 refund for
every \$500 donated*



ASAP

*\$100 grant to pregnancy
center for every \$500
donated*

Forms Due 6/30



Summer = Engaging Family and Fraternity

- **Family Programs**
 - Families are busy and their time is routinized
 - Send invitations far in advance
 - Create events that parents *and* their children want to attend
- **Year-End Fraternal Events**
 - Continue past events and traditions
 - Keep it social
 - Celebrate wins and honor one another



Growth

- **Programs = Recruitment**
 - Men / families join based of events that show purpose
- **Show a man your council is active every month**
 - If a man's family sees it is worthwhile – they will join!!!
 - Don't overload any member – too much will deter them



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Transition



Identifying Your Team


- Consult with trustees and pastor
- Assess existing officers and chairmen
- Approach new council leaders
- Open it up to all members




Member Management

Officers

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Officers Online Member Management Council Administration Print Center-MM

Council Administration - Council Officers - Next Year 

Council

SAN SALVADOR Council 1


Council Location: NEW HAVEN Jurisdiction: CT
District: N/A Date of Institution: 05-15-1882


Next Fraternal Year 2023-2024

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Change an Officer


Council Members **Members from Other Councils**

Choose a Role: Search by Last Name: Search Enter Start Date: 
Grand Knight


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Directors

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Change Service Program Personnel

Supreme Defined Positions **Council Defined Positions**

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Program Director

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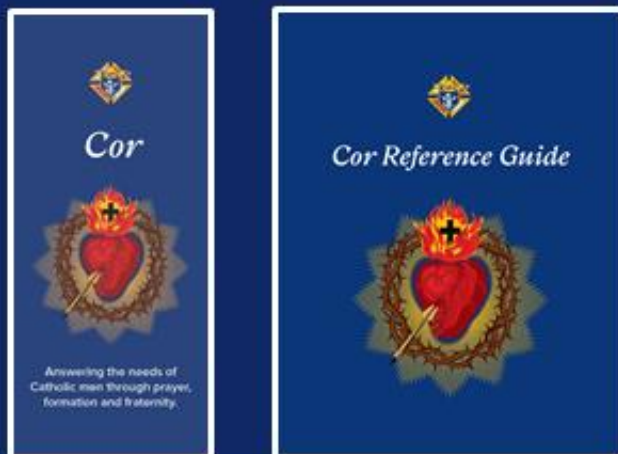
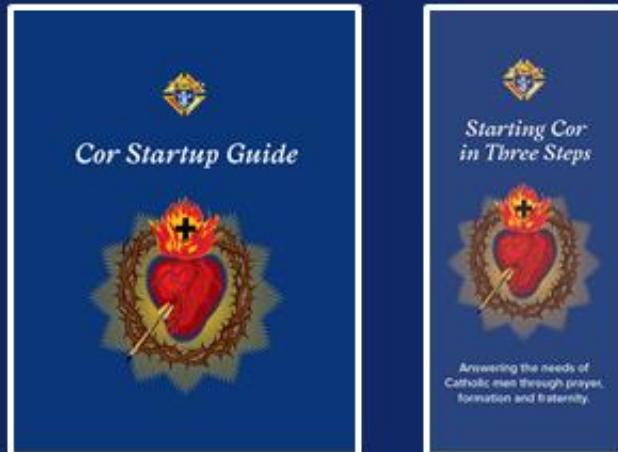
Train Your Team

- **Large Catalog of On Demand Training**
- **Use Fraternal Trainers for Live Training**
- **Attend Monthly Webinars**
- **Growing Library of How-To Videos**

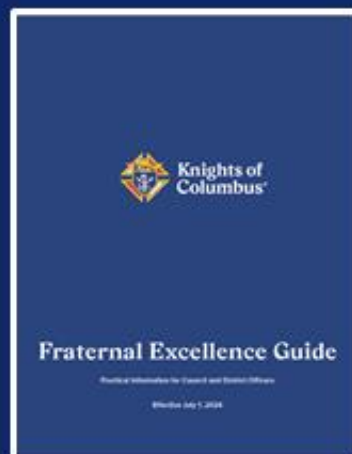


Resources

Cor Resources



Officer Resources



More Resources



Resources Mailed to Councils

Fraternal Planner
(#5033)

***Cor* Startup Guide**
(#11500)

Fraternal Excellence Guide
(#11619)

***Cor* Reference Guide**
(#11498)

Faith in Action Guidebook
(#10907)

***Cor* Trifold**
(#11541)

**Protocol, Meetings, and
Ceremonials Book**
(#11620)

Starting *Cor* in Three Steps Trifold
(#11540)

Fishers of Men Guidebook
(#24-0237)



Plan for Success

1

**Budget expected
revenues and expenses**

3

**Plan communications
for parish, council, &
community**

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**Be flexible and
responsive**

2

Set meaningful Faith in Action goals
Satisfy Parish / Community needs

4

**Schedule events with
Pastor support**



3

Start Strong



Meet Regularly with Key People

- Pastor
- District Deputy
- Field Agent

Helpful Training:



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**Working with
your Pastor**



July 1: Launch the Plan

- **Maintain Summer Momentum**
 - Family picnics, Veterans events
 - Celebrate Feast Days
 - Bl. Michael McGivney (Aug. 13)
 - Volunteer and activity drives
 - Fraternal meals, ball games



Important Fraternal Requirements

- District Organization Meeting
- Officer Installation Ceremony



Installation of Council Officers Ceremonial

The Installation of Council Officers should be completed by the District Deputy as soon as practical and as close as possible to the start of the new fraternal year.

The Council chamber or hall to be used is arranged as illustrated on the attached Diagram. The chairs are occupied as follows:

Dais chairs are occupied by District Deputy and Council Chaplain. The retiring Grand Knight opens the ceremonial and after the introduction of the District Deputy and the exchange of the gavel, the retiring Grand Knight joins the other retiring officers. If the Grand Knight is re-elected, the portion of the retiring Grand Knight is omitted and begins as indicated.

The newly-elected Officers should wear jackets and ceremonial baldrics, and be seated with their wives. Retiring Officers, Council members and guests will be seated as indicated on the Diagram (Audience).

The Warden of the Council will have arranged the Officers' chairs in the form of a Cross as described in the Diagram, and he shall place the proper number on each chair. A prepared table shall be set in front of the dais, holding the Officer Medals, Holy Water and a corsage for the wife of each Officer to be installed.

Installation of Council Officers

Retiring, Newly-elected or Re-elected G. K. - Reverend Father, my Brothers of _____ Council No. _____, ladies and gentlemen:

The Installation of Council Officers is always a solemn and hope filled occasion.

(RET. G.K. (ONLY): I offer my sincerest thanks to my Brothers who, during the past year, have given me the benefit of their prayers and advice, the strength of their arms in our actions, and the invaluable support of their confidence. You have demonstrated that a small group of people united in a common cause can be a powerful force for good, and that by working together as a team we can make a difference in our parishes, our communities and the world. On behalf of the Officers who are retiring from their posts, I extend to our worthy successors our warmest congratulations, assurance of continued cooperation, and prayerful wishes for a most successful administration.]

D. W. - Please rise.

G. K. - It is my pleasure to welcome and introduce our Worthy District Deputy (Full Name) and his District Warden, (Full Name).

To you, Worthy District Deputy, I present the gavel and ask that you proceed with the Installation of Officers.

(G. K. shakes hands with D. D. – turns gavel over to him and salutes. Retiring G.K. proceeds to join the Retiring Officers; the re-elected G.K. proceeds to join the officers to be installed.)

D. W. - Please be seated.

D. D. - Reverend Father, my Brother Knights, ladies and gentlemen; I bring you greetings from our Supreme Knight (Full Name), the Supreme Officers, the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus and our Worthy State Deputy (Full Name). Before we proceed to the important and pleasant tasks ahead, I will ask our Worthy Chaplain to invoke the blessing of God upon our efforts. Worthy Chaplain, please lead us in prayer.


D. D. -  ***(Three raps.)***

D. W. - Please rise.

Use Officers Online

Council level access:

- *Grand Knight*
- *Financial Secretary*
- *Advocate*
- *Deputy Grand Knight*
- *Treasurer*
- *Membership Director*



The screenshot shows the 'Officers Online' web application for the Knights of Columbus. The header includes the organization's logo, the title 'OFFICERS ONLINE', and links for 'CHANGE PASSWORD', 'LOGOUT', 'LANGUAGE: ENGLISH', and 'FAQ'. A navigation bar contains 'UPDATE YOUR PROFILE' and 'Officers Online'. A 'Change Role:' dropdown menu is set to 'Financial Secretary'. Below this are sections for 'Urgent Messages' and 'Supporting Applications'. The 'Supporting Applications' section features eight icons: 'Officers Desk Reference' (pencil), 'Office Of Youth Protection' (person in bed), 'Home Corporations' (house), 'Member Management' (group of people), 'Member Billing' (dollar sign), 'By Laws Online' (document), 'Knights Gear' (t-shirt), and 'Supplies Online' (stack of papers). A 'Canadian Supplies Online' link is also present. At the bottom, there are tabs for 'Membership', 'Reports', 'Forms', 'Publications', 'Prospect', and 'Candidate'. The 'Membership' tab is active, displaying two tables: 'Awards Progress' and 'Council Membership'.

	Quota	Month to Date			Year to Date			
		Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net	%
MBR	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	20
INS	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	

Total Membership 5/16/2023	YTD Change in Membership
41	-4



Create a Budget

- **Biggest costs:**
 - Programs and events
- **If you can, build on what already exists**
 - Reach out to Past Grand Knights
- **Starting from scratch?**
 - Meet with FS and Treasurer
 - What came in and what went out last year

Helpful Trainings:



Communications

- Rule of seven
- Members have different comms preferences
 - Use text, email, bulletin, newsletter, phone
- External communications are critical
 - Parish, Community, Ministries, Other Councils
 - Press Releases



Read the Fraternal Leader Advisories

- **1st & 3rd Thursday of Month**
 - English, French, and Spanish
- **Sent to:**
 - State officers and directors
 - DDs, Council officers and directors
- **Anyone can sign-up online**

**Important
announcements,
news and best
practices!**



Safe Environment Requirements

POSITION	COMPLETE COURSE	BACKGROUND CHECK
Grand Knight	YES	N/A
Program Director	YES	N/A
Family Director	YES	YES
Community Director	YES	YES

Minimum of three people required

Grand Knight *can* hold one other position

Personal email addresses required



James.Mullen@gmail.com



gkcouncil1@gmail.com



Safe Environment Training Invitation



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[Haga clic aquí para leer el email en español.](#)

Dear Brother Knight:

Members serving in key leadership roles are required to complete safe environment training through [Praesidium Academy](#), designed to teach members about abuse awareness, prevention and best practices. Members who do not hold key leadership roles are also invited to complete this training.



Safe Environment

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Sign In

Email Address *

Password

Given a code to create an account?

Forgot your password?

Sign In



Safe Environment



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Fill in your details, validate your redemption code, and click redeem to access the school.

Already a Member? Sign In

+ Add Another Code

SELECT LANGUAGE



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Member Engagement



Faith in Action

- 33 Programs designed to fulfill the Order's mission
- Resources include:
 - Guide Sheets
 - Posters
 - Brochures
 - Prayer Cards and Booklets
 - Athletic Supplies
- Information available at kofc.org/faithinaction



Faith Programs

- RSVP
- Into the Breach
- Spiritual Reflection
- Holy Hour
- Pilgrim Icon Program
- Building the Domestic Church Kiosk
- Rosary Program
- Sacramental Gifts



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



Community Programs

- Coats for Kids
- Helping Hands
- Global Wheelchair Mission
- Habitat for Humanity
- Disaster Preparedness
- Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
- Free Throw Championship
- Soccer Challenge
- Hockey Challenge



Life Programs

- March for Life
- Ultrasound Initiative
- ASAP
- Silver Rose
- Novena for Life
- Special Olympics
- Mass for People with Special Needs
- Christian Refugee Relief



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



Learn more at kofc.org/cor

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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



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



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*)



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



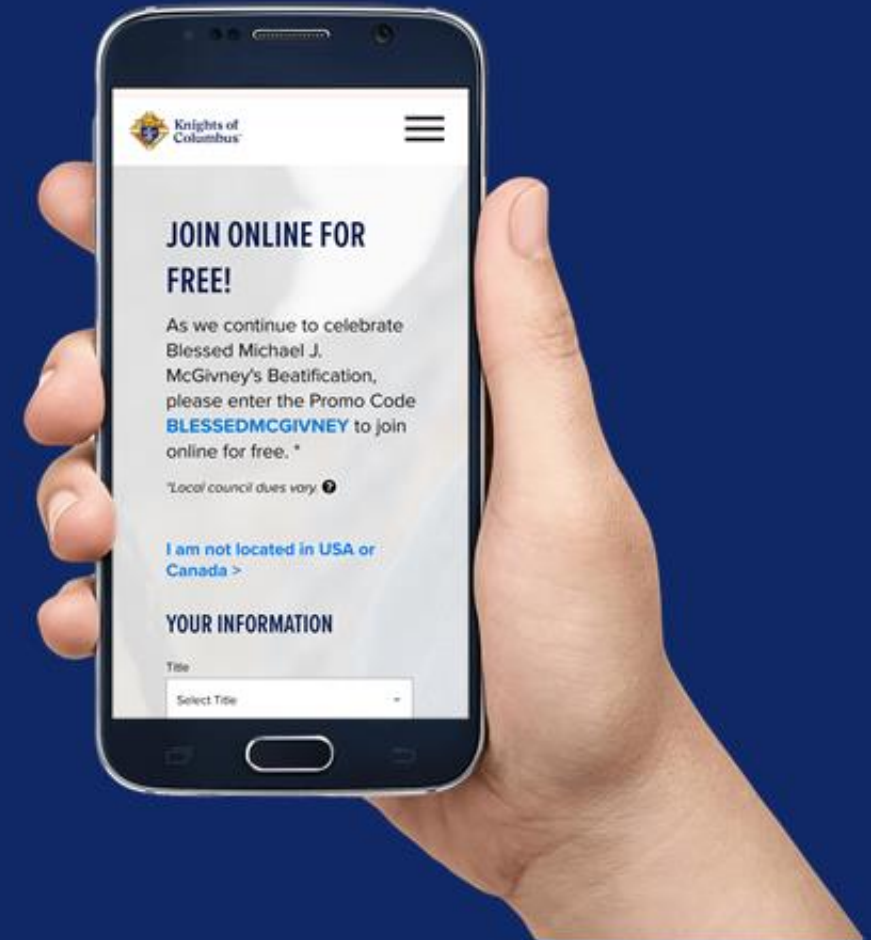
Church Drives

- 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

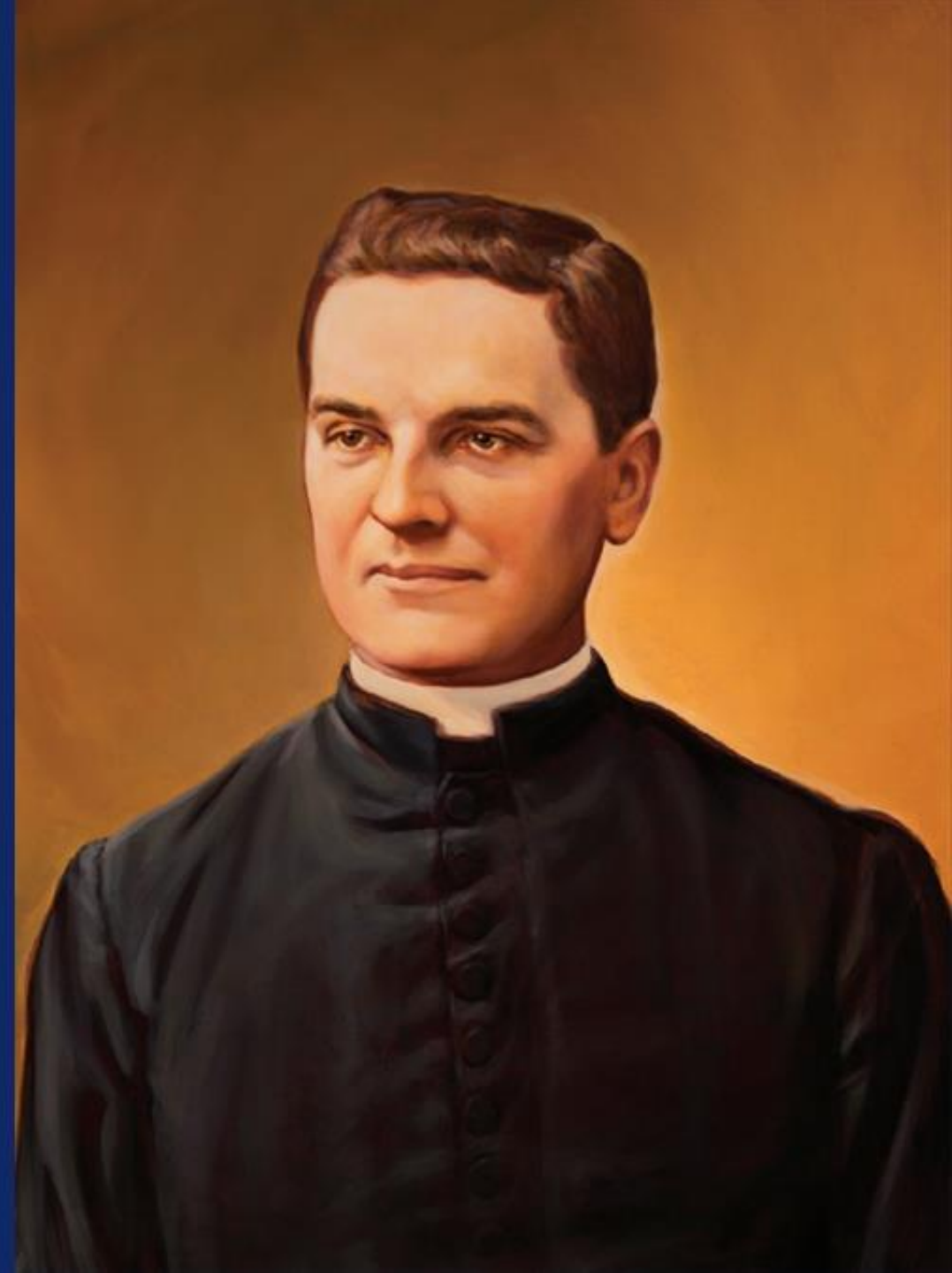


Questions



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.





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**Thank You!
Vivat Jesus!**