



FAITH IN ACTION FAMILY PILLAR Mid-year DD mtg

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Good healthy relationships is directly related to and proportional to the amount of effort and time we put into them.

Make the Time – Take the Time!

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Family

- Food for Families (feature program)
 - Value 2 on SP7 with minimums (form #10057)
- Consecration to the Holy Family (essential)
 - Christmas season
- Family of the Month (1993A - Supreme)
- Family of the Year (no form # - Supreme)
- Keep Christ in Christmas (magnets, lawn signs & poster contest) SO-38 (magnets)
 - Poster contest (#5023 – Supreme)

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Family

- Family Week (Aug 7th – Aug 13th)
- Family Fully Alive (monthly)
- Family Prayer Night (monthly) new
- Good Friday Family Promotion (Easter) new
- Deceased Members Headstone Cleaning and Prayers (State Program)
 - New State miniature flags SO-50

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Feature Program Food for Families

- Qualifies for 2 on SP7 form with minimums
- \$500 or 1000 lbs of food
- Each \$500 or 1000 lbs of food will qualify for \$100 rebate
- Maximum \$500 rebate from Supreme
- Due by June 30th
- Supreme provides plaque and date plates

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Essential Program Details

Consecration to the Holy Family

- It is a faith community prayer program.
- Purpose to strengthen families and revitalize our parishes. Councils will invite families in their parish to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family and to devote themselves to the ideal model of family love set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

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Essential Program Details

Consecration to the Holy Family

- Supreme Chaplain Archbishop Lori composed a prayer to help families live out the joy of Christ and come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family.
- Families through this prayer, will ask for the aid or intercession of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

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Essential Program Details

Consecration to the Holy Family

- It is not a single event. It is choosing a way of life for the family and consciously choosing to be a beacon of God's love through His Church.
- Order a good quantity of Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer Cards (#10371)
- Traditionally celebrated around the Feast of the Holy Family (usually 1st Sunday after Christmas)

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Family Fully Alive program

- A monthly prayers and devotions that Knights, in solidarity with Pope Francis, can support the growth of holy and loving families in the church.
- The Family Fully Alive program asks families to invite God into their homes and cultivates each family as a miniature domestic church.
- The guide provides monthly themes, reflections, meditations and group projects.

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Family Prayer Night

- Provides the opportunity to socialize and pray with other faith-filled Catholic families.
- Many of our Catholic children are not exposed enough to other people living their faith.
- People come together monthly for an evening of prayer, pot-luck dinner, discussions and fellowship.

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Good Friday Family Promotion

- Our Catholic churches are experiencing a declining and low attendance at our Easter Triduum services.
- Councils will encourage participation in Good Friday services through a promotional campaign.
- Working with their pastor, councils will educate parishes about the plight of Christians in the Holy Land and other areas around the world where Christians are persecuted for their faith.

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Family Week

- Councils dedicate the week of Aug 7th – 13th for their parish to recognize the vital importance of Christian families as the foundation of our domestic church and to promote Catholic family values.
- Councils will plan many social family programs.
- Councils are not obligated to the Aug 7th week depending on other obligations.

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Headstone cleaning and prayer program

- Objective is to annually clean the headstones of our deceased members and pray at each of their graves.
- Widows of our deceased members are extremely grateful for this help to keep their husbands gravestone clean of overgrowth each year and are so very thankful when we pray together for the repose of their souls.
- After each prayer place a miniature flag at the grave or present each widow a flag in remembrance.

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Important Existing Programs

Keep Christ in Christmas

- Magnets (SO-38)
- Poster contest (#5023)

- Family of the Month (#1993A)
- Family of the Year (no form #)
- These special recognition programs are not utilized enough by all councils.

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- Our family programs were developed with a concerted response to a secular society that seeks to weaken the bonds of Christian families.
- Father McGivney sought to strengthen the family bonds of father to mother and children to parents.
- The majority of our time is spent in secular groups/events and we need to intentionally plan and create ways to live in the domestic church.

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Family chairman

- Food for Families – Michael Simpson
- Keep Christ in Christmas – Denis Keefe
- Family of Month/Year – Ron Hutt
- Deceased members headstone cleaning and prayers – David Gelinas (mini flags SO-50)
- Consecration to the Holy Family (Christmas) & Good Friday Family promotion (Easter) – Deacon Leonard Tetreault

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BUT we're too busy already,
how can we start 9 new programs
for Faith in Action?

Have you heard this?

What every council needs to do!

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Faith in Action (FiA)

- The introduction of FiA is a time for every council to reassess their current programs and to determine which programs they already have are best suited to align with the FiA and with Building the Domestic Church objectives. For those programs that don't align with FiA, it would be time to end them to free up their time to start many of these new programs.

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Faith in Action (FiA)

- Councils should re-organize and prioritize which programs are best suited to attract new members, which help your pastor evangelize and help others grow in their faith, and deepen their love for our Lord and for each other.
- Councils after this assessment should find time available to them to earnestly accept FiA and the 9 new programs. Remember the 4 essential programs they need to participate in for the purpose of achieving the Columbian & Star council awards!

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