



Ontario State Council Faith in Action

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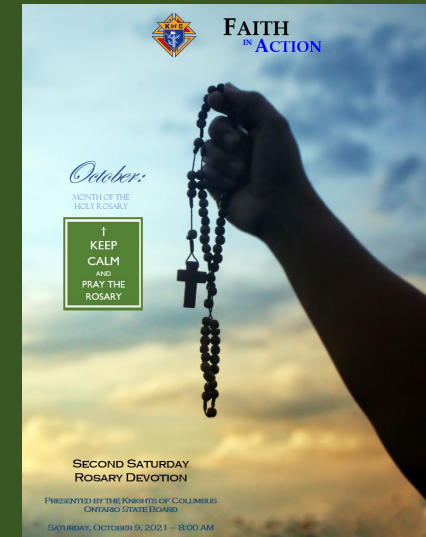
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Rosary Program

The Knights of Columbus Rosary Program encourages councils to promote devotion to the rosary in our families and parishes by scheduling regular rosary prayer services on any day of the week, at any time of the year, with the guidance of their pastor. Councils should personally invite each family of the parish to participate.

Our State Council has this program every month on the second Saturday, we need more participation for our Knights as this is a very good way to demonstrate that we are a Fraternal organization.

This year, our State Council has commenced a Virtual First Saturday Rosary Devotion program every second Saturday of the month at 8:00 am, we need to be unified by praying together so that with our show of solidarity with Our Lady, we can continue to strengthen our faith to overcome all our tribulations and trials.



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St. Joseph Icon Program

In December 2020, Pope Francis declared a Year of St. Joseph, “to perpetuate the entrustment of the whole Church to the powerful patronage of the guardian of Jesus” and so that “the faithful may daily strengthen their life of faith through the example of St. Joseph.” As Knights, we are called to reflect upon the life and example of St. Joseph and seek to imitate his virtue as our Blessed founder did.



On the day of his installation, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, consecrated his administration to St. Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer. It is fitting, and most appropriate, that the upcoming Icon Program will be dedicated to St. Joseph.

A full strategic plan on the execution of this program has been drafted for implementation as soon as the Icons are received.



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RSVP: (Refund Support Vocations Program)

As the strong right arm of the church, as Brother Knights, we are committed to providing moral, financial, and spiritual support to our future priests and religious at all stages of their formation. Through this program, council and parish families will raise funds to support seminarians in their area. For every \$500 given to an individual, the Supreme Council will refund the Council or Assembly \$100. The maximum refund which a Council or Assembly can receive is \$400 per individual supported. Councils are also called to provide their “adopted” seminarian or religious aspirant with moral support and prayers for their success. For RSVP resources:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/faith/rsvp/2863-rsvp-refund-app-fillable.pdf>

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Into the Breach:

This program helps us deepen our Faith and commitment to God, Church and community. There are various programs to help us promote this component within our Church like Bible study, which is one of the key programs to get all of us deeply involved. Look into programs that are practical that will help sustain the needs of our Brothers and their families.

Our Order has introduced many online videos for group or individual understanding and virtual participation of brothers, and their families is made possible.

Please make every attempt to take advantage, as this program does not need to occur as an in-person event.

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Blessed Father McGivney Prayer Hour

Celebrate the beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney, and pray for his intercession, through a special prayer hour open to the whole parish. Built around the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, the prayer hour features writings from recent popes and reflections on the life of Blessed Michael McGivney. The prayer hour is a way for the entire parish community to invoke the blessed founder of the Knights of Columbus and to be inspired by his life and legacy.

This year the Prayer Hour will be organized on Founders Day and conclude with Mass. This will include the recitation of the Luminous Mysteries in five different languages. Kindly contact me if you are fluent in a second language and would like to participate by reciting a decade.

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Holy Hour

Encourage deep personal encounters with God. Eucharistic adoration in the form of a regularly scheduled Holy Hour is a simple, direct, and meaningful way to address these needs. It is familiar to many, easy to organize, and something everyone can participate in together regardless of age, vocation, stage of life, or membership status.

- Organize a regularly scheduled Holy Hour of eucharistic adoration.
- Encourage deep, personal encounters with God.
- Consult with your parish pastor for direction and guidance.
- Engage your council to generate ideas for prayer devotion and reflection, such as group rosary, prayers for particular intentions, etc.
- Build a council deeply rooted in faith.
- Promote Holy Hour within your council and within the parish community.

For the current fraternal year, we will be organizing three Holy Hour Devotions as part of the criteria to be awarded the Circle of Honor.

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Spiritual Reflection Program

- Create annual opportunities for prayer and reflection together as a fraternity.
- Organize a retreat or a day of reflection – encourage your Council Chaplain to get involved and/or lead the group.
- Spiritual events are needed to rejuvenate Council members, and the greater community.
- Retreats/day of reflection can be organized for Brother Knights and their families. Councils are strongly encouraged to include Mass within their Spiritual Reflection, celebrating the liturgy with your chaplain/pastor. Also, incorporate opportunities for other sacramental and liturgical activities such as confession, Eucharistic adoration, a rosary or all of these.

This year, once again, our State Council will be organizing a Spiritual Reflection Day in January.

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Building the Domestic Church Kiosk:

Building the Domestic Church Kiosk (#BDC-K) available in your parish and organizing activities based on its content, Councils will educate and evangelize using the rich, faith-based literature found in the Catholic Information Service (CIS) Building the Domestic Church series of booklets. This program is specifically developed and promoted to encourage our Brothers and their families to encounter the depth of our Faith by using various small prayer books.

- Strengthen the domestic church through the distribution of high quality, engaging religious education literature.
- Consult with your parish pastor to establish the best possible location for the kiosk.
- Promote the availability of the literature within your council and within the community.
- Assist with distributing the literature at events.

This year we could not engage this program as we were in a lock down situation, however we must use virtual media tools to promote online resources which is available at kofc.org.



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Sacramental Gifts

The sacraments stand as the most significant events in the life of the domestic church. The Knights of Columbus will be there to support and embrace our parish families at these essential moments of encounter with Christ. As children and adult members become more integrated into the life of the church and their parish, they should know that members of the Knights of Columbus will always be present in a tangible and meaningful way. For Sacramental Gifts program resources, visit www.kofc.org/gifts.

- Support is provided to families and the parish community through prayer and the presentation of symbolic gifts.
- The Knights of Columbus are always present to support and embrace parish families.
- Work with your pastor to determine how many gifts will be needed for candidates of the RCIA , First Holy Communion and Confirmandi.

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Closing Remarks

Thank you for all you have done in this current year and please continue to keep up the good work and vision of our Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, and pray that he attains Sainthood.



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