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<u>Icon Program – St. Joseph</u>

Pilgrimage Process for Ontario State

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Dear Brother Knights,

It is with great pleasure that I announce the imminent commencement of the Icon Program in Ontario. 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.

We are thrilled to advise that the St. Joseph Icons have been received by the Ontario State office, and the Faith Pillar team has been hard at work preparing and planning for a successful pilgrimage across Ontario.

The following will allow you to gain a better understanding of the process and steps involved. A great level of cooperation at all levels of the Knights of Columbus in Ontario will be necessary to order to ensure that this process is carried out effectively.

- 1. Delivery of one (1) Icon will be coordinated directly with all Membership Information Officers.
- 2. Each MIO will be responsible for coordinating the delivery of the Icon to each District Deputy within his territory. The MIO may select any District within his territory which may be in the best position to begin the pilgrimage process.
- 3. DD's will be accountable for organizing delivery of the Icon to the first Council within his District the first Council can be selected as appropriate.
- 4. Each Council can host the St. Joseph Icon for a period not exceeding two weeks. Upon completion, the Grand Knight of the Council will be responsible for safely transporting the Icon to the next Council within the District.



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- 5. Once the final Council in the District has had an opportunity to host the Icon, the Grand Knight must contact his District Deputy to coordinate the return of the Icon.
- 6. Once the District Deputy has received the Icon upon completion of the pilgrimage within his District, the District Deputy will be responsible for coordinating the return of the Icon to the MIO.
- 7. The MIO will once again be responsible for coordinating delivery of the Icon to the next District within his territory that is ready to begin the pilgrimage process. At this point, steps 2 7 will be repeated until every District has had an opportunity to host the Icon within each of the Councils.
- 8. Upon completion, once the Icon has been hosted by every Council in each District, the Icon must be returned to the MIO. Once each MIO has received the returned Icon, he is to contact a member of the Faith Team (contacts listed below) and hold the Icon in safe keeping until further instructions have been provided.

Brothers, as you can see – this process involves all, and great care and participation is required in order to ensure that this Icon pilgrimage is carried out effectively and is an enjoyable experience for everyone.

Each Membership Information Officer and District Deputy will be required to carefully track where the Icon(s) are located during the pilgrimage. This is to ensure that the two-week time allotment is being adhered, and to ensure that the Icon is moving appropriately throughout the Territories and Districts.

The following pages contains further information for your review. Please begin the appropriate planning and promotion within your Territories, Districts and Councils. At any stage in this process, you may contact any of the Faith Team members below:

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Thanks in advance for your cooperation in making this a successful, enjoyable, and spiritual program. St. Joseph, Terror of Demons, pray for us!

Vivat Jesus!

Joseph Remedios, FDD, PGK, PFN Ontario State Council Faith Director



Icon Program - St. Joseph Process Chart/Cycle

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Icon to be distributed directly to MIO's.

MIO's responsible for distributing icons to DD's.

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Once the final Council has hosted the icon, it is to be returned to the DD, who will then arrange to return to MIO. Cycle restarts.



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DD's responsible for distributing icon to Councils.

After hosting, GK's are responsible for moving the icon to the next Council in the District.

Councils to host icon for a period of two weeks.

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Icon Program - St. Joseph Distribution Plan & Schedule



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Membership Information Officer	Territory #	District Numbers	Total # of Districts	Areas Served	Start	Finish	Duration of Icon in Each Council
Serge Marcil	1	17, 32, 42, 54, 58, 75, 78, 81, 85	9	Cornwall & Ottawa (east of city)	January 8, 2022	To be determined	2 Weeks
Ron Hutt	2	1, 2, 30, 34, 44, 66, 79, 92, 98, 101, 104	11	Ottawa & Pembroke	January 8, 2022	To be determined	2 Weeks
Sean Dunlop	3	3, 4, 20, 29, 48, 57, 73, 82, 93, 114, 120	11	Peterborough, Kingston, Brockville, Prescott	January 8, 2022	To be determined	2 Weeks
Mike Meady	4	12, 14, 15 , 37, 38, 45, 46, 112	8	Thunder Bay & Sault Ste. Marie	January 8, 2022	To be determined	2 Weeks
Joffre Patry	5	11, 13, 18, 25, 41, 47, 52, 59, 71, 74, 80	11	North Bay/Sudbury & Timmins	January 8, 2022	To be determined	2 Weeks
Dan Lohin	6	6, 8, 26, 60, 62, 64, 67, 83, 100, 109, 113	11	Hamilton South & St. Catharines, Oakville, Burlington	January 8, 2022	To be determined	2 Weeks
Gino Grieco	7	7, 28, 35, 55, 69, 105, 116, 117, 118	9	Hamilton North & South, Bruce Penninsula	January 8, 2022	To be determined	2 Weeks
Michael Holly	8	9, 22, 31, 49, 61, 68, 72, 84, 119	9	London Area, Sarnia	January 8, 2022	To be determined	2 Weeks
Alan Sims	9	10, 16, 21, 23, 39, 40, 51, 76, 88	9	Windsor & Chatham	January 8, 2022	To be determined	2 Weeks
David Robertson	10	19, 33, 43, 50, 56, 77, 86, 96, 99, 110	10	GTA/Muskoka/Simcoe/York Region/ North Peel Region/North Brampton	January 8, 2022	To be determined	2 Weeks
Gordon Newman	11	24, 27, 53, 89, 91, 94, 102, 103, 106, 111, 115	11	GTA/Milton/Mississauga/Brampton/ WestToronto	January 8, 2022	To be determined	2 Weeks
Wilfred Gomez	12	5, 36, 63, 65, 70, 87, 90, 95, 97, 107, 108	11	GTA: Durham Region/South Clarington/Thornhill/East Toronto	January 8, 2022	To be determined	2 Weeks

DISTRICT GRAND TOTAL: 120

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