

# Ontario State Council Faith in Action





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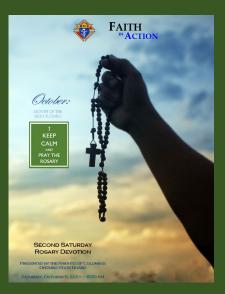


#### **Rosary Program**

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.

For the past two years, our State Council has been organizing a Virtual Rosary Devotion Program which occurs on 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.







### 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 current Icon Program will be dedicated to St. Joseph.

A full strategic plan on the execution of this program has been implemented, and the St. Joseph Icons are currently circulating within Ontario.







### **RSVP:** (<u>*Refund Support Vocations Program*)</u>

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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Prepare yourself for the spiritual battle raging around you. To step into the breach requires every man to have faith and take action. The Into the Breach series challenges men to seek greatness and to be heroically virtuous, to have a character marked by goodness and truth, strength and courage.

Join us for four weekly online presentations (via Zoom), where ve will dive deeper into topics relevant to Catholics today:

Monday, January 17, 7:00 PM: **"Family"** Monday, January 24, 7:00 PM: **"Prayer"** Monday, January 31, 7:00 PM: **"Suffering"** Monday, February 7, 7:00 PM: **"The Cornerston** 

Guest speakers:

Deacon John Coletti, Deacon Roman Lim, & Deacon Anthony Wong

Join Zoom meeting

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81210326680?pwd=dFMvazh0Y DczYwZEIENFNNcEliOT09

Meeting ID: 812 1032 6680 Passcode: 103704

Questions? Contact: Joseph Remedios, 647-467-1738, faithdirector@ontario





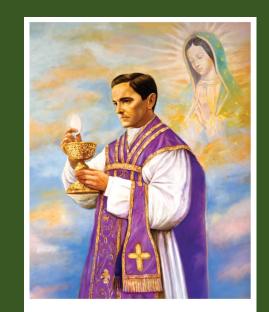


#### **Blessed Father McGivney Prayer Hour**

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, following the celebration of Holy 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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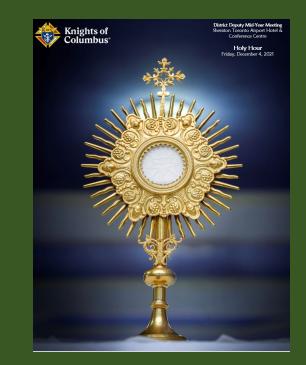


### **Holy Hour**

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.







#### **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 confession, Eucharistic adoration, a rosary or all of these.

Planning has already been rolled out for the Spiritual Reflection programs for Fraternal Year 2022/2023. Will advise with details as soon as possible.





#### **Spiritual Reflection Programs from First Half of 2022:**

Knights of Columbus, Ontario State Board, Faith Pillar proudly present:

Spiritual Reflection, Day of Retreat

#### UNIVERSAL CALL TO HOLINESS

Saturday, March 12, 2022 - 8:30 AM, St. Josephine Bakhita Parish 3200 Thomas Street, Mississauga, Ontario, L5M 0N7

- Understanding what it means to live in the image and likeness of God.
- Understanding our need for a relationship with the Holy Spirit to live as God intends.
- Working together with God in the creation of our lives.
- much more...

#### All are welcome to attend - no cost.

Complimentary break time coffee/refreshments will be served

To register, please send an e-mail to: James Zammit, District Deputy #102: <u>DD102@ontariokofc.ca</u>

For any questions, please contact Joseph Remedios, Ontario State Faith Director: faithdirector@ontariokofc.ca, or 647-467-1738

#### Schedule: 8:30 AM: Recitation of the Most Holy Rosary

9:00 AM: Celebration of Holy Mass Celebrated by Father Mark Villanueva

9:45 AM: Break

10:00 AM: Reflection Presentation 1 Presented by Deacon Roman Lim

10:30 AM: Reflection Presentation 2 Presentation by Deacon Anthony Wong

11:00 AM: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Chaplet of Divine Mercy

11:45 AM: Benediction and Final Blessing

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Register early to avoid disappointment as seating is limited.

Event will also be live streamed via YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/c/stjosephinebakhi aparish

#### Weekly Lenten Reflections: THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS Every Monday at 7:00 PM, presented via Zoom March 7: Reflection presented by Deacon Anthony Wong March 14: Reflection presented by Deacon John Coletti March 21: Reflection presented by Deacon Roman Lim March 28: Reflection presented by Deacon Michael Lewis April 4: Reflection presented by Deacon Marcus Terfloth Join Zoom Meeting: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82929036047?pwd=N115dVV0dDZyb1VDSFZQeUoyaHdjdz09 Meeting ID: 829 2903 6047, Passcode: 474049 ALL ARE WELCOME! ns? Contact: Joseph Remedi Ontario State Faith Director resented by the Knights of Columbus 647-467-1738 Ontario State Board, Faith Pill aithdirector@ontariokofc.ca



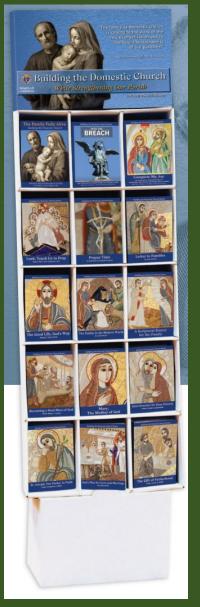


### **Building the Domestic Church Kiosk:**

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, faithbased 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.

With pandemic restrictions largely behind us, this is an excellent opportunity to get this this program back on track within your parishes.







#### **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.





#### **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.



