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For those that didn't get a chance to see the previous District Newsletters, we are discussing the new K of C initiative named Faith in Action program. It consists of four pillars; Faith, Family, Community, and Life. Each pillar is derived to help us all increase in holiness.

Like the previous program called Surge for Service, the councils need to complete a certain amount of programs from each pillar to receive the Columbia Award which is need to achieve Star Council. Each pillar has one mandatory program - and 7 other programs to choose from, one of which is "Featured" by Supreme.

Go to www.kofc.org and look under the Programs section for more information.

This newsletter will focus on the Family pillar. The Knight of Columbus was created to strengthen families. As the leaders of our family, we are called to provide financial, material and spiritual support.

We all live in the secular world and it is too easy to get wrapped up in work, hobbies, and other activities - then we don't have time or strength for developing our faith.

We need to intentionally choose activities to live our lives for Christ and not the world.

Activities for FAITH pillar:

1. Consecration to the Holy Family (Required)
2. Food for Families (Featured)
3. Family of Month/Year
4. Keep Christ in Christmas
5. Family Fully Alive
6. Family Week
7. Good Friday Family Promotion
8. Family Prayer Night

CONSECRATION to the HOLY FAMILY



The purpose of this activity is to help strengthen families. The council will invite each family in the parish to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family and the ideal familial love of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

1. Obtain permission for the pastor, and set date for the consecration
2. Order Holy Family Prayer cards (#10371)
3. Promote the event through posters, bulletin articles, pulpit announcements
4. Encourage each family to pray for the success of the event, and strongly encourage members to go to confession prior to the consecration
5. On the day of the event, pass out the prayer cards prior to each mass.
6. Following the the consecration, host a parish event in celebration.
7. Include a recruitment table at the event
8. Enlist a fellow Knight to photograph the event.
9. Update the community/parish about the success of the event.



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FOOD for FAMILIES



Many in our communities are struggling through hardship and are unable to provide food for their families.

1. Set an annual goal for your Food for Families program.
2. Create a partnership with a local food bank, food pantry, or other organization in your area.
3. Conduct several events throughout the year to achieve your goal.
4. Build public interest through posters, bulletin and pulpit announcements.
5. Use each event as recruitment opportunity.
6. Get photographs taken by a fellow Knight.
7. Follow up with the results of the event in the parish bulletin.
8. Proudly display your Food for Families participation plaque in your parish, and update it each year.

Stimulate and support strong families. Each month select one parish family that models Christian Family values.

1. Create a committee of council and parish leaders to select a Family of the Month
2. Order Family of the Month kit through Supplies Online
3. Each month, select a family that stands out as a model of Catholic Family values
4. Recognize the family in the bulletin, pulpit announcements and at your parish coffee and donuts/pancake breakfast
5. At the end of the fraternal year, select one of the previous 12 month winners as your Family of the Year.

FAMILY of the MONTH and YEAR



KEEP CHRIST in CHRISTMAS



Promote the true spirit of Christmas

1. Conduct activities promoting the true spirit of Christmas and the importance of Christ's birth and message
2. Use the events as recruitment opportunities and update the parish on the success of the events via parish bulletins



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FAMILY FULL ALIVE



Help families place God and the Catholic faith at the center of their lives.

1. Obtain pastor's permission to promote the program.
2. Order Family Fully Alive Booklets (#10162)
3. Design campaign to promote use of booklets via a Family Fully Alive Night, inviting all families from the parish
4. Promote the success of the program via bulletin and pulpit announcements

Plan a special week of the year to recognize the importance of families as the foundation of the domestic church.

1. Work with pastor to organize Family Week
2. Order Family Week Program Kit (#FW-Kit)
3. Build interest through posters, bulletin and pulpit announcements.
4. Hold event(s) during the week to promote holy families
5. Update parish on success of the event(s)

FAMILY WEEK



GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY PROMOTION



Bring families into more robust practice and better understanding of the Catholic faith and the Easter services.

1. Work with pastor on program.
2. Order copies of Lord and Savior (#358) and Christian Refugee Relief Prayer Cards (#10340)
3. Request contact information for elderly, sick or non-driving parishioners and assist them in attending the Good Friday services
4. Organize council members and their families to celebrate the Good Friday services together.

Strengthen the bonds within our parishes and build faith-filled families.

1. Put together a team of parish leaders and Knights.
2. Plan Family Prayer Nights that include:
 - a. Meet and greet all members
 - b. Prayer
 - c. Fun activities for whole family
 - d. Meal/social time
 - e. Ending prayer

FAMILY PRAYER NIGHT

