

2025 Winter Leadership Meeting Programs Breakout Session

Service
Optimism
Aspire
Responsibility

**SOAR WITH
US!**



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Reminder of Why We Do Programs

Our goal is to help men; their families and their parishes grow closer to Christ. Through our programs and resources, we provide opportunities to live and spread the Catholic faith. Together, we're empowering Catholic men to live our faith at home, in our parish, at work and in our community.

Our programs is a testament to our faith in the Gospel. It brings people together to be a shining light to the world. As we prepare for Christmas, let us all be that shining light that inspires the world to turn their heart to Christ.



So how are your councils doing with Programs?



Let's take a look at the 10784 Submissions

Across the State:

Faith	695
Family	620
Community	281
Life	836

Total Submissions Statewide (2025): 2432

Total Submissions Statewide (2024): 1786

36.17% Increase



Let's take a look at the 10784 Submissions

Council Submissions Across the State:

	2025	2024
0 Submissions	229	222
1-5 Submissions	100	113
6-10 Submissions	49	41
11+ Submissions	74	49

**Although more submissions submitted, more councils have not submitted a single 10784 so far.*



10784 Program Submissions

Question to ask (for those who have not submitted a 10784)

Are the councils doing programs? If so, what is the underlying reason they are not spending the 10-15 minutes to submit a 10784 form after?

Do they understand where to complete the 10784? Do they have the skills to navigate and complete this form? If not, please provide guidance as needed.

<https://tinyurl.com/kofc-10784> <-- **TRAINING VIDEO**

Why is the 10784 so important? Why do I need to do this form?



10784 Program Submissions

Why is so darn important?

1. It Documents Your Council's Work

**If it isn't on a 10784, Supreme has no record that it happened.*

2. It will become required for awards:

**Even if your council does the work, you can't earn awards without the documentation.*

3. It Helps Supreme Track the Order's Impact

This data is used to help with annual reports and to maintain nonprofit compliance. **(FORM 1728)*



10784 Program Submissions

Why is so darn important?

4. It Supports Accountability and Transparency. The Knights rely on these forms

5. It Keeps Councils Organized

** Regularly completing the form encourages councils to plan and evaluate programs, helps Program Directors and Grand Knights stay on track, and prevents missed deadlines and lost credit for activities*



10784 Program Submissions

Do's and Don'ts

1. Does time serving as an officer count as a 10784 Submission?

No. Neither is hall admin time. That should get reported on 1728 form.

2. Can a council meeting count as a 10784?

No. The meeting itself should not be reported, but if you do a rosary, COR, or other program before or after the meeting, that can be reported.

3. Does a COR event also count as a 10784?

Yes! Just don't forget to also complete the COR Survey. ☺

4. Does a membership drive or exemplification count as a 10784?

No. Not unless its being run in tandem with a program. (Example: Pancake Breakfast)



On the horizon..

- The 1728 (Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity) form is due by **1/31/2026**
- The Semi-Annual Audit is now only due once a year and in August.
 - Next due date is next fraternal year 8/15/2026
- **Special Olympics is done via 10784**
 - **No separate form anymore for this program**
- State Program Award Submissions are due 3/15/2026
- State Family of the Year Submission is due 3/15/2026
- State Blessed Michael McGivney Award Submission is due 3/15/2026
- The SP-7 Form is due by 6/30/2026, however can be submitted early if council completes all the necessary requirements early.



State Program Awards

Thank you to those who submitted a Rough Draft. We will return with feedback by Diocesan Meetings.

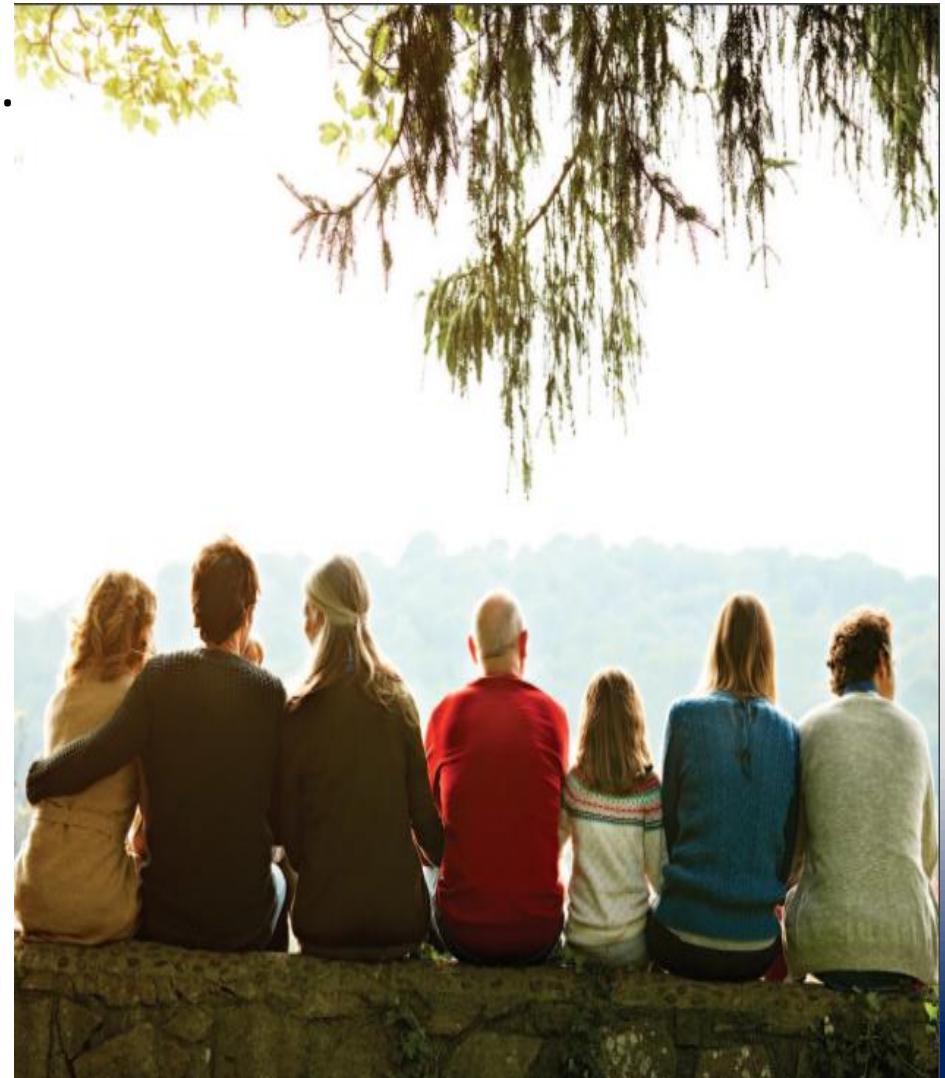
Final Submissions due 3/15/2026



Family of the Year

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State Blessed Michael McGivney Award

SBMMA Form Available on kof.org

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Columbian Award

To successfully be eligible for the Columbian Award, a council must:

- Successfully submit the form 365, 1728 (a & b), and SP-7 and be accepted
- Satisfy the Faith in Action credits
 - Must earn at least four (4) program credits in each of the Faith in Action categories.



A Review of the Faith in Action Programs

Supreme-Recommended Program Category Matrix

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FAITH

REFUND SUPPORT VOCATIONS PROGRAM (RSVP)

INTO THE BREACH

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

HOLY HOUR

PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH KIOSK

ROSARY PROGRAM

SACRAMENTAL GIFTS



COMMUNITY

COATS FOR KIDS

GLOBAL WHEELCHAIR MISSION

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

SOCCER/HOCKEY CHALLENGE

HELPING HANDS

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FAMILY

FOOD FOR FAMILIES

FAMILY OF THE MONTH/YEAR

FAMILY FULLY ALIVE

FAMILY PRAYER NIGHT

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

FAMILY WEEK

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY PROMOTION



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LIFE

MARCH FOR LIFE

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE

PREGNANCY CENTER SUPPORT / ASAP (AID AND

SUPPORT AFTER PREGNANCY)

CHRISTIAN REFUGEE RELIEF

SILVER ROSE

MASS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

NOVENA FOR LIFE

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Featured Programs (Highlighted in Red) count for 2 points each.



NEW! Faith in Action Programs

Viva Christo Rey
Imitating Juan Diego



Bright Futures
Celebrating our
Catholic Heritage



**Remembering our
Faithful Departed**
Quinceanera Support



**Holy Hour for Life with Our
Lady of Guadalupe**
The Gospel of Life

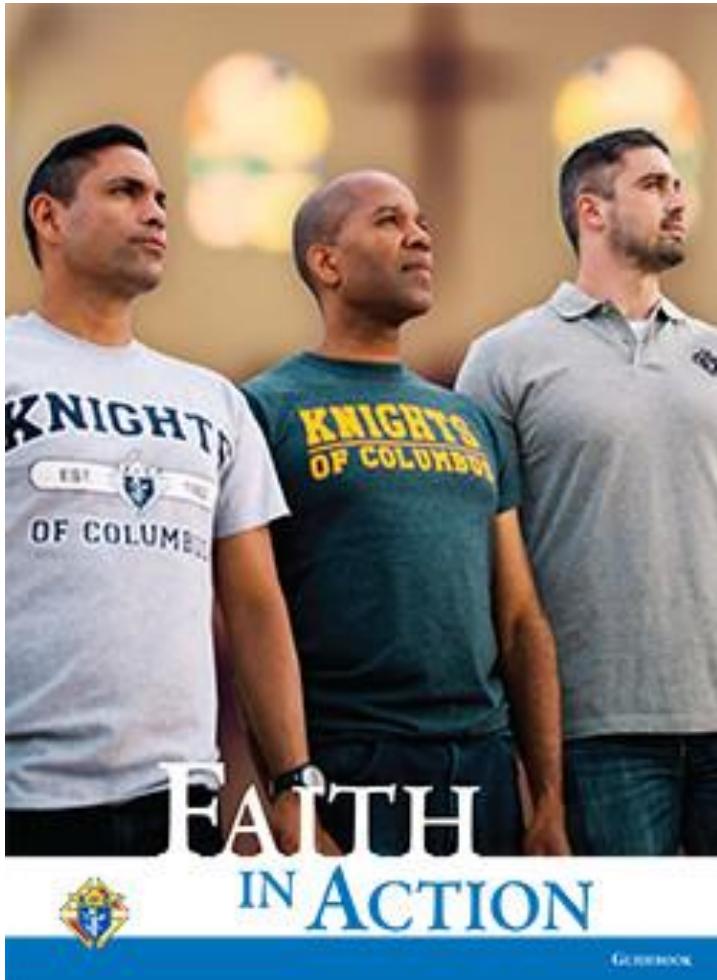
*** More Information on these newly added FIA Featured
Programs are NOW on kofc.org.**



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And now from our Faith in Action Team





Faith in Action: Family Programs



Faith in Action: Family Programs

- 祂 Who am I? Jim Kelly, PGK (09-11), FDD (14-18, 22-24)
- 祂 Married to Stephanie
- 祂 Kids: Jimmy, Maria, Clare, Michael, and John Paul



SOARing into Family Programs: Goals

- ⌚ **Service:** Councils participate in the Order-wide recognized family programs and create their own family programs.
- ⌚ **Optimism:** Councils attract and recruit men with families.
- ⌚ **Aspire:** Families are engaged in the Council and related-Parish Activities.
- ⌚ **Responsibility:** District Deputies promote family programs to councils.



SOARing into Family Programs: Results

>We have strong councils that secure the legacies of our parishes and councils throughout the State.

SUCCESS!



Do Family Programs Even Matter?

- Yes! Mission Critical!
- All Councils should be offering something for our families.
- Work follows a man home; at home he is under-appreciated.
- Family programs give men the ability to spend time with their families while still building up bonds of fraternity and living their faith.
- No better example for a man's sons, grandsons, and nephews.



Family: The District Deputy's Role

- ⌚ Get credit for what's already happening.
 - ⌚ Encourage councils to fill out the 10784 on a more timely basis.
- ⌚ Be the voice that encourages Council to plan out family programs.
 - ⌚ Consecration to Holy Family
 - ⌚ Family of the Month/Family of the Year
 - ⌚ Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest
 - ⌚ Food for Families
 - ⌚ Other Family Programs
- ⌚ Don't let Family Programs be the ones playing catch up in June.



Consecration to the Holy Family

- ▣ Feast of the Holy Family is Sunday, December 29, 2024
 - ▣ Can be celebrated any time
 - ▣ Other examples would be a feast of Mary or St. Joseph or Mother's Day or Father's Day
- ▣ Ask Father to make an announcement and lead the prayer of Consecration to the Holy Family.
- ▣ Supreme Chaplain suggests families spend a week discerning and prayerfully preparing for the Consecration.
- ▣ Possible celebration or hospitality after the Consecration.



Family of the Month/Family of the Year

✉ Email submissions to j.kelly@mikofc.org

✉ Family of the Year submissions

- ✉ Add detail, photos, tell a story.
- ✉ Explain why this family stands out.
- ✉ Examples of past winners available on State website
- ✉ District deputies should be actively encouraging submissions



Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

- Children design posters reflecting the theme “Keep Christ in Christmas”
- Council judging should occur just around Christmas
- District level target end date January 15
- Diocesan level judging January 31
- State level judging February 15
- Supreme submissions due February 28



Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Age Groups:

Kindergarten

Grades 1-2

Grades 3-4

Grades 5-6

Grades 7-8



Food for Families

- Supreme-sponsored program
- Get 2 points on SP-7 for donating \$500.00 or 1,000 pounds to local food pantries, food banks and soup kitchens.
- If you do that and report it, Supreme will refund \$100.00 back to the Council.
- If you don't quite make those goals, Council can still get 1 point on its SP-7.
- Last year's State Family Service Program of the Year winner



New! Remembering Our Faithful Departed

- Supreme suggests 3 possible activities that could be used to remember deceased members of their council, families, and parishes.
- Organize a visit to a cemetery to pray for the faithful departed.
- Organize or help a school or parish's All Saints Day parade, in which children dress up as their favorite saints.
- Set up *ofrendas* and altars in remembrance of the departed.



New! Quinceañera Support

- ▀ A quinceañera celebrates a 15-year-old young woman's passage from childhood to adulthood, as she thanks God for the blessing of her life and she asks for His blessing going forward.
- ▀ Councils can offer Mary as the ultimate role model for all women.
- ▀ Supreme suggests working with pastor to identify a good time of year. Jim suggests the months of May or October, or a feast dedicated to Mary like Assumption (8-15) or Coronation (8-22).
- ▀ Supreme-sponsored program earns 2-points on SP-7.



Other Family Programs

- ▀ Into the Breach: Mission of the Family – incorporate into *Cor* meetings or offer as a stand-alone program.
 - ▀ It was designed for discussion among men (*Cor*) but Supreme recognizes that it can be a useful program for husbands and wives to view together.
 - ▀ 5 episodes, so not a huge commitment.

▀ Family Prayer Nights.

- ▀ Great way to connect the Council and Parish with families.
- ▀ Could be an Adoration geared toward bringing your kids.
- ▀ Could be a Rosary.
- ▀ Council could host reception afterward.
- ▀ Doing it 4 times per year gets the council two points on its SP7

▀ Ice Cream Socials.

▀ Family Movie Nights.



Family Service Program of the Year

- Examples of past winners can be found on State website.
- Would like to get at least one from each district.
- District Deputies may need to give them a nudge to submit.





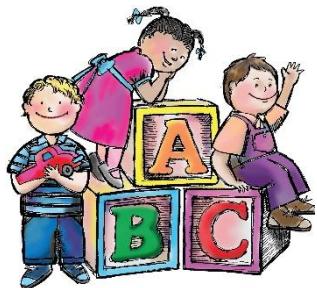
State Community Director

Larry Herman



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Key Community Activities



- ⻘ Youth Activities
- ⻘ Council Recognition
- ⻘ Knight of the Month / Year



Youth Activities Soccer Championship

Competition held on 10/4/2025 in Wyoming, MI

The winners:

- Gaylord Diocese – 2
- Saginaw Diocese – 2
- Grand Rapids Diocese – 3
- Archdiocese of Detroit – 2
- Lansing Diocese - 2



Youth Activities Key Dates

State Competitions

- 重要举措 Essay Contest – Saturday, January 3, 2026
- 重要举措 Spelling Bee – Saturday, March 7, 2026
- 重要举措 Free Throw Contest – Sunday, March 15, 2026
- 重要举措 State Hockey Challenge (Ice) – TBD
- 重要举措 State Hockey Challenge (Floor) – May 30, 2026



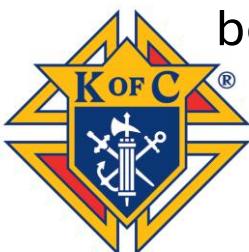
重要举措 ALL COMPETITORS MUST COMPETE IN AT LEAST 2 LEVELS OF LOCAL COMPETITION (COUNCIL AND DISTRICT or REGIONAL) FOR SPELLING BEE AND FREE THROW COMPETITION TO QUALIFY FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION



2026 Free Throw Contest

Diocese of Marquette Free Throw Competition Policy

- Several years ago, the State Deputy at the time and the Supreme Program Director reached an understanding, allowing the Diocese of Marquette to conduct a separate competition for the State Free Throw Championship. This decision was made primarily due to the significant travel distance involved and the potential hazards of crossing the Mackinac Bridge in March.
- It was agreed that the Diocese of Marquette would hold a second competition for its Diocesan winners, following the same rules and procedures as the State-level event. Scoresheets from this competition will be forwarded to the State Community Director for inclusion in the State competition results. The event will be administered by the current State Deputy's representative.
- Each participant will take the required number of shots, with an additional five shots used to determine a winner in the event of a tie. If the State competition proceeds beyond five tie-breaker shots, the participant present at the State event will advance.
- This arrangement was reviewed and verified by the State Community Director at the beginning of the 2025–2026 fraternal year



Coats for Kids



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Coats for Kids

- Very Successful Year!!
- Distributions are complete



Coats for Kids

- ▀ In 2022 - \$54,000 was collected through the BOGO (Buy One Get One Free) program
- ▀ In 2023 over \$139,000 was raised!
- ▀ In 2024 over \$185,000 was raised!



Coats for Kids

- 2025 over \$260,000 was raised
- 1,429 cases ordered or 17,148 coats for Michigan Kids
- Councils purchased over 880 cases of coats in 2025, this was a 140-case increase over last year
- As of October 28, Michigan was in 1st place



Coats for Kids By The Numbers

Amount Collected

	2024	2025
DETROIT	\$93,079	\$142,985.54
GAYLORD	\$4,299	\$6,009.34
GRAND RAPIDS	\$39,841	\$54,165.12
KALAMAZOO	\$6,583	\$2,914.66
LANSING	\$25,484	\$34,051.98
MARQUETTE	\$10,140	\$11,054.58
SAGINAW	\$8,678	\$15,828.57



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Coats for Kids By The Numbers

DET	Detroit Council 4401 St Francis of Assisi	\$17,972.18
GR	Grand Rapids Council 706 Dan M Kennedy	\$7,143.20
LN	Lansing Council 788 Richard	\$3,061.24
MR	Marquette Council 2300 Iron River	\$3,288.68
KA	Kalamazoo Council 3798 Paw Paw	\$1,149.52
SG	Saginaw Council 8043 Fr. Vernon J. Sierminski	\$3,344.62
SG	Saginaw Council 414 Bay City	\$3,230.90
GA	Gaylord Council 15937 St Francis of Assisi	\$3,458.00



Preparing for BOGO in 2026

- ▀ New guidelines for BOGO 2026-2027
- ▀ Supreme will reach out to start planning Spring 2026
 - ▀ Once I receive the new guidelines, I will meet with the State Deputy, State Secretary and the State Program Director to streamline the program for 2026.



Global Wheelchair Mission

State Wheelchair Chairman Role Created

Resource

- Wheelchair Sunday Booklet

- Free on Supplies online

Containers of Wheelchairs

- \$42K

- 280 wheelchairs, \$150 per wheelchair

- District or Diocese project

More information to come



Celebrating Our Catholic Heritage

- Promote the rich culture of local parish communities and celebrate the unique aspects of their heritage and faith
- Councils can organize devotions or parish festivals featuring acts of piety that are relevant to the cultural groups in their parish
- Suggested dates for this program are around the feast day of relevant saints to cultural groups of the parish
 - Examples
 - Our Lady of Guadalupe – December 12
 - St Joseph – March 19
 - St Patrick – March 17



Bright Futures

- ▀ Catholic Schools need support
- ▀ Organize fundraisers, create parish libraries featuring Hispanic authors and saints, and collaborate on school beautification and other projects
- ▀ Suggested Dates
 - ▀ Black Friday
 - ▀ Catholic Schools Week
 - ▀ Back To School Week



Casey Bears

- Orders have not dropped
- 26 cases shipped in the last 6 months
- Please support this program
- We are currently extremely low on inventory, please contact me before ordering. I am working on a new supplier and hope to have inventory soon



Knight of the Month / Year

- Increase participation to at least 57% of active councils.
- mikofc.org/resources/community-support-materials
- This recognition is important to the individual Knight.
- Use Recognition as a recruiting tool.
- SEND FORMS TO: l.herman@mikofc.org and g.kolbicz@mikofc.org



Hockey Challenge

- Council – March / April
- District / Diocese – May
- State – May 30, 2026
- Each level should be played in a gym, local park, ice rink, or another location approved by the Council



New for 2026 – 2027

Starting next Fraternal Year, the Hockey Challenge will offer an International Challenge

Use the second half of this fraternal year to promote the Hockey Challenge and send participants to the State Competition in May



Who Plans these Events?

- State Community Director plans State events
- Diocesan Program Directors plan Diocesan events
- District Deputies plan District events
- E-mail to l.herman@mikofc.org



Thank You!

- ▀ Thank your Districts and Councils frequently
- ▀ Thank the participants in the events
- ▀ Thank your Parish priests

- ▀ PS Don't forget to do the 10784 for the project.....





Faith

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State Faith Director
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269.806.3883



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Featured Programs Minimum Requirements



FAITH REFUND SUPPORT VOCATIONS PROGRAM (RSVP) Councils are required to donate at least \$500 to an individual seminarian or religious aspirant. For every \$500 donated, Supreme will refund the council or assembly \$100, with a maximum refund of \$400 per individual supported. Report activity using the RSVP Refund Application (#2863)

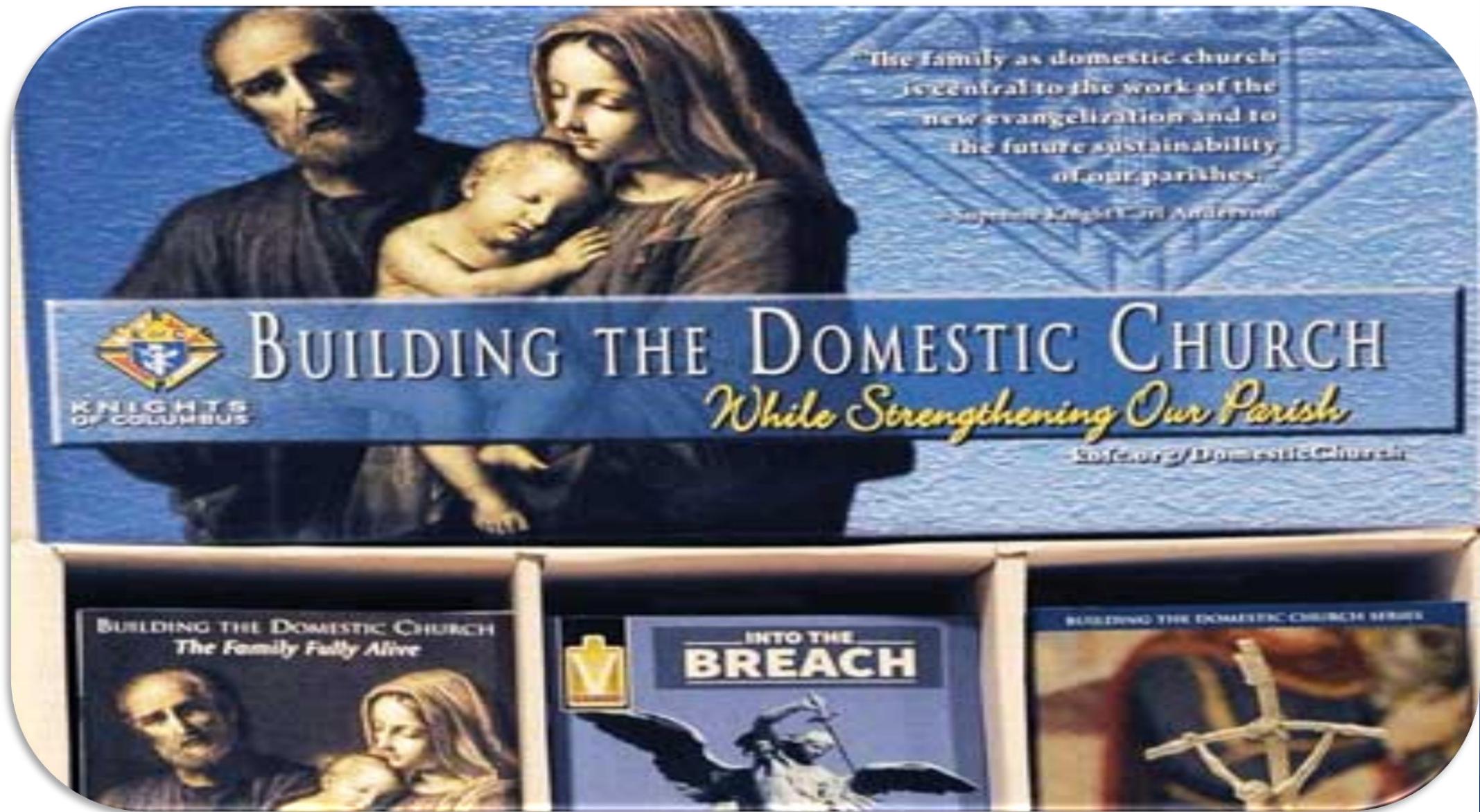
HOLY HOUR Councils are required to hold at least four Holy Hours (quarterly) or organize and support two Holy Hours and at least one Eucharistic Procession. Report activity using the Program Report Form (#10784)



INTO THE BREACH Councils are required to hold eight sessions to discuss the content of the original Into the Breach video series or apostolic exhortation (#340) or five sessions of Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family video series. Report activity using the Program Report Form (#10784).

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION Councils are required to host or attend a Spiritual Reflection for the men of the council and the parish that is at least a day long and is attended by 10 men or 10% of your council, whichever is fewer. Report activity using the Program Report Form (#10784)





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¡VIVA CRISTO REY!



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A HIGHER PURPOSE

The ¡Viva Cristo Rey! program celebrates the sanctity of the Mexican Martyrs, including members of the Knights of Columbus, who were killed for their faith during the religious persecution of Catholics by the Mexican government in the early 20th century. During the persecution, which led to “La Cristiada,” or the “Cristero War,” priests, missionaries and members of religious orders were expelled from the country, more than a million Mexicans migrated to the United States seeking refuge and others spontaneously organized to defend themselves against government oppression, some peacefully and others taking up arms under the banner of “Cristo Rey y Santa María de Guadalupe” or “Christ the King and Holy Mary of Guadalupe.”



OVERVIEW

Councils are encouraged to ask for the intercession of the Mexican Martyrs by going to Mass, praying the novena leading up to their feast days, and spreading devotion to these saints and blesseds throughout their community.

SUGGESTED PROGRAM DATES

The May 21 feast of the Mexican Martyrs (Optional Memorial of Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs), the Solemnity of Christ the King, and the Nov. 20 (in some dioceses) feast commemorating the following Knights of Columbus: Bl. José Trinidad Rangel Montaño, Bl. Andrés Solá y Molist, Bl. Leonardo Pérez Larios.



IMITATING SAINT JUAN DIEGO



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A HIGHER PURPOSE

The Imitating Saint Juan Diego program encourages councils to promote devotion to St. Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe. As Knights of **Columbus**, whose patroness is Our Lady of Guadalupe, we are called to be her messengers, just as St. Juan Diego was throughout his life.



OVERVIEW

The appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego led to the mass conversion of millions of indigenous people to the Catholic Faith and continues to serve as a means of evangelization today. Councils can teach others about the lives of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego and emphasize their status as powerful intercessors by organizing a traveling image of Our Lady of Guadalupe which can be shared between families, by encouraging acts of popular piety, and by sharing other devotional materials with members and their parish community.



SUGGESTED DATES TO HOST YOUR EVENT

The suggested timeframe for this program is early December, coinciding with St. Juan Diego's feast day on December 9 and Our Lady of Guadalupe's feast day on December 12. Alternatively, your council can end the program on these dates and host a celebration on his feast day.





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Special
Olympics
Michigan

Special Olympics



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The Knights of Columbus has a unique partnership with Special Olympics, making it a “Featured Program”!

Contribute a minimum of:

\$2,000 or 200 volunteer hours = II (2) TWO

Program credits toward the Columbian Award!!!





Basic Steps for Councils:

Identify a program Chair to oversee all action steps and delegate tasks.

Contact the local Area Director for Special Olympics Michigan – ask how you can help.

Set goals for man hours / funds to be donated.





All councils are to report their participation in Special Olympics programs through the online [**Fraternal Programs Report Form**](#) (#10784) under the LIFE category.

You'd be surprised how many councils get this wrong!

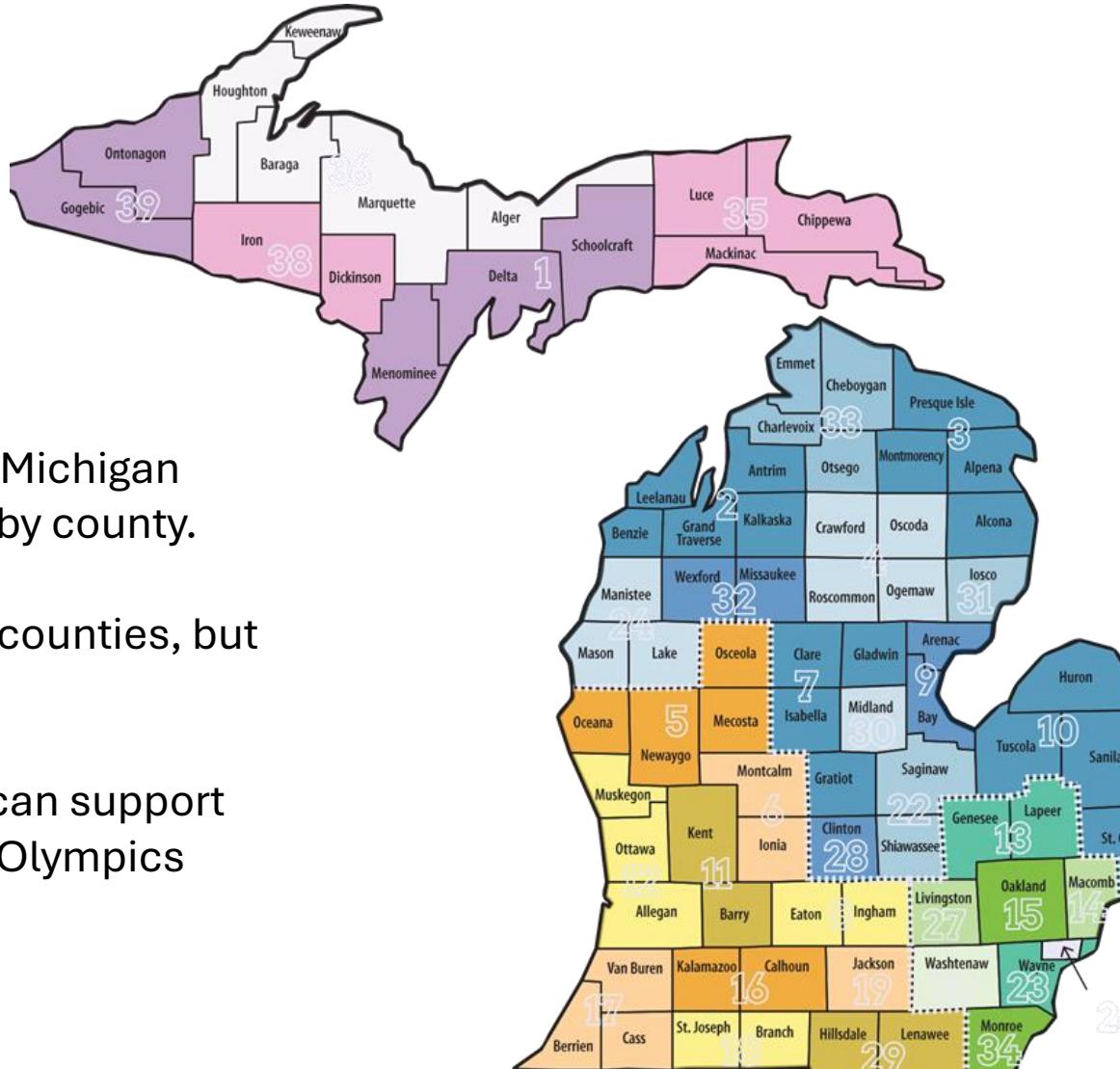
All participation taking place in calendar year 2025 must be reported through the online #10784 by January 31, 2026 to be considered in the rankings. (submit multiple forms for multiple donations / events)

Along with every Special Olympics event comes the prospect of recruiting new members. Be sure to include a recruitment strategy as part of your plans.





**Special
Olympics**
Michigan



Special Olympics Michigan
Service Areas are by county.

Most are Multiple counties, but
not all.

Several Councils can support
the same Special Olympics
Area.



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Courage In All You Do!

Ed and Lynn Strach
Pro-Life Chair Couple



SOARing For Life!



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Take Courage to the Streets



Thursday, November 6, 2025, at the State Capitol

#whywemarch #mimarchforlife

keep
marching
for life!



Michigan March for Life



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A Bishop's Prayer for Life



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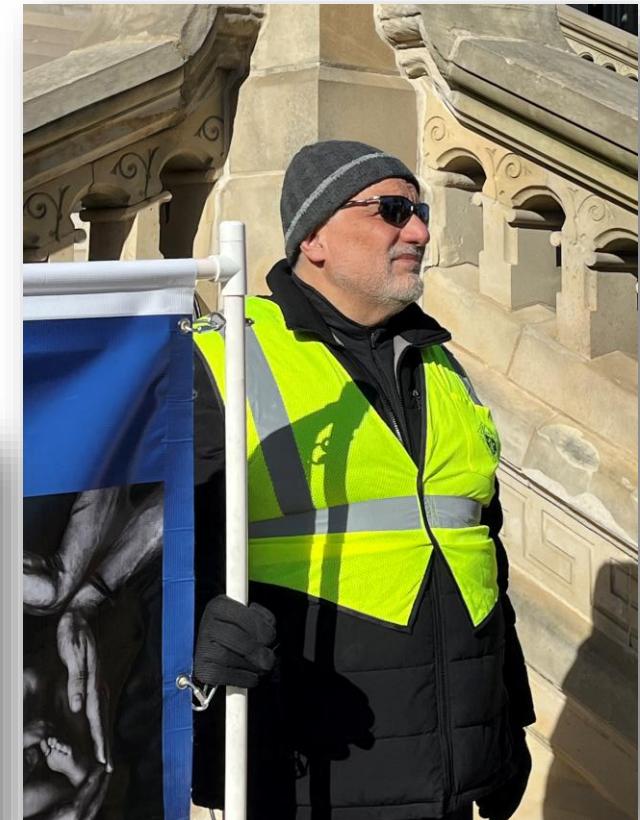


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Thank you to all at
the RTL MI
March for Life and
especially our
volunteer Brother
Knights and Ladies!

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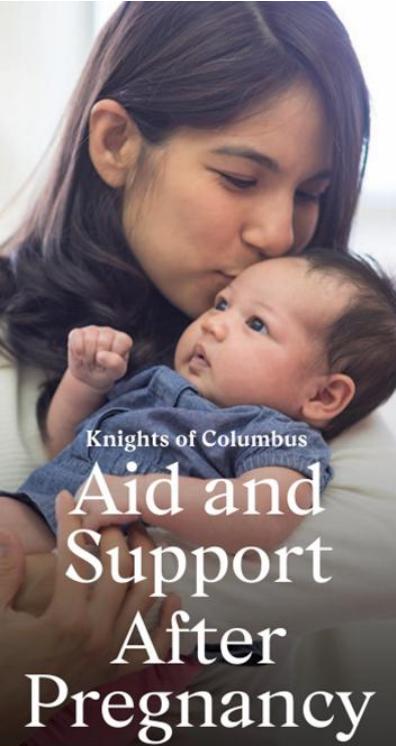


ASAP100

- Council Participation Status
- Webform Process
- Pregnancy Resource Center Supreme Council Map
- Application Process (per request)



ASAP100



As of the end of October, Michigan councils have contributed **\$61,120** to the ASAP Program.

We currently have **25 councils participating out of 402 active statewide**, which represents a **6% council participation rate**.

At the district level, **21 of 102 districts** have at least one council participating, giving us a **21% district participation rate**.

We remain committed to **100% participation**, and with more than half the fraternal year still ahead of us, now is the time for every council to get involved.



PLEASE RECORD COUNCIL ASAP PARTICIPATION

<https://tinyurl.com/2025-ASAP>



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Building Relationships for Generations to Come

Achieved the 103rd Dedicated Ultrasound!

- *Four* other Ultrasounds in the works
- Bringing a total of 107 Ultrasounds in Michigan





LOVE
CHOOSE LIFE

Take Courage In All you Do!



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Contact us at
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734-476-6296



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