

PROGRAM BOOK PLAN 2027

This year to ensure that we have multiple entries in the Family of the Year and Faith in Action Program submissions we are bringing back the program books in Michigan.

- At the Summer Meeting in July 2026 District Deputies will receive two folders, one folder marked 2027 State Program Award Family of the Year and one marked 2027 State Faith in Action Program Award for his district. Included in the folder will be instructions on how to submit a book and the criteria for judging. The State Program Director will explain the program, due dates, and incentives during the summer meeting.
- **It is suggested that all councils participate** but the District Deputy will select at least one council in his district to make a submission in one of the service program categories, and at least one council to make a submission for Family of the Year.
- At the Diocesan Meetings, the State Program Director will explain the program, due dates, and incentives to the councils in attendance.
- The District Deputy will distribute the folders to each council as soon as possible.

FAMILY OF THE YEAR 2027

Steps to follow:

1. The District Deputy will distribute the folder labeled 2027 State Program Family of the Year to at least one of his councils. He will explain to the council the expectations of nominating a Family of the year.
2. During the month of September, the District Deputy will inform the Diocesan Program Director which councils intend to participate, The DPD will then reach out to the Grand Knight of these councils to remind them of the importance of recognizing families in their council and parish. At this time, they will also talk about the submission and the DPD will provide any necessary feedback. This communication will provide the DPD with information on the status of the submission so he can provide an update by Oct. 1st to the SDDR, DD, SPD and State Family Director.
3. During the month of November District Deputies should collect from their councils the folders with the start of their Family of the Year nominee.
4. At the Winter Leadership Meeting each District Deputy will provide at registration their councils folders to the State Program Director with a bio of the family and picture. The SPD and SFD will review and return with feedback to the District Deputy at the end of the Winter Leadership Meeting.
5. The State Family Director from the submissions brought to the Winter Leadership Meeting will pick one family from each diocese to feature during the months of December and January in the weekly constant contact.
6. The District Deputy will return the folders back to their councils with feedback for updating the submission.
7. Diocesan Program Directors need to collaborate with the councils to ensure that the Grand Knight and council continue to work on the Family of the Year Submission.

8. The District Deputy or the council will provide the State Family Director with folders and electronic copies of the Family of the Year submission by March 15, 2027.
9. The State Family Director will forward all entries and folders to the State Program Director
10. The State Program Director will give all submissions to the State Deputy for the board to make the selection of who will be the 2027 Michigan State Family of the Year.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

Council Incentive:

1. Following the Winter Leadership Meeting all councils who have submissions for the Family of the Year and Faith in Action Programs will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card.
2. Following the final submissions for the Family of the Year and the Faith in Action Programs will be entered into another drawing for a \$50 gift card.

District Deputy and Diocesan Program Directors.

1. For every council that you have that submits a submission for the Family of the year and Faith in Action Program at the Winter Meeting your name will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card. One for the District Deputy and one for the Diocesan Program Director.
2. For every council that you have that has a submission for the final judging for the Family of the Year and the Faith in Action Programs your name will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card. One for the District Deputy and one for the Diocesan Program Director.

IMPORTANT DATES

July 3rd: District Deputies will receive their folders for their councils at the Summer Leadership Meeting

July/August: District Deputies will distribute folders to councils with directions.

September: District Deputy and the Diocesan Program Director reach out to Grand Knights to ensure plans are being made.

October 1st: Diocesan Program Director communicates status of councils to SDDR, DD, SPD, and State FIA Directors

November: District Deputies gather the folders to bring to Winter Leadership Meeting

**December: District Deputies bring folders to Winter Leadership Meeting
State FIA Directors review folders & provide feedback give folders to DD's**

December/January: DD's return folders to councils for completion

December/January/February: State FIA Directors provide examples in Constant Contact

December-March DD's and DPD collaborate with councils to finish submissions.

March 15th: Final Program submissions are Due.

The council or the DD will provide State Family Director with the Submissions for Family of the Year in both electronic and printed versions to the State Program Director who will give to the State Deputy for the state board to make the final selection.