

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.

STATE FAITH IN ACTION STATE PROGRAM AWARDS 2027

Steps to follow:

1. The District Deputy will distribute the folder Labeled 2027 State Faith in Action Program Award to at least one council in his District during their July/August meetings. He will cover the expectations with the council for submission for the Faith in Action Award Program.
2. The DD will inform the Diocesan Program Director which council will be making a submission. The DPD will contact these councils during the month of September to find out what categories the councils are planning to enter a submission for Faith in Action Program Award. This information needs to be communicated to the SDDR, District Deputy, State Program Director, and Faith in Action Director by October 1, 2026.
3. During the month of November District Deputies should collect from their councils the folders from each council with the start of their Faith in Action Program submissions
4. At the Winter Leadership Meeting each District Deputy will provide their council's folders to the State Faith in Action Directors at registration. The State Directors will review and return with feedback to the District Deputy at the end of the Winter Leadership Meeting.
5. Each State Faith in Action Director will choose from the submissions brought to the Winter Leadership Meeting. One program from each diocese to be featured in constant contact during December, January, and February.
6. The District Deputy will return the folder to their council and share the feedback from the State Director.
7. Diocesan Program Directors need to collaborate with their councils to ensure that the Grand Knight and council continue to work on their Faith in Action Program Submissions.
8. The District Deputy or council will provide the State Faith in Action Director with their folder and electronic copies of their Faith in Action Submission by March 15th, 2027.

9. The State Faith in Action Directors will bring the submissions to the judging that will be held in April. The State Program Director will give the winning submissions to the State Deputy.
10. The winning council will be notified before the Convention. At the awards ceremony the Council, District Deputy and Diocesan Program Director should be prepared to accept the award on stage and pose for pictures.

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 DD or the council will provide electronic and folder versions to FIA Directors for the final judging in the four FIA Categories.