

Welcome 2026

Summer Organization Meeting



Call to Order



State Warden
Dean Hayward



Post Colors / Pledge of Allegiance

Eugene Suchyta DM / Walter Winkle VSM



Invocation



State Chaplain
Rev. Paul Ballien



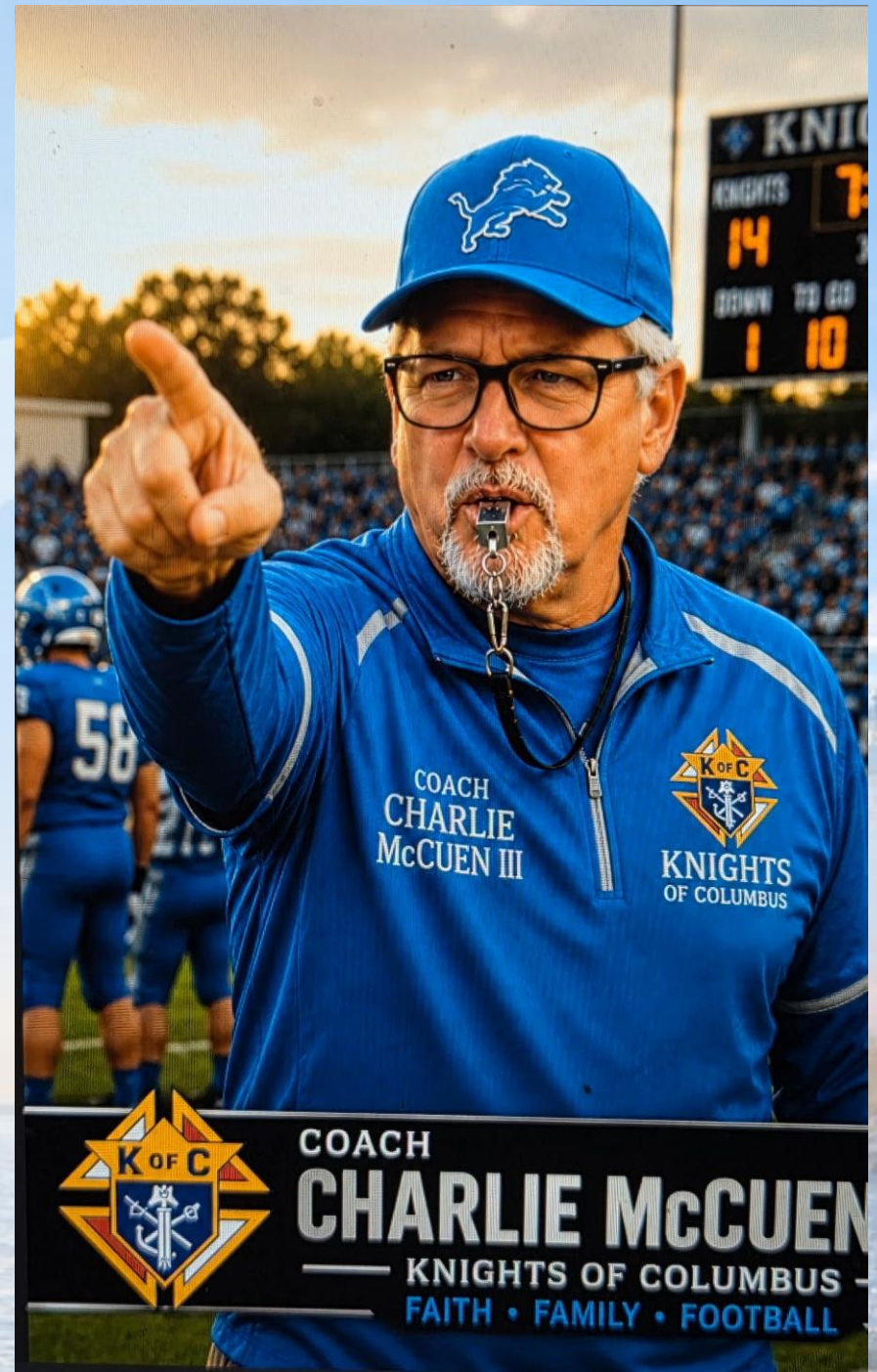
Introductions Honors Table/State Deputy



State Secretary
Vern Miron



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State Deputy Comments



State Deputy Charles McCuen III



Greetings from Supreme



Associate Territorial Growth Dir. Alain Cayer



District Deputy Introductions



State Deputy
Special Assistant
William LeVeque



State Chaplains Vision



State Chaplain
Rev. Paul Ballien



State Tripod



State Program Director

Ron DePestel

State Membership Director

Marty Brown

State Evangelization Faith Formation Director

Chris Wegener



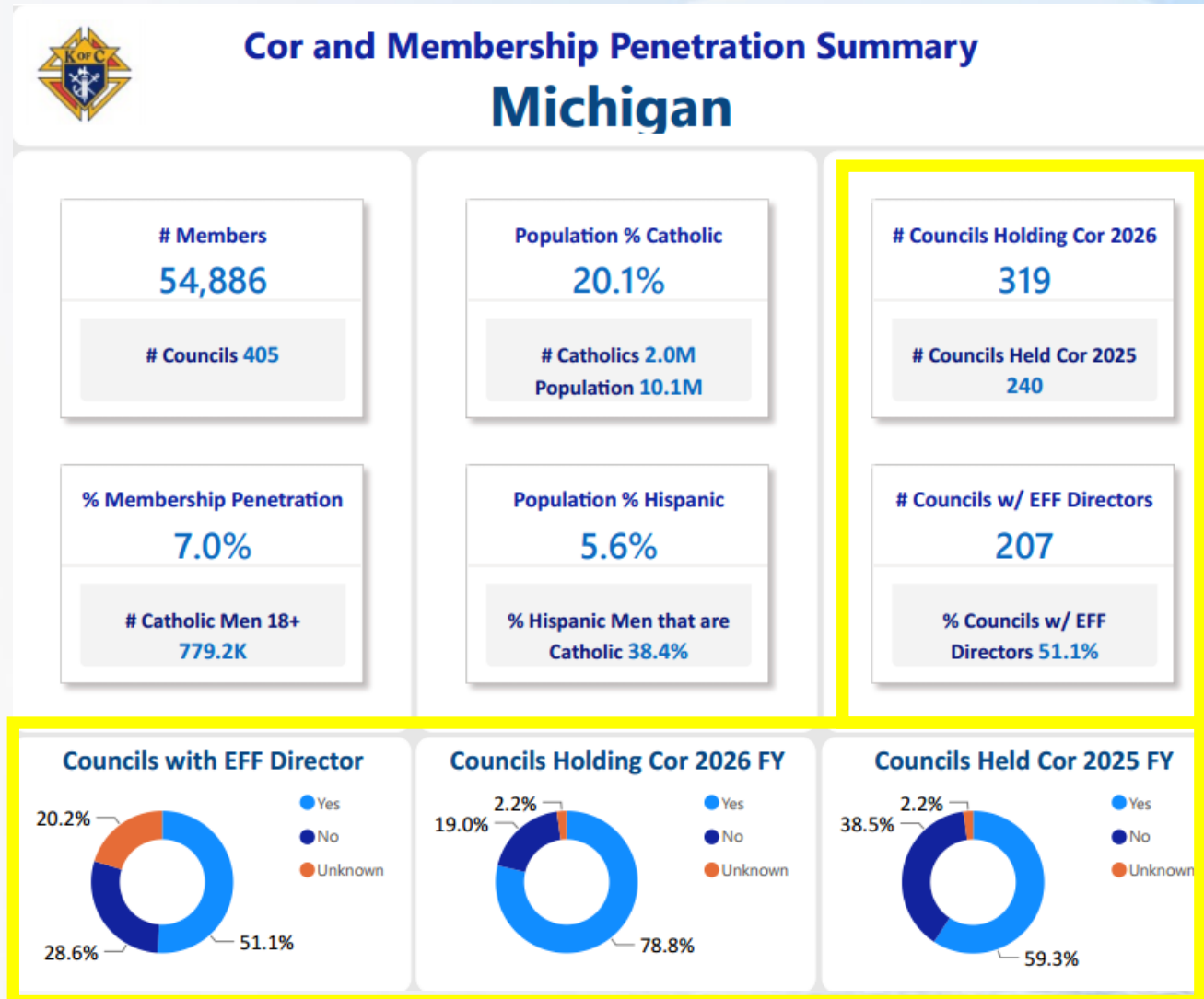
Evangelization



State Evangelization
Faith Formation Director
Chris Wegener



The State of COR in Michigan



Councils holding Cor

- Increased 33% last FY to 319 Councils
- MI is 5th in the Order, only behind 2 jurisdictions in the Philippines, Texas, and California.

Councils with EFF Director

- Up to 207 councils with an appointed EFF Director
- Gap of 112 councils holding Cor without appointed leadership



Heart of the Gospel Retreat

Can I ask you a question, brothers?



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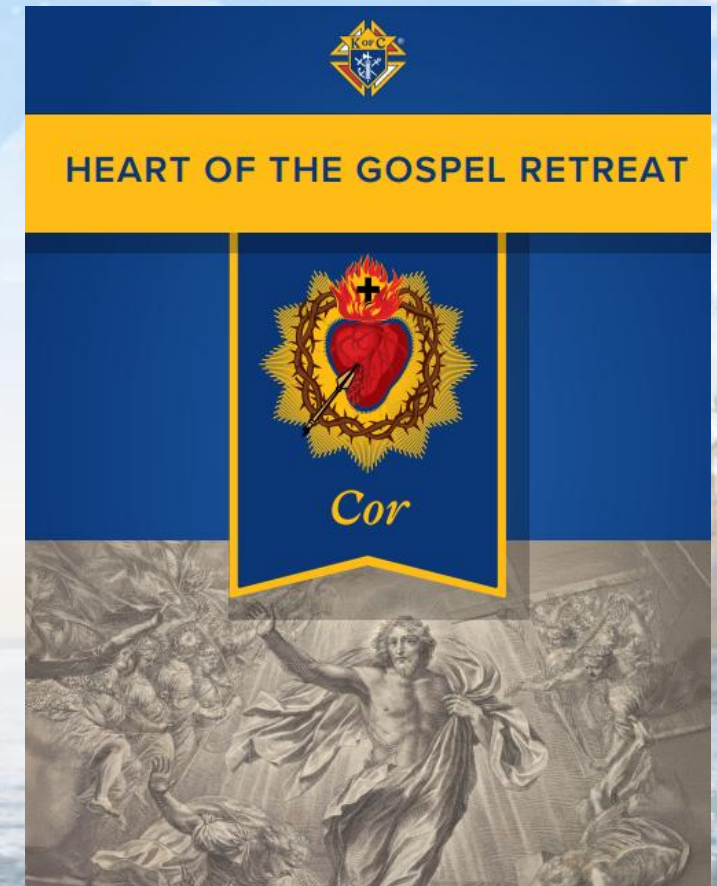


Heart of the Gospel Retreat

What happens after?

1. Post-retreat Cor session, “Evangelizing at Home.”
2. Find and join Cor at your Parish

Council	CEFF	CEFF Email	COR Event Info
8659	Jayson Graves	jaysonwg@msn.com	Sacred Heart 8AM Saturday (weekly): Sunday Mass Reading Study
5452	Joshua LaPorte	laporte.joshua@shms.edu	St John Fisher 6AM Wednesday (weekly): That Man is You - - St Andrew 8AM 2nd and 4th Saturdays: Sunday Mass Reading Study - - St Irenaeus 8AM 1st and 3rd Saturdays: Sunday Mass Reading Study
13453			St Anastasia 6AM Wednesday (weekly): That Man is You
5436	Conrad Calvano	calvano64-conrad@yahoo.com	Our Lady of the Lakes 6AM Monday (weekly): That Man is You
15967	Kurt Berry	kurtberry@comcast.net	St. Daniel 6AM Friday (weekly): That Man is You
3725	Rudy Perez	rperez4th@outlook.com	Before Council meetings 3rd Thursday of the month, by zoom 1st Saturday, Gift of Living in the Divine Will Tuesdays at 7:30 and Fridays at 4pm, other programs as well
3797	Tom Tadrzynski	tom.tadrzynski@yahoo.com	3rd Saturday of the month, 8:30-9:30am St.Margaret Parish
10724	James Ruemenapp	lowesman2006@comcast.net	w/Council 5981
5981	Jeffery Kay	jefferykay@comcast.net	2nd and 4th Saturdays @ 9am at Immaculate Conception in Fair Haven. Individual Customized Talks w/prayer
2667	Frank Cole	frosco4@gmail.com	Every Saturday @ 6am in St.Augstine Parish Hall--That Man is You
7018	Brian O'Curran	bocurran@gmail.com	Monthly at St. Clement of Rome - Announced to Email Distribution, join the distribution -> bocurran@gmail.com
4404	Martin Brown	martybrown81@gmail.com	TMIY; Saturdays, 6:30am at St. Joseph in Wright
11581	Robert Lothschutz	rwlothsc@mtu.edu	COR: 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 7:00am at St. Mary's in Marne
13499	Andrew Walsh	andrewwalsh6271@gmail.com	TMIY; Fridays @ 6:15am; Immaculate Heart of Mary in Grand Rapids
8117	Mike Michaud	mmichaud2@gmail.com	TMIY; Fridays at 6:00am; St. Robert's of Newminster in Ada
2084	Robert Pratt	md2084@mikofc.org	COR; 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
7487	Paul Kwiatkowski	pmkfalcon@aol.com	COR; Thursdays & Saturdays @ Holy Redeemer in Jenison



Christ- Centered Brotherhood



Religious Freedom



Legal Counsel
John Bursch

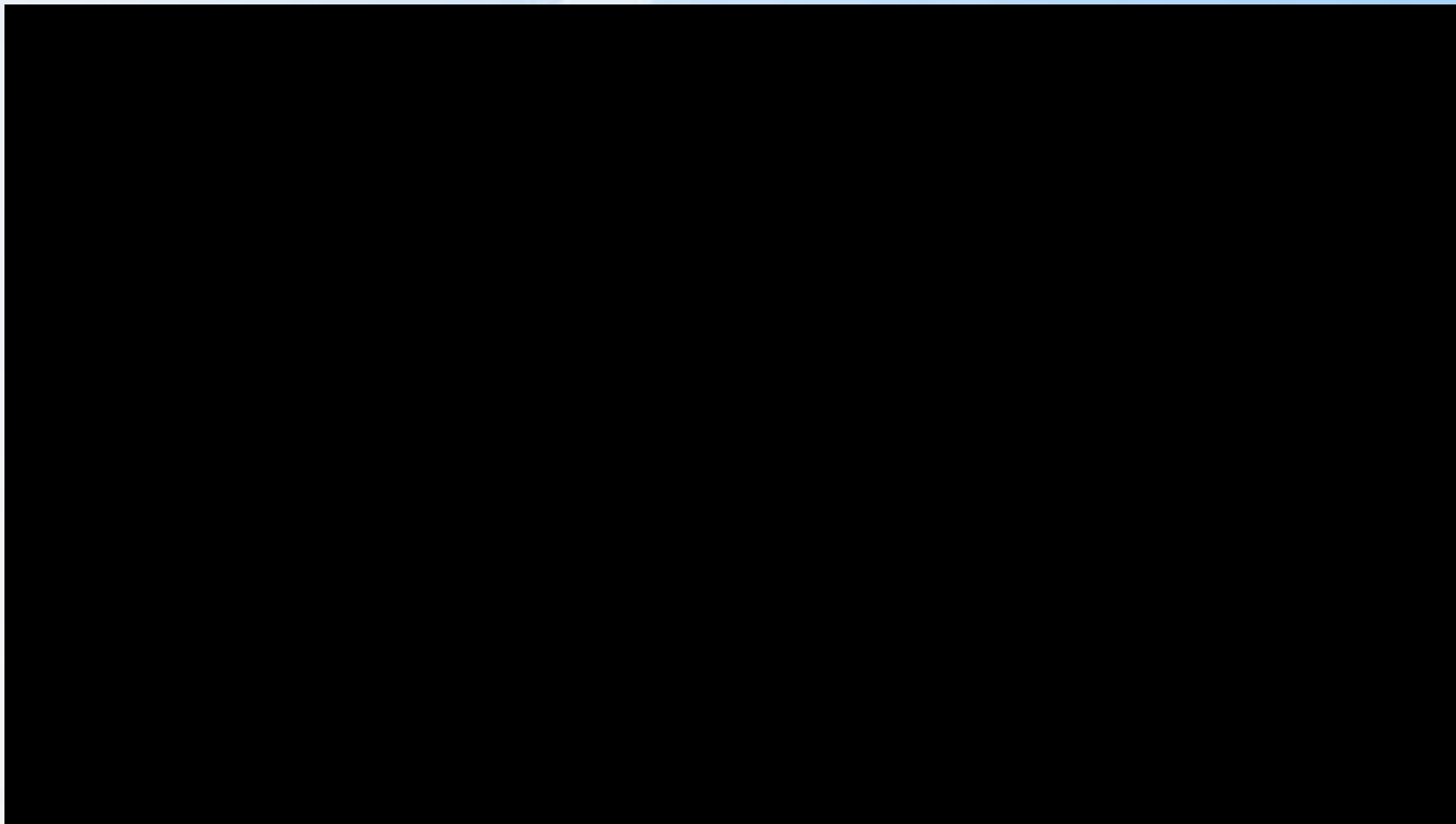


Life of an Agent



Supreme Counsel
Insurance General Agent
Benji Borelli







2026 Fraternal Benefits



**Chris
Massoglia
Northern WI &
UP MI**



**Benji Borrelli
Southeast MI**



**Ken Huard
Western and
Northern MI**



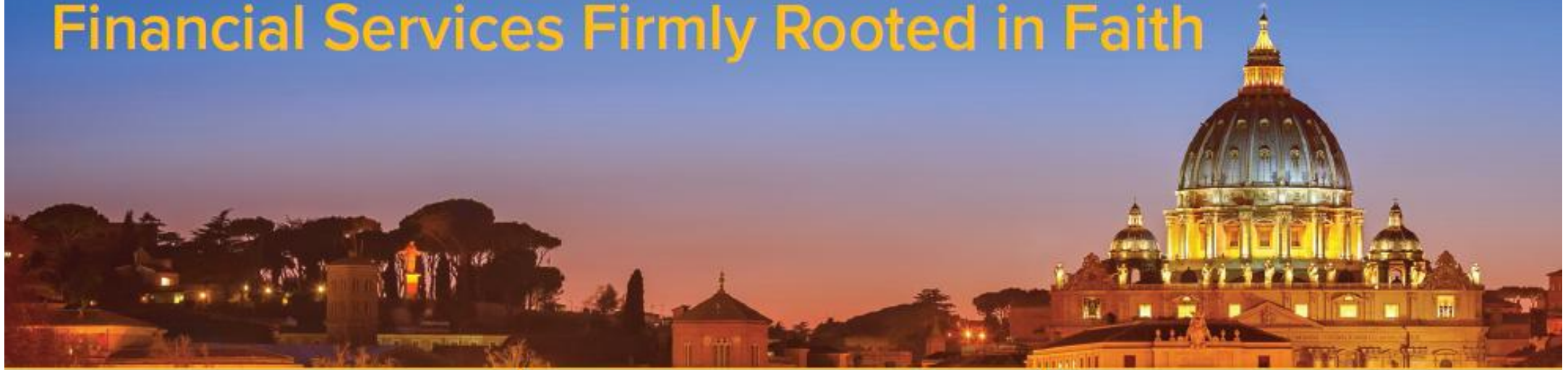
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2026-2027 Founders' Award Req.

- 10% of Associate members on the July 1st council roster must meet individually with a Field Agent for a financial review
 - Min. 5 & Max. 15
 - To qualify, meetings must be with new or associate members

Serving the Needs of Catholic Families

Financial Services Firmly Rooted in Faith



Guard.



Life Insurance
Retirement Annuities
Long-Term Care Insurance
Disability Income Insurance

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Grow.



Mutual Funds
Institutional Investments
Exchange-Traded Funds
Private Wealth Management
Separate Account Strategies
Retirement Products

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Give.



Charitable Solutions
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Member Benefits

- **Columbia Magazine**
- **Knights of Columbus rosary**
- **Mass of Remembrance Each Weekday**
- **Insurance**
- **Family Fraternal Benefit**
- **Orphan Fraternal Benefit**
- **Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit**
- **Widow Benefits**
- **Scholarships**
- **Leadership Development**
- **Fourth Degree**
- **Honorary Life Membership**
- **Membership Card**
- **Activities**

ORPHAN BENEFIT CALCULATOR

Orphan(s)	Current Age	Years Eligible	Income Benefit	College Funds	Total Orphan Benefits
Tony	11	8	\$ 48,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 68,000
Marie	10	9	\$ 54,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 74,000
Connie	7	12	\$ 72,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 92,000
Lena	5	14	\$ 84,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 104,000
Jude	3	16	\$ 96,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 116,000
Zita	1	18	\$ 108,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 128,000
Family Orphan Fraternal Benefit Estimate			\$ 462,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 582,000
*Benefit payable is \$5,000 per year for college per child up to \$20,000.					
*Benefit payable is \$500 per month to age 19.					
AGE FACTOR	19				
MONTHS	12				
BENEFIT	\$500				
This calculator provides an estimate. Benefits will vary as your children grow closer to 19 years old.					

2026 Council Referral Incentive

1

Promote the Career to Your Members

Learn more about the career at www.kofc.org/agentcareers and visit Supplies online to find all promotional materials

2

Have Your Candidate Apply

Scan the QR code below, and be sure the candidate uses the referral code:

2026Incentive

3

Your Candidate Becomes an Agent

After becoming an Agent, he will complete a training program

4

Your Agent Completes Six Months

Your candidate must complete six months under contract as an Agent for your council to qualify

5

All Per Capita Fees Waived

All per capita fees waived at the end of the applicable billing cycles



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To apply, scan the QR Code,
using the referral code:

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*Referral Incentive only applies to FA's with at least 6 months of tenure.
Per Capita includes all Supreme Council Assessments for the 2026 Fraternal year.*

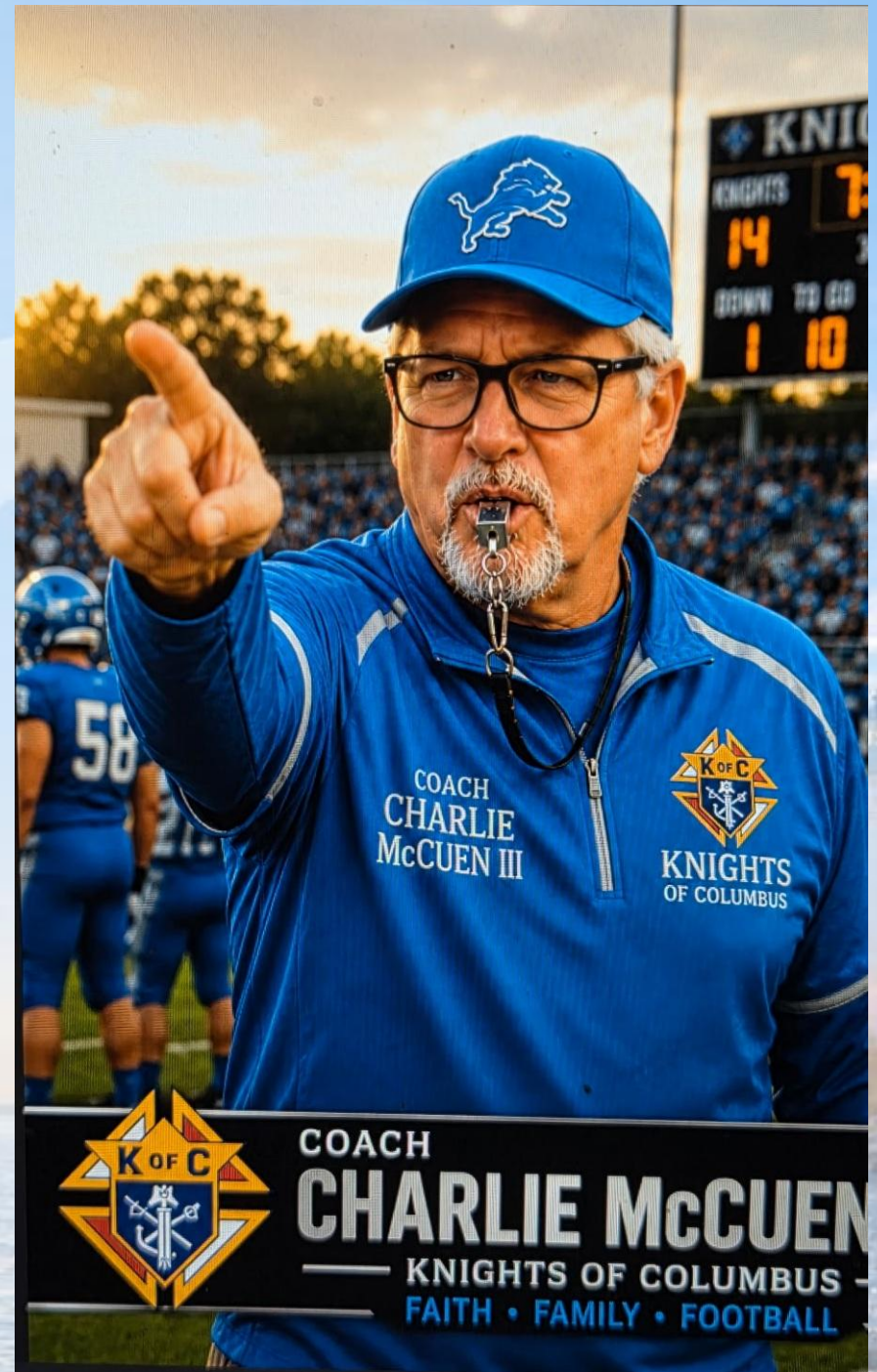
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A Career Unlike Any Other

Our field agents don't just sell insurance: They carry out a mission to protect Catholic families.



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CHARLIE McCUEN**
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Instructions



State Deputy
Special Assistant
William LeVeque



War On Forms

4 Battles

13

Opportunities
to win !



Battle 1st Quarter

Activity	July	August	September	Total
Eff Survey	☐ 3 pts	☐ 2 pts	☐ 1 pt	
10784 (4 completed)	☐ 3 pts	☐ 2 pts	☐ 1 pt	
Recruit 1-member (available monthly)	☐ 3 pts	☐ 2 pts	☐ 1 pt	
185 (Only Once)	☐ 3 pts	☐ 2 pts	☐ 1 pt	
365 (Only Once)	☐ 3 pts	☐ 2 pts	☐ 1 pt	
1295 (Only Once)		☐ 3 pts	☐ 2 pts	
Council Directory Form	☐ 3 pts			
2 Members attend Diocesan Meeting	☐ 3 pts			
2 Members attend District Meeting	☐ 3 pts			
1 Member attend District meeting	☐ 1 pt			
Participating in Soccer	☐ 3 pts	☐ 2 pts	☐ 1 pt	
Participating in Corn Hole	☐ 3 pts			
Total Points 1st Quarter				



Total War Points _____

Quarter 1 Quarter 2 Quarter 3 Quarter 4 Total

Awards:

- Council winner in **District** each quarter, Certificate
- Council winner in **Diocese** each quarter, Pizza Party with State Officer
- Overall winner per **Diocese**, Dinner with State Officer
- Ties TBD



**Ladies Excused to
Venetian Ballroom 4th Floor**

Men Return 15 min



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State Warden
Dean Hayward



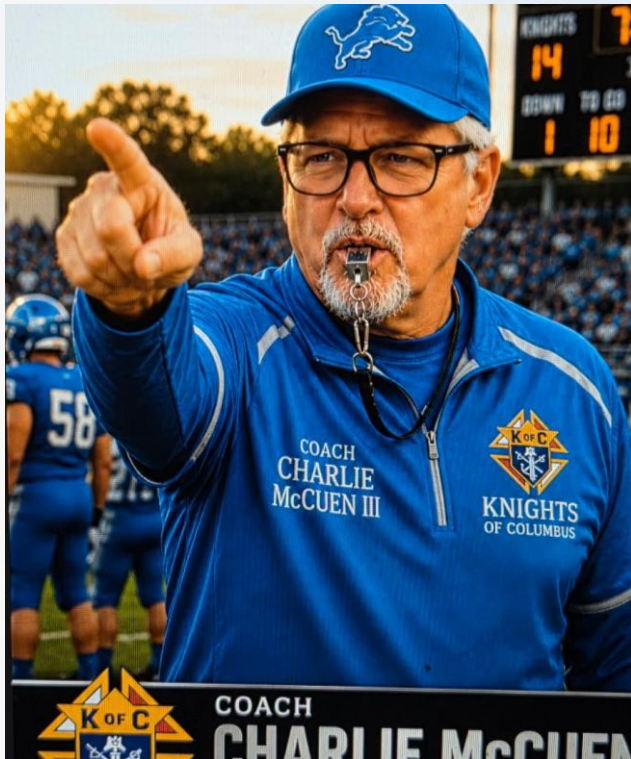
Opening Prayer



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Welcome & Purpose



State Deputy Charles McCuen III



Supreme Representative Remarks

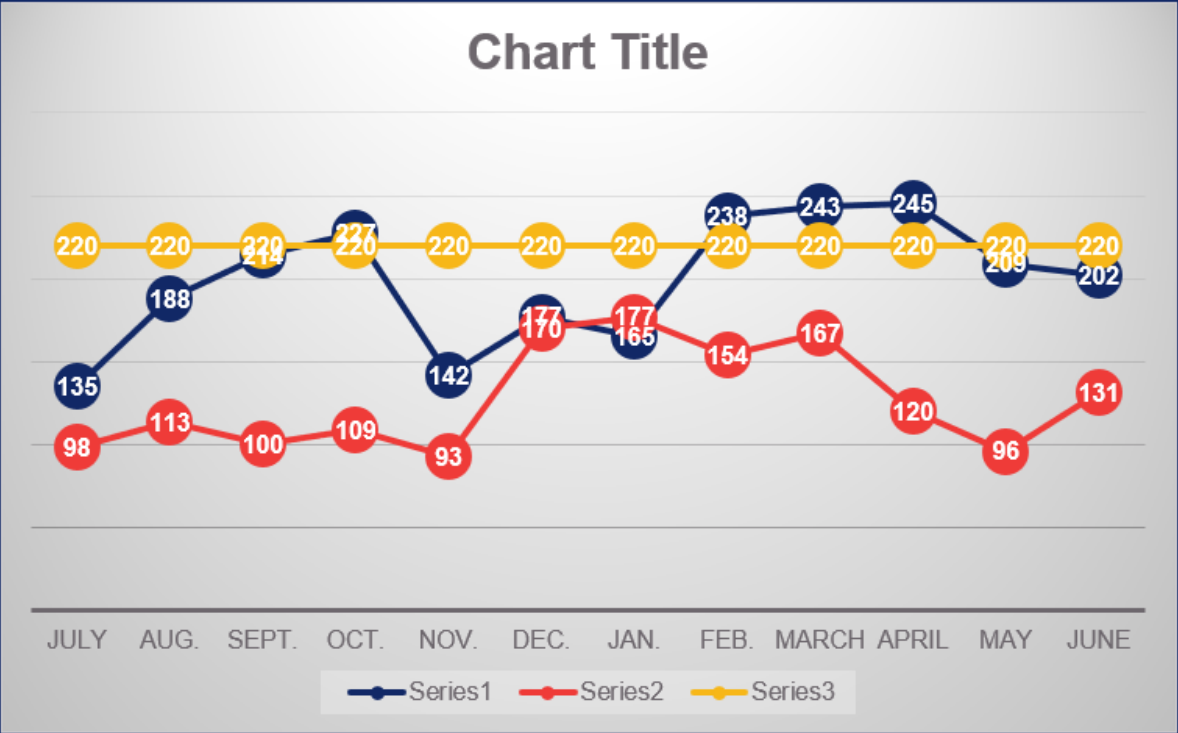
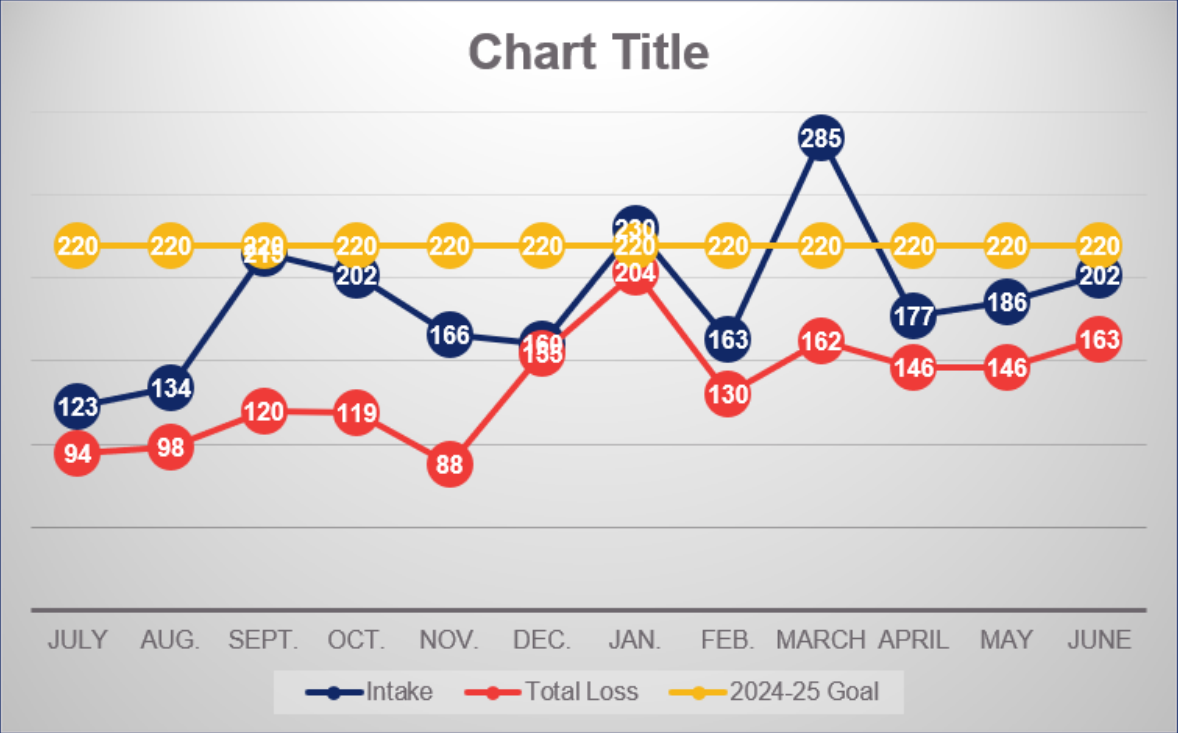


Associate Territorial
Growth Dir.
Alain Cayer



Last 2 years data

Gain and Total Loss vs MI Goal



Membership



State Membership Dir.
Marty Brown



Summer Meeting Incentive



- Bring in one new member between July 1st and July 5th close of our meeting
- You will be entered in drawing for this Kitchen Rosary

- July Incentive
- Bring in one new member between July 1st and July 31st
- You will receive this keychain



Affiliate Member Team

- **Michigan State Council is adding an Affiliate Member Team**
 - This team will be reaching out to current affiliate members to try and bring back as active members of Councils.
 - This team will work with members to rejoin former Council or a near by Council that is a better fit.
- **We will need your help to give input on your Councils**
 - District Deputies will be asked to complete a survey for each Council.



Michigan Affiliate Member Process Change

- **When District Deputy receives Affiliate list from Council to submit to Supreme, District Deputy needs to send list to State Affiliate Director Hans Hansen for review affiliate@mikofc.org.**
 - Affiliate team will reach out to members on the list and try to keep them in that Council or another Council near by.
 - Team will complete this within 30 days.
 - List of members that could not be retained will be sent back to the District Deputy for submitting to Supreme.



Hispanic Population by County

County	Diocese	Hispanics	Catholics
Wayne	Detroit	56,048	100,376
Oakland	Detroit	30,436	103,949
Kent	Grand Rapids	30,245	38,492
Macomb	Detroit	13,112	110,602
Ottawa	Grand Rapids	9,450	13,682
Ingham	Lansing	8,654	13,579
Washtenaw	Lansing	8,550	22,177
Saginaw	Saginaw	7,543	11,579
Genesee	Lansing	7,342	19,161
Kalamazoo	Kalamazoo	7,056	13,016



Hispanic Outreach



Armando Figueroa

Detroit Spanish Men's Conference April 18, 2026

30 new Members



Michael Martinez Story



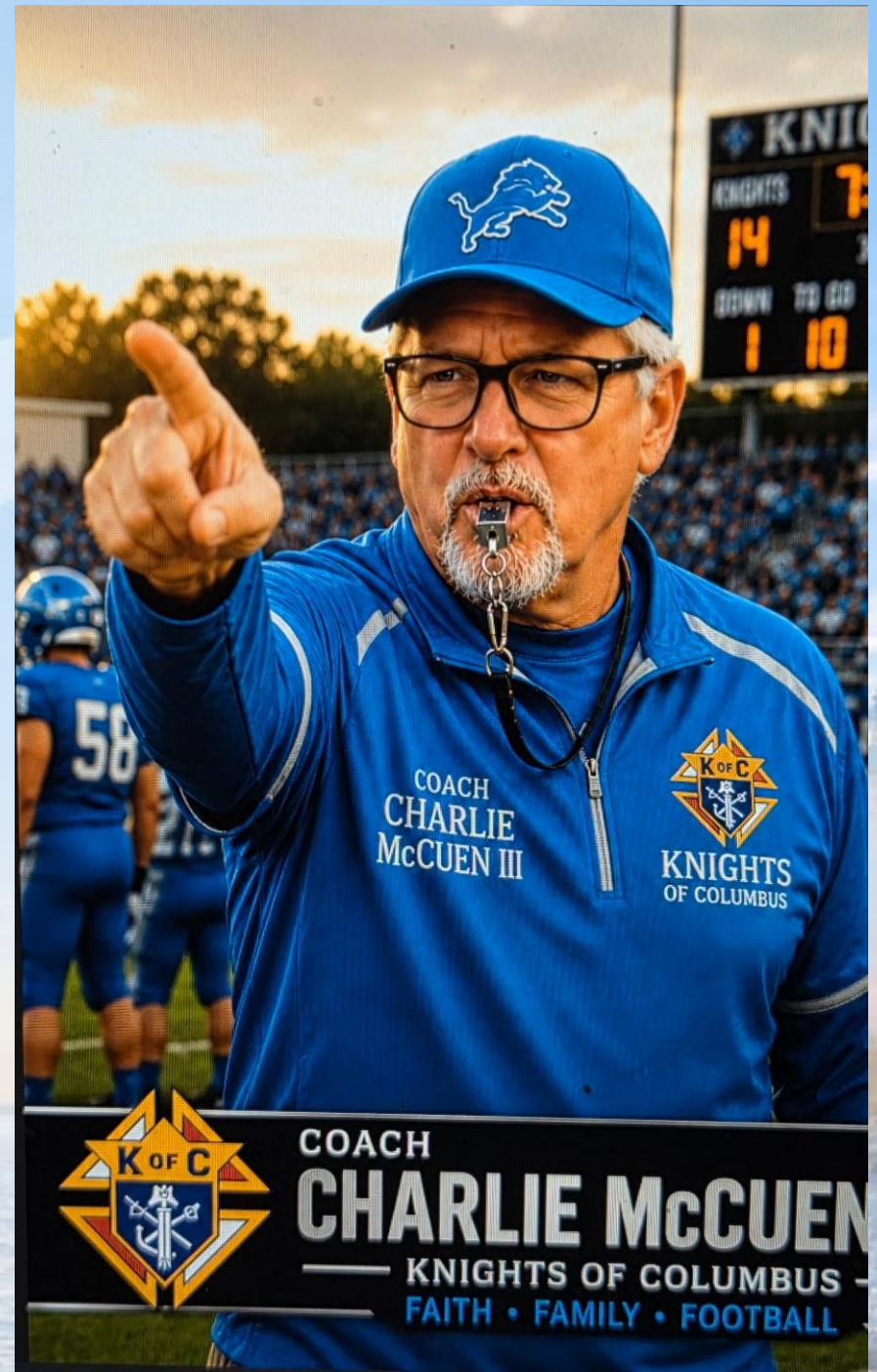
Monday Rosary group growing weekly



COR Group started 6-4-2026



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Programs



State Program Dir.
Ron DePestel



Why Programs Matter

Programs Strengthen Councils & Families

Programs Build:

- Strengthen Faith
- Helps Families
- Grows Communities
- Builds Membership
- Increase Leadership



Where Does Michigan Stand ?

ASAP

#1

Aid & Support After
Pregnancy

Coats for Kids

#1

Helping Children Stay
Warm

Special Olympics

#1

Athletes First

RSVP

#1

Support for Vocations



Faith In Action programs

Supreme International winners



Soccer Challenge Winner, 12-Year-old

Keira Mackmiller

Council 7891 Brighton



Free Throw Championship, 13-year-old

Livi Lutheran

Council 6293 Gwinn



Free Throw Championship, 14-year-old

Isabella Bennett

Council 8892 Cass City

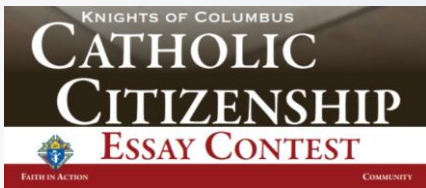


Faith In Action programs

Supreme International Runner - up

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

Arianna Boukouris, 8th-grade division
Council 4401 Farmington



William Laprise, 11th-grade division
Council 13983 Shelby Twp.

Sienna Nguyen, 12th-grade division
Council 13983 Shelby Twp.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Elayna McDonald, 7-8th-grade division
Council 10724 Ira Twp.



New State Programs



Cornhole Tournament



Onion Bag Drive



Build – A – Bed



State Program and Family of the Year Awards Submissions



Dates to Remember:

December 2, 2026 - Winter meeting

March 15, 2027 – Final Submission due



Blessed Michael McGivney Medal

Michigan Jurisdiction annually awards to a Knights of Columbus Chaplain whose priestly zeal and exemplary service are in the finest traditions of the Order's founder, Blessed Michael McGivney.

What is Needed to Enter?

- A council Chaplain
- State Blessed Michael McGivney Award form (#SBMMA)

You can find the forms at [KofC.org/blessed McGivney](https://KofC.org/blessed%20McGivney)



March 15, 2027 – Final Submission due



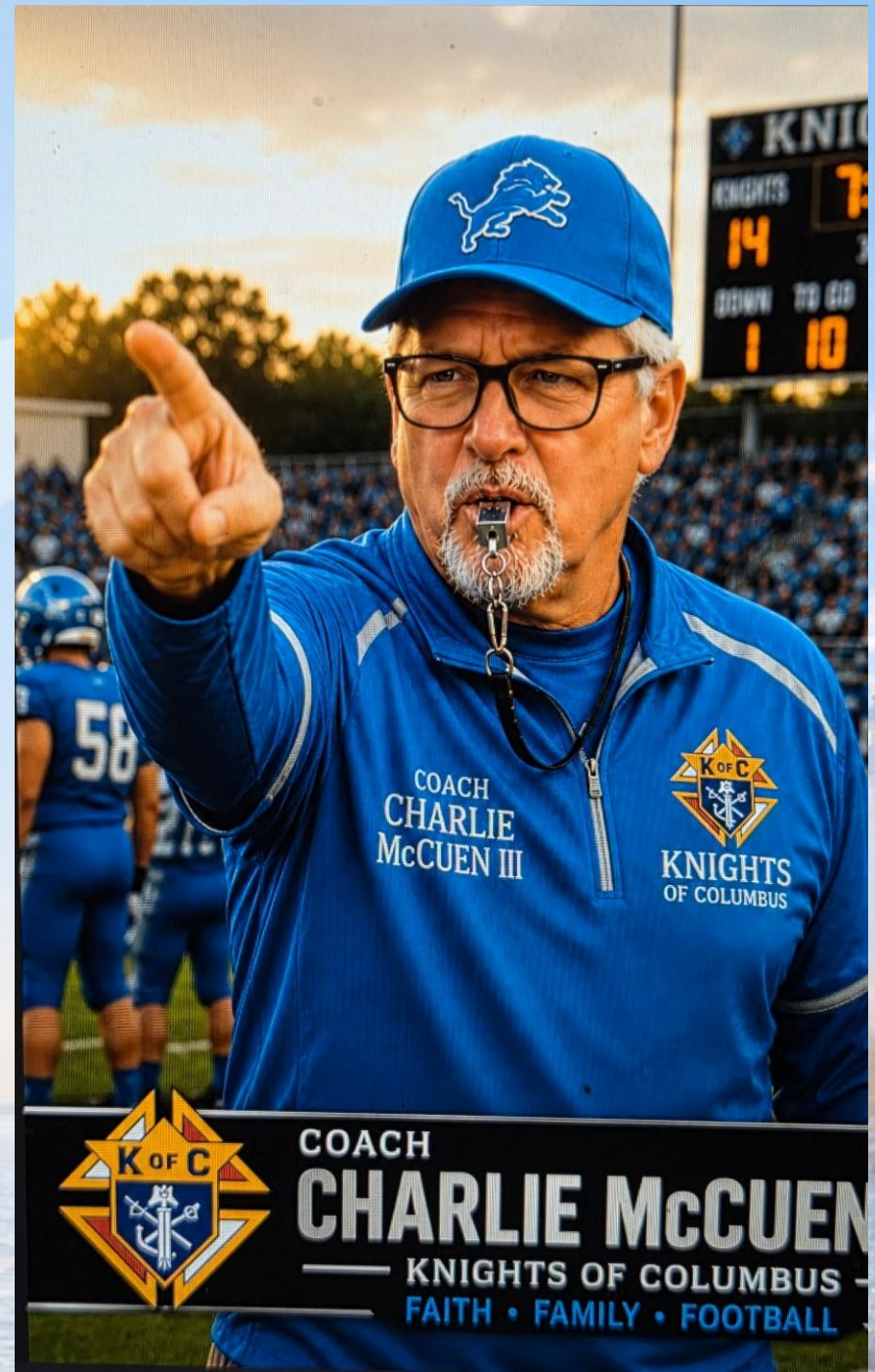
State Program Directors Challenge

- ☑ complete each of the new State Programs
- ☑ Help a families in need
- ☑ Support a seminarian
- ☑ Submit a Program award
- ☑ Grow their councils (recruit new members)
- ☑ Submit the Columbian Award

Programs don't just build better councils—they build stronger parishes, stronger communities, and stronger Catholic families.



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Diocesan Breakout – Ballroom

Detroit – Woodward 2nd Floor

Lansing – Crystal 4th Floor

Grand Rapids – Founders A & B 3rd Floor

Saginaw – Esquire 3rd Floor



Diocesan Breakout

Gaylord – Windsor 1st Floor

Kalamazoo – Griswold 2nd Floor

Marquette – Michigan 3rd Floor



Hospitality After Breakouts

4th Floor

