

Evangelization & Faith Formation Workshop

Why Cor?

- **What does every Catholic man need?**
 - **Prayer:** A living relationship with God
 - **Formation:** Ongoing growth in faith and virtue
 - **Fraternity:** A brotherhood that strengthens and sharpens men
- **What do families and the world need?**
 - Families need strong, holy husbands and fathers
 - The world needs courageous men who boldly witness to Jesus Christ



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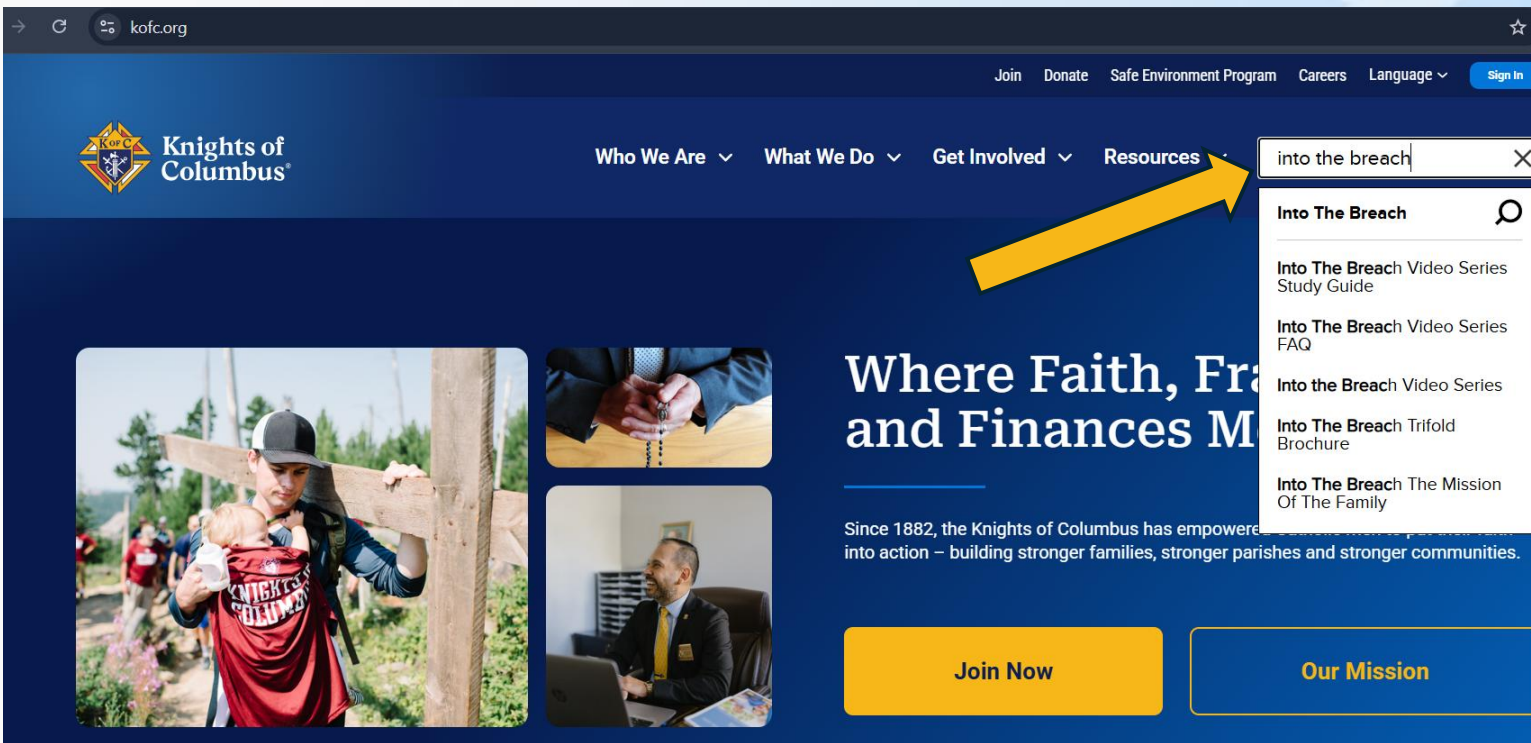
What is Cor?

- ***Flexible***
- ***Consistent***
- ***Intentional***
- ***Collaborative***

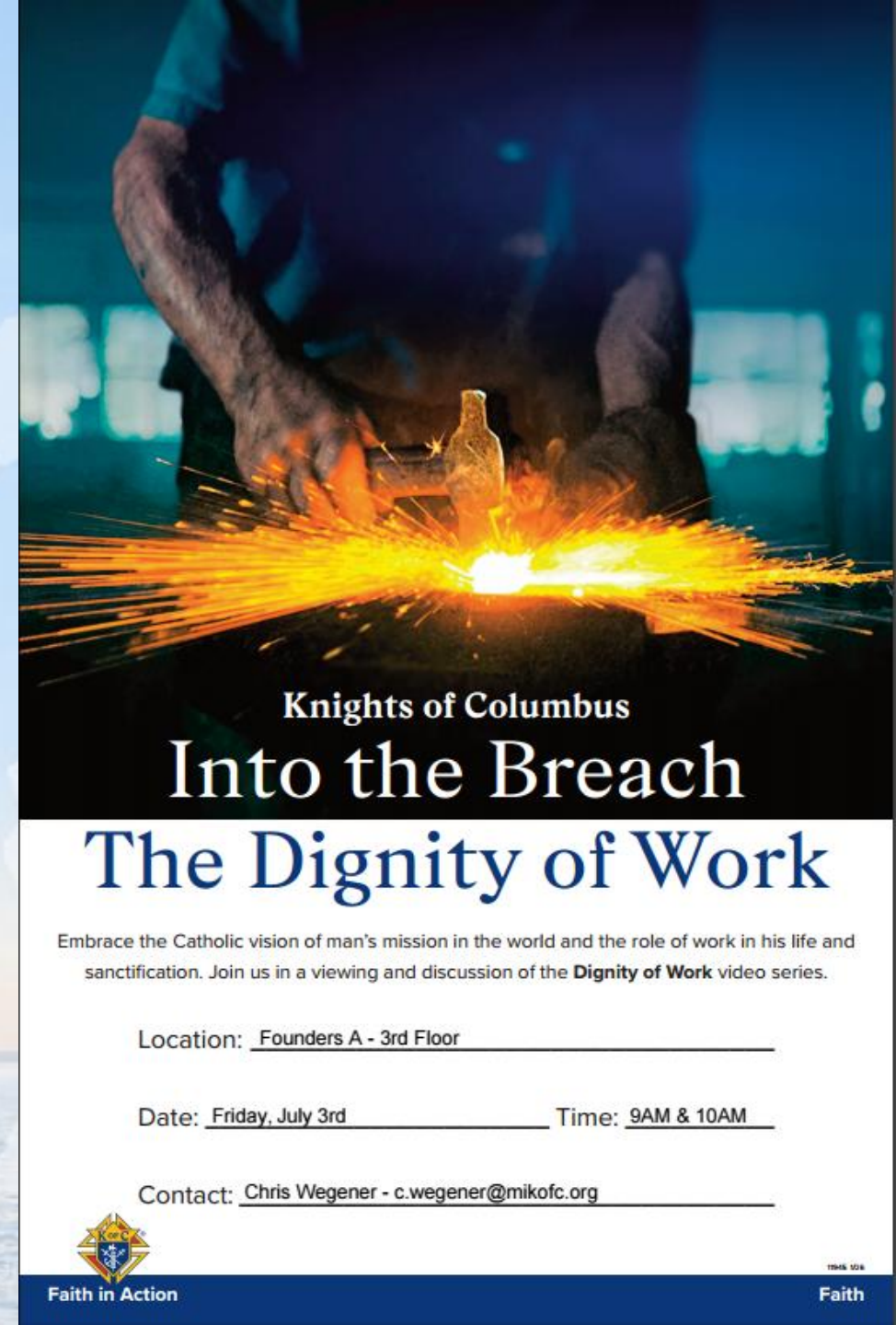


Into the Breach

The Dignity of Work



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Knights of Columbus website (kofc.org). The navigation bar includes links for Join, Donate, Safe Environment Program, Careers, and Language. A search bar in the top right contains the text 'into the breach'. A yellow arrow points to the 'Resources' dropdown menu, which is open and displays a list of links: 'Into The Breach', 'Into The Breach Video Series Study Guide', 'Into The Breach Video Series FAQ', 'Into the Breach Video Series', 'Into The Breach Trifold Brochure', and 'Into The Breach The Mission Of The Family'. The main content area features a large heading 'Where Faith, Fr and Finances M' and a subheading 'Since 1882, the Knights of Columbus has empowered... into action – building stronger families, stronger parishes and stronger communities.' Below this are two buttons: 'Join Now' and 'Our Mission'. The left sidebar contains three images: a man carrying a child in a red vest, hands clasped in prayer, and a man working on a laptop.



The graphic features a blacksmith working on an anvil, with bright sparks flying from the point of impact. The text 'Knights of Columbus' is at the top, followed by 'Into the Breach' in a large, serif font, and 'The Dignity of Work' in a slightly smaller, serif font. Below the title, a paragraph reads: 'Embrace the Catholic vision of man's mission in the world and the role of work in his life and sanctification. Join us in a viewing and discussion of the **Dignity of Work** video series.'

Location: Founders A - 3rd Floor

Date: Friday, July 3rd Time: 9AM & 10AM

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 Faith in Action

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Opening Prayer

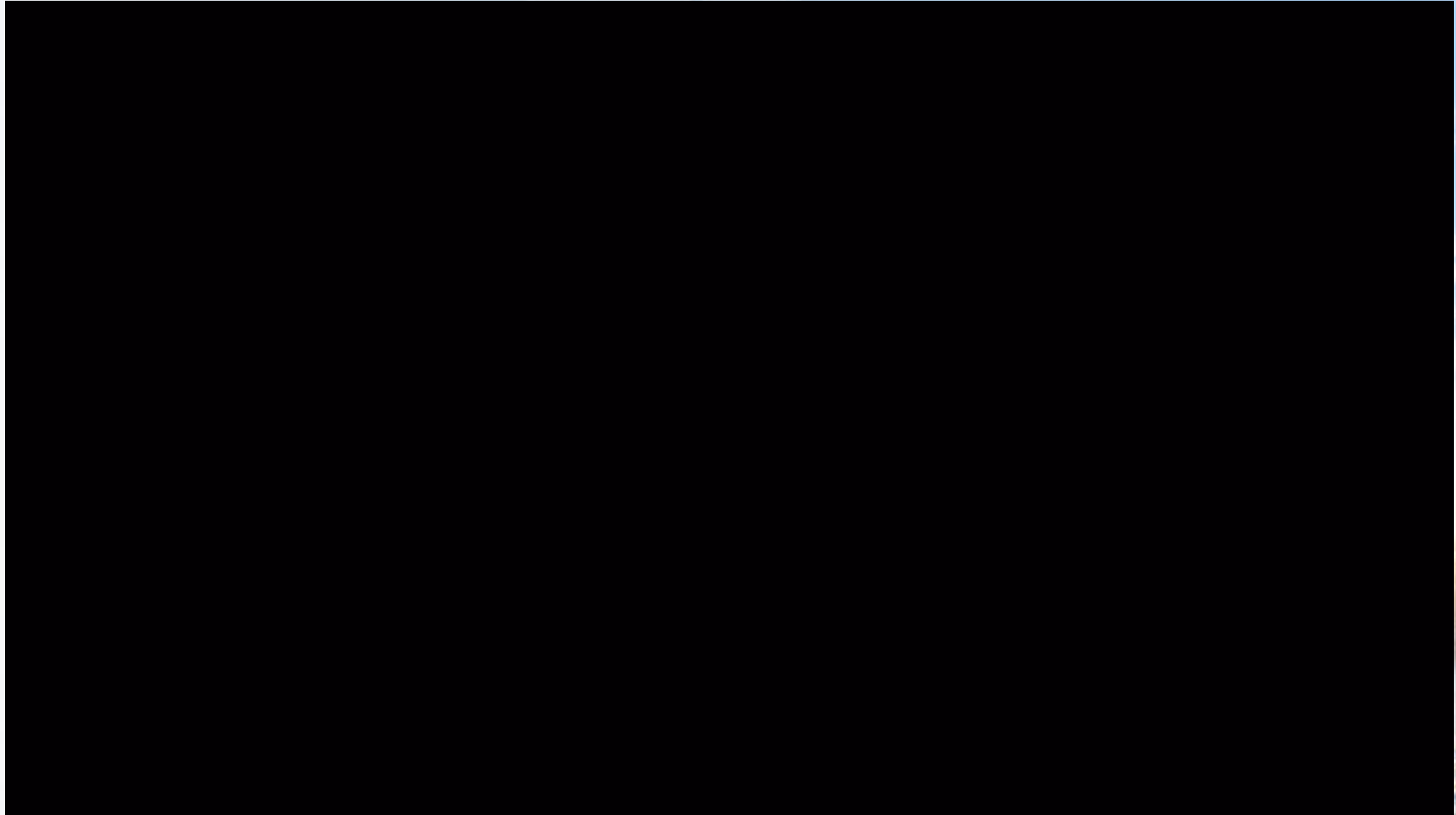
Prayer to St. Joseph the Worker

O Glorious Saint Joseph, model of all those who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work in a spirit of penance for the expiation of my many sins; to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my natural inclinations; to work with thankfulness and joy, considering it an honor to employ and develop by means of labor the gifts received from God; to work with order, peace, moderation, and patience, never shrinking from weariness and trials; to work above all with purity of intention and detachment from self, keeping unceasingly before my eyes death and the account that I must give of time lost, talents unused, good omitted, and vain complacency in success, so fatal to the work of God.

All for Jesus, all through Mary, all after thine example, O Patriarch, Saint Joseph. Such shall be my watch-word in life and in death. Amen.



Into the Breach – The Dignity of Work



1. Dr. Kent Lasnoski states that “Pope St John Paul II define[s] work as anything man does to earn his daily bread, to extend man’s dominion over God’s kingdom, and finally, to elevate the culture, to make it closer, in connection to God, and so anything we do in our work ought to contribute to all three of these things.”

- a. How does your work contribute to these three domains? How does your work contribute to your community and larger society, even in a small way?
- b. Through our work – in our careers and families – we can have an impact that lasts generations. How have you benefited from the work that others did who came before you? What lessons can you take from their example?

2. Dr. Joseph McInerney defines the virtues of magnanimity and humility. He calls **magnanimity** the “ability to recognize our God-given talents and then do great things on the basis of that recognition.” In turn, **humility** “prevents us from saying, ‘Woe is me,’ because frankly, a lot of times we have very difficult work, and we have tedious work, and we have work that’s a drudgery.” And humility tells us, “This is not about me, this is about my mission, this is about the task at hand, this is about helping other people.’ It’s humility that enables us to focus on things outside of ourselves.”

- a. How can we strive for greatness in our work? What does striving for greatness look like in work that may be seen as more ordinary or even menial in the eyes of the world?
- b. Have you struggled with the virtue of humility in your work? How can you seek to better practice this video in your daily work tasks?



Call to Battle

1. Learn about Catholic teaching on work.
2. Identify and develop your own talents and skills. God gives us natural talents and skills for the benefit of the wider Church.
3. Consider the legacy of others. Think about the family members, friends, teachers, and co-workers who have impacted the quality of your life and work.



Closing Prayer

Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.



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Who Is *Cor* For?

- *Cor* is designed for any man who desires to grow in his relationship with Jesus through authentic Christian brotherhood.
- We welcome all men regardless of membership status with the Knights of Columbus or faith background.

“*Cor* is not age bound. It is great for young men, single men, married men, everyone. It is designed so it can help build the person to have a Christ-centered life.” - Daniel, Kansas

