

2024 Winter Leadership Meeting
Programs Breakout Session

Service

Optimism

Aspire

Responsibility

SOAR WITH
US!



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	583
Family	405
Community	612
Life	186

Total Submissions Statewide: 1786



Let's take a look at the 10784 Submissions

Council Submissions Across the State:

0 Submissions	222
1-5 Submissions	113
6-10 Submissions	41
11+ Submissions	49



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



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 1/31/2025
 - This form can be downloaded from kofc.org in the form of a PDF file, which can be completed using Adobe Acrobat (free version at minimal).
 - Although you can digitally sign the form, you should consider printing the form, get the proper signatures, the scan and send to fraternalmission@kofc.org & forms@mikofc.org . Encourage them to also send you a copy for your records.
 - This form can also be done online on kofc.org. Any member of the council can complete the form online. They just need their membership number.
 - If needed, can send council membership the 1728A (Survey of Fraternal Activity Individual Member Worksheet) form to get more accurate data.



On the horizon (Continued)..

Semi-Annual Audit (2 nd Half) 1295b	2/15/2025
Final Submissions of State Program Award (#STSP)	3/15/2025
Final Submission of Family of the Year Award (10680)	3/15/2025
Columbian Award (SP-7)	6/15/2025

- **Special Olympics is done via 10784 & SP-7 (Columbian Award Submission)**
 - **No separate form anymore for this program**
- **The SP-7 Form is due by 6/30/2025, however can be submitted early if council completes all the necessary requirements.**



State Program Awards

Each year every jurisdiction recognizes the best program in each of the Service Program categories of: **Faith, Family, Community, and Life**. Michigan acknowledges its winners at the State Convention on Mackinac Island in May.

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

Final Submissions due 3/15/2025



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
- Be 100% Youth Compliant with all 4 required positions
- Council be in good standing AND by submitting council audits in August and February.
- 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



LIFE

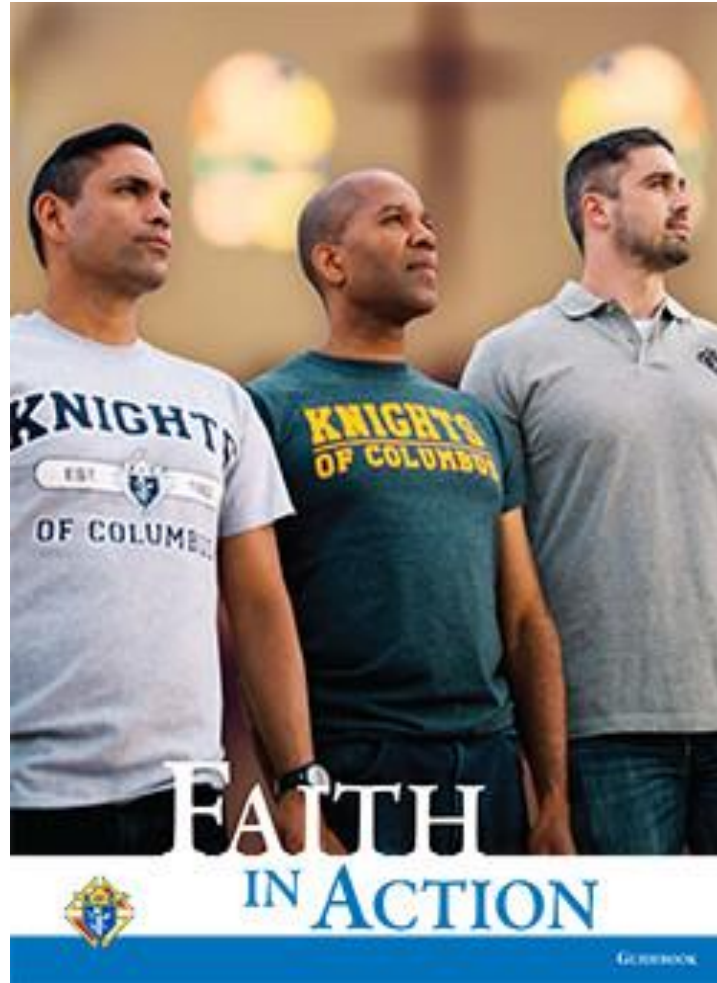
MARCH FOR LIFE
SPECIAL OLYMPICS
ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE
PREGNANCY CENTER SUPPORT / ASAP (AID AND SUPPORT AFTER PREGNANCY)
 CHRISTIAN REFUGEE RELIEF
 SILVER ROSE
 MASS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
 NOVENA FOR LIFE

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



And now from our Faith in Action Team





Faith

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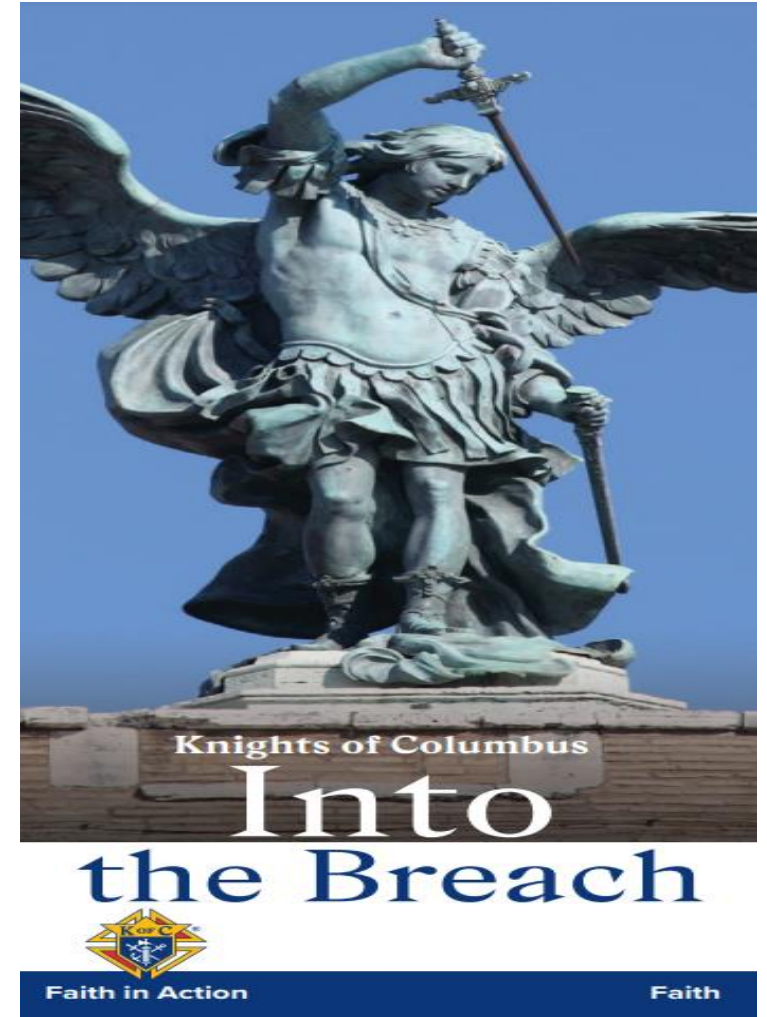




Faith

Into the Breach

Into the Breach is a call to battle for men which urges them to embrace masculine virtues in a world at crisis. The original Into the Breach video series, inspired by the apostolic exhortation of Bishop Thomas J. Olmstead, outlines the challenges faced by men of faith in the world today. The new Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family video series presents the Catholic vision of family life and inspires them to incorporate it into daily life. By viewing and discussing these inspirational series, and using their accompanying study guides, participants will be equipped with the wisdom and practical tools they need to better lead themselves and their families in living out the Faith.





Faith

Holy Hour

Encourage deep personal encounters with Christ through Eucharistic adoration in the form of Holy Hours and Eucharistic Processions. As Catholics, we believe in the Real Presence: that Jesus Christ is truly present – body, blood, soul, and divinity – in the Eucharist. As such, we are compelled to grow in our devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist and to share His presence with the world.

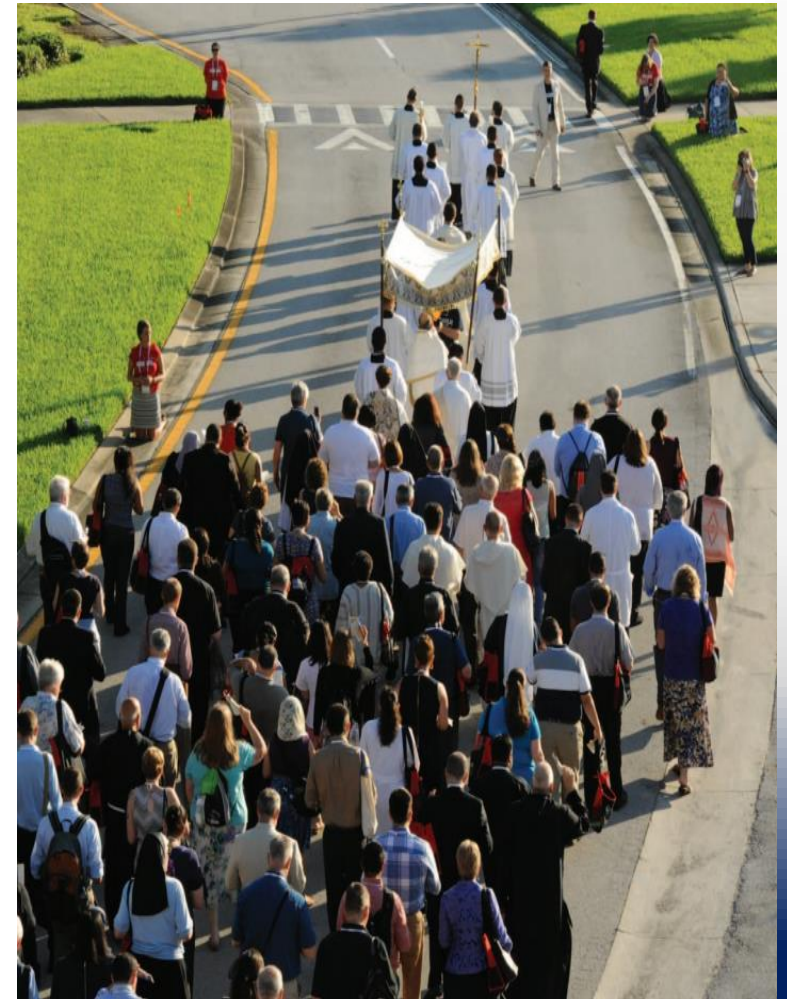




Faith

Eucharistic Processions

A Eucharistic Procession, just like Eucharistic Adoration, is an extension of the worship of Jesus Christ, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. The supreme act of adoration and the source and summit of the Christian life is the celebration of the Mass, and that celebration is prolonged and intensified through Eucharistic worship outside of the Mass. In Eucharistic Processions, the missionary aspect of the Eucharist is emphasized as we go forth into the world. Not only gazing upon our Eucharistic Lord, but walking with him, we experience what the disciples did 2000 years ago as they walked with Jesus, proclaiming the Good News to the world.



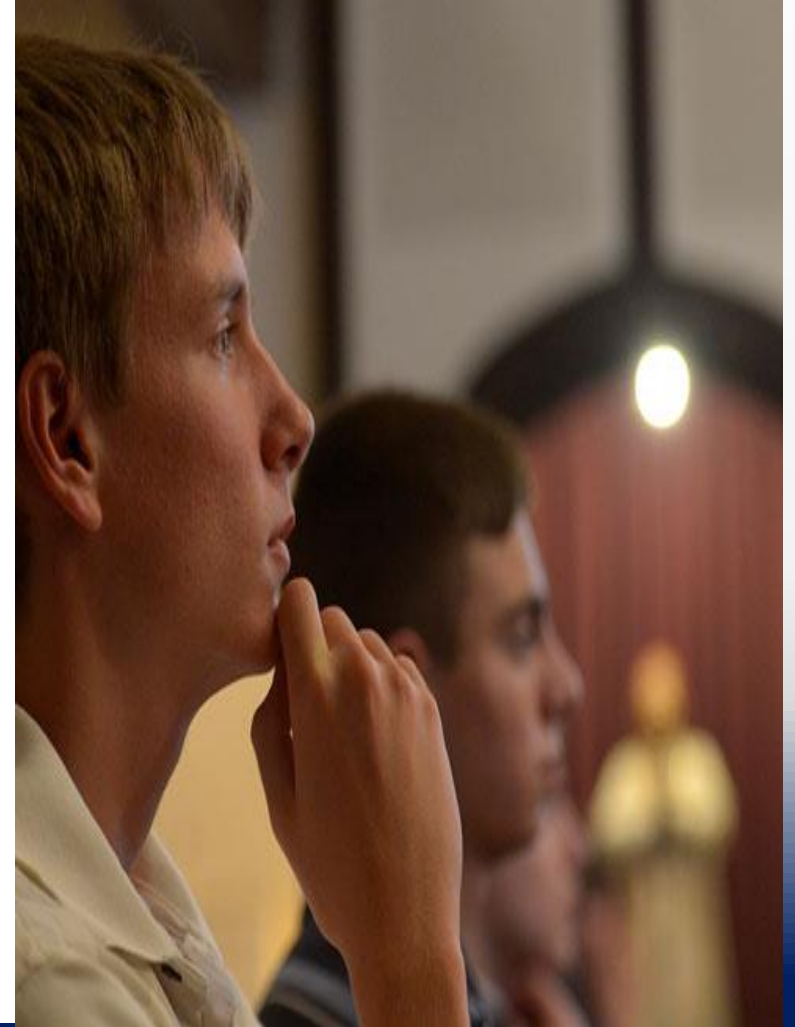


Faith

Spiritual Reflection

Create annual opportunities for prayer and reflection together as a fraternity. Under the guidance of their chaplain, councils can attend a retreat or day of reflection together or organize their own event for the men of their parish. In conjunction with pastors, councils and jurisdictions can hold low-cost retreats of their own.

These events might be open only to council members or men of the parish – or may be open to entire families. If councils are unable to organize these events themselves, they could go attend an existing retreat as a group.

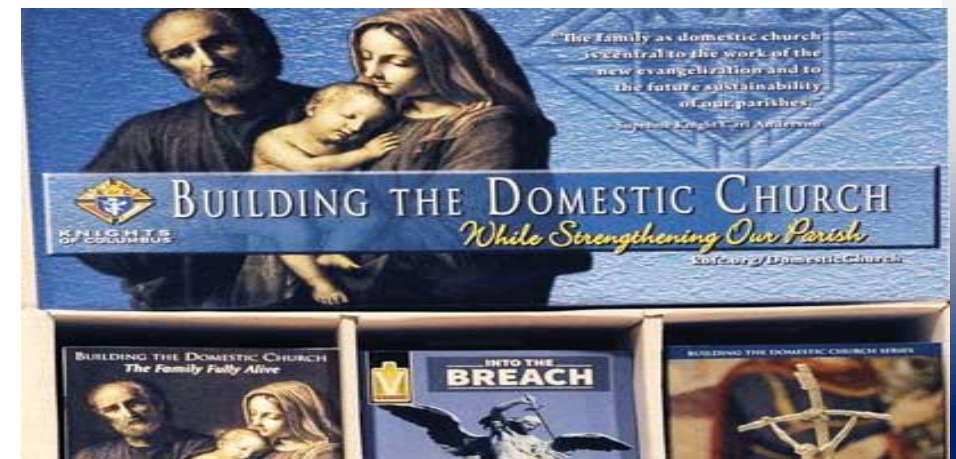




Faith

Building the Domestic Church Kiosk

By making the Building the Domestic Church Kiosk (#BDC-K) available in your parish and organizing activities based on its content, councils will educate and evangelize using the rich, faith-based literature found in the Catholic Information Service (CIS) Building the Domestic Church series of booklets.





Faith

Pilgrim Icon

Sacred Heart of Jesus

- To be delivered to each SDRR in each Diocese/Archdiocese January 2025
- Runs through Fraternal Year 2026 – 2027
- Each District Deputy will be responsible to work with the SDRR and other District Deputies to schedule and handoff Icon to each parish.



Sacred Heart of Jesus





Faith

Refund Support Vocations (RSVP)

Keep the faith alive by supporting our seminarians and men and women religious postulants and novices. As the strong right arm of the church, Knights of Columbus are committed to providing moral, financial and spiritual support to our future priests and religious at all stages of their formation. A featured program, RSVP counts for two credits toward the Columbian Award.





Faith

Silver Rose

The Silver Rose will be making its way through our State again in 2025. When I know the date, it will be transferred to Michigan, I will start setting the dates of availability





Faith

Living Rosary

The Living Rosary will be held on the Lansing Capital Lawn on September 13, 2025.

The importance of this date is that our Holy Mother had her apparition on the 13th of the month.





Faith

Sacramental Gifts

Support families during the most important events in the life of the domestic church: the sacraments. Councils will play an integral role in these momentous faith events and the lives of our families and parish community through prayer and the presentation of symbolic gifts.



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What is the Immaculate Conception?



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

LUKE

INASMUCH AS MANY have undertaken to compile a narrative of who from the beginning have been accomplished among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a certain priest named Abiathar, of the division of Abiathar.

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LUKE 1:28

The Immaculate Conception actually refers to Mary and not Jesus. The Bible does not speak of the Immaculate Conception in a direct way. Before the 1854 definition it was pointed to Luke 1:28, “Hail, full of grace”, to say that Mary was always filled with grace and thus without sin



STS. JOACHIM AND ANNE

July 26th



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Sts. Joachim and Anne

The parents of our Holy Mother are Sts. Joachim and Anne. Information concerning their lives and names is found in the 2nd-century Protoevangelium of James (1st Gospel of James) and the 3rd-century Evangelium de nativitate Mariae (“Gospel of the Nativity of Mary”) According to these noncanonical sources, Anne was born in Bethlehem in Judea. She married Joachim, and , although they shared a wealthy and devout life at Nazareth, they eventually lamented their childlessness. Joachim, reproached at the Temple for his sterility, retreated into the countryside to pray, while Anne grieved by his disappearance and by her barrenness, solemnly promised God that, if given a child, she would dedicate it to the Lord’s service. Both received the vision of an angel, who announced that Anne would conceive and bear a most wondrous child. The couple rejoiced at the birth of their daughter, whom Anne named Mary. When the child was three years old, Joachim and Anne, in fulfillment of her divine promise, brought Mary to the Temple of Jerusalem, where they left her to be brought up.





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Dogma

Blessed John Duns Scotus, a Franciscan stated that Mary's preservation from original sin did not remove her dependence on Christ's redemptive work, rather, more than anyone, Mary needed Christ as her redeemer since she would have contracted original sin if the grace of Christ had not prevented it from happening. The Council of Basel, called in 1431, stated that Mary, by a special gift of grace, had never been subject to original sin. In 1708, Pope Clement XI prescribed the feast day for the whole Church to be celebrated on December 8.





FURTHER VALIDITY

Many developments regarding the definition of Mary's Immaculate Conception took place in the 19th Century. In 1830, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Catherine Laboure, revealing to her an image of what is referred to as the "Miraculous Medal. The medal contains the words, " O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." This sacramental affirms the sinlessness of Mary and her Immaculate Conception. In 1854, Pope Pius IX pronounced the dogma of Mary's Immaculate Conception. The validity of Mary's perpetual sinlessness was given validity in 1858 when Mary made a series of apparitions to a young French peasant girl Sr. Bernadette Soubirous at Lourdes. Mary identified herself by stating, " I am the Immaculate Conception." Mary's sinlessness had been verified by the supernatural.



Applause During Mass

Is it appropriate?



Applause during Mass

There is no mention of applause in the Catholic liturgy. When something is not mentioned, that means it is not allowed.

Pope Pius X stated, “ It is not fitting to applaud the servant in the house of his Master.”

In Pope Benedict XVI ‘s book, “Spirit of the Liturgy”, he wrote, “ Whenever applause breaks out in the liturgy because of some human achievement, it is a sure sign that the essence of liturgy has totally disappeared and been replaced by a kind of religious entertainment”

The only humans that clapped during His Crucifixion were His enemies celebrating His death.

The Holy Mother and His favorite Disciple, John, did not clap at the foot of His Cross.

The Mass with its Holy music is a prayer, not entertainment.

Any applause should only happen, if necessary, after the last Blessing is given. But should really not happen in our Masters house for any reason.





Building Relationships!

Ed and Lynn Strach
Pro-Life Chair Couple



SOARing For Life!





Building Relationships!

This is the time to execute your council plans:

- ***Through Prayer***
 - ***Through Generosity***
 - ***Active in our Communities***





Build Relationships through Prayer

- Plan a Novena for Life
- Pray for the unborn



- **Plan a Mass for People with Special Needs**

- Pray with pro-life pregnancy centers
- Pray for those entering pro-life pregnancy centers



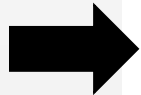


Building Relationships for Generations to Come

Achieved the 100th Funded Ultrasound!

Top 5 Jurisdictions!

California	168
Florida	148
Texas	120
Michigan	100
Pennsylvania	91
Total	1,910

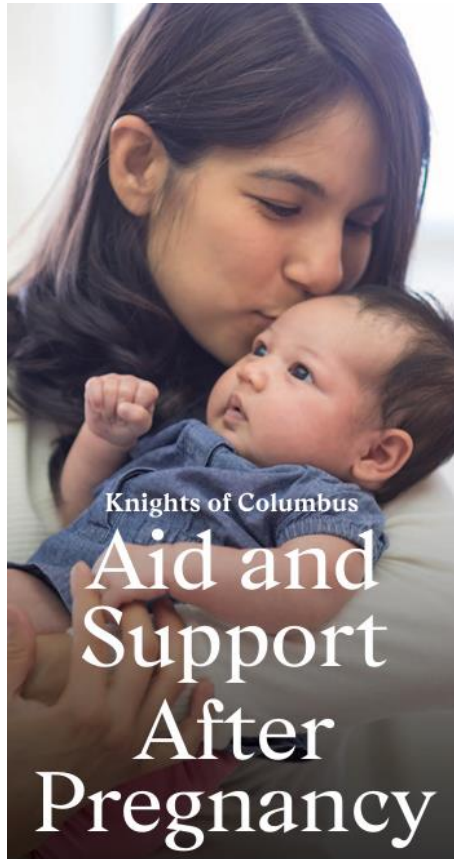


- *Five other Ultrasounds in the works*
- *Bringing a total of 105 Ultrasounds in Michigan*





Building Relationships - ASAP



ASAP



Faith in Action

Life

Top 5 Jurisdictions!

Applications

Pennsylvania	56
Michigan	38
Texas	34
Florida	30
Illinois	29

Donations \$(000)

Pennsylvania	\$ 160
Florida	74
Texas	64
Michigan	58
Illinois	45





Be *Generous* for Life – ASAP

Aid and Support After Pregnancy

GRANT INFORMATION

Please Select if this grant request is on behalf of a Council or Assembly *

Council Assembly

Council/Assembly # *

State/Province *

Type of qualifying organization *

Pregnancy Resource Center Maternity Home

Name of Organization *

What organization(s) are they affiliated with? *

- Heartbeat International
- Catholic Charities
- Past K of C Ultrasound Initiative Participant
- N/A

Organization Address *

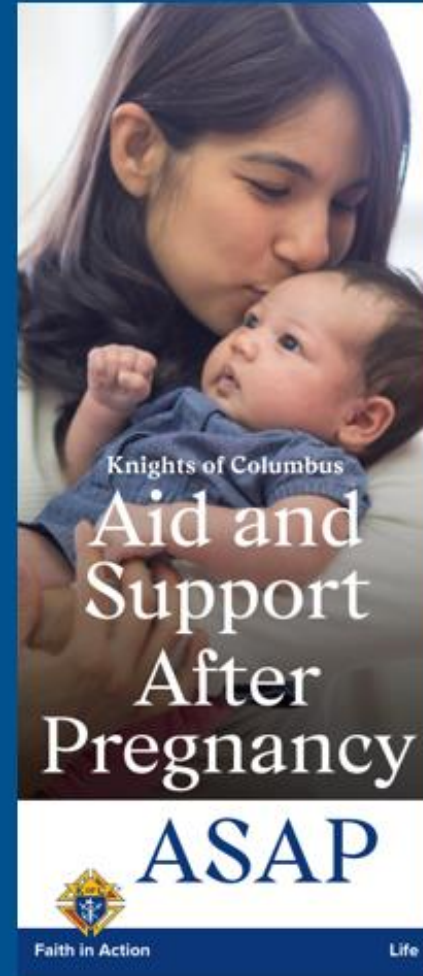




Building Relationships



HEART OF CHRIST CLINIC



Faith in Action

Life





Building Relationships

MICHIGAN CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

PROTECT LIFE MICHIGAN

Right to Life of Michigan

40 DAYS FOR LIFE
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

Pregnancy Services of Delta County

bella WOMEN'S CENTER

LIFE RESOURCES
—of Northern Michigan, Inc.

Livingston County Ultrasound Initiative

CARE.NET
Pregnancy Center
Berkeley | Detroit

New Beginnings Mercy House
LOVING OUR CHILDREN

GUADALUPE WORKERS

Mary's Mantle
A Catholic Home For Expectant Mothers

ALPHA WOMEN'S & FAMILY CENTER
of Barry County

Helping Hands
Pregnancy Resource Center





Be Generous for Life



Save the Date – 47th Annual MI RTL Banquet

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

San Mario Club, 1685 E. Big Beaver, Troy, MI

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on life



DEFEND
LIFE



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Generosity

State Council Initiative – Rounding Up for Life!

What is Rounding Up for Life?

At a sales point for local businesses give the customer the opportunity to “round up” their sales to the nearest dollar.

Accumulate “rounded up” sales for the month for donation to local pregnancy centers through the ASAP Program.





Generosity



Rounding Up for Life!

Key Steps for Rounding Up for Life:

- 1. *Identify local business*** willing to participant in rounding up sales for pregnancy center or maternity homes
2. Ensure local council has established center ***eligible for ASAP*** funding
- 3. *Develop process*** to collect rounding up money through a jar or creating an exclusive sku within point of sales system
4. Each month or appropriate time ***forward funds to local council*** and once \$500 allowance is completed forward ASAP application to Supreme.





Building Relationships in our Communities

- “Created in the Image of God” Baby Blankets
- Perfect for parish baptism gifts



- Donate to local pro-life pregnancy centers
- Only \$10 each, place your order now!
- Order now!





Building Relationships!



Ed and Lynn Strach

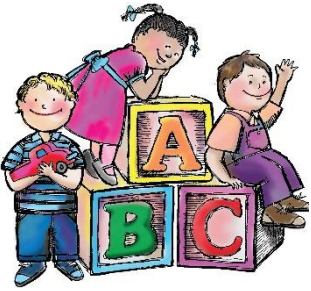
Contact us at
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734-476-6296





State Community Director Larry Herman





Key Community Activities



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





Youth Activities Soccer Championship

❖ Competition held on 10/5/2024 in Wyoming, MI

❖ The winners:

- ❖ Gaylord Diocese – 3
- ❖ Saginaw Diocese – 3
- ❖ Grand Rapids Diocese – 2
- ❖ Archdiocese of Detroit - 1





Youth Activities Key Dates

State Competitions

- ❖ Essay Contest – Saturday, January 4, 2025
- ❖ Spelling Bee – Saturday, March 1, 2025
- ❖ Free Throw Contest – Sunday, March 16, 2025



❖ **ALL COMPETITORS MUST COMPETE IN AT LEAST 2 LEVELS OF LOCAL COMPETITION (COUNCIL AND DISTRICT or REGIONAL) FOR SPELLING BEE AND FREE THROW COMPETITION**





Coats for Kids





Coats for Kids

- 👤 Very Successful Year!!
- 👤 Distributions are almost 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!





Coats for Kids

👤 In 2024 over \$185,000 was raised!

👤 1,488 cases ordered or 17,856 coats for Michigan Kids





Coats for Kids By The Numbers

- 👤 Over 60% of the Districts participated
- 👤 78% of the Detroit Districts participated
- 👤 44% of the Gaylord Districts participated
- 👤 94% of the Grand Rapids Districts participated
- 👤 50% of the Kalamazoo Districts participated
- 👤 42% of the Lansing Districts participated
- 👤 75 % of the Marquette Districts participated
- 👤 55% of the Saginaw Districts participated





Coats for Kids By The Numbers









Amount Collected:

 Detroit	\$93,079
 Gaylord	\$4,299
 Grand Rapids	\$39,841
 Kalamazoo	\$6,583
 Lansing	\$25,484
 Marquette	\$10,140
 Saginaw	\$8,678





Coats for Kids By The Numbers

 Detroit Council 3021 Notre Dame	\$10,483.74
 Detroit Council 4401 St Francis of Assisi	\$10,330.14
 Grand Rapids Council 15213 Basilica of St. Adalbert	\$5,041.38
 Lansing Council 1229 St. Mary Magdalen	\$3,520.18
 Marquette Council 2300 Iron River	\$2,814.96
 Kalamazoo Council 5255 Fr. Olk	\$2,206.48
 Saginaw Council 414 Bay City	\$2,206.48
 Gaylord Council 15937 St Francis of Assisi	\$1,845.38





Casey Bears

- 👤 Orders have not dropped
- 👤 23 cases shipped in the last 6 months
- 👤 Please support this program





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 – June (there is no Supreme competition)
- 👤 Each level should be played in a gym, local park, ice rink, or another location approved by the Council



👤 More information to come





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 in Action: Family Programs






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!**





Family: How are we doing?

- 👤 Latest 10784 Report shows 405 Councils have submitted a 10784 for a family program.
- 👤 Not a bad total out of the 1,786 reports submitted so far in the year.
- 👤 But...
 - 👤 3rd place out of 4 FIA program areas
 - 👤 Works out to less than 1 per council
 - 👤 Most councils not on track to put 4 family programs on SP-7





Family: What do we do?

- 👤 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





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
- 👤 Recruit 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
- 👤 Get a good number per month
- 👤 Some Family of the Year submissions already in.
 - 👤 Add detail, photos, tell a story.
 - 👤 Explain why this family stands out.
 - 👤 Keep them coming!





Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

- 👤 Children design posters reflecting the theme “Keep Christ in Christmas”
- 👤 Council judging should occur just before Christmas
- 👤 District level target end date January 1
- 👤 Diocesan level judging January 15
- 👤 State level judging January 31
- 👤 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.





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.**

