

Alabama State Council

2026 District Deputy Organizational Meeting

**St. Joseph Catholic Church
511 N. Memorial Dr.
Prattville, AL**



July 18, 2026





Opening Prayer



Bill Mores, State Deputy

Griffin Shreves
AL District Master



Mika

ROLL CALL
Brother Brian Lagasse, SS



Supreme Representative

JC Reiher, PSD

**Regional Growth
Director**



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ORGANIZATIONAL MTG.

THE BIG 4

July 20, 2026





#1 EARLY IS EASY



July 20, 2026





185s and 365s – July
SE Compliance – August
All other forms by the due
date

July 20, 2026





#2 CULTURE OF INVITATION

July 20, 2026





Changing vocabulary – Invite not Recruit

When we invite we evangelize

Where and when can we Invite
anytime - anywhere



July 20, 2026



#3 OPPORTUNITIES

July 20, 2026





COR
Our Programs
Pending Applications List
Prospect Tab
Market Penetration
Men's Conferences
Parish Events



July 20, 2026



#4 PARTNERSHIPS

July 20, 2026





4th Degree Districts

Diocese/Archdiocese

Outside Organizations

Our Insurance Agencies



July 20, 2026

Award Updates



Star District 2026 – 2027

- **Membership Growth (*No Change*)**
 - **Attain 70% of combined council quotas**
- **Insurance Promotion (*No Change*)**
 - **At least 50% of assigned councils earn the Founders Award**



Star District 2026 – 2027

- **Overall District Excellence**
 - **At least two councils in the district earn the Star Council Award**
 - **Districts with one council are not eligible**
- **Submit a *District Deputy Annual Report on Council Status* (#944) for each council in district by September 15**
- **Every council in district must submit forms #185 (officers), #365 (directors), 1728 (annual survey) and #1295 (annual audit)**



Star Council 2026 – 2027

Earn the McGivney, Founders', and Columbian Awards, and satisfy all administrative requirements

2026-2027 Administrative Requirements

- **Be in good standing with Supreme Council (pay assessments)**
- **Safe Environment compliant (U.S. & Canada only)**
- **Submit forms #185 (Report of Officers), #365 (Report of Directors), #1728 (Annual Survey)**
- **NEW: Submit form #1295 (Annual Audit)**



McGivney Award 2026 – 2027

NO CHANGES

- **Attain 6% intake growth based on July 1st council membership**
- **Minimum 5 / Maximum 15**



Founders' Award 2026 – 2027

- **A number equal to 10% of Associate members on the July 1 council roster must meet individually with a field agent for a financial review**
- **Minimum 5 / Maximum 15**
- **To qualify, meetings must be with new or associate members**



Old Columbian Award

- **Time-consuming**
- **Confusing**
- **Subjective**
- **Quantity, not quality**



New Columbian Award

- **Fast**
- **Simple**
- **Quality, not quantity**



Requirement 1

- **Donate \$500 toward any of the following:**
 - **ASAP (cash or item value)**
 - **Food for Families (cash or 1,000 lbs.)**
 - **Coats for Kids**
 - **RSVP**



Donate at least \$500 as part of one of the following Faith in Action programs: ASAP, Food for Families, RSVP, or Coats for Kids. *

- ☒ ASAP - donate a minimum of \$500 (funds or item value) to a pregnancy resource center, maternity home or similar pro-life organization.
- ☐ Food for Families - donate a minimum of \$500 or 1,000lb of food.
- ☐ RSVP - donate a minimum of \$500 to a seminarian, religious postulant or novice.
- ☐ Coats for Kids - donate a minimum of \$500 towards the purchase of coats for people in need.



Requirement 2

- **Complete 4 programs**
 - **1 per category (Faith, Family, Community, Life)**



Complete one Faith program: *

- ☒ RSVP
- ☐ ¡Viva Cristo Rey!
- ☐ Holy Hour
- ☐ Imitating Saint Juan Diego
- ☐ Into the Breach
- ☐ Pilgrim Icon Program
- ☐ Rosary Program
- ☐ Sacramental Gifts
- ☐ Spiritual Reflection



Requirement 3

- **Conduct *Cor* monthly**
 - **Include name and email of EFF Director**

OR

- **3 unique programs/activities**
 - **Build fraternity**
 - **Bring men closer to Christ**
 - **Serve parish or community**



Complete 3 programs / activities: one to bring men closer to Christ, one to build fraternity (strengthen the bonds of friendship between the men of your council and/or parish) and one to support your parish or community. These programs / activities can be unique to the council and do not need to be Faith in Action programs. You cannot claim programs / activities already submitted for requirements 1 and 2. Conducting *Cor* at least once a month satisfies all three of the program / activity criteria for this requirement.

Did your Council conduct *Cor* at least once a month during this fraternal year? *

☐ Yes

☒ No

Complete a program or activity to bring men closer to Christ. *

Program Name

Catholic Movie Night

Program/Activity Description *

The council hosted a watch party of For Greater Glory for the parish.



Columbian Award Outcomes

- **Improved processing**
 - **Fewer applications denied**
 - **Faster approvals**
- **Mission alignment**
 - **More council donations**
 - **More *Cor* participants**
 - **More fraternal events**
- **Happier councils, more members**



2026-2027 Fraternal Mailing

- Fraternal Planner
- Fraternal Excellence Guide
- Protocol, Meetings, and Ceremonials Book
- Faith in Action Guidebook
- Officers Online Access Infographic
- Suggested Training By Office Infographic
- Fishers of Men Guidebook
- *Cor* Leader Guide
- *Cor* Formation Content Guide
- Working with Men's Ministries



State Deputy Remarks

Pat Jackson



District Deputy Responsibilities & Expectations

Pat Jackson, SD



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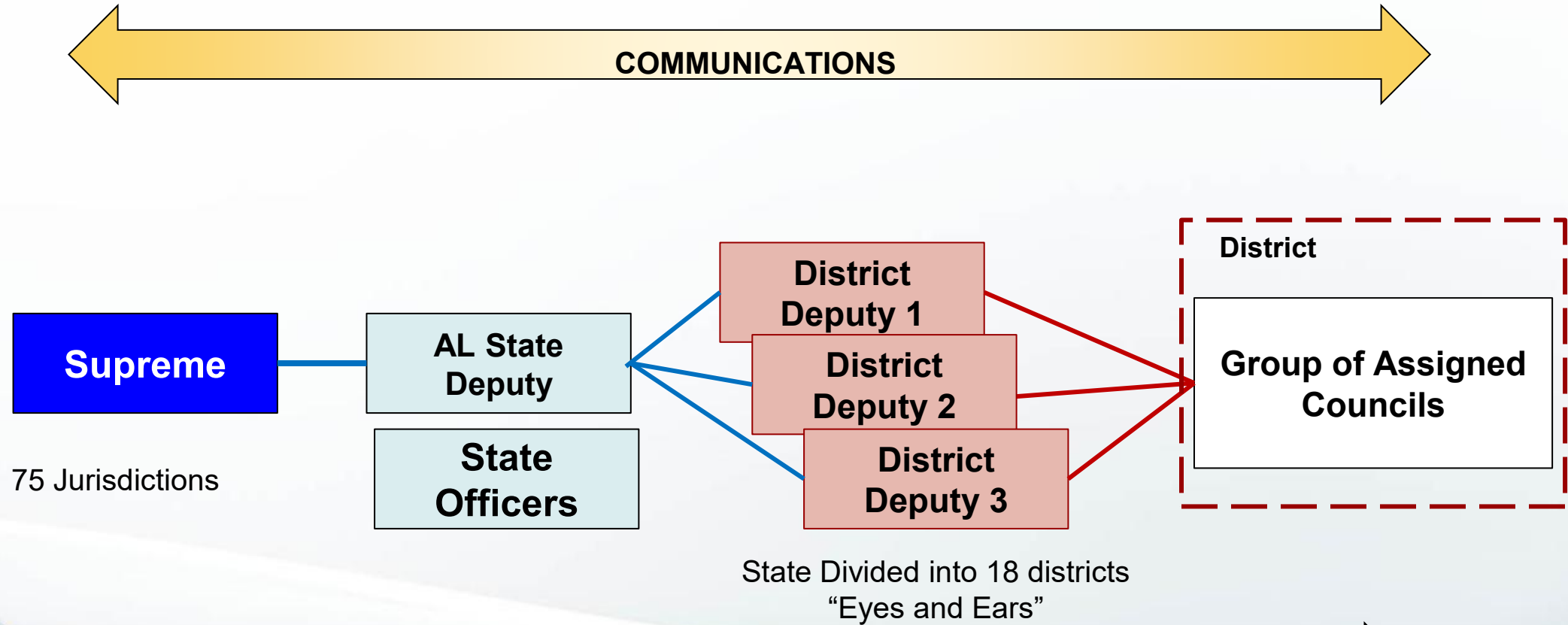


The Alabama Jurisdiction

- Alabama is one of 75 jurisdictions that helps guide activities consistent with the principles of the Order.
- AL is divided into 18 districts
- 74 councils
 - 1 college council
- Approx. 10,400 total members
- Part of District 4 which includes AL, MS, AR, OK, OR, NV, NH, ND, SD, RI, Manitoba



Organizational Structure



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2025-26 was a great year!



Membership Goal 417 vs. Actual 563 135.01%

Star Council Goal 17 vs. Actual 33

Star Districts - 12 with D19 and D20 achieving All Star

Conducted 3 Holy Hours

Achieved Pinnacle!



Goals for 2026-2027

- **COH Membership Intake Goal = 513**
 - **Pinnacle Intake Goal = 120% of COH**
- **Star Council Goal = 13**
- **Faith Formation Goal = 3 Holy Hours**



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Goals for 2026-2027

COH Membership Goal = 503*

We achieved the 2% reduction incentive last year!

Key to achieving this is to stay on track.

**2.5% Reduction if we are at 20% (103) of Goal
at the end of 1st Quarter**



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What Is Our Mission?

TO ENGAGE IN CHARITABLE WORKS, TO SERVE THE CHURCH, TO SUPPORT BROTHER KNIGHTS, TO ACT FOR THE GOOD OF OUR COUNTRY, AND TO GIVE AID TO THOSE IN NEED.

- **OUR MISSION IS CRITICAL** - Empower men to live their faith at home, in the parish, at work, and in their community.
- **I NEED YOUR HELP. THE STATE NEEDS YOU.**
- **TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**



IF NOT US, THEN WHO?



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What is your role?

❑ PROVIDE SERVICE TO YOUR COUNCILS

- Help your assigned councils to be more effective in completing the mission of the KofC
- Provide the model and example for council officers and members in your district to emulate
- Set a tone that is open and engaging, to ensure your district's growth in charitable outreach and membership.



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DD Expectations for Fraternal Year

How do we do this?



DD responsibilities can be grouped into 4 areas:

- Lead
- Teach
- Mentor
- Encourage



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Lead by Example

- **By Being Present and Accessible**
 - **Don't be just a Phone Number or Email address**
 - **Go to meetings**
 - **Attend programs & functions**
 - **Conduct district meetings**
 - **Build relationships**
 - **Head off issues before they become problems**



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Teach By Sharing

- You have unique experiences to share.
 - Answer questions or find answers.
 - Share best practices and lessons learned.
 - Communicate frequently, early and often.
 - Follow your heart.



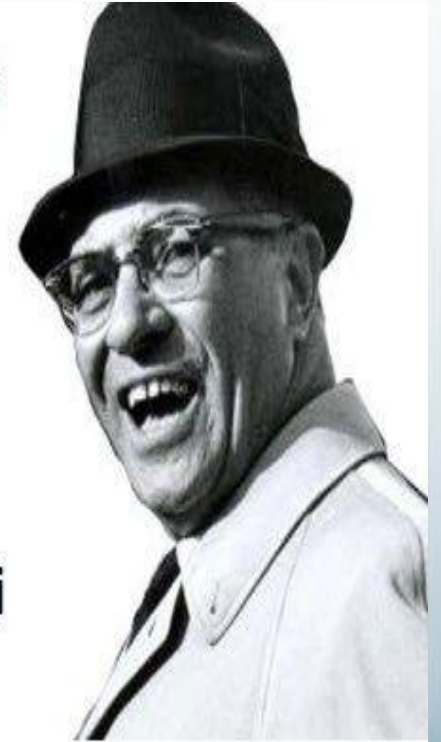
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Mentor By Coaching

- Help council leaders and members achieve excellence.
 - There is **NO** excuse for **NO** growth or **NO** activity.
 - Instill pride, dignity, and honor in being a member of the Order.

Individual commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.

- Vince Lombardi



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Encourage

- Be the CEO of your assigned councils
(Chief Encouragement Officer)
 - Support
 - Confidence
 - Hope



Required Meetings

State Level

- Organizational Meeting
- Mid-Year (January 9, 2027 DD's & GK's)
- State Convention (April 9-11, 2027)
- Webinars as posted

District Meetings (Your Meetings)

- Assigned councils to pass on information, discuss ideas, recruitment strategies, get acquainted with each other
- After the Organizational Meeting, Mid-Year, and Regionals



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Expense Account of District Deputy or Conferring Officer

[illegible]

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Expenses: What's Covered

Items Covered: (Receipts Needed for all Expenses)

- Miles traveled in your district
- Parking and tolls on official business (with receipt)
- Meals while attending council meetings
- Hotel, meals, mileage to attend Organizational and Midyear Meetings

Not Covered:

- Guest meals
- Clerical assistance
- Printing and copying expenses
- Postage or stationery
- Travel expenses outside of district



Form 944 DD Annual Report

- Due annually by 9/15
- DD required to complete
- Access Online, KofC Website
<https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/district-forms.html>
- Report on each council assigned, even if council is inactive.



We Had a Great Year!

However,

- **Councils missed Star recognition because of missing 1728, SP-7, FBEs, or SE noncompliance.**
 - Background checks are simple checks to assure that members do not appear on sex offender lists.
 - **No Financial or Credit Checks.**
 - Safe Environment **COMPLETE** within the first 2 months.



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Form 11077, Member / Agent Meeting Report

The Founders' Award recognizes excellence in the promotion of our insurance and fraternal benefits. To earn this award, new or associate members must meet individually with their local Field Agent for a financial review. If the council does not have a Field Agent, the meeting can be scheduled with their General Agent.

- The number of members that need to meet with their Field Agent or General Agent must equal or exceed:
 - A number equal to 10% of Associate members on the July 1 council roster
 - Minimum of 5 / Maximum of 15
 - You can track your council's quota & progress under the Membership tab in Officers Online
- To qualify, meetings must be with new or associate members



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Council Forms

<https://www.kofc.org/resources/officer-resources/administration/forms/>

Form No.	Title	Due	Online (Preferred) / PDF
185	Officer Chosen for the Term	June 30th	Online (preferred)
365	Service Program Personnel	June 30th	Online (preferred)
1295	Annual Council Audit	Aug 15th	Online (preferred)
1728	Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity	Jan 31st	Online (preferred)
SP-7	Columbian Award	June 30th	Online ('26-'27)



***Encourage Councils to Establish A Plan
For Timely Submittal of Reports***

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FRATERNAL LEADER ADVISORY

1st and 3rd Thursday of the month

- English, Spanish and French

Sent to:

- All State officers and directors
- All DDs
- All Council officers and directors
- Anyone can sign up online

<https://www.kofc.org/resources/officer-resources/fraternal-leader-advisory/>



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Fraternal Leader Advisory

Breaking News | Reminders | Resources | Recommendations

July 2026 [KOFc.ORG/FORMEMBERS](https://www.kofc.org/formembers)

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Welcome to the new MONTHLY Fraternal Leader Advisory
The Fraternal Leader Advisory has been updated to make it easier for council, district, state and assembly leaders to find all the important updates, new information and general reminders they need to stay up to date on Fraternal Operations, Programs, Fraternal Training, and Evangelization & Faith Formation. All the information featured in this issue can be found on our new [FLA webpage](#).

FLA Live: July Edition - Fulfilling Our Mission in the New Fraternal Year
The next edition of our Fraternal Webinar Series will take place on Thursday, July 23 at 8:00 PM ET. Click [here](#) to register, learn this month's topics, submit questions, and find out how to showcase your council in a future webinar.

Officers Online Access
Officers and Program Personnel: whether new to a role or repeating for the 2026-2027 Fraternal Year, you can learn more about your Officers Online access [here](#).

NEW: Changes to the Star Awards
The requirements for Star Council and Star District Awards have changed for the 2026-2027 fraternal year. You can find all the updates [here](#).

NEW: Annual Council Audit
The Council Audit changed from Semi-Annual to Annual for the 2025-2026 fraternal year. The new report must be submitted online. Find out more [here](#).

You are NOT in this alone!

If you need help, advice or just want to talk...

- **State Officers, Directors, Other DDs, IPSD**
- **Reports Director**
 - **Brother Mike Weist**
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 - Email: kofcmweist@gmail.com
- **State Training Director / Financial Secretary Training**
 - **Brother Alan Cannon**
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Emerson Healy, FDD, M, State Membership Director

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S OVERVIEW



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State Membership Director

Emerson W. Healy, FDD, DM

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Thank You !!

Thank You !!

Thank You !!

Alabama State Councils

2025-2026 Pinnacle

Membership Goal of **135.01%**



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Overall Goal

Gentlemen, our goal for FY 2026–2027 is not to go out and "recruit." Instead, we want to **cultivate a culture of invitation**—encouraging the men in our parishes to become part of the largest brotherhood of Catholic laymen in the world



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Proof of Concept / Parish Outreach Drive

We have decided to utilize a proven method of membership growth, first instituted by the State of South Carolina. The Parish Outreach Drive (POD) is a system in which each District, Council, and Parish is presented with a series of activities targeting membership growth. They are simple but must be followed exactly.



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Proof of Concept / Parish Outreach Drive

1. Locate a Parish
2. Receive permission from your Pastor
3. Obtain support from your Council
 - Man All Doors Before Mass
 - Every Man Gets a Packet
4. Get Materials – Pamphlets
 - 10100 'Why you Should Become a Knight'
 - 10209 'Why We Offer Insurance'
 - 10099 '24 Hours to be a Knight'
 - 4862 'Here Today, Here Tomorrow'
5. Add the Informational Gray Card – English/Spanish
6. Paperclip all Together
7. Attach a Pen, so no Excuses



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Proof of Concept / Parish Outreach Drive

8. Give a Speech During Announcements. The Speech is Prewritten and can be adjusted based on Your Parish

9. Stand Outside After Mass and Collect Cards. Ensure that they are filled in completely

10. Retrieve Pamphlets, Cards, and Pens From the Pews

11. Thank Father Again

12. Start to Call Men and Invite Them to Become Knights Immediately



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Proof of Concept / Parish Outreach Drive

13. If All Information is Provided on the Card, pre-fill out the Online Invite at www.kofc.org/joinus and email it to them. If They Say Yes When You Call, Instruct Them to Confirm Membership, and a Welcome Ceremony Will be Scheduled For Them and Their Family. If They Say No, Then No Harm. Just Ask to Delete the Email.

14. Do Not Let Them Off the Phone Without at Least Signing up Online Because of the Informational Emails They Will Receive. If After 1 Year They Still Don't Have Time or Aren't Interested, Then No Harm, No Foul. Their Membership Will Expire

15. Track Your Progress With the Scorecard

16. Provide your scorecard to the ALMD and SD so we can collect results from every POD to evaluate the efficiency of the Program.



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Proof of Concept / Parish Outreach Drive Resources



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Proof of Concept/Parish Outreach Drive Gray Card



**Knights of
Columbus®**



____ YES! Please sign me up for free membership (a \$30 value)!

____ YES! I am a baptized Catholic!

____ YES! I am a practicing Catholic!

Full Name: _____

Email : _____ Cell Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Preferred Language: _____

Parish: _____ Former Member: ☐ YES ☐ No

Signature: _____



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Membership Incentives

“At the end of the day, you are the only one that is limiting your ability to succeed or to execute on your success. Don't let yourself get in the way of that”



District Deputy Incentive

This will be a year long incentive for you to achieve Star District. For every 3 star districts your name will be entered to win a \$50 cash prize. If you attain All Star District your name will be entered twice. If all 18 districts earn Star District there will be 6 \$50 prizes on the table.



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Online Membership

Pete Parrish, PSD, FDM, FVSM, Chairman

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Online Membership Program

<http://kofc.org/joinus>

Promo code: “BlessedMcGivney”



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Every District Star District

Every Council Star Council



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- . 12 Star Districts Last Year out of 20 Districts - 80%
- . Of those 12 - 2 All Star Districts - Joe Duffy and Alan Ruegemer
- . 16 Districts Achieved 100% or more of their new member recruitment goal.



12 District Deputies Earned Star District Last Year

1 Jim Ford - 143%	7 Randy Duffey 500%	16 Matt Connolly 122%
2 Joe McGill - 167%	9 Pierre Vilain 121%	17 Vince Duff 121%
3 Josh Billings 193%	11 Gary Mayers 183%	19 Alan Ruegemer 200%
4 Brandon Mosley 110%	15 Jesse Miller 260%	20 Joe Duffy 365%



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16 District Deputies with 100% or Better Membership Goal Last Year

1 Jim Ford - 143%	9 Pierre Vilain 121%	17 Vince Duff 121%
2 Joe McGill - 167%	10 Jack Porter 195%	18 Larry Cannon 109%
3 Josh Billings 193%	11 Gary Mayers 183%	19 Alan Ruegemer 200%
4 Brandon Mosley 110%	14 Randy Reese 222%	20 Joe Duffy 365%
6 Bill Mores 100%	15 Jesse Miller 260%	
7 Randy Duffey 500%	16 Matt Connolly 122%	



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Requirements for Star District This Fraternal Year

- At least two councils in the district must be Star Councils.
- Submit Council Status Report Form 944 for each council in the district by September 15.
- Every council in the district must submit Forms 185, 365, 1728, and 1295.
- Must achieve 70% of Combined Council Membership.
- 50% of Councils must earn Founder's Award.



Council Accomplishments Last Year

135% of New Member Goal

Brought in 579 New Members

Lost 158 Members

Net Growth of 421 Members

33 Star Councils

One Five Star, One Four Star, Three Three Star,
One Two Star

**37 Councils Had Their Form SP-7 Approved by
Supreme**



Requirements for Star Council

Form 185

Form 365

Annual Audit Form 1295

Form 1728

Safe Environment Compliant

FBN's Replaced by Required Meetings of Associate Members with
Insurance Agent (10% of 7/1/2026 Membership, Min 5, Max 15)

Membership Goal 6% Intake (same as last year)

Form SP-7 before June 30, 2026



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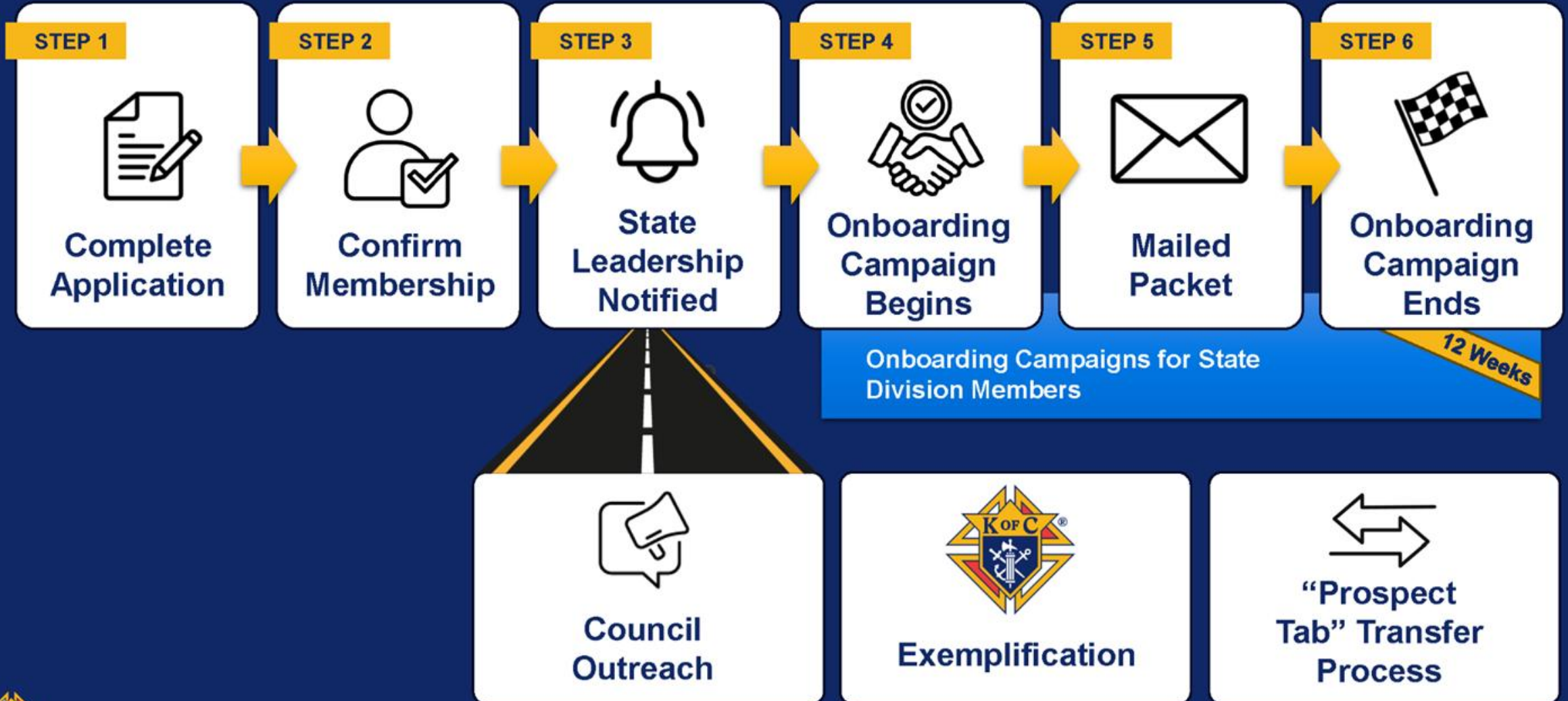
New Member Recruitment - Ways to sign up a new member.

1. Preferred: Online join process at kofc.org/join
2. Enter candidate's information on the Candidate Tab in Member Management
3. Enter candidate's data on a Form 100, scan and email to membership@kofc.org



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Online Join & Onboarding Process



Remember

1. When using Online Join Process the man becomes an eMember upon verification of his email address and counts as a member for the State Council.
2. When an eMember transfers to a local council he counts as a new member for the local council.
3. When using the Candidate Tab, the new member counts as such for the State Council and Local Council, same for using a Form 100.



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Remember

If a man is listed on your council's Prospect Tab, he is not a member of your council. He must be transferred into the council before he is a member. Otherwise he remains an eMember and on the roster of Council 98001.

I believe there may be several of these across the state and I urge you all to check on that and make sure these men are members of your council.



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Positive for Using Online Join Process

Monthly, for every 10 eMembers that transfer to a local council during the month, the State Council receives a reduction of one on their new member recruitment goal.



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Every District Star District Every Council Star Council

If we accomplish these goals the State Council will have no unmet goals.



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Expectations of District Deputies

You have responsibilities that go with the position of District Deputy. Take them seriously.

This is your opportunity to shine through the accomplishments of the councils in your district.



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District Deputy Responsibilities

1. Lead, guide and mentor.
2. Monitor progress of councils. Help them strengthen their weak points.
3. Educate council leaders.
4. Attend Council Meetings.
5. Schedule and hold District Meetings.



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Areas I Personally Encourage You To Concentrate Efforts

1. Online Join Process.
2. Council's New Member Recruitment.
3. Filing Required Reports Timely.
4. OYP or Safe Environment Training
5. Requirement of Council Members to Meet with Their Field Agent.
6. Changes to Form SP-7.



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Why We Emphasize Recruitment

579	Members gained by councils last year.
187	Lost to deaths, suspensions, withdrawals, etc.
392	Net Growth
9,987	Beginning Members
5.8%	New member recruitment percentage
3.9%	Net growth percentage



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My Hope for all District Deputies

1. Put in the work necessary to be successful.
2. Watch and enjoy your councils' and your district's success.
3. Enjoy the fruits of your labor and the satisfaction that comes with knowing you made a positive contribution.



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FINAL REMARKS

WELCOME



**WELCOME AND
CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL NEW
DISTRICT DEPUTIES.**

RETURNING



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE RETURNING
DISTRICT DEPUTIES.**

Someone thought enough
of you to have you return
for another year.

SUPPORT



**HELP IS
AVAILABLE IF
YOU REACH OUT.**



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PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S OVERVIEW

**Jeff Wolfe, KHS, M, PGK, PFN
State Program Director**



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“We must all find ways to put others before ourselves in everyday situations. Let us, therefore, put down our phones, pause to listen, and strive to put the needs of others – especially our spouses and children – ahead of our own.”

– Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly



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ALABAMA STATE PROGRAM DIRECTORS



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Faith in Action Programs and SP-7 have been revised

- Each Faith in Action category now has nine recommended programs.
- The point system has been retired.
- Three main requirements on the SP-7 form are required to earn the Columbian Award.
- SP-7 online forms have been simplified to clicking a button and submit.
- Submittals can be put in at any time.
- All changes are to help your Council achieve Star.



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SP-7 REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Donate at least \$500 as part of the Faith in Action programs:
 - ASAP (dollars or item value)
 - RSVP
 - Food for Families (dollars or 1000 lbs. of food)
 - Coats for Kids

Donate at least \$500 as part of one of the following Faith in Action programs: ASAP, Food for Families, RSVP, or Coats for Kids. *

- ☒ ASAP - donate a minimum of \$500 (funds or item value) to a pregnancy resource center, maternity home or similar pro-life organization.
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SP-7 REQUIREMENTS

- 2) Complete four Faith In Action programs, one in each category.
- Cannot claim programs already submitted in Requirement 1
 - Council must run programs like those described in the Faith in Action Program Guidebook

Complete one Faith program: *

- ☒ RSVP
- ☐ ¡Viva Cristo Rey!
- ☐ Holy Hour
- ☐ Imitating Saint Juan Diego
- ☐ Into the Breach
- ☐ Pilgrim Icon Program
- ☐ Rosary Program
- ☐ Sacramental Gifts
- ☐ Spiritual Reflection



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SP-7 REQUIREMENTS

- 3) Complete three Programs / Activities
- One to bring men closer to Christ
 - One to build fraternity
 - One to support your parish or community

Conducting the Cor program satisfies this requirement

Complete 3 programs / activities: one to bring men closer to Christ, one to build fraternity (strengthen the bonds of friendship between the men of your council and/or parish) and one to support your parish or community. These programs / activities can be unique to the council and do not need to be Faith in Action programs. You cannot claim programs / activities already submitted for requirements 1 and 2. Conducting Cor at least once a month satisfies all three of the program / activity criteria for this requirement.

Did your Council conduct Cor at least once a month during this fraternal year? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Complete a program or activity to bring men closer to Christ. *

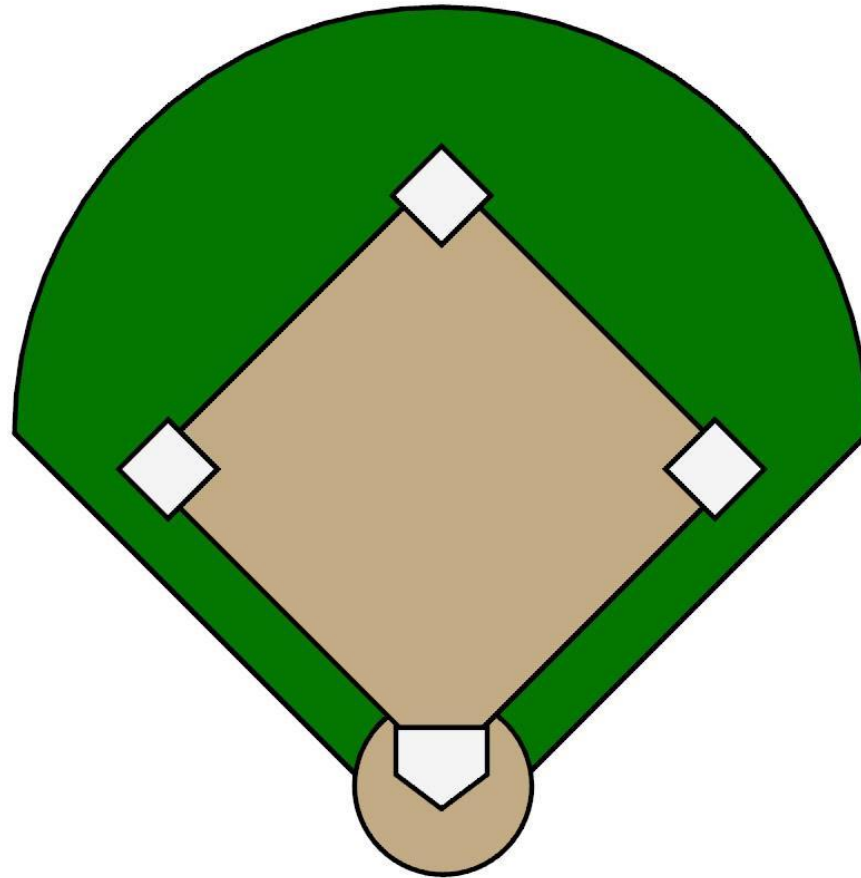
Program Name

Program/Activity Description *

The council hosted a watch party of For Greater Glory for the parish.



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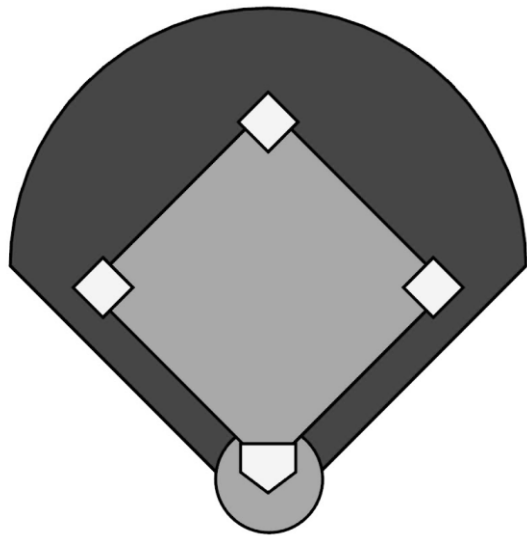
“If you will build it, they will come.”



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“If you will build it, they will come.”

Programs and membership work together.



If your Councils build visible programs that support the Parish and Community, these will be seen by the Catholic men in their parish.

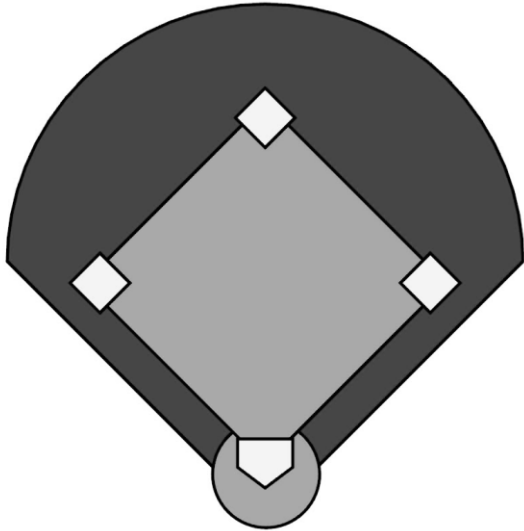
Those Catholic men would be more inclined to become a Knight if they see your Council in action.



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“If you will build it, they will come.”

The more Knights you have in those Councils, the more can participate in the Council programs.



That would make the Grand Knight's job easier in their membership and the participation in the different programs recommended by Supreme and any other good works they can come up with to help their parishes and communities.

We will need to encourage those Councils to participate in as many programs they can support with their Knights.



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COMMUNITY PROGRAMS LINEUP

COATS FOR KIDS

Chair: Mike Weist
kofcmweist@gmail.com
BOGO for the first 64 cases

CATHOLIC CITIZEN ESSAY CONTEST

Chair: Richard Pettys
RPETTYS@STORRSLAW.COM
Grades 8-12
Council grading: October
District grading: November
State grading: January 2027

GLOBAL WHEELCHAIR MISSION

Purchase a minimum of 10
wheelchairs

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

Chair: Joe Buschell
9-14 (boys and girls)
District Championship: February
State Championship: March

CELEBRATING OUR CATHOLIC HERITAGE

Celebrate the cultures and traditions of
your parish communities.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Chair: Jack Porter
PORTERAVIATION@MSN.COM

SOCCER CHALLENGE

Chair: Thomas O'Donnell
TODONN8501@GMAIL.COM
District Champs by 15 Nov.
State Champions selected Dec.

BRIGHT FUTURES

\$1000 or 200-man hours
for school programs and
improvements

HELPING HANDS

Serve your community in whatever
way is most needed .

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

FDM Mike Weist



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FAMILY PROGRAMS LINEUP

BUILD A BED

Build beds for children who would otherwise sleep on the floor or in other sub-optimal conditions.

<https://shpbeds.org/>

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Altars for a call to prayer for the deceased; praying at cemeteries; Mass or memorial rosary.

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH KIOSK

Help strengthen families as the domestic church by providing exceptional religious education materials to all Catholics.

QUINCEANERA SUPPORT

Councils can serve as a part of this important milestone by providing resources, manpower, faith gifts and general support.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Chair: Dennis Vaglica

MUSIC4FREEBIRD@YAHOO.COM

Promote the true spirit of Christmas in our homes, schools, parishes and communities.

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

Councils will guide their parishes and community to understand and offer this important and impactful prayer.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH/YEAR

Recognize twelve families throughout the fraternal year (monthly) and submit a 'Family of the Year' to State

FOOD FOR FAMILIES

\$500 or 1,000 pounds for food pantry – Supreme refunds \$100 per

FAMILY PRAYER NIGHT

Organize a minimum of four Family Prayer Nights, one for each quarter of the year.

FAMILY PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

GW Mayers



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LIFE PROGRAMS LINEUP

ASAP

For every \$500 a council donates to a qualifying pregnancy resource center or maternity home, the Supreme Council will donate an additional \$100 (up to a maximum of \$400 for \$2,000 donated).

ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE

Chair: Lee John Bruno
LJB@UNITEDFORLIFEFOUNDATION.ORG
Contribute 50% of the cost of an ultrasound machine for a pregnancy center approved by the Supreme Council Dept of Fraternal Mission. Forms 10715 / 10716

CHRISTIAN REFUGEE RELIEF

Councils will aid this cause by collaborating with their parishes to spread awareness and raise funds to help these Christians and those in their care.

MARCH FOR LIFE

Coordinate a min. of 25 participants for a national, state or local March for Life or rally; charter a bus; or organize a local march or rally

GOSPEL OF LIFE

Educate your council and wider parish community on the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Chair: Daniel Shaughnessy
DJSHAUGHNESSY256@GMAIL.COM
Work with Special Olympics affiliates to determine how best to fund, sponsor or volunteer for events in the local community.

SILVER ROSE

Chair: John Blackburn
AL.SILVER.ROSE24@GMAIL.COM

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE WITH OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Councils can host a Holy Hour and choose a variety of intentions for which to seek Our Lady's intercession

MASS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Welcome individuals or families who might not normally feel comfortable participating in a regularly scheduled Mass.

LIFE PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

Deacon Rick Chenault



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FAITH PROGRAMS LINEUP

RSVP

Donate at least \$500 to support our seminarians and postulants.

PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM

PSD Danny Garcia
256-604-2756

DANNYGARCIA@KOFALABAMA.ORG

Unite your community in a special act of prayer and devotion to the saints by hosting the pilgrim icon.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Day-long event at minimum.
10 members or 10% if not self planned and executed

IMITATING SAINT JUAN DIEGO

Promote devotion to St. Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe.

INTO THE BREACH

8 'Into the Breach' sessions or
5 'Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family' sessions

HOLY HOUR

Hold a minimum of four Holy Hours (one per quarter) or organize and support two Holy Hours and at least one Eucharistic Procession

¡VIVA CHRISTO REY!

Celebrate the sanctity of the Mexican Martyrs, including members of the Knights of Columbus, who were killed for their faith.

ROSARY PROGRAM

Hold Rosary prayer services at least four times a year

SACRAMENTAL GIFTS

Visit kofc.org/gifts to order online through Knights Gear

FAITH PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

Deacon John Cooper



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FAITH IN ACTION



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Council Directors

Program Director - Appointed by the grand knight

- Collaborates with the grand knight in setting the calendar of council programs for the year
- Manages FIA program directors as they implement the council's programs and activities
- Keeps accurate records of council programs for reporting on the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity #1728 and the Columbian Award Application #SP-7
- Keeps council's public relations chairman informed of all programs and activities for promotion to local media

Must complete Safe Environment Training (From Supreme and Diocese)



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Council Directors

Community and Family Directors

- Appointed by the Grand Knight, in consultation with the Program Director
- Responsible for all Community / Family based council programs
- Keeps accurate records of the council's programs in their Faith in Action categories

Must complete Safe Environment Training (From Supreme and Diocese) and background check.



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Council Directors

Faith and Life Directors

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- Responsible for all Faith / Life based council programs
- Keeps accurate records of the council's programs in their Faith in Action categories



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ANNUAL AWARDS RECOGNITION State Convention

April 9-11, 2027

***Awards packets/instructions will be provided to
District Deputies and Grand Knights after:
1 Jan 2027***

***Deadline for council submission for state awards:
1 March 2027***



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State Program Director

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Evangelization & Faith Formation

Mike Schultz, EFF Director



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Agenda

- ☐ **Prayer**
- ☐ **Our KofC Identity**
- ☐ **What is Cor?**
- ☐ **Support Structure**
- ☐ **Cor Resources**
- ☐ **Questions**



Prayer

1 Thessalonians 5:17: Pray without ceasing.

Ephesians 6:18: With all prayer and supplication, pray at every opportunity in the Spirit. To that end, be watchful with all perseverance and supplication for all the holy ones.



Our KofC Identity



***Cor* Connection – Mission Narrative**

Father McGivney had a clear mission:

- Form men in their faith
- Protect the family

Is this mission relevant today?



What Does This Mean for Us as Knights?

- The Church faces many challenges today
- Despite these challenges, there are signs of new opportunities – new reasons for hope
- The Knights must be at the forefront of these positive trends
- *Cor* offers councils the space and the tools to meet the needs – and increasingly the desires – of Catholic men
- Especially young men and fathers



Cor

What is Cor?

“Cor ad cor loquitor. (Heart speaks to heart.)”

- St. John Henry Newman



What is *Cor* ?

***Cor* is a regular gathering of men that uses a flexible framework of prayer, formation and fraternity to foster Christ-centered brotherhood and help men grow closer to Jesus.**



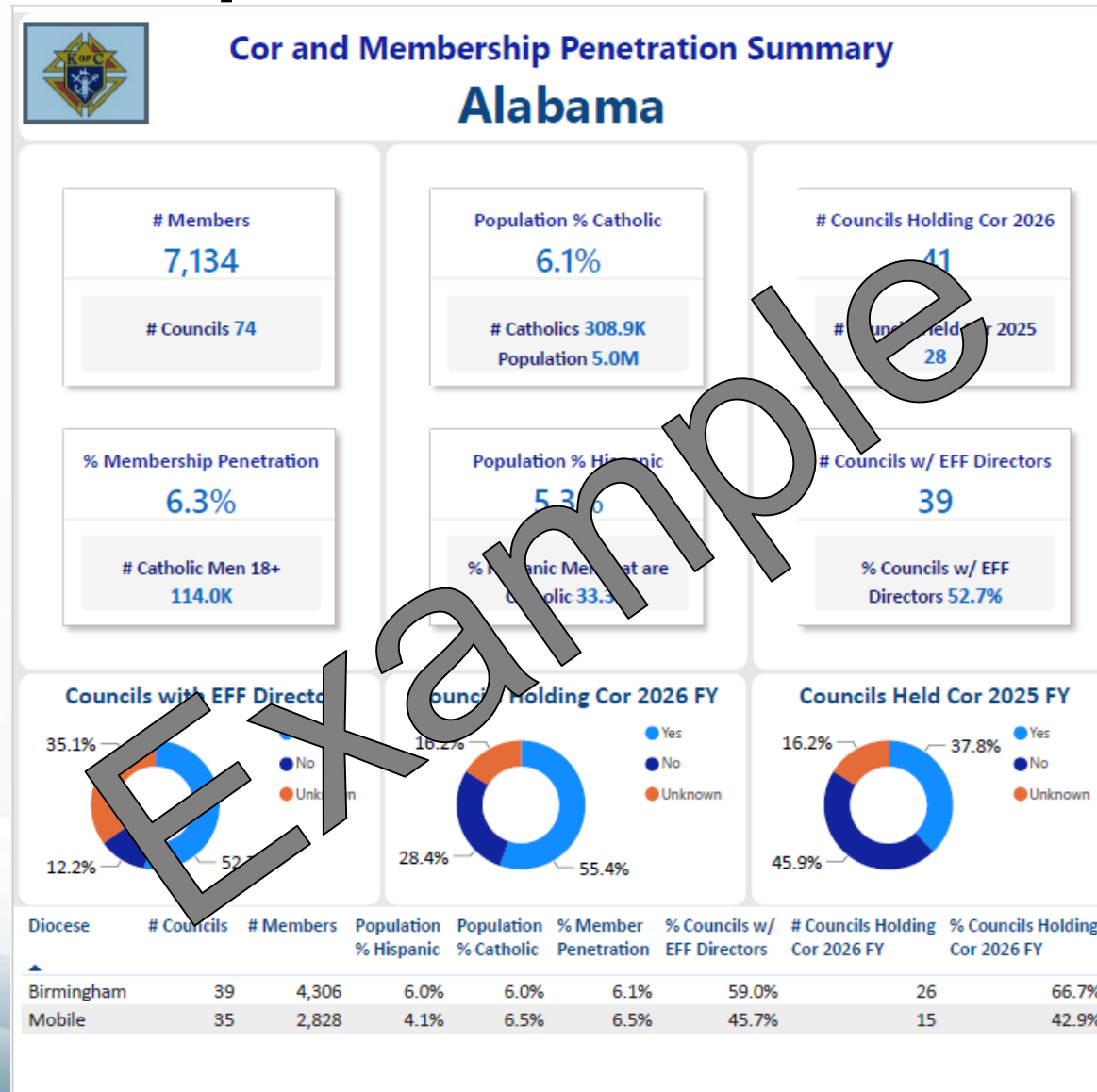
Cor Success

- Long Term
 - *Cor* in every parish
 - Prayer, formation, and fraternity for all men
- **Short Term**
 - Appoint strong EFF leaders – Team
 - Continue the cultural shift through awareness



Study: Is *Cor* good for “business”?

Cor Reports – Sharepoint Folder – Alabama



Cor is growing in Alabama, but I don't have the numbers. Despite my best efforts, I could not get access to our State Sharepoint folder - EFF - "Cor and Market Penetration Data."

Support Structure



State EFF Infrastructure

State Level

- State EFF Director
- Mike Schultz

- State Chaplain
- Very Reverend
Vernon F. Huguley



Diocesan Level

- **Diocesan EFF Coordinator(s)**
- **Birmingham**
Orlando Garcia
- **Mobile**
Hayden
Scarborough

Council Level

- Council EFF Director(s)
www.kofc.org/forms -
Council EFF Dir.
Submission Form



EFF Director Support

- Ongoing Training and Formation for leaders.
 - New *Cor* Startup Training Videos
 - New onboarding emails for Council EFF Directors (when submitted on Council EFF Dir. Form) www.kofc.org/forms
- Communication:
 - *Cor* Quarterly Newsletter
 - Fraternal Leader Advisory email



• WhatsApp, Text, Email, Phone

• www.kofc.org/cor

Action Items:

- **District Deputies**

- Accurate reporting of *Cor* activity in #944 Form
- Ensure reporting of Council EFF Director

- **Grand Knights**

- Identify or reappoint your Council EFF Director and submit the Council EFF Director Form – www.kofc.org/forms
- Please share my email with your Council EFF Director – 2pet35@gmail.com



Attend *Cor* yourselves and share your personal testimony!

• Most compelling story

Council EFF Director Submission Form



Please enter your council number: *

Jurisdiction: *

Diocese: *

Parish(es):

Council Category: *

Please enter contact information for your EFF director below:

First Name: *

Last Name: *

Email Address: *

Is this a new EFF director or someone who has held the position before? *

I consent to receiving communications from the Knights of Columbus. * ☒

Cor Resources

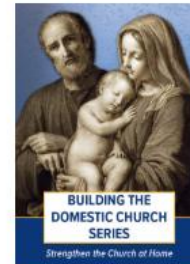


Catholic Information Service – KofC.org/shopcis

**Catholic Information Service
provides faithful, accessible low-
cost faith formation resources for
individuals, families, councils,
and parishes.**



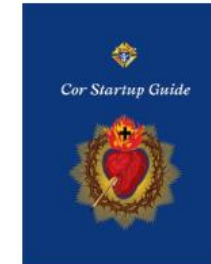
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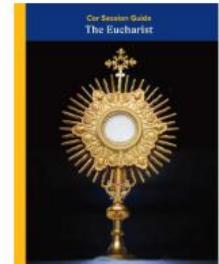
Building the Domestic Church Series



Cor Ecclesiae Series



Cor Resources



Cor Session Guides



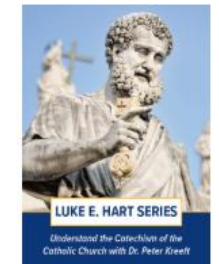
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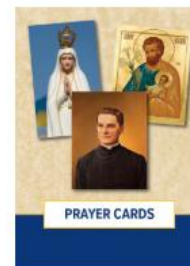
Eucharistic Revival



Into the Breach



Luke E. Hart Series



Prayer Cards



Resources for Lent



Sacred Heart Resources

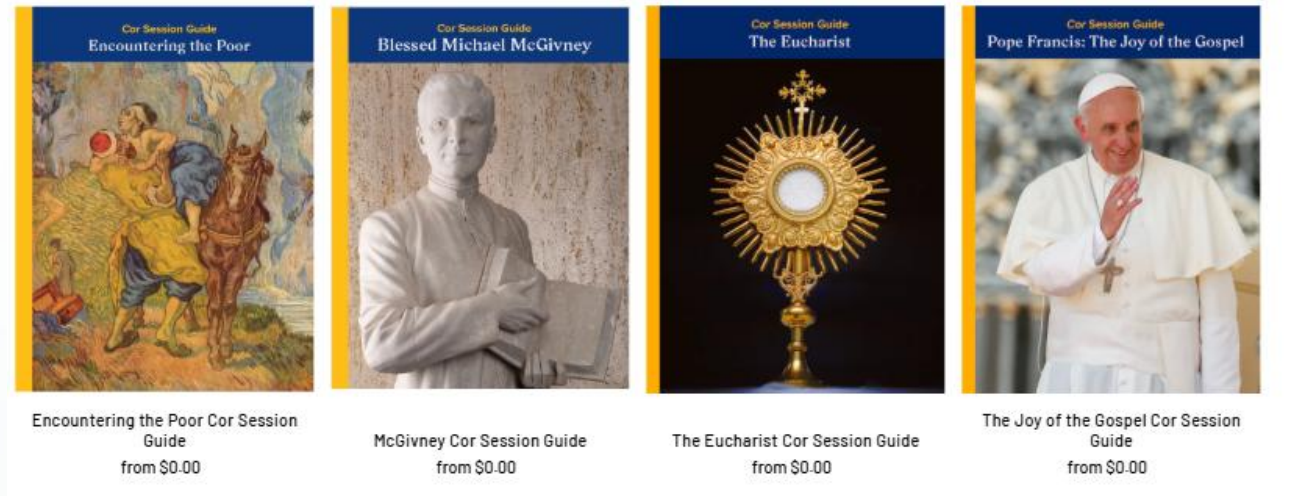


Veritas

CIS Content for *Cor* – KofC.org/shopcis

Cor Session

Provides councils with faith formation guides made to seamlessly fit in *Cor*



Cor Ecclesiae Series

The Cor Ecclesiae Series provides study and discussion guides for Church documents so groups can grow closer to Jesus Christ in the heart of the Church (Cor Ecclesiae)



Augustine Institute's "Formed" Streaming Service

- **Formed's award-winning content is available to support formation in *Cor***
- **All State Deputies, State Chaplains, State EFF Directors, and Council EFF Directors have free access to Formed**
- **Recommended *Cor* content on K of C content page**
- **To sign up: kofc.org/formed**



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INTO THE BREACH
Into the Breach



Encountering the Poor: A Knights of Columbus Training Series

- Three-part video series
- Equips Knights with insights and practical tools for serving the poor
- Developed with Christ in the City, a Catholic ministry dedicated to forming volunteers to serve the poor
- Invites Knights to go deeper in the charitable work they already do
- Companion study guide for *Cor*
- [Kofc.org/encounteringthepoor](https://kofc.org/encounteringthepoor)

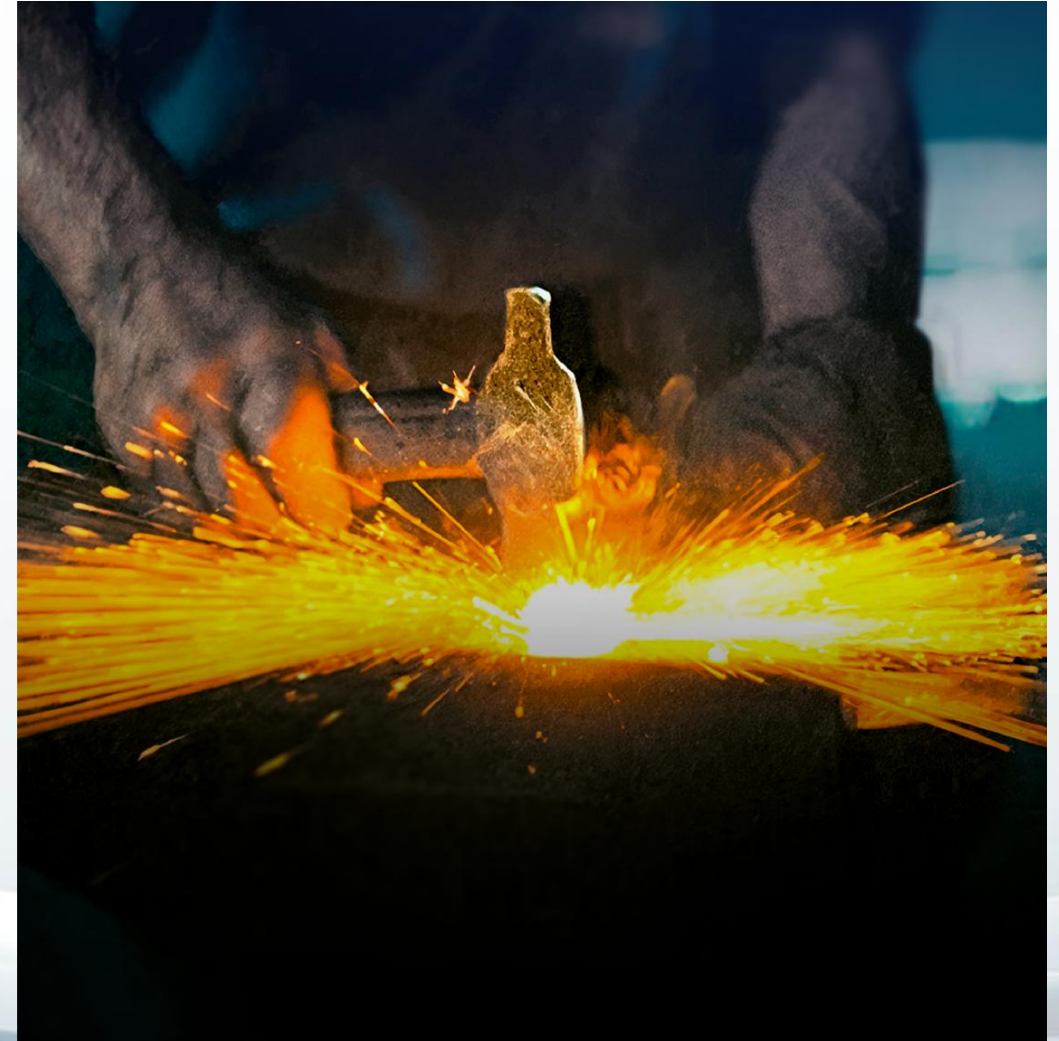


Into the Breach: The Dignity of Work

- Latest entry in the Into the Breach video series
- Explores the Catholic vision of man's mission in the world, focused on the role of work
- Five episodes
- Optimized for *Cor*
- Companion study guide
- Promotion resources



• www.kofc.org/intothebreach



Heart of the Gospel Retreat

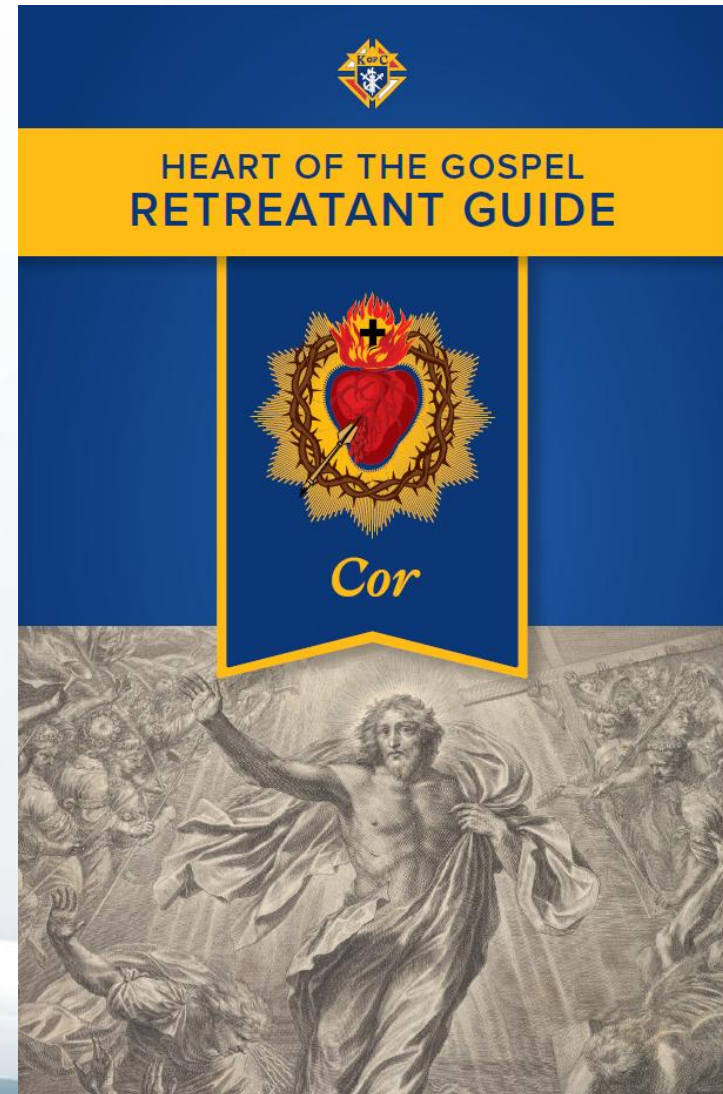
- “Retreat in a box” in partnership with Acts XXIX
 - Dynamic presentation of Kerygma – Gospel basics
- Day long, little to no cost for parish
- Cor pre- and post-retreat sessions
- Retreat resources
 - Leader and Retreatant Guide
 - Designed as a plug-n-play



• Website – www.kofc.org/gospel

Heart of the Gospel Retreat

- **Supports Faith Programs – Spiritual Reflection**
 - Must fulfill regular requirements
- **Available now in English – Spanish and French in development**
- **Jumpstart, reinvigorate, or supercharge *Cor***
 - For all men of the parish; introduction to the Order



Cor Creates Leaders, Members, and Momentum

1. Encourage Council EFF Director Reporting

1. www.kofc.org/forms

2. Identify and invite Diocesan EFF Coordinators

3. Promote *Heart of the Gospel* to be used for Spiritual Reflection Program

4. Promote *Into the Breach: The Dignity of Work* – Use this to kick off *Cor*

5. Share www.kofc.org/shopcis to order formation content





Cor



The Heart of our Mission

Thank You



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Summary

You are **VITAL** to the success of your councils and the state!

Lead, Teach, Mentor & Encourage.

Use the many resources available to you.

All of us are better than one of us.

If all of us work together it will be easy to achieve our goals.

Have fun & be the CEO of your District!

(Chief Encouragement Officer)



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VIVAT JESUS!



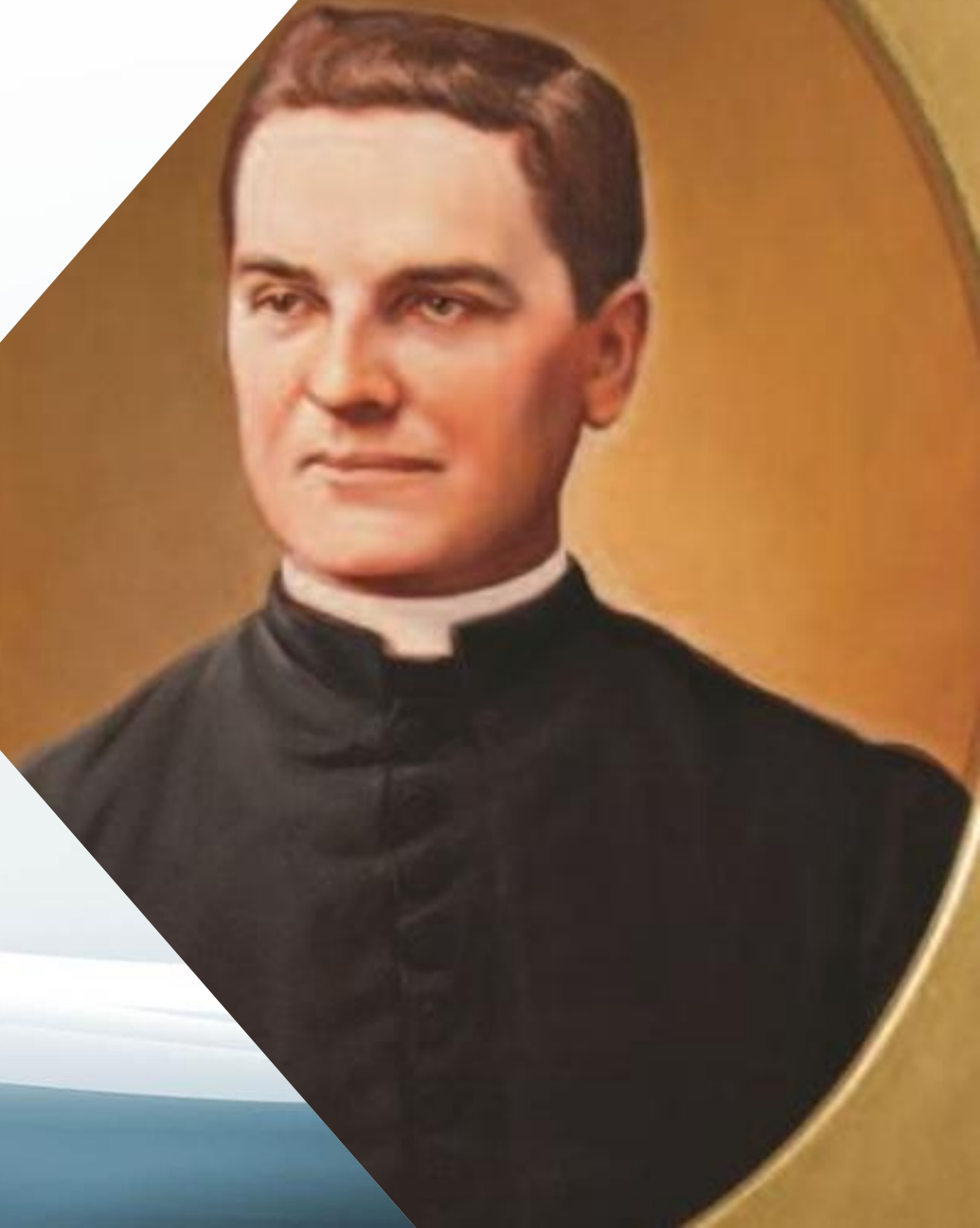
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Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

God, Our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church.



(continued...)



Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request).
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

