




Fraternal Leader Webinar

Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening our Parish

Knights of Columbus
Supreme Council
Department of Fraternal Services

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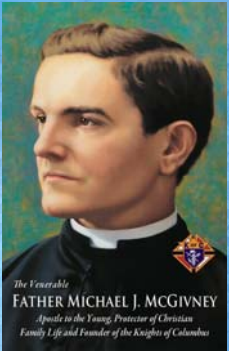


Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney


God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. 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. 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.

Our Father Hail Mary Glorify to the Father

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The Venerable
FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY
Apostle to the Young Protector of Christian Family Life and Founder of the Knights of Columbus



Building the Domestic Church Initiative

Webinar for Fraternal Leaders

- Overview
- Widgets for Resources
- Participating in the Polls
- How the Question and Answer Session will work


 Building the Domestic Church Webinar
Presenters

			
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Webinar Agenda


Getting Started with the new Initiative:

- Understanding the Domestic Church
- Fully Integrating Council in Parish Life
- New Programs
- Action Steps
- Question and Answer session



 Building the Domestic Church

"Today, the Knights of Columbus is *providentially* positioned to play a key role in the new alliance between the Church and the family called for by Pope Francis. But for us to do so requires that we adopt new methods."






Understanding the Domestic Church




BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

What Is The Domestic Church?




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"... **Believing families are of primary importance as centers of living, radiant faith.**

For this reason the Second Vatican Council, using an ancient expression, calls **the family** the *Ecclesia domestica* (domestic church).

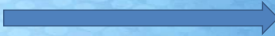
- *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*




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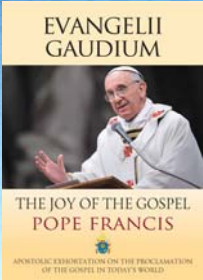
The Domestic Church

- The Church is the "family of God"
- Parents are the first teachers of the faith "by word and example"
- The home is the first school of Christian life
- All people have a family and home within the Church

Strong parishes  Strong Families



Our Missionary Spirit




EVANGELII GAUDIUM

THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL
POPE FRANCIS

APPOSTOLIC EXHORTATION ON THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL IN TODAY'S WORLD

"By her very nature the Church is missionary... she abounds in effective charity and a compassion that understands, assists and promotes."


-Pope Francis,
Evangelii Gaudium



The Renewal of Parish and Family Life

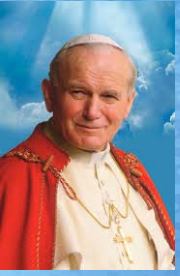
The alliance between the Church and the family:


- We (members and councils) must adopt new methods suited for what our Catholic community needs today and in the future
- Devote greater efforts to our fundamental mission, attuned to the needs and the future of our parishes and families
- Stop duplicating activities that are more appropriately done by and through the parish

 **The Renewal of Parish and Family Life**


“The renewal of the Church in America will not be possible without the active presence of the laity. Therefore they are largely responsible for the future of the Church.”

– **Saint John Paul II, *Ecclesia in America***



 **Building the Domestic Church**

“Our councils can do this by more fully integrating families into the life of the parish through the many programs of our parish-based councils.”




 **Fully Integrating Councils in Parish Life**



Initiative Goals

- Strengthening our families
- Strengthening our parishes
- Modeling a "Charity that Evangelizes"


➔ Membership & Council Growth



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Identifying Council Opportunities

- Council Officers should meet with your chaplain/pastor
- Talk to other parish leaders and families
 - What support can your council bring to men and their families within the parish?
 - Do our programs (local/state/supreme) duplicate activities?
 - How does your council enhance parish community, especially for the youth of our families?



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Implementing the Initiative within your council

- Partner with your Pastor/Chaplain on new programs
 - Consider: What does he want to implement?
- Proceed with your planned charitable programs
 - Assess each program for its impact
 - How does it support your council, your parish, and the wider Catholic community in our common mission?
 - How are your activities a "charity that evangelizes" ?



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Priorities for our Councils

- Fraternal Activities
 - Promoting the spiritual development and Catholic fraternity of our members and all men within the parish
- Parish Based Programs
 - Promote Catholic family life and youth ministry
- Charitable Works
 - Engage the entire parish
 - Evangelize through good works




New Programs




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New Programs

- Building the Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive
- Holy Family Prayer Program
- Consecration to the Holy Family
- Father's Day Affirmation of Wedding Vows

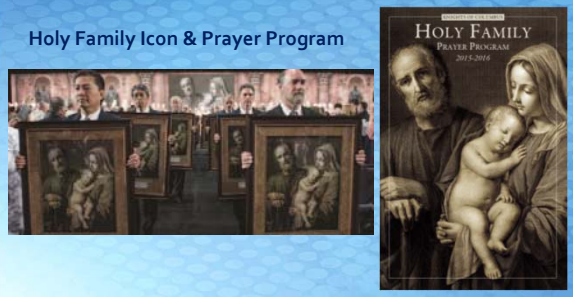
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The Family Fully Alive



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Holy Family Icon & Prayer Program




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Consecration to the Holy Family

- Every parish with Knight of Columbus Council presence
- First Sunday after Christmas
 - Feast of Holy Family (most years)





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Affirmation of Wedding Vows (Father's Day)

- Corporate Communion
- Special Vow Ceremony within Mass
- Led by Catholic husbands and fathers



Action Steps



Strengthening Our Parishes

1. Greater integration into the life of our parishes
 - End the duplication of programs that compete with parish activities
2. Accelerate moving *toward* more parish-based councils
 - Assess council and home association mission
3. Increased commitment to support families and parishes through our service programs
 - Implement new pastoral programs
4. Work more closely with parish-based youth ministry programs
 - Support the activities of parish-based schools



Strengthening Our Parishes

Service to Youth

- Support existing parish-based youth ministry programs
- Integrate the activities of Squires Circles
- Authentic Catholic scouting program



Strengthening Our Parishes

In the spirit of Father Michael McGivney, our founder, each council needs to conduct well-rounded programs in the service program categories. These programs are key to Building the Domestic Church while Strengthening our Parishes





Strengthening Our Parishes

Surge with Service Program

- Family Activity
 - Family Fully Alive Program
- Church Activity
 - Parish integration
- Youth Activity
 - Parish-based youth ministry



Strengthening Our Parishes


Surge with Service Program

- Council, Community & Culture of Life
- Engaging wider parish community
- Support spiritual development and charitable works within your parish

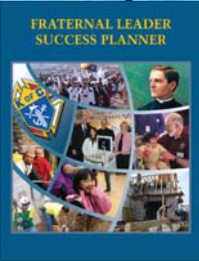


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Key Fraternal Leader Planning Tools

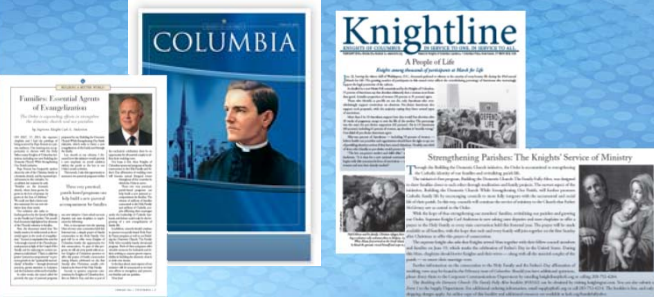



Surge... With Service
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Fraternal Leader Success Planner
#5033

Stay Current with Initiative Updates








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Initiative Questions

- **WEB:** kofc.org/domesticchurch
- **EMAIL:** knightline@kofc.org
 –Include in subject line: “Domestic Church Initiative” for all written communications
- **MAIL :** Knights of Columbus
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Questions and Answers




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Thank you for attending this webinar!


Next webinars – Mark your Calendars

- Conducting Charitable Outreach Programs
 March 19th, 2016 2 PM Eastern Time
- Finishing the Fraternal Year Strong
 June 4th, 2016 2 PM Eastern Time

 **A Family Prayer**

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation to love. In our daily life and work, may we reflect the self-giving love which you, O Father, eternally show with your Son and the Holy Spirit. Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns in our home and in the faith we profess and live. May our family always be a place of generosity, understanding, forgiveness and joy. Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witnesses to your eternal design for the family; and grant that the Holy Family of Nazareth may always guide our path to holiness as a family. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.



 **Strengthening Our Parishes**

“The closer the Knights of Columbus becomes to parish life; the closer we work with our parish priests; and the more we support Catholic families, the more our Order has grown in membership and charity.”