

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH WHILE STRENGTHENING OUR PARISH

A Knights of Columbus Initiative

Meeting with Your Pastor – Grand Knight's Preparation

1. Ask your pastor for a meeting to discuss the new *Building the Domestic Church* initiative and how it will enhance your council's relationship with your parish. If your pastor is not your council chaplain, be sure to set a time when your chaplain can also attend a meeting with your pastor.
2. Read the Supreme Knight's December and January columns in *Columbia* magazine in advance of your meeting.
3. Bring a copy of the *Building the Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive* (#10162) program booklet to the meeting for discussion.
4. Be open to new ideas and opportunities that your pastor may have for your council.
5. Make plans to continue this conversation with your pastor as new Domestic Church materials become available from the Supreme Council.

Conversation Topics and Questions

The Building the Domestic Church initiative is intended to strengthen and support Catholic families. In order accomplish this Knights of Columbus and their families must be fully integrated into the sacramental life of the parish.

This initiative is a direct response to Pope Francis' call for a new alliance between the Church and the family. Knights of Columbus resources, programs and membership should be utilized to support the programs and initiatives of their parishes.

- What are the top parish priorities over the next few years? How can your council lead or support those initiatives?
- What is your council already doing that your pastor and parish would like you to continue or expand in support of parish families?
- How can the council be a vehicle for the men of your parish to grow in their faith and support and nurture the Catholic faith within their families?
- Could the Family Fully Alive monthly program be incorporated into the parish's ministry to families? How can the Knights of Columbus help to facilitate this experience?

Under the banner of our new initiative, *Building the Domestic Church*, we are aligning our youth activities with the mission and goals of our parishes and providing volunteers and financial support for those initiatives.

- How is youth ministry currently being run and supported at the parish? How can your council members be more supportive or involved in the parish-based youth ministry activities?
- *(If you have a Squire Circle)* Would the pastor like the council to continue to support and administer the circle as a young men's ministry of the parish? If not, what is the youth activity program or ministry that could use the support of the council?
- *(If you sponsor a Boy Scout Troop)* Knights of Columbus will no longer be a sponsoring entity for BSA troops but are encouraged to continue their volunteer and financial support through the parish. Would the parish like to sponsor the charter of the Boy Scout Troop as a ministry of the parish? This would mean that the parish would become the charter sponsor of the troop. If the pastor wishes, the council can still lend financial support and organizational leadership.