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# Introducing Faith In Action — A New Model for a New Age

### Revised program takes effect during the 2018-2019 fraternal year, replacing Surge With Service

Paith In Action arrives July 1 to bring a new focus on faith, family, community and life to councils worldwide. The first change of this kind since 1971, the model more fully integrates Christ-centered family programs into daily council activities.

Faith In Action is straightforward and easy to implement. It provides all Knights the opportunity to do what they do best: stand shoulder to shoulder as a force for good in their home, parish, community and the world.

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#### IN THIS SPECIAL EDITION

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### FAITH IN ACTION

### Q & A: How the New Program Model Works

Leaders and members in the Knights of Columbus have to meet the demands of a changing world. Here are some questions and answers showing how the Faith In Action model will help councils transform themselves, their families and their communities.

#### WHAT IS FAITH IN ACTION?

Faith In Action is the new umbrella program covering all Supreme Council-recommended programs. It replaces Surge With Service, which began in 1971.

#### WHY THE CHANGE?

Faith In Action is more simple for councils, and it makes clear the roles and requirements of all Supreme Council-recommended programs. It offers a stronger call to action, better inspiring Knights to lead their families and parishes in quality, faith-filled family programs.

"The Faith In Action model is exactly what the Knights of Columbus should be focused on: quality, faith-filled family programs via dynamic parish-based councils."

— Knight Joseph J. Cudzilo, South Dakota

#### WHAT INSPIRED THE FAITH IN ACTION MODEL?

The new model takes its inspiration from the Domestic Church program, which focuses on creating dynamic parish-based councils. Likewise, spiritual renewal is at the center of the new model, especially the renewal of family, council and parish life.

#### **HOW IS THE NEW MODEL STRUCTURED?**

It is divided into four categories of programs: Faith, Family, Community and Life.

"Surge with Service has done its job.

But the world has changed and our religion is taking a back seat in families, communities and governments.

I am excited for the new direction being set for the Knights of Columbus."

— Grand Knight Ed Monteiro, British Columbia

#### WHY WERE THESE CATEGORIES CHOSEN?

They represent our main priorities as an Order: The primary goal is to strengthen our men and their families in the Catholic **faith**. We also emphasize the vital role that a devout and loyal **family** plays in modern society. Additionally, a critical part of our mission as Knights is to spread a spirit of charity and service throughout our **community**. Finally, both as Knights of Columbus and as followers of Christ, we have an obligation to "be committed to the defense of **life** in all its stages and in every condition" (St. John Paul II).

#### HOW DOES A COUNCIL KNOW WHAT PROGRAMS TO CONDUCT?

A council may develop and conduct any program that makes a difference in their parish or community. However, the Supreme Council does recommend 32 programs — eight for each category (see chart page 3).

### HAS THE COLUMBIAN AWARD REMAINED? IF SO, WHAT'S NOW REQUIRED?

Yes. A council must earn a total of 16 program credits and complete these four programs: Spiritual Reflection Program, Consecration to the Holy Family, Helping Hands and Novena for Life. The *Columbian Award Application* (#SP-7) will be updated to reflect the new requirements.





"I'm excited about the changes. I love the new more spiritually-based focus.

I just mentioned the new "faith" category and some possible directions to my home council pastor. ...

He loved it because the focus of the direction the Knights are moving with this new Faith In Action ties in directly with our new archdiocesan evangelization and outreach emphasis."

— District Deputy Craig Vavak, Nebraska

#### **HOW DOES A COUNCIL EARN PROGRAM CREDITS?**

A council earns credits for every program it conducts. Featured programs earn councils two credits, while all other Supreme-Council recommended programs earn councils a single credit.

#### WHAT ARE THE FEATURED PROGRAMS IN THE FAITH IN ACTION MODEL?

The featured programs are Refund Support Vocations Program, Food for Families, Coats for Kids, Global Wheelchair Mission, Habitat for Humanity, March for Life, Special Olympics and the Ultrasound Program. *Note: Columbian Squires is no longer a featured program.* 

#### HOW CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM MODEL?

For more details, talk to your grand knight and your local district deputy. Additional information can be found at kofc.org/faithinaction.

#### FAITH IN ACTION RECOMMENDED PROGRAMS

FAITH	Community
Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)*	Coats for Kids*
Into the Breach	Global Wheelchair Mission*
Marian Icon Prayer Program	Habitat for Humanity*
Building the Domestic Church Kiosk	Disaster Preparedness
Rosary Program	Free Throw Championship
Spiritual Reflection Program New	Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
Holy Hour <i>New</i>	Soccer Challenge
Sacramental Gifts New	Helping Hands <i>New</i>
FAMILY	Life
Food for Families*	Marches for Life*
Family of the Month/Year	Special Olympics*
Keep Christ in Christmas	Ultrasound Program*
Family Fully Alive	Christian Refugee Relief
Family Week	Silver Rose
Consecration to the Holy Family	Mass for People with Special Needs <i>New</i>
Family Prayer Night <i>New</i>	Pregnancy Center Support New
Good Friday Family Promotion <i>New</i>	Novena for Life <i>New</i>

<sup>\*</sup> A featured program

### FAITH IN ACTION

### Service Model Introduces Nine Programs to the Order

The Faith In Action model has a total of 32 programs.

Among them are nine new programs designed to revitalize you, your parish, your council and your community.

#### **HOLY HOUR**

Eucharistic adoration in the form of a Holy Hour is a simple way to carry on the Church's long tradition of worship before the Blessed Sacrament. Councils will now work with their pastors to organize regular Knights of Columbus Holy Hours which may include reflections, a communal rosary and intercessory prayers to St. Joseph, Venerable Father McGivney and the councils' patrons.

### PREGNANCY CENTER SUPPORT

Father McGivney formed the Knights to provide for widows and their children. Today, such care extends to parents facing unexpected pregnancies, as well as their unborn children, both before and after birth. To better help them, moving forward councils will provide extensive support to pro-life pregnancy centers in their local areas. *Note: This is a new activity unrelated to the Ultrasound Initiative. The two activities are separate and cannot be double-counted.* 

### GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY PROMOTION

Our Christian faith centers on Christ's passion, death and resurrection. But attendance at Good Friday and Easter services is declining. Now, through this promotion, Knights and their families will work with their pastor to create a campaign promoting the importance of Good Friday services. Knights will take this opportunity to also educate parish families about the plight of Christians living in the Holy Land today.





### **SACRAMENTAL GIFTS**

Our councils play an integral role in helping Catholics understand and value the sacraments as pivotal moments in their lives. Now, councils will together pray for recipients of the sacraments and offer them gifts marking the significance of the occasion.

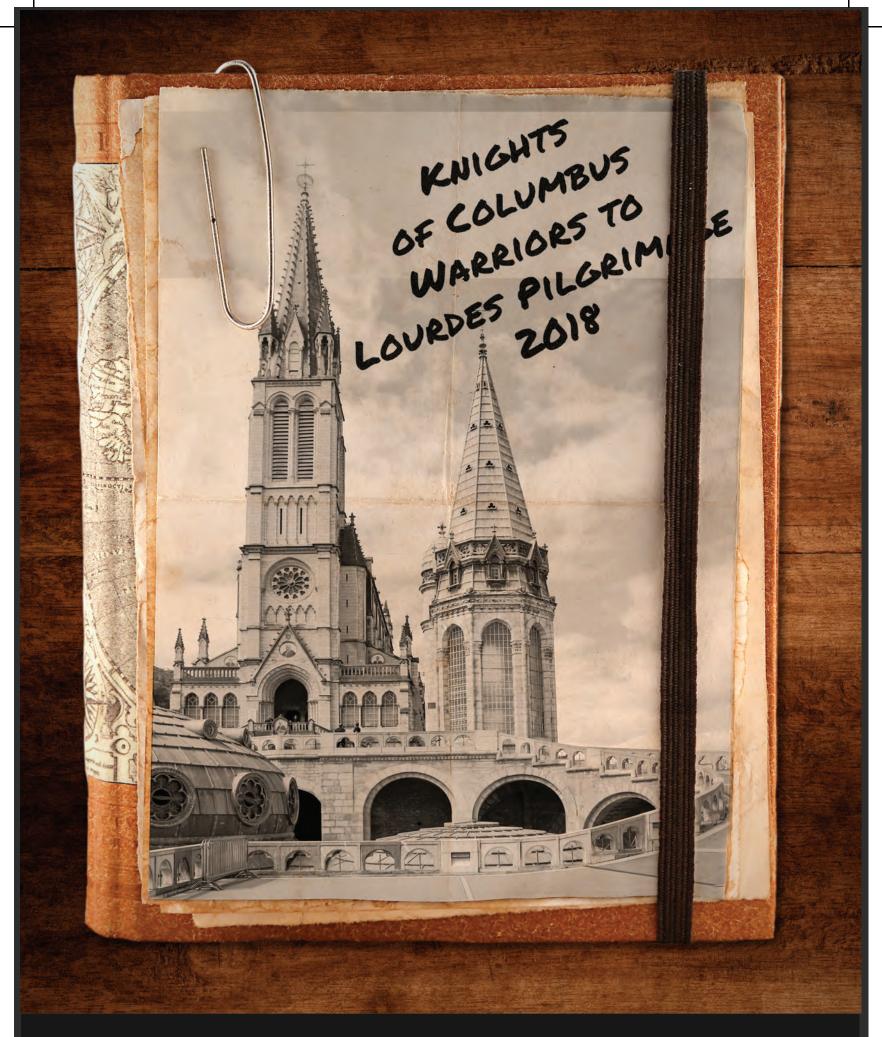
#### **FAMILY PRAYER NIGHT**

It can be a challenge to raise children in the faith without the support and companionship of other Catholic families. Family Prayer Night provides an opportunity for council members, their spouses and children, as well as other Catholic families, to come together regularly for prayer, dinner and fellowship.

### MASSES FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The Knights of Columbus affirms, welcomes and defends life in all its stages and in every condition. Yet people with intellectual or physical disabilities (and their families) may still feel excluded or unwelcome in our parishes and communities. It is an obligation of Knights to never let this happen. A dedicated Mass — organized with help from the council — is the first of many steps toward ensuring they regularly attend Mass and become an integral part of the parish family.

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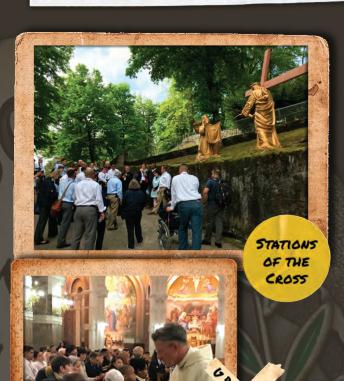
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"THE WTL PILGRIMAGE REALLY DOES EMBODY ALL THE PILLARS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: WE ARE SERVING OTHERS IN CHARITY; IT GIVES US THE CHANCE TO BOND TOGETHER AND REALLY FORM THE UNITY AND FRATERNITY THAT IS A KEY PART OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. AND, OF COURSE, BEING HERE WITH ALL THESE DIFFERENT MILITARIES, EXPERIENCING THE PATRIOTISM THAT WE ALL SHARE TOGETHER, REALLY BRINGS ALL THOSE IDEALS TOGETHER."

TRIP LEADER PAUL ZEPERNICK

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Friday had a lot in store for our Warriors, volunteers and caregivers!

A visit to the healing Baths of Lourdes; a beautiful morning participating in the Stations of the Cross; a gathering for Mass at the famous Grotto of Massabielle; the Opening Mass for American Pilgrims at the Rosary Basilica, where pilgrims were joined by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and his wife, Dorian; and finally, united with military members of more than 50 countries, the Opening Ceremony of the 60th Annual International Military Pilgrimage, held in the Basilica of St. Pius X.

As shared by Father Raymond Akeriwe, military chaplain, praying together in Lourdes offered the pilgrims "a beautiful encounter between humanity and God."



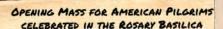






OPENING CEREMONY



















### 19 MAY 2018

Our American pilgrims began their day by gathering with hundreds of members of the armed forces of Canada, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Norway and other English-speaking nations to celebrate Mass at the Grotto.

Later, the streets of Lourdes shone with their candles as they joined the thousands of international military pilgrims for an evening Marian Procession.

DON'T FORGET TO VISIT WARRIORSTOLOURDES.COM FOR MORE

"Ever since becoming Catholic I've heard about Lourdes. It is an answer to prayers that I was able to come. Whether you're suffering emotionally or physically, you receive God's grace. And I think that's why people are drawn - KIMBERLY COLBY, WARRIOR PILGRIM here."











### DID YOU MISS THEM?



Several live videos of the Marian Procession were shared on the Knights of Columbus official Twitter account.

Even if you missed their debut, they're still available by visiting Twitter or the K of C Social Media Hub.













"BEING HERE IN OUR LADY'S
SHRINE, REALIZING THE IMPORTANT
ROLE THAT SHE HAS PLAYED, IT'S A
MIRACLE TO KNOW THAT YOU HAVE
A LOVING MOTHER IN HEAVEN."
FATHER DENNIS CALLAN,
MILITARY CHAPLAIN

### BUSTER MISCUSI, TRIP LEADER:

"The first time we came to
Lourdes we came as pilgrims, and
I was in a wheelchair. I was
certainly asking for healing the
first time around. Lourdes offers a
place for healing that really sets
the foundation to not only heal
internally but as a community."

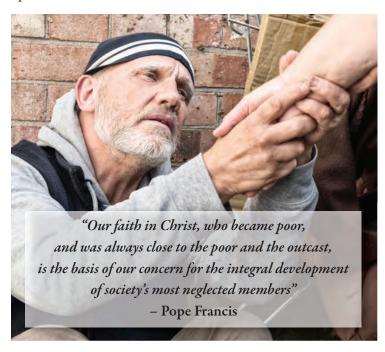






### **HELPING HANDS**

This program continues the important work many councils already do to extend to others the friendship and love of God. Under this newly named program, councils have the freedom to organize activities that best suit their community, whether it's serving at a soup kitchen, helping the homeless, aiding refugees or something entirely unique. *Note: This is a new activity unrelated to the Food for Families program. The two activities are separate and cannot be double-counted.* 



## Program Model Brings Change to Safe Environment Program

hen the Faith In Action program model rolls out on July 1, several council officers and chairmen will be required to take safe environment training. Many will also be required to provide authorization for a background check.

The first step is to complete the *Service Program Personnel Report* (#365). Including your members' email addresses on this form will allow Praesidium, the Knights of Columbus' safe environment partner, to send notifications to those needing training and background checks. The first notifications will be sent via email and will include assigned usernames and passwords.

Email notifications cannot be forwarded or used by another director or chair. They are also time-sensitive: The recipient must complete the training and background check authorization within 30 days of notification. Members who are not compliant within 30 days of notification are subject to removal from their positions.

Knights of Columbus covers all costs associated with these requirements.

### SPIRITUAL REFLECTION PROGRAM

Families need rejuvenating spiritual events that inspire them in the moment and shape their future. Under the Faith In Action program model, councils will work with pastors to host and attend low-cost retreats. These events could be open only to council members or men of the parish, or entire families.

#### **NOVENA FOR LIFE**

Knights will lead their communities in the spiritual battle to establish a culture of life, primarily by praying and promoting a novena (nine days of sustained prayer) with their parishes, families and the wider community.

### Grand Knight's Checklist

### Status Updates

• Confirm that your council remains compliant with all new Safe Environment requirements (see page 7).

### Things to Do

- Host an organizational meeting with your council's officers, appointed directors and chairmen — especially your program and membership directors, financial secretary and chaplain — before July 1.
  - ♦ Discuss the failures and success of last year's projects.
  - Decide which programs to repeat and which to add. Set membership and insurance goals, the budget and the social calendar.
  - ❖ Establish tentative start and end dates for the year's programs. Assign directors and chairman, create a program committee meeting schedule and present the finalized plan to your council for approval.

### **Upcoming Deadlines**

• June 30 – Columbian Award Application (#SP-7), Round Table Report (#2630) and Civic Award Application (#2321) due.

*Note:* For #SP-7, use the form dated for the 2017-2018 fraternal year. Do not use the revised form until reporting on the 2018-2019 fraternal year.

- July 1 the revised Report of Officers Chosen (#185) due.
   Implementation date of the Faith In Action program model.
- Aug. 1 the revised *Service Program Personnel Report* (#365) due.

### SHORT TAKES



### Win a Free Trip to See Pope Francis

Winning an all-expense paid trip for you and your wife to Ireland is as easy as recruiting a new member.

Recruit a new member by June 30, and you will be automatically be entered into a lottery drawing for tickets to the World Meeting of Families, hosted this year in Dublin, Aug. 21-26.

For every additional man you recruit, your name is entered again, increasing your chance to win. And Pope Francis will be joining families for the last days of the event. So what are you waiting for? Recruit as many members as you can before the end of June!

### The Knight Behind the Nametag

We're all frequently reminded to wear name badges and K of C items, especially before volunteer or recruitment event. Have you ever thought how the benefit of wearing our badges go far beyond these events?

When you wear your name badge at a church event, parishioners can immediately identify you. They see a trusted person who can answer questions or lend a helping hand. Fellow members see a friend and brother Knight. Your pastor sees a Knight who might serve as an usher, a greeter or a Eucharistic minister. A young father sitting in the pew near you sees a person he can ask about joining the Order.

Your name badge brands you. It tells everyone you encounter that you are a man of faith, a man of character, a man willing to lend a hand. In short, it tells everyone that you are a Knights of Columbus.

### Do You Know A Hero? Help Share the Stories of "Everyday Heroes"

Do you know a Knight whose courage, faith and commitment to charity embody the mission of the Knights of Columbus? Let us know and he might be featured in the Knights of Columbus-exclusive "Everyday Heroes" online video series, our print and online publications, and in other ways.

Share your hero's story by completing the form available at https://kofcsupreme.forms-db.com/view.php?id=18340. To watch our Everyday Heroes video series, visit kofceverydayheroes.org.



### Avoid the Summertime Slump by Hosting a Family Celebration

This summer, put family first by inviting your parish and greater community to celebrate Knights of Columbus Family Week.

Family Week is a special opportunity to celebrate families in a fun and enjoyable setting. Support materials and resources that help you plan activities for a variety of ages and interests are available at kofc.org/familyweek.

**Please note:** Family Week is traditionally held in August, but it can take place any time during the summer. Councils should choose whatever month and dates work best for their pastor, parish and community.

### Discover More About the Faith Through the Catholic Correspondence Course

CIS's Catholic Correspondence Course provides a start for anyone who wishes to review and explore Church teaching.

The course, which is offered as a mail-based or online program, has two tracks. The first is based on our Luke E. Hart Series, which addresses Catholic beliefs, Catholic worship and Catholic life. The second is based on the Faith Formation Series, which helps Catholics and non-Catholics alike understand Church teaching.

There is no charge for the course. All correspondence is confidential. No one will call. It's just a simple way to learn more about the faith.

Check it out today. Visit kofc.org/cis.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

### Your Family's Future: Don't 'Set It and Forget It.'

General Agent Ryan Lister of St. Charles Council 823 shared with Knightline the importance of regular insurance checkups.

A member of the Order since 2006, Lister serves Knights and their families in Eastern Missouri.

Like physical health, maintaining financial health requires frequent checkups. Financial needs are a moving target so they must be looked at periodically. We can't treat our retirement plans with a "set it and forget it" philosophy.

The Knights of Columbus' portfolio of protection should not be any different. Start by meeting with your local field agent. It will be a friendly encounter that will include a fraternal update and a complimentary financial checkup. Likely, the agent will look at your current financial situation and it's impact on your family's retirement goals, security and general welfare.

He also will discuss the Order's "Tradition of Protection," explaining our founding mission and current events. He will talk about benefits relevant to you, and explain how those benefits can augment and safeguard your portfolios. A confidential "Family Service Record" is then updated and individualized recommendations are made.

The field agent exists solely to ensure your full financial protection. If he finds that you are well-situated, then you have the increased peace of mind that comes from this validation. If he discovers some gap or oversight, then you have an opportunity to implement a remedy before a small problem becomes a disaster. The meeting has no risk and can be a major win.



When members obtain their protection from the K of C, they are availing themselves of exclusive benefits that non-members cannot access. These exclusive benefits not only help their families, but the good works and mission of the Order. If our members are the bone and fiber of the Order, then the insurance is the lifeblood.

Encourage a culture of protection in your council by visiting kofc.org/insurance today. Live in Missouri? See how Ryan and his team can help protect you and your family by contacting the Lister Agency today. Email ryan.lister@kofc.org or call 636-856-1505.

### Recruiting Tip of the Month: Meet Prospects One-on-One

rganize an informal family gathering where potential candidates can meet existing members. The smaller crowd and more relaxed environment will allow prospects to witness how Knights of Columbus men and their families bring love, joy and enthusiasm to their everyday activities.

### Seeing Is Believing

Nothing beats the witness of Knights actively helping the parish or community, according to David Mickiewicz of St. Fabian Council 967 in Bridgeview, Ill. Mickiewicz is one of several successful recruiters who participated in the filming of videos now available on the Fraternal Training Portal. "I always encourage councils to work together to form events." he said. "It's always worth it to reach out. You should be proud of what you can do for your parish and honored to ask men to join ranks with you."

### Recruit Quickly and Efficiently: Here's How

Link to knights.net in a Facebook post, Twitter message or an email. Prospects who sign up via knights.net can transfer to your council whenever they're ready to be active. When a member transfers:

- He retains all of the benefits and access he had as an online member.
- The local council gets quota credit as if he were a new member and not a transfer.
- The local council will get a dues adjustment, processed by the Supreme Council's General Office team.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. This means that an applicant or member accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.

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