

Faith Activities

Strengthening Our Faith, Journeying with Our Families

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As Knights of Columbus our goal is to strengthen our men and their families in Faith. When we entered the Order, we were reminded to constantly inform ourselves in the Catholic Faith. When Knights of Columbus members come together as one for their Councils and Parishes, they accomplish great things.

“Faith In Action” – Faith Programs for Star Council Award

Spiritual Reflection Program – Plan a day of reflection or a weekend retreat.

Refund Support Vocations Program “RSVP” – Keep the Faith alive by supporting our seminarians and postulants.

Additional Supreme - Recommended Programs

Into the Breach – Holy Hour - Building the Domestic Church Kiosk

Rosary Program - Sacramental Gifts - Marian Icon Prayer Program

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Faith in Action – Supreme Programs

Building the Domestic Church – Kiosk

Help strengthen the domestic church (our families) by providing exceptional religious education materials to all Catholics. *Building the Domestic Church Kiosks* contain engaging, faith-based literature and are available for councils to distribute to members, parishioners, and the general public. By organizing activities in your parishes, councils will educate and evangelize using the rich resources found in the Catholic Information Service (CIS) Building the Domestic Church series of booklets. For \$150, councils will receive a *Building the Domestic Church Kiosk* (#BDC-K) and the first set of 225 booklets of the most popular CIS resources, aimed at helping Catholics to live out the Church's vision for our families.



Holy Hour

Encourage deep personal encounter with God. Councils work with their pastors to organize a regular Holy Hour of eucharistic adoration. A Knights of Columbus Holy Hour, prepared for the men of the parish, could include a reflection, communal rosary, and various other aspects as decided by the council. Eucharistic adoration in the form of a regularly scheduled Holy Hour is a simple, direct and meaningful way to address needs.

Into The Breach

Deepen member spirituality and formation to combat the crisis of religious faith in our world. Into The Breach is a call to battle for Catholic men which urges them to wholeheartedly embrace masculine virtues in a world at crisis. Councils can institute men's study groups to read the Apostolic Exhortation *Into the breach* and use copies of the *Into the Breach Booklet and Study Guide* as a resource.

Rosary Program

Build faithful families and communities through rosary prayer. The Knights of Columbus Rosary Program encourages councils to promote devotion to the rosary in our families and parishes by scheduling regular rosary prayer services. Kits with rosary rings, rosary prayer guides, and leader books are available for councils to order. This program encourages devotion to Mary, the patroness of our Order, and emphasizes the importance of prayer in community and as a family.



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. As children and adults members become more integrated into the life of the church and their parish, they should know that members of the Knights of Columbus will always be present in a tangible and meaningful way, regardless of who else is there for them.

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 perhaps organize their own event for the men of their parish. Council participation in Spiritual Reflection is **NOT** a required Program to qualify for the Columbian Award.



Marian Icon Prayer, Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians

Spread devotion to Our Lady and pray for our brothers and sisters of faith who are at risk around the world through the Marian Icon Prayer Program. As the new Marian Icon is brought on pilgrimage through the jurisdiction, councils will host the Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians Icon for a prayer service at their parish. Each Knights of Columbus jurisdiction receives several Marian images, which serve as the centerpiece for prayer services conducted in churches and council meeting places throughout the Order for the duration of the initiative.

Religious Appreciation & Pilgrimages



When Jesus walked this earth, he told his disciples *“What so ever you do for the least of my brothers, you are doing it for me.”* Our Order is established on that principle of Charity.

With our clergy appreciation programs throughout the year every Council, Assembly and Auxiliary have an opportunity to show our clergy and religious just how much they are appreciated. We are blessed for each of their sacrifices made to follow Christ and devote their lives to serving our Mother Church and the needs of others. Please take time to show them by honoring them at your parish with the church community or taking them out to diner some evening.

For centuries Catholics have undertaken pilgrimages as journeys of devotion. In 2010 Pope Benedict XVI said *“To go on pilgrimage is not simply to visit a place to admire its treasures or nature, art or history. . . To go on pilgrimage really means to step out of ourselves in order to encounter God.”* The State Council will continue to offer pilgrimages to help the Councils, Assemblies and Auxiliaries further their faith and relationships with God. Councils can attend religious retreats and days of reflection organized by other groups. However, if they are attending a reflection and not planning it themselves, council attendance should be significant with at least 10 percent of the council or a minimum of 10 members participating.

Again, this fraternal year we are planning to have a pilgrimage in each dioceses/archdiocese throughout the State. More information will be published on these pilgrimages as the fraternal year gets underway. Please look for information to be coming out this fall for events to be scheduled after the first of the year.

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Faith Enrichment

As Knights and Lady Auxiliary members we are all called to serve God our Father, Lord Jesus Christ, Holy Mother Church and our parish communities. Father Rick Jones will be our spiritual guidance as the Faith Enrichment coordinator appointed by our Worthy State Deputy. Father Rick will be following the direction of our State Deputy's moto, Jesus Only You - "JOY".

As the Faith Enrichment coordinator, he can help provide guidance for our Councils, Assemblies and Auxiliaries by assisting with:

- Meeting with your Pastor and align your council's agenda with his plans and needs.
- Discuss goals and planned activities for your council's fraternal year that will support the Parish.
- Ask for pastoral guidance to ensure your council remains on a sound spiritual footing.
- Ask what your council can do to help support his pastoral work and then LISTEN!
- Implement programs that teach and promote the sustaining gift of God's sacraments.
- Implement programs that teach and promote our common priesthood.
- Promote a positive image of our priests in the parish, in the home and in the community

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Missouri Religious Vocation Fund

The Missouri Religious Vocation Fund was established to aid the Dioceses of Kansas City/St. Joseph, Jefferson City & Springfield/Cape Girardeau and Archdiocese of St. Louis to aid in promoting future vocations. The dioceses and archdiocese are working to inform students of the vocations in grade schools, high schools and colleges. Our goal, this year is \$20,000 for the four areas within Missouri. To be successful and assist this program we are praying for each Council, Assembly and Auxiliary to consider contributions and donations of just \$0.50 per member to help us meet our goal and provide support to the dioceses and archdiocese.

A suggestion to help us meet this goal would be to use the \$100 reimbursement that you get back from the Supreme RSVP program and donate it to the **Missouri Religious Vocation** program. Checks should be made out to "Columbian Charities" and include a note that the donation is to go to the Missouri Religious Vocation Fund. This can be sent to our state chairman, Joe Stoverink at the address below.

There is an additional way you can support the Missouri Religious Vocation program currently. It is by getting a personalized Missouri Knights of Columbus license plate for your vehicle. With a \$25 donation (one-year plate) or a \$50 donation (two-year plate) this is possible. You will need to submit a "*Emblem Use Authorization Statement form*" that is available on the Missouri State Website and submit it to Ralph Cupelli at 6 Circle Drive in Kirksville, MO 63501. Please make your check out to "Columbian Charities" when submitting for these license plates.

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Diocesan Chairman

The diocesan chairmen are the liaison between the Knights of Columbus and the Dioceses and Archdiocese of Missouri. They are responsible for the vocations programs in the diocese done in conjunction with the Knights and will help you with seminarians to sponsor. Not only will the chairmen communicate with the District Deputies and Grand Knights concerning activities and opportunities within their areas, but they will keep in touch with the Dioceses and Archdiocese on individual council activities. If we are to build up the Catholic Church, good communications with our Bishops are extremely vital for our success.



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Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)

Keep the faith alive by supporting our seminarians and postulants. 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. Knights of Columbus stand in solidarity with our priest and religious. Through this program, council and parish families will raise funds to support seminarians in their areas. For every \$500 donated to an individual seminarian or religious aspirant, the Supreme Council will refund \$100 back to the council, up to a maximum of \$400 (four individuals) per council per fraternal year.

Supreme Form 2863 is what you will need to fill out to receive your reimbursement. Be sure to send a copy to your diocesan chairman as well. This is a outstanding program from Supreme, and as such you get your council additional credit for your Columbian Application, when submitted near the end of the fraternal year. A good way to use your reimbursement from Supreme, may be to donate this reimbursement to the **Missouri Religious Vocations Fund**, which, as a reminder, is a completely different program.

Msgr. Joseph Mancuso Catholic Education Grant Program

Providing a strong Catholic education for our youth has always been a priority of the Missouri State Knights of Columbus. Beginning in 1984, Msgr. Joseph Mancuso spearheaded a drive to establish a \$1,000,000 Trust Fund to support and fund Catholic



education programs around the state. Since 1990 interest earned from this fund has provided over \$700,000 in grants to Catholic schools and parish-based religious programs. During the 2019-2020 fraternal year this program was able to provide grants totaling \$50,000 to almost 100 education programs throughout the four dioceses and archdiocese in Missouri.

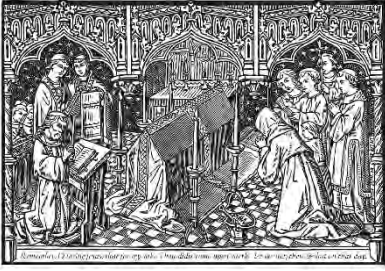
Catholic schools, which include pre-schools, parochial schools and high schools along with K-12 religious education programs can apply for either a \$500 or \$1000 grant. Application forms are available on the state council website under the forms section and are due, no latter then **March 1st – no late forms will be accepted.** While electronic submissions are highly preferred, if you have issues with the online form please contact Father Weber. Please follow the criteria precisely.

Grant Criteria when submitting your application.

- Deals with a specifically Catholic dimension of education which is in conformity with the Magisterium of the Catholic Church.
- Would affect a high percentage of the potential number of students enrolled or other persons involved.
- Shows promise of continuing after the initial funding is expended.
- Does not merely replace what is an expected service but offers an improved dimension (supplements basic programs, does not supplant, or initiates a needed program).
- Could be replicated in other Catholic educational settings.
- Show clearly the basis of need for this project.
- Show clearly the inability of the local setting to meet this need.
- Would be implemented by personnel with appropriate background and expertise.
- Is accompanied by a budget which meets requirements and includes no request for overhead expenses unless it is a new project.
- Offers matching effort (not necessarily financial) on the local level to the extent possible.

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Memorial Board



Offering prayers for the faithfully departed is one of our traditions that we have as Catholic Christians. While we continue daily pray for the departed souls of your deceased Brother Knights, Lady Auxiliary members and family members in your Councils, Assemblies, Auxiliaries and Parishes, the Missouri State Memorial Board provides another opportunity for this continued recognized honor for prayer.

Many of you may have seen the Missouri State Memorial Boards displayed at the Missouri State Conventions and District Deputy meetings in the past. To help support the administrative expenses of the grant program, you can set up a memorial for a deceased Brother Knight or Lady Auxiliary member on the Memorial Board. You can send your \$25 donation check (made out to Columbian Charities) to the Memorial Board Chairman, Michael Demos. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in contact with him.

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Father Michael J. McGivney Guild

On May 27, 2020 Pope Francis had signed the decree in the Vatican that our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney had been approved for beatification. A date hasn't been set for the ceremony that will be held in Connecticut. We will keep you updated as information becomes available.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us in paragraph 2683 of the importance of those who have gone before us into the Kingdom of God in that "Their intercession is their most exalted service to God's plan. We can and should ask them to intercede for us and for the whole world." While we pray for him to be raised to the dignity of the altar, we must not neglect his role as our intercessor to God. We encourage you to continue to ask for our founder's intercession daily.



Continue to promote the Father McGivney Guild through this beatification process and keep informed by receiving quarterly newsletters from the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild. Membership in the guild is free and open to not only Knights of Columbus members but anyone who is interested in our founder's history. For more information, you can go to the Guild's website at <http://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/index.html> or contact the state chairman, Edward Cirar for assistance, he will be glad to help. Please encouraged your Council, Assembly and Auxiliary members to join the Guild. A printable form of the sign-up sheet is on the following page (P20) for your convenience.

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