



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Surge with Service & Building the Domestic Church

Jurisdiction of Delaware

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2017 - 2018



2-Minute Warm-up Prompt

What is your most successful program?

How do you measure that success?



VISION **VISION & MISSION**

- A well-rounded slate of impactful outreach programs
 - Makes a positive difference in the lives of people in need in the parish and community
 - Demonstrates to men (and their families) that there is a place for them within the KofC
 - Engages council members and strengthens membership experiences



Programs as Membership Opportunities



RECRUIT **RECRUITMENT**

- Invite a prospect (and his family) to take part in an impactful council program
- Show him the good that the council does in the parish and community...and that you have fun doing it
- **INVITE HIM TO JOIN THE COUNCIL**



RETENTION **RETENTION**

- When recruiting a man to join, we promise him the opportunity to make a positive difference in the parish and community
- Programs allow us to keep that promise



ENGAGEMENT

- Solicit and welcome the input of members, parishioners and the community at-large
- Give all the opportunity to be vested in the council's success



Programming Objectives & 2017/18 Priorities



COUNCIL BEST PRACTICES

- Meet regularly with your pastor
- Conduct programs consistent with parish goals
- Solicit input from a wide variety of sources
- Plan with the parish and community calendar, not against



PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Engage your parish community
- Build up our domestic churches
- Seek to strengthen parish life
- Serve the greatest needs
- Engage members AND families
- Open council “doors” to all parish men



Fraternal Service Programs

- Church
- Community
- Council
- Culture of Life
- Family
- Youth

Remember that programming and membership go hand-in-hand.



PRIORITY **PRIORITY PROGRAMS**

- Serve to Recruit, Retain and Engage
- Rooted in our principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity
- Parish and Community commitment



Church Priority Programs

- **RSVP (Refund Support Vocations Program)**
(\$100 rebate for every \$500 given to support seminarians and Religious postulants/novices. Maximum refund of \$400 per individual. Complete form #2863.)
- **Keep Christ in Christmas**
- **Building the Domestic Church**
- **Marian Prayer Program**



Community Priority Programs

- Knights of Columbus Nun Run (Sept. 16, 2017)
- Global Wheelchair Mission
- Habit for Humanity
- Gary Sinise Foundation's R.I.S.E. Program



Council Priority Programs

- Special Olympics
- Knights of the Month & Knight of the Year
- Columbus Day Celebrations
- Sponsor a local athletic team
- Council outings



Culture of Life Priority Programs

- March for Life (January 19, 2018).
(If you organize a minimum of 100 marchers, then complete forms #365 & #1728)
- Ultrasound Initiative (Form #4886)
- Baby Bottle Campaign
- Support a local Hospice
- Support parish families who are adopting children



Family Priority Programs

- State Family Picnic (August 12, 2017 - Middletown)
- Food for Families (Rebate program of \$100 for every \$500 or 1,000 pounds of food donated, for a maximum of \$500 per fraternal year. Form #10057 must be submitted.)
- Family of the Month/Family of the Year (Form #1993A & #1843A)
- Adopt a needy family in your parish
- Promote “Fathers for Good” initiative for fathers and husbands. More info: www.fathersforgood.com



Youth Priority Programs

- Coats for Kids Project (Order and distribute more than 8 cases of coats, and your council is eligible for a Columbian Award - Order Form #5029)
- Columbian Squires - State Warden Richard DeZao
- Free Throw Championship (March 10 - St. Elizabeth HS)
- Soccer Challenge (September 2018 - Christ the Teacher)
- Declamation Contest (2nd Sunday of December)
- Chess Tournament (March 3, 2018 - Pius X)
- State Track Meet (Weekend of April 14/15, 2018)
- Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
- Supporting CYM & CYO Athletics
- Sponsoring a Boy Scout Troop
- Conduct a Spelling Bee



COUNCIL BEST PRACTICES

- Visit kofc.org and state council website
- Tabulate the “measurables”
 - Dollars donated
 - Hours worked
- Identify your best programs
- Evaluate every program



Columbian Award



- “Surge...with Service”
- 4 major programs in each of six program categories
- Form #SP-7 due **June 30th**



BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

In the context of:

Domestic Church (Family)

Family of Families (Church)

Our Fraternity (Council)





*“Families are the domestic Church,
where Jesus grows; he grows in the love of spouses,
he grows in the lives of children.”*



Order-wide Initiative Goals

- Full participation by ALL councils
- Integrated Parish Life
- Membership & Programming impact
- Domestic Church Activities



Getting Started

1. Meet with your pastor.
2. Read or watch the Supreme Knight's address.
3. Explore the Domestic Church web pages (kofc.org/DomesticChurch)
4. Promote the Family Fully Alive program.
5. Start an Into the Breach (#340) study group.



DOMESTIC CHURCH ACTIVITIES

- Build strong Catholic families and Catholic parishes
- Make the council more intricately a part of parish life
- Help members and their families become more fully formed in their Catholic faith



BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

While Strengthening Our Parish



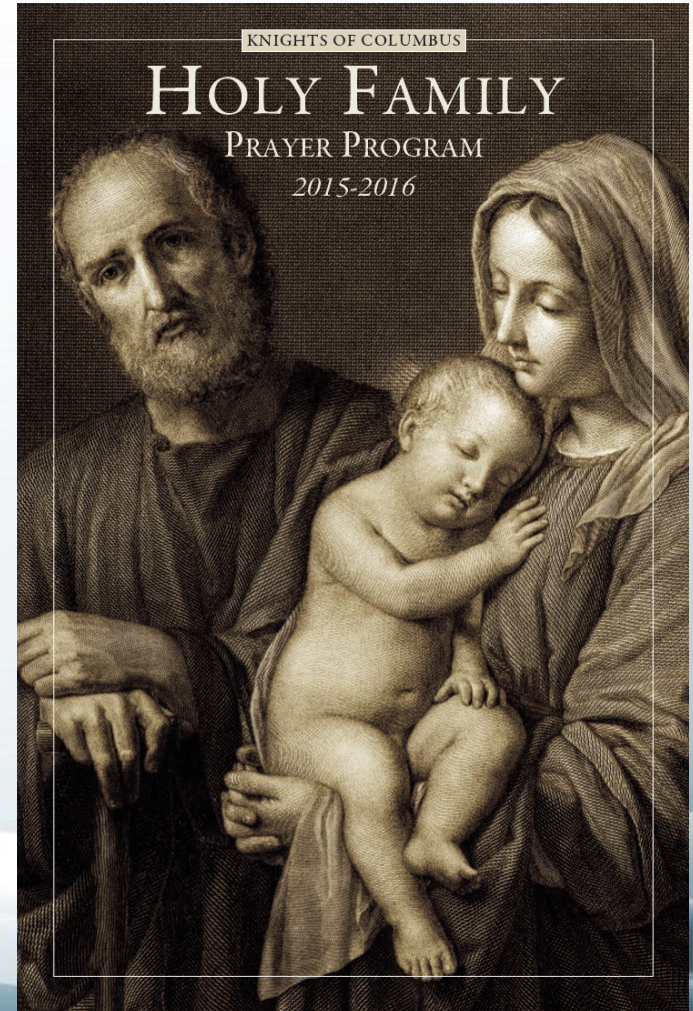
- Family Rosary Program
- Holy Family Consecration
- Family Fully Alive
- Father's Day Affirmation of Wedding Vows
- Family Week Celebration
- Holy Family Prayer Program
- Keep Christ in Christmas
 - Journey to the Inn
- Spiritual Formation Groups
 - **Into the Breach**
- CIS Building the Domestic Church Series
 - Kiosk displays for councils



Holy Family Prayer Program

#5050

- Opportunity to promote initiative
- Build larger family events around the program
- Plan diocesan celebrations



Consecration to the Holy Family

#10371

- Every parish with KofC presence
- First Sunday after Christmas
 - Feast of the Holy Family (most years)

Ideally between Christmas and Jan. 1

OR

Whenever makes sense for the parish



Journey to the Inn

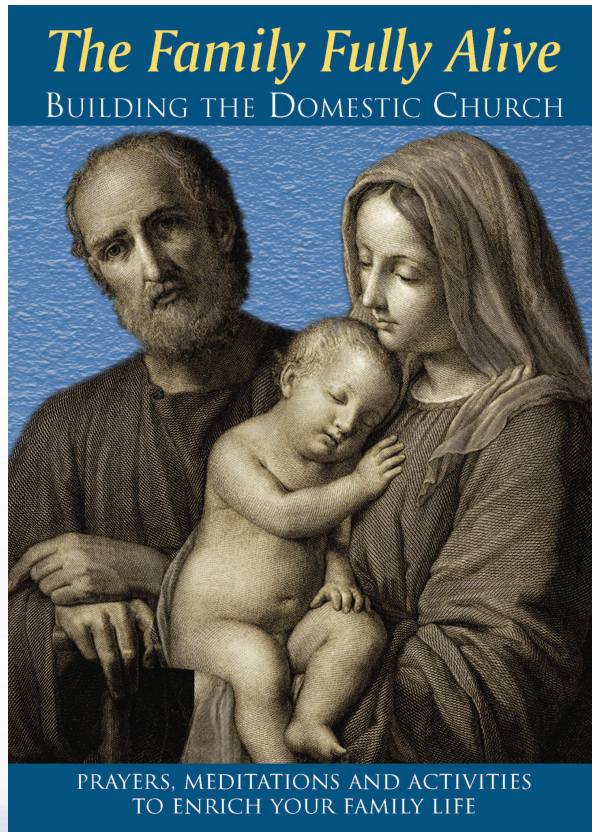
- Youth & Family focused
- Advent program
- Teaches and transmits the faith
- Requires early planning



kofc.org/DomesticChurch

The Family Fully Alive

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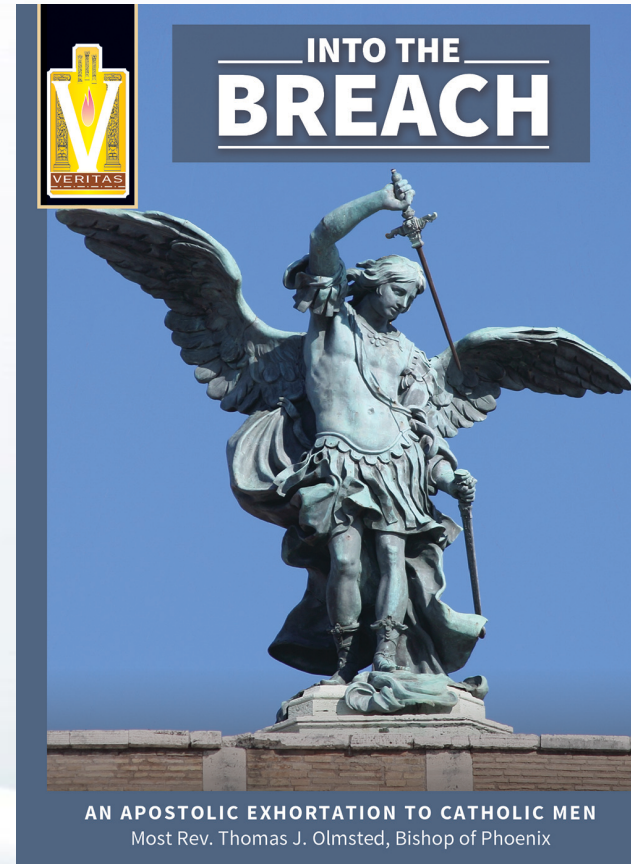
- NEW extended Third Edition
- Ideal for **new** members and their families
- Parish-wide monthly program



Into the Breach

#340

- Addresses need for men's formation
- Reflection guide to help launch new men's program
- Open to all men of your parish



New CIS Series

Building the Domestic Church

- New Kiosk available for councils ONLY
- Ideal for parish hall or vestibule display
- Special Pricing
- Knights Gear & Supply Department



COUNCIL ACTION PLAN

- Organize at least **TWO activities** from **each of these four areas**

- Membership
- Family
- Parish/Church
- Community

U.S and Canadian participating councils will receive a commemorative Holy Family icon



Pilgrimage to Saint John Paul II National Shrine

- All councils – especially those within driving distance of Washington, DC, are encouraged to make a pilgrimage to the Saint John Paul II National Shrine
- A pilgrimage will fulfill TWO of the four program requirements in the Church Activities category if:
 - At least 10 Knights, family members or parishioners take part
 - The pilgrimage includes a Mass celebrated in the Luminous Mysteries Chapel at the Shrine
 - The pilgrims spend a minimum of 3.5 hours at the Shrine



Questions



Vivat Jesus!

Please feel free to e-mail me with any questions you might have throughout the fraternal year.

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