

# **Strengthening Our Councils & Growing in Our Faith**

Rhode Island State Council Leadership Workshop  
Saturday, July 21st, 2018  
St. Teresa's Church, Pawtucket, RI

Michael Dziok, State Deputy



# Agenda

9:00 AM - Check-In & Coffee An'

9:30 AM - Goals & Objectives

9:35 AM - State Deputy & MPC Opening Remarks

10:00 AM - Strengthening Our Councils

11:30 AM - State Officer Remarks

11:45 AM - Lunch Break

12:15 PM - Growing in Our Faith

1:45 PM - State Deputy & MPC Closing Remarks & Questions



All times are approximate and subject to change

# Leadership Seminar Objectives

- Membership Growth & Retention
- Programs as tools for Recruitment, Retention and Member Engagement
- Faith In Action Program



# *Opening Remarks*

- State Deputy, Michael Dziok
- Supreme Rep, Eric Johnson, Regional MPC Director



# ***Strong!***

## Making Councils STRONGER!

1. Strong Councils through membership growth & engagement
2. Strong Councils through accurate & appropriate rosters
3. Strong Councils through engaging & diverse programs



# ***2017-2018 Membership Success***

- Recruiter Presentation
  - IPSD Michael Benson & SW Eric Batista



# Membership

## *The Way We Were*

IPSD Michael A. Benson

### 2017-18 Recap

- 2017-18 New Member Quota: 280
- 2017-18 New Member Actual: 209, or 75%
- 2 Councils eligible for Star, versus 12 last year

COUNCIL	MEMBERSHIP		INSURANCE	
St. Thomas the Apostle #11684	8	200%	0	0%
<b>Pope Pius XII #5295</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>188%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>St. John Vianney #12312</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>160%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>100%</b>
St. Augustine #10557	6	150%	2	67%
Providence College #5787	14	127%	2	50%
St. Paul #2235	6	120%	1	33%
Msgr. Sullivan #2700	6	120%	0	0%
Bristol #379	17	115%	5	100%
St. Paul the Apostle #95	4	100%	0	0%
SS John & James #7238	4	100%	1	33%



# *Membership Team*

- Degree & Ceremonial Chairman: Bob Lynch, FDD
- Membership Retention Chairman: Peter Lentini, PSD
- New Council Development, Reactivation & Council Retention Chairman: Michael Benson, IPSD
- Insurance Promotion Chairman: Scott Eastwood, General Agent
- \*NEW\* Ethnic Growth Chairman: Michael Benson, IPSD
- \*NEW\* Young Adult Outreach Chairman: PJ Shea, FDD
- \*NEW\* Recruitment Chairman: Ted Benz, FDD
- Recruitment Team: ALL OF YOU!!!

Membership.RIKofC@gmail.com





# ***Strong!***

## Making Councils STRONGER!

1. Strong Councils through membership growth & engagement
2. Strong Councils through accurate & appropriate rosters
3. Strong Councils through engaging & diverse programs



# *Membership Growth*

- Need to reach people we never have...
  - Ethnic Communities
  - Young Adults (18-35)
  - First Responders/Military Communities
  - etc.
- ... in ways we never thought of.
  - Online Membership
  - Social Media
  - Meet them where they are
  - etc.



# *Community Groups*

- **Military & First Responders**

- One of RI's largest employers
  - Newport Naval Base
  - RI ANG Bases
  - Use our Chaplains

- **Schools**

- Parish
- Local H.S.

- **Parish Groups & Organizations**

- Don't just look for membership – offer support!
  - Membership will come!



# *Membership Recruitment*

- Membership Recruitment Chairman Ted Benz
  - Partner with councils in actual recruitment activity
  - Church Drives
  - Community Drives
  - Building Partnerships

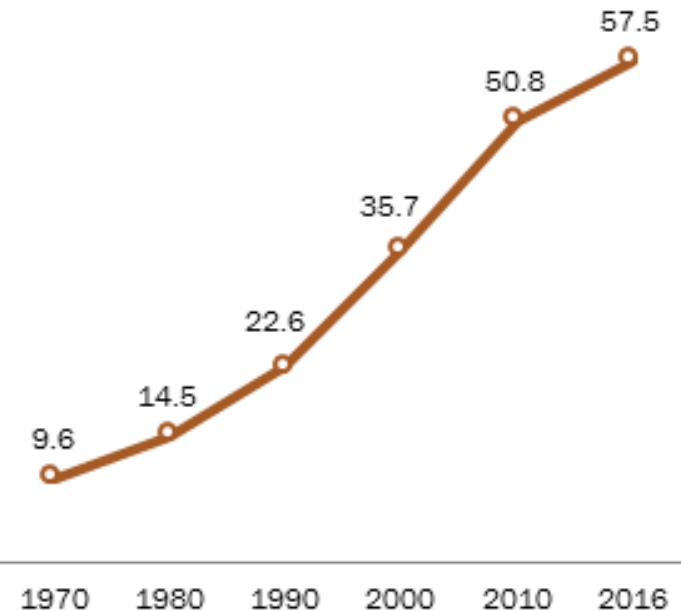


# Ethnic Growth

- 58 Million Hispanics Nationwide
  - 119 Million by 2060
- 27 Million Males
  - 9 Million 1<sup>st</sup> Generation
  - 8.5 Million 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation
  - 9.5 Million 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation

## U.S. Hispanic population hits new high

*In millions*



Note: 1990-2016 estimates are for July 1.

Source: 1970-1980 estimates based on decennial censuses (see Passel & Cohn 2008). 1990-2016 estimates based on intercensal population estimates and Vintage 2014.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

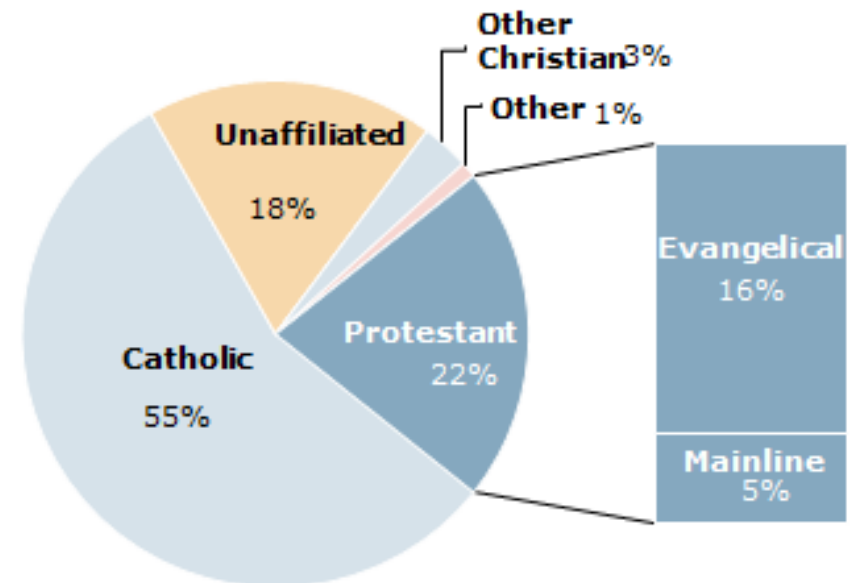


# Ethnic Growth

- 15 Million Male Catholics

## 2013 Religious Affiliation of Hispanics

Using Pew Research's standard survey question about religion, % of Hispanic adults who identify today as ...

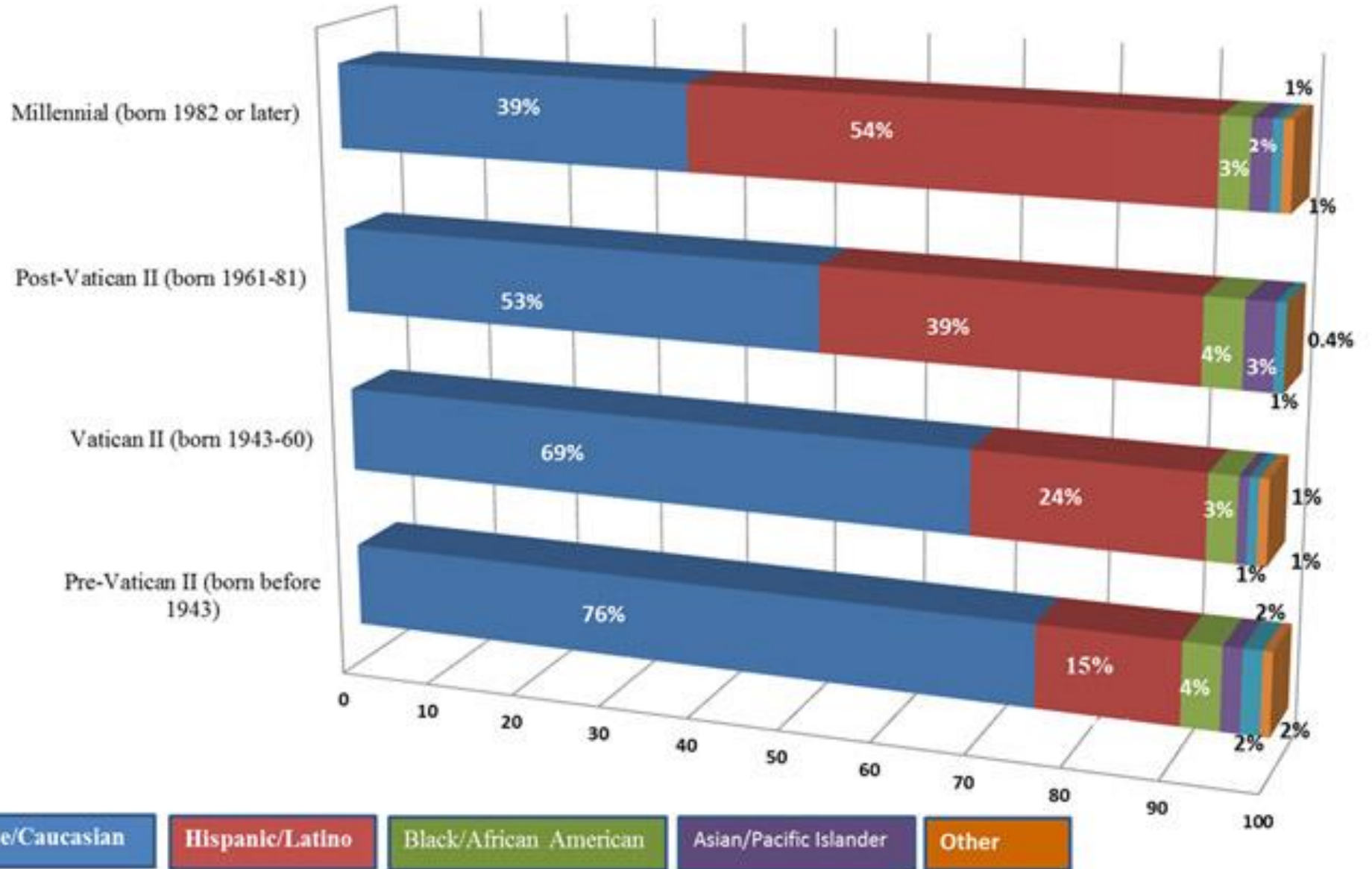


Source: Pew Research Center survey of Hispanic adults, May 24-July 28, 2013. Figures above based on FORM12 and FORMNCO, N=4,080. Figures may not add to 100%, and nested figures may not add to total, due to rounding.

PEW RESEARCH CENTER



## Percentage on Race and Ethnicity of the U.S. Adult Catholic Population by Generation



# ***Ethnic Growth***

- Keys to success:
  - Engage our Clergy
  - Work with Diocese Offices for outreach
  - Grow State Council Team – Identify Community Leaders
  - Leverage proximity to Supreme Resources





# ***Ethnic Growth***

- Hispanic
- Portuguese
- Filipino
- What other communities are out there...



# ***New Council Development & Reactivation***

- New Communities for Opportunities
- Underserved Parishes
- Councils coming back to life!



# ***Young Adult Outreach***

- Young Adults are:
  - 18-35 yrs.. old
  - In School or recently graduated
  - Career Focused
  - Starting Families
  - Service & Community Focused
  - Looking for lite commitments

**Average Age of  
Rhode Island  
Councils:  
64 yrs.**



# *Young Adult Outreach*

- Keys to Success
  - Meet them where they are
  - Be Personal & Specific
  - Adapt – Host events that matter to them at times that work
  - Be open to new ways

“The Knights are a fraternal organization that puts FAMILY first”

**PROVE IT**



# *Online Membership*

- Online Membership Video:

[Online Membership](#)

<https://kofcknights.org/StateCouncilSite/article.asp?ID=517>



# ***Online Membership***

- Phase One – 8/10/17
  - 3 Jurisdictions (Alberta, Maryland, New Mexico)
- Phase Two – 10/16/17
  - 4 Jurisdictions (7 Total)
- Phase Three – 5/1/18 (RI 4/23/18)
  - 40 Jurisdictions added from Jan-May of 2018
- Phase Four – 7/1/18
  - All remaining jurisdictions



# *Online Membership*

- Where are they coming from?
  - 35% from current members
  - 20% from Fraternal Benefit Agents
  - 30% from marketing programs
  - 15% from “other” or unknown sources
- Average age of Online Members is 43
- 15% have converted to a council
  - 65% have expressed interest in joining a local council



# Online Membership

- KofC.org

Safe Environment | Contact Us | Careers | ENGLISH

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

SIGN IN

INSURANCE AGENT | COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

DONATE | FOR MEMBERS

Today's Knights | Domestic Church | Our Faith • CIS | Insure With Us | Engaged In Service | Liberty • Life • Family | News | Store

KOFC.ORG

Search | f | t | i | y | in | G+

ASSOCIATED SITES

*Venerable Michael McGivney*

SAINT JOHN PAUL II - NATIONAL SHRINE

Knights of Columbus Museum

FATHERS FOR GOOD

COLUMBIA The Online Edition

**Join Us**

**Insure With Us**

**Invest With Us**

**Give Through Us**

**FIND AN AGENT**

**FIND A COUNCIL OR ASSEMBLY**

**UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Standing with Persecuted Christians**

The Knights of Columbus stands with all Christians who are persecuted for this faith. Please join us in **prayer** for them. You can also help to bring medical relief, education and food programs to the region by contributing **here**. College Knights reached out to these Christians in need by holding a fund-raiser car show.

**VIDEO**

**DONATE**

**DISASTER ALERT: MARYLAND**

**BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH**

**K OF C CHAPLAINS**





# Online Membership

## OUR FOUR PRINCIPLES



*Living according to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, Knights work in local parishes and internationally to make the world a better place each day.*



JOIN >



### TO BE A KNIGHT

*There is a call deep within each man to go deeper and reach higher to become the man God made him to be. In a world full of challenges, the Knights of Columbus equips men to answer the call to lead with faith, protect their families, serve others and defend their values.*

JOIN >

## BENEFITS: RESOURCES FOR CATHOLIC MEN




*As a Knight of Columbus you receive a wealth of resources to help you grow in your faith and become a better Catholic man, as well as access to Catholic news and first-rate financial protection. Stay informed on major developments of interest to Catholics with your monthly subscription to Columbia, the Order's flagship publication. Plan your family's financial future with valuable information and tools.*



JOIN >



# Online Membership

Since 1882, membership in the Knights of Columbus has been open to men 18 years of age or older who are "practical" (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. Since that time, the Knights of Columbus has understood "practical catholic" to mean a Catholic who 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.

Fields indicated with \* are required.

State/Province  \*

Name  \*  \*


Email  \*

Confirm Email  \*

Date of Birth  \*  \*  \*

- I am a baptized Catholic male \*
- I am a practical Catholic \*
- I agree to abide by the [Laws and Rules of the Knights of Columbus](#), and accept the [Privacy Policy](#). \*

Captcha \*

I'm not a robot  reCAPTCHA  
Privacy - Terms

On my honor as a Catholic gentleman I declare that the above is true.

[PROCEED TO JOIN >](#)

Failure to answer truthfully to any of these declarations, or failure to remain a practical Catholic in union with the Holy See, renders void your membership in the Knights of Columbus.

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

If you do not live in the United States or Canada, please click [here](#).

For \$30 annual membership dues, you receive a range of benefits to support your Catholic life.

### Lead With Faith

Deepen your faith with access to spiritual resources to help you become a better Catholic man.

- Access to [knights.net](#)
- Subscription to *Columbia*, our flagship monthly magazine
- Prayer and faith formation resources to help you grow in Catholic masculine spirituality

### Protect Your Family

Discover the Catholic difference of one of the World's Most Ethical\*® and top-rated insurance companies.

- A dedicated brother Knight field agent assigned to you and your family
- Complimentary, comprehensive annual financial review
- Exclusive eligibility to purchase K of C life insurance, disability income insurance, long-term care insurance and retirement products
- Access to *free* family fraternal benefits

### Serve Others

Make an impact as you become part of [our unmatched charitable outreach](#), helping those who need it most both locally and internationally.

- Provide coats to children in need
- Give food to families in need
- Support victims of natural disasters

### Defend Your Values

Join your voice with our 1.9 million members to defend the faith and the truth as you support local, national, and international issues that are important to you.

- Stand up for the unborn and the dignity of all human life
- Fight for religious liberty and our persecuted brothers and sisters in the Middle East



# Online Membership

State/Province  \*

Name  \*  \*


Email  \*

Confirm Email  \*

Date of Birth  \*  \*  \*

- I am a baptized Catholic male \*
- I am a practical Catholic \*
- I agree to abide by the [Laws and Rules of the Knights of Columbus](#), and accept the [Privacy Policy](#). \*

Captcha \*

I'm not a robot  [reCAPTCHA Privacy - Terms](#)

**On my honor as a Catholic gentleman I declare that the above is true.**

**PROCEED TO JOIN >**



# Online Membership

JOIN US TODAY

INFORMATION

PAYMENT

SUBMIT

Fields indicated with \* are required.

Title	Select Title	▼		
First Name	New	*		
Middle Initial				
Last Name	Knight	*		
Suffix	Select Suffix	▼		
Email	NewKnight@gmail.com	*		
Mobile Phone		*		
Date of Birth	01 - Jan	1	2001	*

**MAILING ADDRESS:**

Street Address		*
Zip/Postal Code		*
City		*
State	Rhode Island	*
Country	United States	*

- I am interested in joining a local council. ⓘ
- I am a former member of the Knights of Columbus. ⓘ

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

If you do not live in the United States or Canada, please click [here](#).

For \$30 annual membership dues, you receive a range of benefits to support your Catholic life.

### Lead With Faith

Deepen your faith with access to spiritual resources to help you become a better Catholic man.

- Access to [knights.net](#)
- Subscription to *Columbia*, our flagship monthly magazine
- Prayer and faith formation resources to help you grow in Catholic masculine spirituality

### Protect Your Family

Discover the Catholic difference of one of the World's Most Ethical® and top-rated insurance companies.

- A dedicated brother Knight field agent assigned to you and your family
- Complimentary, comprehensive annual financial review
- Exclusive eligibility to purchase K of C life insurance, disability income insurance, long-term care insurance and retirement products
- Access to [free family fraternal benefits](#)

### Serve Others

Make an impact as you become part of [our unmatched charitable outreach](#), helping those who need it most both locally and internationally.

- Provide coats to children in need
- Give food to families in need
- Support victims of natural disasters

### Defend Your Values

Join your voice with our 1.9 million members to defend the faith and the truth as you support local, national, and international issues that are important to you.

- Stand up for the unborn and the dignity of all human life
- Fight for religious liberty and our persecuted brothers and sisters in the Middle East
- Join in our ongoing work in support of the Church



# Online Membership

INFORMATION

PAYMENT

SUBMIT

Fields indicated with \* are required.

Title	Mr	*
First Name	New	*
Middle Initial		
Last Name	Knight	*
Suffix	Select Suffix	*
Email	NewKnight@gmail.com	*
Mobile Phone	401-555-1234	*
Date of Birth	01 - Jan 1 2000	*

**MAILING ADDRESS:**

Street Address	1 Happy St	*
Zip/Postal Code	02861	*
City	Darlington	*
State	Rhode Island	*
Country	United States	*

I am interested in joining a local council. i

Preferred Council # *If Known* 57

I am a former member of the Knights of Columbus. i

Council # *If Known* 57

I have or previously held Insurance with the Knights of Columbus. i

Parish Name St. Teresa \*

Parish City Pawtucket \*

State Rhode Island \*

How did you hear about us? K of C Member \*

Proposer Member Number *If Known* 12345678

CONTINUE >



# Online Membership

## JOIN US TODAY

INFORMATION

PAYMENT

SUBMIT

AMOUNT DUE:

\$30.00 USD

Promo Code

APPLY >

Fields indicated with \* are required.

Name on Card

Card Type

Card Number

Expiration Date

CVV 

Auto Schedule Yearly Payment of \$30/year.

Online Membership

BILLING ADDRESS:

Mailing Address is same as Billing Address.

CONTINUE >

BACK



# *Online Membership*

- Wear your recruiting on your sleeve
  - 5 members before 9/30/18 will receive a \$50 gift card for KnightsGear
- Membership on the go...



# *Degrees & Ceremonials*

- **Schedule Degrees NOW!**
  - Admission: 4 per council each year (1 every qtr.)  
1 per district each month
  - Formation: 4 per district each year (1 every qtr.)
  - Knighthood: AT LEAST 1 each qtr.

Send dates to:  
DegreeKofC@gmail.com

or

Membership.RIKofC@gmail.com





# ***Degrees & Ceremonials***

- Recruiters are motivated to recruit when ceremonials are scheduled and communicated – to assure attendance of candidates, plan a yearly degree schedule, modify as necessary
- Promote use of First Degree Ceremonial Video Production for candidates with difficult time schedules
  - Best Practices



# *Degrees & Ceremonials*

- Make it easy for each prospective member to join his council at his council with his brother knights
- Start on time
- Ceremonials, should welcome candidates
- Get “new members” engaged in the Charity that Evangelizes and keep them as members for life



# Fraternalism & Insurance: A Hand-in-Hand Partnership



# ***What is the Knights of Columbus?***

- A charitable organization that rivals all others?
- One of the most highly rated insurance providers in North America?
- The largest Catholic lay Order in the world?

**Answer: A Fraternal Benefit Society, or all of the above**



# ***Fraternal Benefit Society***

- Officially chartered in 1882 as a fraternal benefit society, rooted in the principles of charity, unity & fraternity.
- The Order was formed to render financial assistance to members & their families.
- Thanks to the initial mission & vision of Fr. McGivney, the Order has achieved so much to date.



# ***A Place for Protection***

- In 1882, all members were “insured” and all paid into that coverage for their brothers and their families.
- When a Knight died or became sick, money was available.
- From this simple system, our Order grew by leaps and bounds because Catholic men saw the value in it.
- They could not get this type of protection anywhere else.



# ***Global Mission***

- The Order's mission remains that same: protect members and their beneficiaries.
- The success in this mission allows the Order to support Catholic and other charitable causes worldwide.
- Without the insurance program, none of this would be possible.



# ***Causes & Contributions***

- The Order supports vocations.
- Provides scholarship programs and church mortgages.
- Strengthens family life and pro-life efforts.
- Supports law enforcement officers, fire fighters and those in the armed forces.
- Actively helps Special Olympics





# ***Two Sides of the Order***

- Fraternalism and insurance are two sides of the same coin.
- Both are necessary for the Order to function.
- All fraternal leaders should support the insurance program, as agents support the fraternal efforts of councils.



# ***Common Goals***

- When fraternal and insurance leaders work together, our common goals will be realized.
  - Growth of the Order, protection of all Catholic families and widows of members
  - Increase charitable giving and volunteer hours donated to Catholic, local, national and global causes



# ***Participation is Key***

- For the Knights of Columbus to continue to grow, participation is key.
  - Be active in your council
  - Be an insured member
  - Recruit new members



# Fraternalism & Insurance: A Hand-in-Hand Partnership



# ***Strong!***

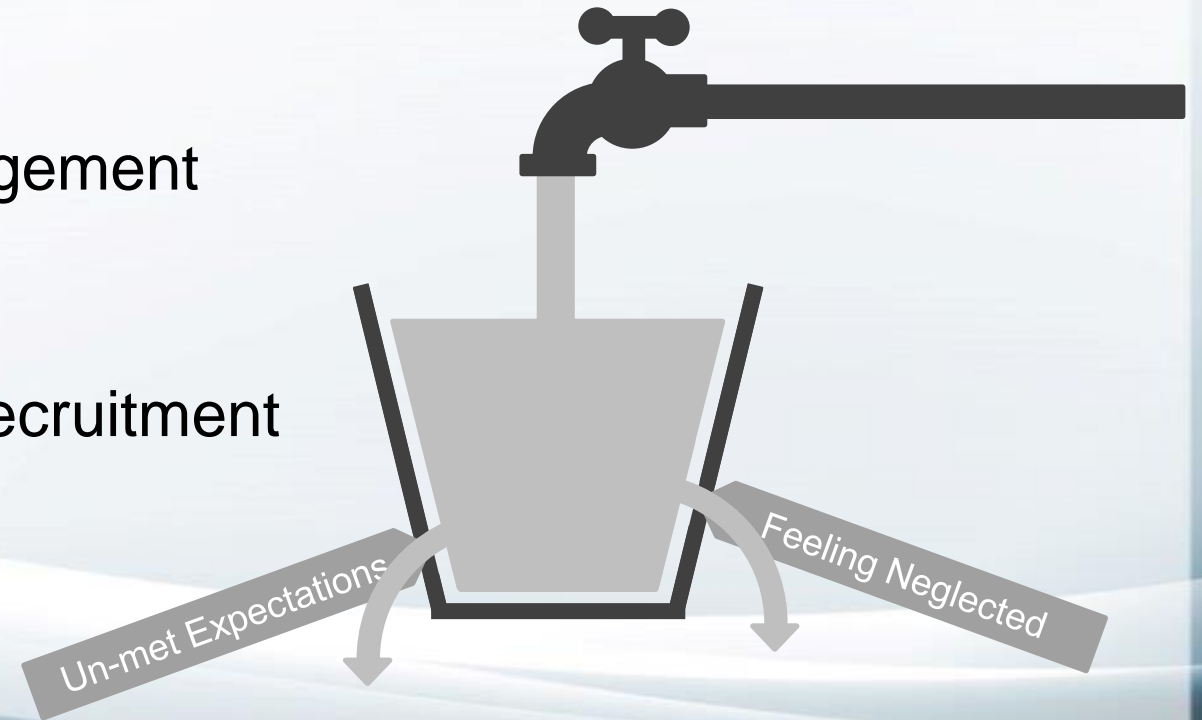
## **Making Councils STRONGER!**

1. Strong Councils through membership growth & engagement
2. **Strong Councils through accurate & appropriate rosters**
3. Strong Councils through engaging & diverse programs



# *Membership Retention*

- Membership is like a bucket under a faucet of water
- Relevant and meaningful engagement early will prevent leaks later
- Retention is just important as recruitment



# *Membership Retention*

- Back to the beginning
  - Why did they join?
  - What changed?
- Meet them where they are...
  - What are they looking for now?
  - What is keeping them away?
- Something for everyone...
  - Faith in Action (more to come later)



# *Membership Retention*

- Communication is Key!
  - Make it Personal
  - Make it Engaging
  - Make it Meaningful
  - Make it Consistent





# ***Membership Retention: Follow the Process***

1. First and Second Billing Notices are sent to members
2. Financial Secretary sends delinquent list to retention committee
3. Retention Committee assigns member to contact
4. Retention committee compile report (using form on State Website)
5. Financial Secretary sends Knight Alert letter to all delinquent members
6. District Deputy is notified of Retention results and of all documentation of used by Retention Committee



# ***Membership Retention: Follow the Process***

7. DD notifies State Retention Chairman and conduct due diligence
8. State Deputy reviews recommendation to determine concurrences
9. DD provides feedback to Council on next action, either:
  - a. Process Intent to Retain on all or some delinquent members; or
  - b. Correct identified deficiencies as directed by the District Deputy and State Deputy
10. Council completes requested action based on feedback
11. If Intent to Retain are files with Membership Records mandatory 60 day hold is in place, meanwhile council/district continue to work delinquency list



# ***Membership Retention: Rhode Island Plan***

- Accurate & Appropriate
  - Overdue Suspensions
  - Follow the Process
    - 10/31/2018 Deadline
- Recruit to Re-Strengthen
  - Recruit one – Suspend one



# *Membership Retention*

- Leverage OUR Resources
  - Field Agents
  - State Membership Team
  - Online Resources



# ***Membership Success 2018-2019***

- **Recruit**
  - New Ways
  - New Groups
- **Provide**
  - Engage
  - Fraternal Benefits
- **Retain**
  - Keep Engaged
  - Don't let your council "bucket" overflow

[Membership.RIKofC@gmail.com](mailto:Membership.RIKofC@gmail.com)



# ***State Officer Remarks***

- State Secretary - David Quinn
- State Treasurer - David Bebyn
- State Warden - Eric Batista



# ***Lunch Break***

Happy Birthday Jack Tracy  
GK Council #113



# ***Strong!***

## **Making Councils STRONGER!**

1. Strong Councils through membership growth & engagement
2. Strong Councils through accurate & appropriate rosters
3. Strong Councils through engaging & diverse programs





# Membership

## *Strategic Catholic Partnerships*

IPSD Michael A. Benson

### **Strong council programs build strong membership!**

At a time when Catholic immigrant men found it difficult to find gainful employment that would allow them to provide for their families, Fr. McGivney envisioned an organization that would bring the men of his parish together to...

- Assist in the mission of the Church
- Help with the needs of those that are less fortunate
- Establish a stronger focus on their faith
- Build their self-esteem through assuming leadership positions
- Provide for the widows and children they left behind

**The vision Fr. McGivney had then is as vital today as it was 136 years ago. As the Church has grown, so too have the ministries that labor to promote good works. The Knights of Columbus is in the unique position of working with others through Strategic Catholic Partnerships.**



**Membership**  
*Strategic Catholic Partnerships*

IPSD Michael A. Benson

**OUR PARISH MISSIONS**

- Parish Council
- Finance Committee
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Lectors
- Religious Education
- Ministry to the Sick
- SPRED
- Altar Server Appreciation
- Evangelization
- Ushers





# FAITH in ACTION



# ***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
    - Integrated into Parish Life
    - Domestic Church Activities
  - Demonstrates to men (and their families) that there is a place for them within the KofC
  - Engages council members and strengthens membership experiences
    - Membership & Programming impact



# *State Program Team*

- Faith Director: Michael P. DeAngelis, PGK [DeAngelis36@msn.com](mailto:DeAngelis36@msn.com)
  - Team Members: Paul Saunders, Frank Lawrence, Mike Benson
- Community Director: Steve Perry, [brady12qb@verizon.net](mailto:brady12qb@verizon.net)
  - Team Members: Jack Tracy, Michael Osenkowski
- Life Director: Michale Kryzwonos, [rikofcstateoffice@gmail.com](mailto:rikofcstateoffice@gmail.com)
  - Team Members: Jim Gilcreast, Mike Benson, Arthur Boise
- Family Director: Michael Guerra, PGK [mikegonemad@gmail.com](mailto:mikegonemad@gmail.com)
  - Team Members: Al Hervieux

Program Team: All Knights of Columbus Councils in RI



“We can reach half way around the globe to help those in need and we can reach to our neighbor next door. And we do that every day. **That makes us witnesses to the faith.**”

CARL ANDERSON, SUPREME KNIGHT



# Key Forms To Submit

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COLUMBIAN AWARD APPLICATION**  
20\_\_-20\_\_ Due By: **JUNE 30**

Council # \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNCIL ADDRESS (MAILING ADDRESS) \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Form #SP-7 due June 30th  
This form is changing Due to New FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAM

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY**  
For Twelve Month Period Ending December 31, 20\_\_ Due By: **JANUARY 31**

IMPORTANT: Please type or print legibly.  
Complete numerical data from right to left.  
List in the FINANCIALS SECTION ALL FINANCIAL DATA IN PERIOD.  
Include financial contributions and hours of monetary service from all national programs (i.e. council expenses, parish credit, etc.)  
Include additional information on contributions - use only separate provided.  
Include a presentation of SURVEY REPORT FROM COUNCIL FILE.

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP SURVEY YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_  
SECTION 2. ACTIVITY EXPENSES: \_\_\_\_\_  
SECTION 3. CHARITABLE AND BENEFIT CONTRIBUTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_  
SECTION 4. FRATERNAL COMMITMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

Form 1728 Due Jan 31

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS REPORT OF ROUND TABLE COORDINATOR**  
20\_\_-20\_\_

Reporting Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Form 2629 Any Time Parish Round Table Coordinator

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS REPORT OF OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR THE TERM**  
JULY 1, 20\_\_ TO JUNE 30, 20\_\_

Council # \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNCIL ADDRESS (MAILING ADDRESS) \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Form 185 due June 30th

OFFICE	MEMBERSHIP NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL	STATE
GRAND MASTER					
VICAR GENERAL					
CHANCELLOR					
RECORDER					
SEAL-BEARER					
ADVOCATE					
WARRANT					
FINANCIAL SECRETARY					
SECRETARY					
OUTSIDE GUARD					
WARRANT FOR ONE YEAR					
WARRANT FOR TWO YEARS					
WARRANT FOR THREE YEARS					

Form 365 Due Aug 1 CHANGES FOR FAITH IN ACTION

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE COUNCIL SERVICE PROGRAM AWARDS ENTRY FORM**

Form 1295 Semi Annual Audit

Submit to Program Director after each function All Due by March 30th

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Project Conducted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Purpose of Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of council members participating in project: \_\_\_\_\_  
Percentage of council members participating in project: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of man hours expended in project: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Form 1295

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SEMI-ANNUAL COUNCIL AUDIT REPORT**  
FOR PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 20\_\_ Due By: **FEBRUARY 15**

COUNCIL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

SCHEDULE A - MEMBERSHIP			DEDUCTIONS		
ADDITIONS	REL.	INIT.	SUSPENSIONS	WITHDRAWS	REL. INIT.
Total members start of period					
Transfers from other councils					
Transfers - ins. to associate					
Transfers - ins. to associate					
Total additions					
Total suspensions					
Total withdrawals					
Total deductions					
Net change in membership					
Total members at end of period					

Form 1295 Semi Annual Audit

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SERVICE PROGRAM PERSONNEL REPORT**  
JULY 1, 20\_\_ TO JUNE 30, 20\_\_ Due By: **AUGUST 1**

Council # \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_

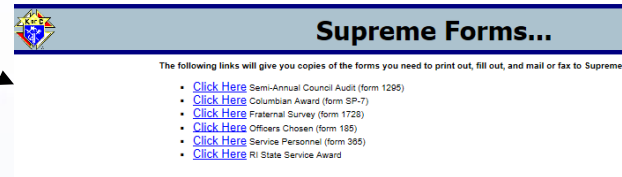
Form 365 Due Aug 1 CHANGES FOR FAITH IN ACTION

OFFICE	MEMBERSHIP NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL	STATE
GRAND MASTER					
VICAR GENERAL					
CHANCELLOR					
RECORDER					
SEAL-BEARER					
ADVOCATE					
WARRANT					
FINANCIAL SECRETARY					
SECRETARY					
OUTSIDE GUARD					
WARRANT FOR ONE YEAR					
WARRANT FOR TWO YEARS					
WARRANT FOR THREE YEARS					



# Key Forms To Submit

We have made it easier for you to find the form, if you go to [www.kofcri.org](http://www.kofcri.org) and scroll to the bottom

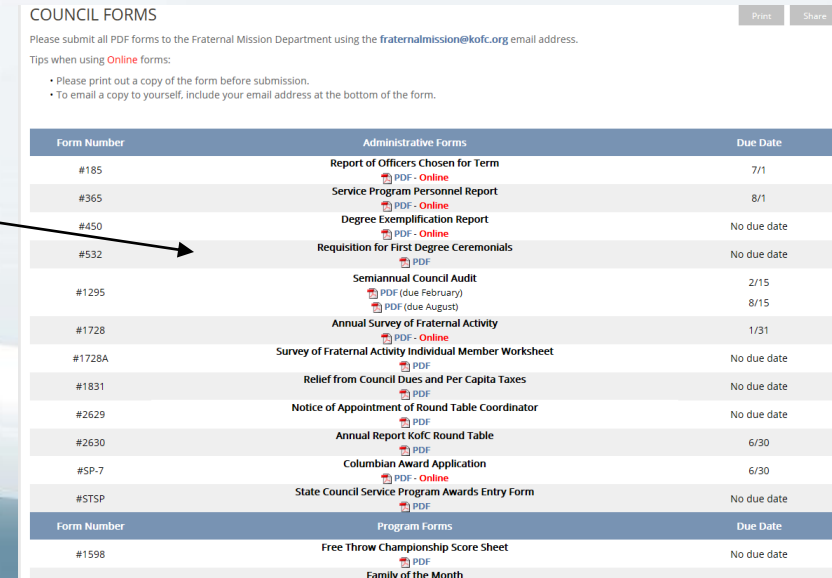


**Supreme Forms...**

The following links will give you copies of the forms you need to print out, fill out, and mail or fax to Supreme:

- [Click Here](#) Semi-Annual Council Audit (form 1296)
- [Click Here](#) Columbian Award (form SP-7)
- [Click Here](#) Fraternal Survey (form 1728)
- [Click Here](#) Officers Chosen (form 185)
- [Click Here](#) Service Personnel (form 365)
- [Click Here](#) RI State Service Award

[www.kofc.org/forms](http://www.kofc.org/forms)



**COUNCIL FORMS** Print Share

Please submit all PDF forms to the Fraternal Mission Department using the [fraternalmission@kofc.org](mailto:fraternalmission@kofc.org) email address.

Tips when using **Online** forms:

- Please print out a copy of the form before submission.
- To email a copy to yourself, include your email address at the bottom of the form.

Form Number	Administrative Forms	Due Date
#185	Report of Officers Chosen for Term PDF - Online	7/1
#365	Service Program Personnel Report PDF - Online	8/1
#450	Degree Exemplification Report PDF - Online	No due date
#532	Requisition for First Degree Ceremonials PDF	No due date
#1295	Semiannual Council Audit PDF (due February) PDF (due August)	2/15 8/15
#1728	Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity PDF - Online	1/31
#1728A	Survey of Fraternal Activity Individual Member Worksheet PDF	No due date
#1831	Relief from Council Dues and Per Capita Taxes PDF	No due date
#2629	Notice of Appointment of Round Table Coordinator PDF	No due date
#2630	Annual Report KoC Round Table PDF	6/30
#SP-7	Columbian Award Application PDF - Online	6/30
#STSP	State Council Service Program Awards Entry Form PDF	No due date
Form Number	Program Forms	Due Date
#1598	Free Throw Championship Score Sheet PDF	No due date
#1683A	Family of the Month PDF	No due date





# FAITH IN ACTION

## A New Model for a New Age



### “What is Faith in Action?”

The new umbrella for all Supreme Council recommended programs, replacing Surge... with Service

### “Why the need to change the model?”

Faith in Action is a realization that while our mission remains unchanged it has evolved to meet a changing world

### “Why the Faith in Action Model?”

Simplifies and focuses councils to provide quality faith-filled family programs

THE MODEL



# FAITH IN ACTION

Four Categories | Four Programs





# **SIMPLE**

- Four Categories  
Four Programs

Faith

Family

Community

Life



# • FAITH

- Authentic connection with a loving God and his son

Jesus Christ

RSVP

Into the Breach

Marian Icon Prayer Program

Domestic Church Kiosk & Series

Rosary Program

Spiritual Reflection Program

Holy Hour

Sacramental Gifts

# PROGRAMS THAT BUILD THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

Marion Prayer Icon: Monthly or bi-monthly in all districts

Rosary Program: daily, weekly and monthly

Silver Rose Program: September 30, 2018 -October 28, 2018

Christ the King Mass and Breakfast: November 25, 2018

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass and Celebration: December (tbd) 2018

Day of Recollection: Providence College (tbd) March(tbd) 2019

St Joseph Novena June 7th 2019 and Fathers Day Affirmation of wedding vows.





# FAMILY

A response to a society  
that seeks to weaken  
the bonds of family

Food for Families

Family of the Month/Year

Keep Christ in Christmas

Family Fully Alive

Family Week

Consecration to the Holy Family

Family Prayer Night

Good Friday Family Promotion



# Food for Families



- Contact your local parish food pantry, community food bank or soup kitchen to ensure they will be able to receive food donations and inquire if they have any specific needs.
- Obtain permission from the appropriate person (pastor, business owner(s), etc.) to set up the food drive at the church or store and to display posters.
- Ask nearby retail stores for empty boxes so there is a place to store donations.
- If the council is conducting the Food Drive at the parish, have flyers available for distribution or placed in the pews announcing the details of the Food Drive.
  - Ask the pastor for permission to make an announcement before or after Mass about the Food Drive.
  - Be sure to include a written announcement in the parish bulletin.
  - For monetary donations, be sure to have a secure receptacle in the collection area for cash and checks.





# Family Week



Family Week is a special opportunity for our Order to celebrate and emphasize the importance of the family through programs that strengthen parish community and unite Catholic family life. These programs should be fun and enjoyable for all, but also meaningful in their message. Our celebration of the family shouldn't be a private matter but a parish-wide experience.

**Knights of Columbus  
Rhode Island State Council  
Field Day and Potluck Family Cookout  
Saturday, August 18 from 10am until 2:00pm**







# Keep Christ in Christmas



- **Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest**  
Chairman GK Warren Rensehausen  
(Bristol Council # 379) – Jan. State Meeting
- **Christmas Cards (Keep Christ in Christmas Program)**
- **Journey to the Inn**  
Councils can turn to [Journey to the Inn: An Advent Celebration \(#9898\)](#). Through this booklet, the Order hopes to bring a sharing of various cultural Christmas celebrations to all Knights and their families.
- **Christian Refugee Relief**
  - Offer a Mass for the Christians in the Middle East
  - Fund Raiser to help Christian Refugees





# Family of the Month/Year

Families **do not** have to be members of the Knights of Columbus.



- Setup Committee
- Interview parish priests, neighbors, council members, etc., to get recommendations, references and evaluations concerning council families. They should also speak directly to the families considered.
- Things to consider about family  
A family that lives traditional Christian family values and deserves recognition for doing so.
- Be sure your council honors the family chosen “Family of the Month.” Invite the entire family to a meeting to receive the council’s “Family of the Month” award. The Supreme Council office has a full-color “Family of the Month” certificate ([#1843](#)) available for presentation.



# Additional Programs for Family

- Consecration to the Holy Family
- Family Fully Alive
- Family Prayer Night
- Good Friday Family Promotion



# • COMMUNITY

- Our first principle is Charity



 **KNIC OF SC**  
IN SERVICE  
TRANSFORMING  
GLOBAL WHEELCHAIR MISSION

Coats for Kids  
Global Wheelchair Mission  
Habitat for Humanity  
Disaster Response

night of Columbus  
nación de sillas  
de ruedas  
febrero de 2016  
a de Guadalupe

Free Throw Championship  
Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest  
Soccer Challenge  
Helping Hands

# ***Community Activities Highlights***

- Coats For Kids (All Councils) *Nov – Dec*
- Global Wheelchair Mission (All Councils) TBA
- Habitat For Humanities (All Councils) TBA
- Disaster Response (All Councils)



# ***Community “Helping Hands” Events***

- Operation ROVAC (E.P. Council) Sat Dec 15, 2018
- Charity Golf Tour. (Swansea C.C) Sat. Sept 22, 2018
- Kandi Drive (All Councils) (May 2018)
- St. Lucy Party For the Blind (December 2018)
- Keep the Heat On Concert (December 2018)
- East Bay Charity Ball (November 3, 2018)
- Christmas Charity Ball (December 2, 2018)





# • LIFE

- Defense of life in all its stages and in every condition

Marches for Life

Special Olympics

Ultrasound Program

Christian Refugee Relief

Silver Rose

Mass for People with Special Needs

Pregnancy Center Support

Novena for Life

**Faith in Action: Life Programs**  
***LIFE PROGRAMS***

FDD Michael Krzywonos

**2018-2019 Columbian Year**

- National Day of Remembrance – All Babies: Saturday, 09/08
- 40 Days for Life
  - Fall Campaign: Wednesday, 09/26 through Sunday, 11/04
  - Lenten Campaign: Wednesday, 03/06 (Ash Wednesday) through Sunday 04/14 (Palm Sunday).
- Family & Life Office: Human Life Guild Day: Saturday, 09/29
- Silver Rose: Sunday 09/30 through Sunday, 10/28
- Life Chain Sunday, 10/07
- Peace in the Womb Christmas Carol Saturday, 12/15
- Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe 01/11 thru 02/04
  - Annual Respect Life Mass in Saturday, 01/12
  - Annual KofC Pro-Life Dinner on Saturday, 01/12
  - Annual March for Life, Washington D.C. 01/18-01/19
  - Annual Pastoral Care Dinner on Saturday, 04/27





# Faith in Action: Life Programs

## *National Day of Remembrance - All Babies*

FDD Michael Krzywonos

A Diocese of Providence Office of Life & Family Ministry Program

On Saturday, September 8, 2018, Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, Priests for Life and the Pro-Life Action League will co-sponsor the 6th annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, calling on pro-life Americans to honor the gravesites of our aborted brothers and sisters.

In Rhode Island, we gather at Babyland at Holy Gate Cemetery, East Providence to say a decade of the Rosary.



Faith in Action: Life Programs  
*Human Life Guild Day*

FDD Michael Krzywonos

- A Diocese of Providence Office of Life & Family Ministry Program
- Saturday, September 29
- Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul, Providence
  - Mass
  - Brunch
  - Conference



# Faith in Action: Life Programs

## *Silver Rose*

FDD Michael Krzywonos

Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage.

- The pilgrimage moves from Canada to Mexico, arriving at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City on her Feast Day, December 12.
- The Rhode Island pilgrimage runs from Sunday, September 30 through Sunday, October 28.

- **How to participate:**

- Ask pastors to hold a one-hour prayer service for Knights, their families and fellow parishioners.
- Select a date and time for the parish.
- Advertise in the parish bulleting in the weeks leading up to the event.



## Faith in Action: Life Programs

# *Life Chain*

FDD Michael Krzywonos

- A Diocese of Providence Office of Life & Family Ministry Program
- Sunday, October 7.
- The Life Chain is a pro-life social movement organization, one of the largest in the America.
- Every first Sunday of October, Life Chain invites various churches and congregations across the United States to stand on designated sidewalks to pray and rally for one hour.
- Takes place at various parishes throughout Rhode Island, Locations will be announced on the State website once they are determined.



## Faith in Action: Life Programs

# *Peace in the Womb - Christmas Caroling*

FDD Michael Krzywonos

- Also referred to as the *Empty Manger* Program
- A Diocese of Providence Office of Life & Family Ministry Program
- Saturday, December 15.
- Gather outside Planned Parenthood in Providence to sing Christmas Carols to bring awareness to the loss of unborn baby girls and boys.



# Faith in Action: Life Programs

## *Novena For Life*

FDD Michael Krzywonos

### A Higher Purpose

- Lead your community in the spiritual fight to establish a culture of life in our nations. Knights and their families will come together in both public and private acts of prayer to promote the protection of life. *Council participation in Novena for Life is required to qualify for the Columbian Award.*
- The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. Knights remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being – from the moment of conception to natural death. To commemorate and bolster this important cause, councils will promote a novena, nine days of sustained prayer, to build up a culture of life in our parishes, homes and wider comm



# Life Programs

## *Annual Respect Life Mass*

FDD Michael Krzywonos

- A Diocese of Providence Office of Life & Family Ministry Program
- Saturday, January 12, 2019, 9 AM
- Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul
- Celebrated by Bishop Thomas J. Tobin



# Life Programs

## *Pro-Life Dinner*

FDD Michael Krzywonos

- Saturday, January 12, 2019
- St. John Paul II Church, Pawtucket
- Schedule:
  - 4:30 PM Mass
  - 6:00 PM Cocktail Hour
  - 7:00 PM Dinner
- Beneficiaries
  - Diocese of Providence Family & Life Ministry
  - Little Flower Home
  - Mother of Life Center
  - Pro-Life Billboards Across America
  - Rhode Island Right to Life





# Life Programs

## *40 Days For Life*

FDD Michael Krzywonos

- Fall Campaign: Wednesday, September 29, through Sunday, November 4, 2018
- Lenten Campaign: Wednesday, March 6 (Ash Wednesday) through Sunday, April 14 (Palm Sunday).



# Life Programs

## *Marches For Life*

FDD Michael Krzywonos

- Friday, January 19, 2019, Washington D.C.
- Office of Life & Family Ministry Bus
  - Departs various Rhode Island locations at 7 PM on Thursday, January 18
  - Departs Washington D.C. at 4 PM on Friday, January 19
  - Returns to various RI Locations approximately 2 AM on Saturday, January 20



# Life Programs

## *Ultrasound Program*

FDD Michael Krzywonos

- Save lives by helping each abortion-minded woman who visits a pro-life pregnancy center to choose life by viewing her unborn child on an ultrasound machine.
- Rhode Island currently has three Ultrasound Machines in operation:
  - Mother of Life Center has 2
  - F



# Life Programs

## *Pregnancy Center Support*

FDD Michael Krzywonos

- Change the hearts and minds of society about abortion by showing that we love both mother and child before and after birth.
- Councils can provide material, financial, labor, and other support to Pro-Life Pregnancy Centers.
  - **Diocese of Providence Life & Family's Gabriel Project**
  - **Mother of Life Center**
  - **Rhode Island Right To Life**
  - **Little Flower Home**
  - **Bethany**



## Life Programs: Pregnancy Center Support

# *Mother of Life Center*

FDD Michael Krzywonos

- The Mother of Life Center is committed to promoting life by providing free assistance to pregnant teens and women. We are a non-profit agency in Rhode Island that cares for both you and your baby, offering pregnancy testing and advisory for your future physical and spiritual health. Our information on life issues that are presented from a Christian perspective, believing that every person is made in God's image.
- All our services are provided at no charge to women. Discussions between our staff and clients are completely confidential. No other person will be given any information about you unless we have your written permission. We will arrange your appointment to accommodate your schedule.
  - **Summer Gala, Wednesday, July 18, 6 PM at Crystal Lake Golf Club, Mapleville**
  - **Rose Dinner, date and location to be announced.**



# Life Programs: Pregnancy Center Support

## *Project Gabriel Baby Showers*

FDD Michael Krzywonos

Work with your parish to host a Baby Shower to collect items necessary for the benefit of young children...  
for **Newborns...** for **Infants...** for **Toddlers...**

*You are invited to attend a St. Gabriel's Call*

**"Baby Sprinkle"**



**Diapers: Size: Infant to Size 6**

**Baby Toiletries and more:**

Baby Wash...baby shampoo...baby lotion...diaper rash cream...wipes...bottles...socks/booties...



**Gift Cards in Increments of \$10:**

Stop & Shop...Shaw's...CVS...Walmart...Walgreens...



**Donations:**

Checks payable to St. Gabriel's Call

**Very Gently Used:**

Basinets...Strollers...High Chairs...Pack n' Plays

THE ST. GABRIEL'S CALL IS A CONFIDENTIAL INTERVENTION PROGRAM COORDINATED BY THE OFFICE OF LIFE & FAMILY OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE. THE PURPOSE IS TO REACH OUT TO WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES ESPECIALLY WOMEN WHO ARE PREGNANT, DESPERATE, AND IN NEED OF PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL ASSISTANCE DURING PREGNANCY AND BEYOND.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING! CAROL OWENS, DIRECTOR - 421-7833 X 218

*You are invited to attend a St. Gabriel's Call Baby Shower*

Date:  
Time:  
Where:

**Our Baby Wish-list... Please bring gifts unwrapped!**

**Practical Baby Seasonal Clothing:**  
Onesies, sleepers,  
play outfits ...  
Size 2t to 4t



**Diapers**  
Sizes: 4, 5, 6  
&  
**Pull-ups**  
Larger sizes greatly  
needed!



**CHILDREN'S BOOKS**

**Baby Toiletries and other necessities:**

**NO POWDER**  
Shampoo,  
Baby Wash, Wipes,  
Bottles, Sippy cups,  
Umbrella strollers,  
crib sheets, socks.

**Gift Cards in increments of \$10:**  
CVS, Walmart,  
Stop & Shop...



**St. Gabriel's Call**

Our mission is to reach out to all moms & dads during and beyond pregnancy by providing material items, emotional and spiritual support, especially if they are in an unplanned or crisis pregnancy. Our message is the same as the Angel Gabriel at the Annunciation to Mary of the birth of Jesus:

**"Rejoice! Fear not!"**

**Thank you for helping us to help others!**  
Carol A. Owens, Director  
Office of Life and Family  
Ministry  
401.278.4508

**All monetary donations are used to purchase cribs, etc. Checks made payable to: St. Gabriel's Call**

**Gently used:**  
Basinets, strollers,  
carry-seats, swings,  
highchairs...



PLEASE NO USED CAR SEATS!

PARISH NAME  
RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY  
WILL BE SPONSORING

**"A TODDLER COLLECTION"**

DATE

**Please bring your gifts unwrapped!**

**THERE WILL BE RECEPTACLES AT EACH ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH**

**OUR TODDLER WISH-LIST . . .**



**TODDLER CLOTHING:**

**FALL/WINTER  
SIZES 2 - 4 T  
BOYS & GIRLS**

**ONESIES  
SLEEPERS  
JACKETS  
SWEATERS  
JEANS  
SHIRTS  
SWEATSHIRTS  
SWEATPANTS**

**TODDLER TOILETRIES:**

**NO POWDER**

**SHAMPOO  
WASH  
LOTION  
WIPES**

**DIAPERS:  
SIZE 4, 5, 6**

**OTHER TODDLER NECESSITIES:**

**CRIB SHEETS  
BOTTLES  
UMBRELLA STROLLERS  
SIPPY CUPS**

**GIFT CARDS**

**INCREMENTS OF \$10  
CVS, WALGREENS  
WALMART, TARGET  
STOP & SHOP**

**Monetary Donations: Used to purchase cribs, car seats, and other larger items. Make checks payable to St. Gabriel's Call!**

St. Gabriel's Call is a ministry of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence



**Life Programs: Pregnancy Center Support**  
*Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe*

FDD Michael Krzywonos

**Diocese of Providence**

**HELP WANTED**

A message from Carol Owens, Director of Life & Family Ministry:

We would like to have volunteers from the Knights of Columbus to share 2 to 3 hours of their time during the veneration of the Image at the various parishes throughout the Diocese. We are not asking for coverage every day because I have relieved our guardian from time to time.

- Volunteer during the parish visits
- Share 2 to 3 hours of their choice to relieve guardian (Ray Piccirilli)
- Choose a day of their choice

I would send the itinerary to those who are interested and perhaps they could choose a parish close to home for their volunteer day and time. I would need

their name and contact information and you can share my cell phone with those who are interested (837-5538).



# Life Programs: Pregnancy Center Support

## *Bethany Christian Centers*

FDD Michael Krzywonos

- *Bethany Christian Services*, a national Christian child and family welfare agency, with operations in the State of Rhode Island, works to bring and keep families together through a variety of services, including pregnancy counseling, adoption, foster care and Safe Families for Children.
- Bethany's work spans all four Faith in Action categories by living out our *faith*, collaborating with other *prolife community* agencies and churches, operating *family* strengthening programs and is a leading child and family agency, partnering with other *community ministries and organizations* as we serve children and families.
- Copies of Bethany's annual report and select literature are in the back of the room for your review.





# Life Programs: Pregnancy Center Support

## *Bethany Christian Centers*

FDD Michael Krzywonos

### **LIFE IMPACT**

- **Pregnancy Counseling in RI and MA:**
  - In 2017-- served 38 women to offer and support life affirming options
  - In 2018-- served 33 women to offer and support life affirming options
- **What can Knights of Columbus to help?**
  - Share pregnancy counseling site and 24hour chat link with friends, family, congregates, etc.
  - Share local Pregnancy Counseling materials
  - Promote Life Impact fund with Sanctity Of Human Life Services materials
  - Raise Funds for Life Impact Fund supporting women who choose to parent



# Life Programs: Pregnancy Center Support

## *Bethany Christian Centers*

FDD Michael Krzywonos

### **SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN**

- Children, pregnant women and families served in RI & MA
  - In 2017 we hosted 51 children/pregnant women and connected a Family Friend to 50 children, families or pregnant women.
  - In 2018 we have hosted 30 children/pregnant women and created 29 Family Friend arrangements.
  - In 2017/2018 we recruited 31 new churches, 13 Host Families & 14 FF
- What can K of C DO?
  - Be a Safe Family For Children Church, Host Family or Family Friend
  - Raise funds for SFFC
  - Have SFFC Coordinator, Donna Pihl, come speak at Knights and churches by contacting her at 978-886-0245
  - Wrap around families with community:



# Life Programs

## *Rhode Island Right To Life*

FDD Michael Krzywonos

Rhode Island Right to Life's mission is to advocate for a state, nation and world in which the innocent lives of the unborn, the disabled, the elderly, and the ill are cherished by the citizenry and protected by civil law.

Each year, since 1970, we lobby for legislation that advances the cause of the Sanctity of Human Life at both the state and federal levels.

### **POLITICAL ACTION**

RIRTL has state and federal political action committees. This allows us to identify, support, and endorse pro-life candidates for our membership.

### **RIGHT TO LIFE EDUCATION**

RIRTL holds conferences and gives talks to groups from churches and other organizations that have an interest in the pro-life issues. Through our Education Fund, we maintain a comprehensive library of books, pamphlets, and videos on pro-life issues.

### **OUTREACH TO PREGNANT WOMEN**

Right to Life Services networks with visiting nurses, social workers, and other organizations that refer their clients to us for help. We are currently working with the Diocese of Providence by hosting The Gabriel Project.



## Life Programs: Pregnancy Center Support

# *Baby Bottle Boomerang*

FDD Michael Krzywonos

The “Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Campaign” (also called a “Baby Bottle Boomerang”) is a drive to collect funds to support culture of life initiatives at the local level. In this program, empty baby bottles are distributed to individuals or families to deposit their loose change, checks, or paper money, and the filled bottles are returned after a set period of time, such as a few days or several weeks.

Suggestions on how to conduct a “Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Campaign are on the [KofC.org](http://KofC.org) website.

Ask the organization you are donating to permission to send a photo and press release about the donation to the local media. Try to avoid a “grip and grin” type presentation photo. Instead, send a photograph of people at the center sorting or using the donated items. Return the bottles to the pregnancy care center or store the bottles safely for use during your next campaign.



# Life Programs: Pregnancy Center Support *Pro-Life Billboards Across America*


FDD Michael Krzywonos

## **Council Support Needed**



**SAVE *the* BABIES**  
*heartbeat 18 days*

PROLIFE Across AMERICA®  
NEED HELP? 1-800-366-7773



*I heard Music  
before I was born*

Life begins  
at Conception

PROLIFE  
Across AMERICA™

1-800-366-7773  
prolifeacrossamerica.org



18 DAYS

**REAL MEN  
LOVE BABIES**

1-800-366-7773

PROLIFE Across AMERICA®  
prolifeacrossamerica.org



If you're not ready to be a  
**DADDY,**  
let someone who is.

2 million couples wait to adopt.

PROLIFE Across AMERICA  
1-800-366-7773 PO Box 18066 Minneapolis, MN 55418



## Life Programs

# *Choose Life License Plates*

FDD Michael Krzywonos

Work with State Representatives to bring Choose Life license plates to



**Rhode Island!**

**Rhode Island!**



# Life Programs: Pregnancy Center Support

## *Additional KofC Life Programs*

FDD Michael Krzywonos

Here are some simple pro-life activities for your council to consider implementing:

- Distribute the Church's teachings on the sanctity of life as outlined in the **Study Guide to Evangelium Vitae** (#2914). The guide has been prepared by the Knights of Columbus for groups and individuals who wish to become more familiar with the Church's teaching on the respect due human life as presented by Pope John Paul II in his 11th encyclical, *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life). Copies can be obtained for 25 cents per copy.
- Contact right-to-life committees or **other pro-life organizations** in your area. Work to coordinate your programs with those already in existence. Volunteer support, manpower, and finances.
- Give gifts of thanks and congratulations to women who have "chosen life" by carrying their babies to term. On behalf of your council present new mothers with something as simple as the **Knights of Columbus Congratulations Card** (#2087, E, F, S, available at 25¢ each), or provide other practical gifts like diapers, food, blankets or clothing.



# Life Programs: Pregnancy Center Support

## *Additional KofC Life Programs*

FDD Michael Krzywonos

Here are some simple pro-life activities for your council to consider implementing:

- Consider donating **Christmas gifts** to newborns and their single mothers temporarily housed in shelters. Work with local social service agencies or programs that counsel women to keep their babies or place them for adoption.
- Sponsor a “**Tree for Life**” program to collect baby items and supplies for unwed mothers and crisis pregnancy service centers.
- Consider presenting **roses** from the council to all mothers attending Mass on Mother’s Day.
- **Pray the rosary to end abortion.** This simple, yet effective act can have enormous impact. A poster urging the recitation of the rosary as a weapon against abortion (#2073) and a prayer card (#2072) are available at no charge. Offer your rosaries publicly outside abortion clinics. Individuals or groups peacefully praying the rosary outside such facilities are highly visible and effective.





# Life Programs

## *Students For Life of America*

FDD Michael Krzywonos



- Students For Life of America exists to recruit, train, and mobilize the Pro-Life generation to abolish abortion.
- At Students for Life, we transform culture by recruiting, training, and mobilizing pro-lifers to abolish abortion. We launch and support Students

for Life groups in colleges, high schools, middle schools, law schools, and med schools throughout the nation to educate other young people about the violence of abortion, create new pro-lifers, and transform campuses into places that support pregnant and parenting students.



**STUDENTS  
FOR LIFE**  
OF AMERICA®

# Life Programs

## *KANDI Drive*

FDD Michael Krzywonos

- Rhode Island Knights of Columbus Councils have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars over the years to benefit people with intellectual disabilities through their participation in Special Olympics, SPRED programs, living/learning centers and human needs.
- This is collectively our biggest fundraiser every year and benefits more people than anything else we do.



- Councils that participate know first-hand the joy these donations provide to the people that need them.
- Invite family, friends and parishioners to assist with the council's collection.
- Next year's collection is scheduled for **Thursday-Saturday, May 9-11.**

St. John Paul II Council Grand Knight Bruce Guindon is the Chairman, and can be reached at [bruceguindon@yahoo.com](mailto:bruceguindon@yahoo.com)



# Life Programs

## *Special Olympics*

FDD Michael Krzywonos

- Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and athletic competitions for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.
- Saturday-Sunday, July 21-22, 2018: **Unified Athletic Tournament**
  - This event attracts more than 2,500 people
- October 13, 2018: **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**
  - Rhodes on the Pawtuxet, Cranston
  - This event will attract more than 1,000 people.
- **Summer Games**, Saturday-Sunday, June 1-3, 2019
  - Meade Athletic Field at URI
  - This event will attract more than 1,000 people.



## Life Programs

# *Mass for People with Special Needs*

FDD Michael Krzywonos

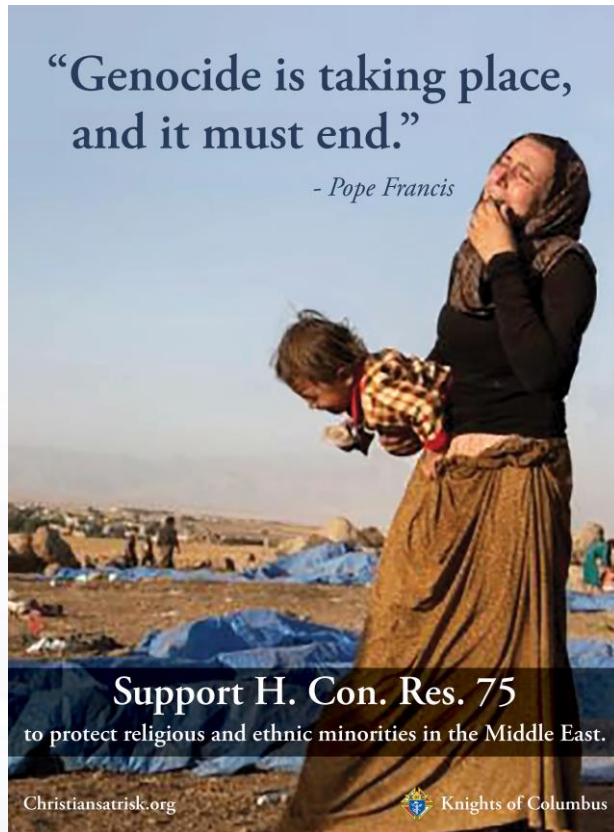
- Welcome individuals or families who might not normally feel comfortable participating in a regular scheduled Mass.
- Councils could invite their local Special Olympics team to attend.



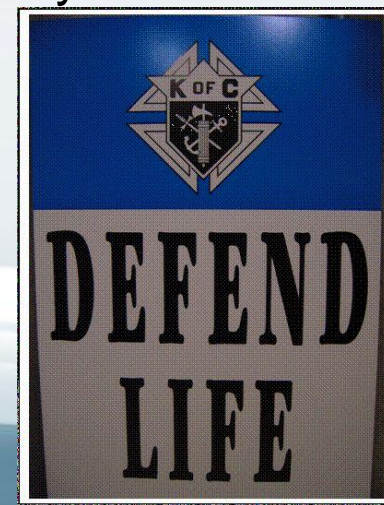
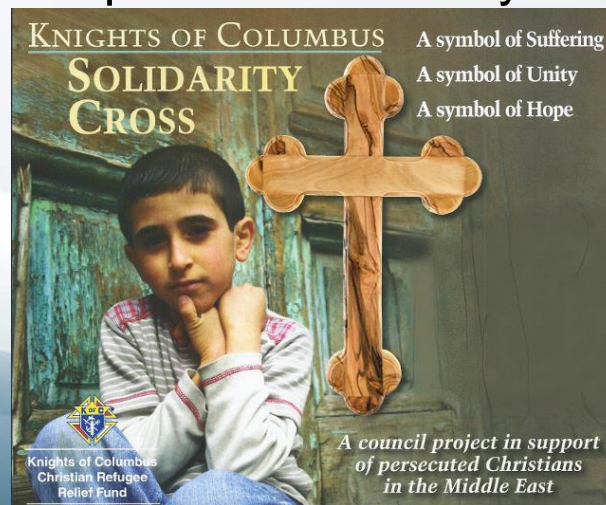
# Life Programs

## *Christian Relief Fund*

FDD Michael Krzywonos



- Help save persecuted and at-risk Christians facing genocidal all over the world, particularly in the Middle East.
- It is estimated that it takes \$2,000 to bring a family home that fled due to persecution.
- Districts are asked to unify their councils to raise enough money to sponsor one family so they can return



## Life Programs

# *End of Life Issues - The Catholic Perspective*

FDD Michael Krzywonos

- **‘End of Life Decisions – A Catholic Perspective’** was produced by the Diocese of Providence to help Catholics remain true to their faith up to and including the time of their passing.
- The booklet was published given an increased interest among the faithful to properly prepare for end of life decisions and explore matters that ought to be addressed because one’s last days, weeks, or even months could depend on choices and medical directives made while a person is healthy – or not made, leaving one’s fate in the hands of strangers.
  - Advanced Care Planning For a Holy Death
  - A Catholic Healthcare Directive For Rhode Island
  - The Christian Meaning of Suffering and Pain Control
  - Judging the Benefits and Burdens of Medical Treatment, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, Medically Assisted Respiration and Medically Assisted Food and Water.
    - Organ & Body Donation
    - Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (MOLST)



# TAKEAWAY

Simple model, requiring four programs in four categories that concentrates on quality faith-filled family programs

# INSPIRE

We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop – St. Teresa of Calcutta

# ACTION

Execute on strategy that ensures the fraternal leaders can faithful institute this model into the council life and families of their members



## Membership

# *Bulletin Announcements*

Pope St. John Paul II said of us that we are guided by the Holy Spirit: “...**to hear the Word of God and put it into practice.**” This is what we as members of the Knights of Columbus do, and we do it better than any other Catholic lay organization in the world.

Introducing the “**Where there are people suffering, we have a program for that**” series of bulletin announcements. This is a derivative of the legendary “**Did You Know**” Knights of Columbus marketing program that was so successful years ago. This new model uses a billboard approach to deliver one, powerful message that entices the reader to contemplate its meaning, but is part of a series. Councils are encouraged to ask their parishes to place one of the messages into their weekly bulletin and rotate the messages to keep them fresh and top of mind.





**Membership**  
*Bulletin Announcements*

When people struggle to provide nourishment for their loved ones, the Knights of Columbus offer

**“Food for Families!”**

You can help us assist others by providing real solutions for the challenges of life.

For more information call Mike at  
St. Francis Council #2011: (401) 301.3823  
or visit [www.KofC.org/JoinUs](http://www.KofC.org/JoinUs)



**Membership**  
*Bulletin Announcements*

When the children of our community do not have proper protection from the cold of winter, the Knights of Columbus offer

**“Coats For Kids!”**

You can help us assist others by providing real solutions for the challenges of life.

For more information call Mike at  
St. Francis Council #2011: (401) 301.3823  
or visit [www.KofC.org/JoinUs](http://www.KofC.org/JoinUs)



**Membership**  
*Bulletin Announcements*

When people are faced with choosing between warmth in their homes and other necessities of life, the Knights of Columbus support

**“Bishop Tobin’s  
Keep The Heat On Campaign!”**

You can help us assist others by providing real solutions for the challenges of life.

For more information call Mike at  
St. Francis Council #2011: (401) 301.3823  
or visit [www.KofC.org/JoinUs](http://www.KofC.org/JoinUs)



**Membership**  
*Bulletin Announcements*

When kids need a place to go after school for structured support, the Knights of Columbus offer

**“Teens Are Dynamite!”**

to support Catholic Youth Organization Centers

You can help us assist others by providing real solutions for the challenges of life.

For more information call Mike at  
St. Francis Council #2011: (401) 301.3823  
or visit [www.KofC.org/JoinUs](http://www.KofC.org/JoinUs)



Membership  
*Bulletin Announcements*

When our Armed Forces Veterans are forgotten during the holiday, the Knights of Columbus offer

**“Operation R.O.V.A.C!”**

Remembering Our Veterans At Christmas

You can help us assist others by providing real solutions for the challenges of life.

For more information call Mike at  
St. Francis Council #2011: (401) 301.3823  
or visit [www.KofC.org/JoinUs](http://www.KofC.org/JoinUs)



**Membership**  
*Bulletin Announcements*

When people with intellectual disabilities need support,  
the Knights of Columbus conduct the

**“KANDI Drive!”**

Knights Aiding Intellectually Disabled iNdividuals

You can help us assist others by providing real solutions  
for the challenges of life.

For more information call Mike at  
St. Francis Council #2011: (401) 301.3823  
or visit [www.KofC.org/JoinUs](http://www.KofC.org/JoinUs)



# Safe Environment and Child Protection Policy

Joe Carrignan  
R.I. State Advocate  
[jcar1472@outlook.com](mailto:jcar1472@outlook.com)



# ***Safe Environment Program***

## **Tone at the Top**



All Children deserve a safe environment.  
We as Knights of Columbus are committed to providing such an environment.

And as Knights of Columbus, we take this responsibility very seriously.

We strive to maintain the highest standards regarding the protection of young people.





# ***Safe Environment Program***

- Assure members and families a safe environment for children and vulnerable persons.
- Protect members from awkward situations, misunderstandings and appearances of impropriety.
- Build trust with the diocese and parishes, bishops and priests.
- Protect the good name of the Knights of



# ***Safe Environment Program***

## **Knights of Columbus Office of Youth Protection**

Assists Members and Dioceses in protecting vulnerable persons served within the Catholic Church

**[WWW.KOFC.ORG/SAFE](http://WWW.KOFC.ORG/SAFE)**

**1-844-KOFC-SAFE (1-844-563-2723)**



# *Safe Environment Program*

## **REPORTING SUSPECTED ABUSE**

- 1. Report suspected abuse to law enforcement**
- 2. Notify local diocese of suspected abuse**
- 3. Notify Knights of Columbus of suspected abuse at **1-844-KOFC-SAFE (1-844-563-2723)****



# *Safe Environment Program*

## Non-Knights of Columbus related allegations of Sexual Misconduct Involving a Member

Notify the Office of Youth Protection at [oyp@kofc.org](mailto:oyp@kofc.org) when been:

- Charged with or found guilty by a court of any offense involving children
- Charged with or found guilty by a court of any sex related offense



Sued in court for any wrongful conduct against children or for a sex related offense

# ***Safe Environment Program***

## **Non-Knights of Columbus related allegations of Sexual Misconduct Involving a Member**

To the extent there is a need for suspension or other action, it will be handled by the Board of Directors through the Office of Youth Protection and Membership Records.



# ***Safe Environment Program***

Members of the Knights of Columbus must remain informed of and compliant with diocesan safe environment requirements applicable to the council activities on diocesan/parish property.

**This is in addition to the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program.**



# ***Safe Environment Program***

## **Knights of Columbus vs Diocesan Safe Environment Program.**

<b>KOFC ACTIVITY</b>	<b>DIOCESAN REQUIREMENT</b>	<b>KOFC REQUIREMENT</b>
Membership	N/A	N/A
Council Meetings	N/A	N/A
Church Activity	YES	N/A
KOFC Youth Activity on Parish Property	YES	YES
KOFC Youth Activity off Parish Property	N/A	YES



# ***Safe Environment Program***

## Best Practices for Council Compliance with Diocesan Safe Environment Programs

### **FINANCIAL SECRETARIES SHOULD:**

1. Create and maintain a current list of members who are active volunteers in the council, both in Church/parish ministries.
2. Create and maintain a current list of all members who have completed diocesan safe environment requirements
3. Be prepared to share these lists with the diocesan/parish safe environment coordinators upon request.





# ***Safe Environment Program***

## Best Practices for Council Compliance with Diocesan Safe Environment Programs

- Being a member does NOT constitute volunteer activity.
- Membership does NOT require volunteer activity on parish property.
- Council meeting on parish property are limited to catholic men over the age of 18 and are NOT a parish ministry.



# ***Safe Environment Program***

## **Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program**

The Knights of Columbus maintains its Safe Environment Program in Partnership with

# **Praesidium**

**A national leader in abuse risk management**



# *Safe Environment Program*

## Member Roles Designated For Mandatory Training

- State Deputies  
State Advocates  
State Program Directors  
State Youth Directors  
State Community Directors  
State Family Directors  
Grand Knights  
Program Directors  
Community Directors  
Family Directors  
are required to complete *Praesidium's Armatus*® online training.



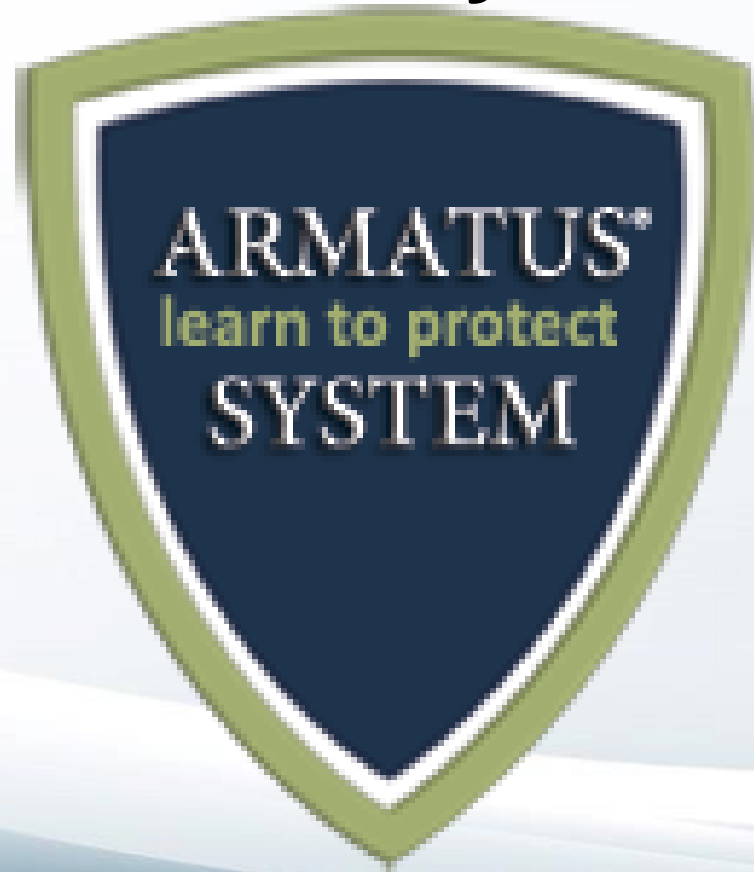
# ***Safe Environment Program***

## **Member Roles Designated to undergo Background Checks**

- Any member that has a role involving the youth



# Getting Started with the Armatus® Learn to Protect System



# **Getting Started with the Armatus® Learn to Protect System**

## **Logging into Armatus**

**1. Open a browser window on your computer. Recommended browsers include Internet Explorer or Google Chrome.**

**Go to <http://website.praesidiuminc.com/login> OR go to <http://www.KofC.org/safe>, and click the blue Praesidium's Armatus link.**





— FOR — MEMBERS

SIGN IN

INSURANCE AGENT | COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

DONATE | FOR MEMBERS

- PROGRAMS
- MEMBERSHIP
- RESOURCES
- STORE

KOFC.ORG > Programs: Youth Activities > Safe Environment Program

Search | f | t | i | y | in | G+

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

Recognizing that children are a precious gift, Knights of Columbus has always made their safety and well-being the highest priority in the Order's programs and activities. In partnership with *Praesidium*, an organization that has worked to provide knowledge and tools that safeguard against sexual predators for more than 20 years, the Order continues its strong tradition of maintaining the highest standards regarding the protection of young people. Through this partnership, the Order provides youth leaders with access to the most up-to-date resources to keep children safe, including **Praesidium's Armatus**® online training, background screenings, and an exclusive hotline to report child safety concerns (1-844-KOFC-SAFE (844-563-2723)). All materials are available in English, Spanish and French to make the content accessible to all members who will be asked to fulfill organizational requirements. Please note that the Praesidium Armatus online platform is an English site, but each training course is available in both French and Spanish.

All members of Knights of Columbus, especially youth leaders, grand knights and faithful navigators, are required to report any suspicion of sexual, emotional, physical abuse or neglect of a child participating in Knights of Columbus programs. If you have direct or indirect knowledge of or have reasonable cause to suspect abuse or misconduct against a minor participating in any Knights of Columbus program, including Columbian Squires, regardless of whether the incident occurred recently or in the past, report any and all information immediately to: 1-844-KOFC-SAFE (844-563-2723)

All information submitted is maintained in strict confidence. Knights of Columbus prohibits retaliation against those who have direct or indirect knowledge of or have reasonable cause to suspect abuse or misconduct against a minor and who make a good faith report of such abuse or misconduct.

For questions or concerns relating to the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program, or to receive a handbook containing Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program policies and procedures, please submit your request to Quianna Richardson at [203-800-4940](tel:203-800-4940) or [youthleader@kofc.org](mailto:youthleader@kofc.org).

Print | Share

PRAESIDIUM'S ARMATUS®  
Safe Environment Program Training

SUPPORT GUIDES

FRATERNAL FORMS

#### Youth Activities

- Columbian Squires
- Squire Advancement Program
- Free Throw Championship
- Soccer Challenge
- Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
- Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest
- Safe Environment Program
- Safe Environment Support Materials

#### Service Programs

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

#### Useful Sites



# Getting Started with the Armatus® Learn to Protect System

2. On the Armatus login page, enter your credentials Username: memberID + lastname (ex. 1235468jones) Password: kofcsafe

This is the default password for KofC members. You will be prompted to change your password upon logging in for the first time.





# Getting Started with the Armatus® Learn to Protect System

## Taking a Course

Courses which have not yet been taken show Status: Pending. To begin a course, click on the course title, image, or your preferred language for that course



You are scheduled to take the following courses and successfully complete the quiz at the end of the course. **If you are experiencing technical difficulties, click [here](#) to submit a support request.**

[View Certificate](#) [Course History](#)



**Meet Sam**  
[ENGLISH](#) [ESPAÑOL](#) [FRANÇAIS](#)  
 Status: Completed  
 Date: 2016-12-27

Sam molests children and in this module he tells you how he gets away with it. You learn the types of molesters and the methods they use to manipulate their coworkers, parents, and children-all to meet their own needs. You also learn how to spot interactions between adults and children that may indicate danger.

Click the corresponding button for your preferred language.

Select English (language)	English version of the course.
Select Spanish (language)	Spanish version of the course.
Select French (language)	French-Canadian version of the course.



**Duty To Report Mandated Reporter**  
[ENGLISH](#) [ESPAÑOL](#) [FRANÇAIS](#)  
 Status: Completed  
 Date: 2016-12-28

Adults have a moral responsibility--and in many cases a legal responsibility-- to report suspected child abuse or neglect.

In this course you will learn:

- Why reporting suspected abuse and neglect is critical
- What your legal responsibilities are to report suspected abuse and neglect
- What types of conduct must be reported
- How to report suspected abuse and neglect
- How to respond if a child discloses abuse or neglect to you.

Click the corresponding button for your preferred language.

Select English (language)	You are given a choice for the United States or Canadian version of the course. (The United States version includes information for <b>Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Philippines.</b> )
Select Spanish (language)	United States version of the course.
Select French (language)	Canadian version of the course.



**Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program**  
[ENGLISH](#) [ESPAÑOL](#) [FRANÇAIS](#)  
 Status: Completed  
 Date: 2016-12-28

This course introduces Knights of Columbus Safe Environment policies.

Participants will learn:

- Who is eligible to be a Youth Leader and how to apply for the appointment
- How to detect and prevent abuse in the organization
- How to address and report suspected misconduct and abuse
- Policies for preventing and detecting child abuse



# Getting Started with the Armatus® Learn to Protect System

Each course is divided into multiple lessons, followed by a quiz. You must complete each lesson along with the quiz in order to complete the course.



Once all three courses are completed you should print out your certificate.

# Meet Sam Course Menu

**HELLO**  
my name is

Learning About Molesters

**HELLO**  
my name is

Course Quiz

**PRAESIDIUM**  
D.A. PRAESIDIUM    THE PRAESIDIUM


© PRAESIDIUM 2014. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.



Meet Sam: Learning About Molesters

### Goals

- Identify who is most likely to molest a child.
- Identify the characteristics of a child molester.
- Differentiate between the categories of child molesters.
- List three things that enable a molester to harm a child.
- Explain how child molesters violate children's boundaries.



Meet Sam 2 of 13



Meet Sam: Conclusion

Child molesters gain the trust of adults by which technique?  
Select the correct answer then click the Submit button.

- Community grooming
- Physical grooming
- Psychological grooming

Submit

Course Quiz

Meet Sam



# ***Safe Environment Program***

- Members occupying the previously mentioned leadership roles must complete these requirements within 30 days of written notification (typically email)
- Members in certain youth leader roles who do not comply within 45 days are deemed ineligible to serve as a youth leader and will be removed.
- Grand Knights will be advised of the ineligibility and will have the option to appoint a new member to the role.



# ***Safe Environment Program***

- Youth Director or another fully trained and background checked members must be present at youth activities
- Ensures that all Knights of Columbus safe environment policies and procedures are followed at youth activities
- “Youth activity” is an activity whose principal subjects are minor children. (Columbian Squires, Free throw, etc)





# ***Safe Environment Program***

2018 Supreme Goal for State and Local  
Councils



# ***Safe Environment Program***

2018 Supreme Goal for State and Local  
Councils

**100%** Compliance for all members  
required to undergo Training and  
Background Checks



Your life is your message to the world.  
Make sure it's inspiring.





**STRONGER!**

**QUESTIONS**

[rikofcstateoffice@gmail.com](mailto:rikofcstateoffice@gmail.com)



# ***Appendix***



**Membership**  
*Strategic Catholic Partnerships*

IPSD Michael A. Benson

**DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE MINISTRIES**

- **Life & Family Ministry** – Carol Owns, Director
  - **Life & Family** (Respect Life)
    - 40 Days For Life
    - Support During Pregnancy
      - St. Gabriel’s Call (for mothers and their unborn babies)
      - The Elizabeth Ministry (for expectant mothers)
      - My Child...My Gift (for medically challenged pregnancy)
    - Support After an Abortion
      - Project Rachel (for abortion and post-abortion help)
  - **Caring for Creation** (Environment)
  - **End of Life: A Catholic Perspective**
  - **Emmanuel House** – housing for the homeless



# Membership

## *Strategic Catholic Partnerships*

IPSD Michael A. Benson

### **DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE MINISTRIES**

- **Life & Family Ministry** – Carol Owns, Director (continued)
  - **Social Work Support**
    - Social Work – providing support for individuals, families, clergy
    - Bereavement Program – support those suffering from the loss of a loved one
    - Separated/Divorced Program – parish support groups
    - St. Matthias Program – recovery program for those suffering with addictions
    - To Love and To Cherish – marriage support groups
  - **Educational Programs Curriculum** – child faith development and catechizing parents to build the Domestic Church
  - **Bishop Tobin's Human Life Guild** – encourages us to be people of life



**Membership**  
*Strategic Catholic Partnerships*

IPSD Michael A. Benson

**DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE MINISTRIES**

- **Life & Family Ministry** – Carol Owns, Director (continued)
  - **Young Adults**
    - Campus Ministry - focuses on assisting students in their faith life during their college years
    - Parish Young Adult Ministry
    - Theology On Tap
    - Vocational Discernment
    - Retreats
    - World Youth Day 2019





**Membership**  
*Strategic Catholic Partnerships*

IPSD Michael A. Benson

**DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE MINISTRIES**

- **Youth & Family Ministry** Louise “Duce” Dussault, Director
  - **Catholic Youth Ministry**
    - Events
      - Enflamed – Diocesan Youth Day 2018: September 8 at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Cumberland
      - Multi-parish Retreats
      - Glorify! - each “Glorify” evening has a unique theme, live music, guest speaker, and culminates with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
      - *SEARCH* - is an approach to the tough task of helping teens find meaning in their faith
      - Prayer Meetings - Prayer Meetings are offered every Monday night at the Rejoice in Hope Youth Center and Father Marot CYO Center



# Membership

## *Strategic Catholic Partnerships*

IPSD Michael A. Benson

### **DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE MINISTRIES**

- **Youth & Family Ministry** Louise “Duce” Dussault, Director (cont’d)
  - **CAL Sports** - the Catholic Athletic League is organized in order to give the children of this diocese a place to share, grow and interact in a safe environment in order to help them develop physically, socially, emotionally and spiritually.
    - Cross Country, Tennis, Basketball, Soccer, Volleyball
  - **Catholic Scouting** - Scouts learn, explore and experience numerous aspects of their Catholic faith under the guidance of their families, leaders, counselors and parish priests
  - **Hispanic Youth Ministry** - Encontrarás Dinámicas, Oraciones, y mucha Diversión!
  - **Mother of Hope Camp** - Kids have a great time learning new skills, making new friends, and enjoying all that summer offers



# Membership

## *Strategic Catholic Partnerships*

IPSD Michael A. Benson

### **DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE MINISTRIES**

- **Youth & Family Ministry** Louise “Duce” Dussault, Director (cont’d)
  - **Haunted Labyrinth** - celebrating 34 years of being the longest running haunted house in New England with the goal of encouraging leadership and ministry while providing a scary and fun attraction to the public.
  - **Faith Formation / Religious Education** - Helping you discover, experience and proclaim the Catholic faith
    - Catechetical Leaders & Catechists
  - **Special Religious Education (SPRED)** - small communities of faith in parishes to welcome persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities and foster inclusion in assemblies of worship



# Membership

## *Strategic Catholic Partnerships*

IPSD Michael A. Benson

### **DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE MINISTRIES**

- **Youth & Family Ministry** Louise “Duce” Dussault, Director (cont’d)
  - **Apostolate for People with Disabilities** - ministers to persons with intellectual, cognitive, developmental, physical, hearing, sight disabilities and psychological disorders
  - **Multicultural Ministry** - to provide information and opportunities for all to worship, pray, and celebrate their shared Catholic faith
  - **Marriage Preparation & Enrichment** - exists to help prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage in the Roman Catholic Church
  - **Faithful Citizenship** (RI Catholic Conference) - Parishes and other IRS-designated section 501(c)(3) church organizations are prohibited from participating in political campaign activity. Thus, certain political activities that are entirely appropriate for individuals may not be undertaken by church organizations or their representatives.



# Membership

## *Strategic Catholic Partnerships*

IPSD Michael A. Benson

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

- Daniel J. Ferris, Superintendent
- All 39 of the Catholic schools in the Diocese are accredited by New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEASC) and educate in accordance with and in satisfaction of compulsory school requirements of the State of Rhode Island. The academic year 2017-2018 opened with 10,801 students.
- **Why Do Catholic Schools Work?**
  - Communities sharing common values exist within Catholic schools, and between the schools and the families of the children attending those schools.
  - The level of involvement, commitment, and expectations on the part of Catholic school parents is very high.
  - Catholic schools offer a higher level of discipline and order.
  - Policies regarding course work, homework and ability level are extremely effective.



**Membership**  
*Strategic Catholic Partnerships*

IPSD Michael A. Benson

**BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH**

- **Our Lady of Providence Seminary (Vocations)** – Fr. Chris Murphy, Director
- **Diocese of Providence Office of Faith Formation** – Ed Trendowski, Director
  - Theology On Tap
  - Pope Pius V Young Adult Ministry – GK Larry Gilheaney
- **Portsmouth Institute** – Christopher Fisher, Director
- **Men of St. Joseph International** – Don Turbitt, President
- **Relevant Radio** – Lise
- **Legion of Mary** – Ed Gallagher



**Membership**  
*Strategic Catholic Partnerships*

IPSD Michael A. Benson

**CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTERS**

- **Servants of Christ for Life** – Tyler Rowley
  - Mother of Life Center – Gail Faraj--Musleh
  - Little Flower Home – PSD John Marcello
- **CareNet RI/Harmony Women's Care Center** – Rachel Nguen
- **Bethany Christian Services** – Ted Sullivan
- **Rhode Island Right to Life** – Barth Bracy, Executive Director



**Membership**  
*Strategic Catholic Partnerships*

IPSD Michael A. Benson

**SUPPORT PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES**

- **Special Olympics** – Tim Shriver
  - Special Olympics Rhode Island – Dennis DeJesus
  - Local Special Olympics Teams
- **James L. Maher Center**, East Bay
- **Frank Olean Center** -
- **Trudeau Center** –
- **La Plante Center** -





**Membership**  
*Strategic Catholic Partnerships*

IPSD Michael A. Benson

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

- **The Society of St. Vincent de Paul** – Renee Brissette (FDD Ted Benz) - a Catholic, lay, nonprofit organization that provides person-to-person service to Rhode Islanders in need, offering material assistance, friendship, and dignity to all.
- **Habitat For Humanity Rhode Island** – Cliff Tyler, Director of Development & Marketing
- **Amigo's For Christ** -
- **The Haitian Project** –
- **Little Sisters of the Poor** –



**Membership**  
*Faithful Citizenship*

IPSD Michael A. Benson

**Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship**

- Why Does the Church Teach About Issues Affecting Public Policy?
- Who in the Church Should Participate in Political Life?
- HOW DOES THE CHURCH HELP THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL TO SPEAK ABOUT POLITICAL AND SOCIAL QUESTIONS?
  - A Well-Formed Conscience
  - The Virtue of Prudence
  - Doing Good and Avoiding Evil
  - Making Moral Choices



**Membership**  
*Faithful Citizenship*

IPSD Michael A. Benson

**Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship** (cont'd)

- What Does the Church Say About Catholic Social Teaching in the Public Square?—Four Principles of Catholic Social Teaching
  - The Dignity of the Human Person
  - Subsidiarity
  - The Common Good
  - Solidarity



**Membership**  
*Faithful Citizenship*

IPSD Michael A. Benson

**Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship** (cont'd)

- **APPLYING CATHOLIC TEACHING TO MAJOR ISSUES: A SUMMARY OF POLICY POSITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS**
  - Human Life
  - Promoting Peace
  - Marriage and Family Life
  - Religious Freedom
  - Preferential Option for the Poor and Economic Justice
  - Health Care Migration
  - Catholic Education
  - Promoting Justice and Countering Violence
  - Combatting Unjust Discrimination
  - Care for Our Common Home
  - Communications, Media, and Culture
  - Global Solidarity



**GOALS FOR POLITICAL LIFE: CHALLENGES FOR CITIZENS, CANDIDATES, AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS.**

**Membership**  
*Bulletin Announcements*

When the children of our community do not have proper protection from the cold of winter, the Knights of Columbus offer

**“Coats For Kids!”**

You can help us assist others by providing real solutions for the challenges of life.

For more information call Mike at  
St. Francis Council #2011: (401) 301.3823  
or visit [www.KofC.org/JoinUs](http://www.KofC.org/JoinUs)



**Membership**  
*Bulletin Announcements*

When people are faced with choosing between warmth in their homes and other necessities of life, the Knights of Columbus support

**“Bishop Tobin’s  
Keep The Heat On Campaign!”**

You can help us assist others by providing real solutions for the challenges of life.

For more information call Mike at  
St. Francis Council #2011: (401) 301.3823  
or visit [www.KofC.org/JoinUs](http://www.KofC.org/JoinUs)



**Membership**  
*Bulletin Announcements*

When kids need a place to go after school for structured support, the Knights of Columbus offer

**“Teens Are Dynamite!”**

to support Catholic Youth Organization Centers

You can help us assist others by providing real solutions for the challenges of life.

For more information call Mike at  
St. Francis Council #2011: (401) 301.3823  
or visit [www.KofC.org/JoinUs](http://www.KofC.org/JoinUs)



Membership  
*Bulletin Announcements*

When our Armed Forces Veterans are forgotten during the holiday, the Knights of Columbus offer

**“Operation R.O.V.A.C!”**

Remembering Our Veterans At Christmas

You can help us assist others by providing real solutions for the challenges of life.

For more information call Mike at  
St. Francis Council #2011: (401) 301.3823  
or visit [www.KofC.org/JoinUs](http://www.KofC.org/JoinUs)





**Membership**  
*Bulletin Announcements*

When people with intellectual disabilities need support,  
the Knights of Columbus conduct the

**“KANDI Drive!”**

Knights Aiding Intellectually Disabled iNdividuals

You can help us assist others by providing real solutions  
for the challenges of life.

For more information call Mike at  
St. Francis Council #2011: (401) 301.3823  
or visit [www.KofC.org/JoinUs](http://www.KofC.org/JoinUs)



Membership  
*Bulletin Announcements*

When Catholic families desire to provide their children with a quality education, the Knights of Columbus provide

**“Scholarships & Book Awards!”**

You can help us assist others by providing real solutions for the challenges of life.

For more information call Mike at  
St. Francis Council #2011: (401) 301.3823  
or visit [www.KofC.org/JoinUs](http://www.KofC.org/JoinUs)



**Membership**

## *Bulletin Announcements*

When Catholic men desire to guide their families to a more faith-filled life, the Knights of Columbus present

### **“Building the Domestic Church!”**

programs to inspire and enlighten

You can help us assist others by providing real solutions for the challenges of life.

For more information call Mike at

St. Francis Council #2011: (401) 301.3823

or visit [www.KofC.org/JoinUs](http://www.KofC.org/JoinUs)



**Membership**  
*Bulletin Announcements*

When young Catholic men and women discern their response to answer the call from God to pursue religious life, the Knights of Columbus present

**“RSVP!”**

Refund Support Vocations Program

You can help us assist others by providing real solutions for the challenges of life.

For more information call Mike at  
St. Francis Council #2011: (401) 301.3823  
or visit [www.KofC.org/JoinUs](http://www.KofC.org/JoinUs)

