

November 21, 2018 Memorial of the Presentation of Mary

To all District Deputies,

Per the directive of Supreme we have another prayer initiative for the next couple fraternal years here in Wisconsin. They have replaced the Holy Family Prayer program with the icon of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. You are familiar with this program in the past years which has been successful in bringing together not only our councils but the church community which our councils serve. We hope with your kindly support and efforts that this program will continue to be an important outreach that we as Knights of Columbus can lead in our churches and community to build up our church.

This program has a focus on devotion to Our Lady and prayer for our brothers and sisters that are at risk around the world. We come together with these prayer services to strengthen ourselves and those at risk for the battle that lays ahead in our world today.

Great works in our organization should always be informed with a deep and well cultivated faith. Today, our church is in great need of men who are men of prayer. We are men of works informed by faith. Let this time of prayer opportunities in our districts and councils be a time of reflection, personal conversion and action in our world today.

I have enclosed a document from Supreme that outlines the basics to preparing and hosting successful services that will give dignity and honor to Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians and the whole prayer program. You will receive the icon and materials (briefcase) that accompany the program. If you should need additional materials to fill the cases please contact me or the state office. Also, if there is questions regarding the transfer of the icon to the next district or other program related inquiries feel free to contact me.

God's blessings to you and your families as you continue to serve the Knights of Columbus in serving our church and families.

Vivat Jesus,

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