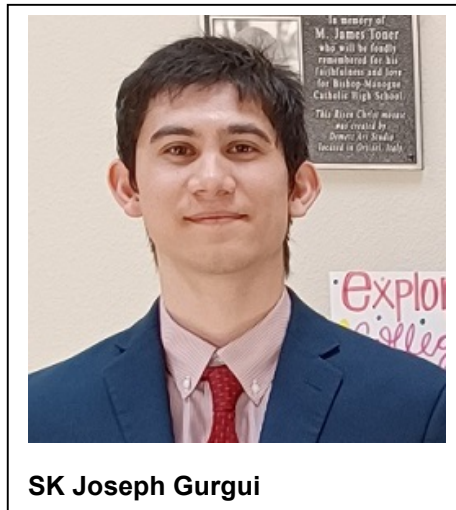


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## SK Joseph Gurgui Returns from SEEK24



**SK Joseph Gurgui**

Twenty-five year old SK Joseph Gurgui returned home after five days in St Louis, MO. He and 20,000 other young Catholics from around the country attended the SEEK24 Conference conducted by the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). The conference featured notable Catholic speakers and hundreds of vendors who connected students

to religious orders, educational and service opportunities and other Catholic organizations to further their faith formation.

"This was a remarkable experience for me," said Joseph. "I had worries about the future of this country, but after seeing this many young Catholics on fire for the Lord, my worries were set aside."

Close to 70 young people from the Diocese of Reno, including six from St Rose of Lima attended the conference. They heard Mass everyday. "I cannot begin to express how moving it was to hear the entire audience sing the Salve Regina during Mass," Joseph said. "I came away with an increased devotion to the Blessed Mother."

Joseph took 12 pages of notes from the workshops he attended. "This was a life-changing experience," he said. "I have never felt this way before, but I think the Lord is calling me into the priesthood."

Council 13842 of St Rose of Lima Church in Reno gave a large donation to help students from the parish attend the conference. "It was money well spent," said GK Don Eberlein

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*Whatever you are  
doing, that which  
makes you feel the most  
alive...that is where  
God is.*

*Ignatius of Loyola*

## From the desk of the State Deputy

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to share with you the beautiful story of the journey of St. Paul the Apostle. St. Paul, who persecuted Christians brutally before he became a believer in Christ, reminds us that there is a need for conversion and reconciliation among ourselves.

Brothers, I recommend that you watch or closely read the life of St. Paul. It is a humbling experience. Paul's life tells the story of acceptance of the Jews and Gentiles that we can be compared to and reflect on into our daily routine lives.

Paul's journey to Syria -- where he met the light of Jesus on the way to Damascus -- tells us about repentance and conversion. If we practice humility and open our hearts to Christ, we could convert from being arrogant and defensive all the time. Let's be the best we can. A simple sorry to a brother would mean a lot, and to be humble is agreeing that we don't know everything.

When St. Paul started preaching to the Gentiles and Jews in Antioch, we are reminded that we have a moral obligation to evangelize. The Sacraments are the wonderful gifts from God; therefore, we must follow them and we must teach them.

As we continue our journey, let's remember St. Paul's relentlessness to proclaim the greatness of our Lord. We should ask ourselves: how could we be part of his legacy even on a smaller scale?

Thank you and God bless!

Vivat Jesus!

Meynard Infantado, State Deputy

## A Great Start for Membership Growth

Brothers, the first six months of the year was great for membership growth. Since July first, your work has added 288 net new members to our order. Currently we rank number five in the order and we are working diligently to overtake Alabama for the number four spot. But we cannot let up and need to continue to work at bringing in younger members. We have been remarkably successful the last couple of years in bringing in members under age twenty-five to our order.

Not only are under twenty-fives joining, but they also are active in their councils. Examples: Brother John Jemison joined at age 18 in 2022. A member of council 14784 and Assembly 3772. He has his uniform and is part of the color corps. Brother Mateo Portelli is a member of Council 14784 and Assembly 3772. He asked to join the fourth-degree team and is doing a part in the team. Brother Trent Schafer joined at age 19 as a charter member of council 18256 and Assembly 611. He is doing an outstanding job as the Deputy Grand Knight. Brother Emmanuel Katele, an airman stationed at Nellis AFB, is a member of Council 10442. He joined at age 23 in Sept 2023 and has been active in feeding the homeless with my team at Catholic Workers. Brothers, these are just four young knights who are active in their councils and assemblies, I am sure there are many more like them.

I joined the Knights at age 18 and at the next council meeting, my sponsor Brother Bill Campbell asked me to help him at the bingo game (which the council held monthly in the church basement) and to work with the youth in CYO. In May of the following year, I was elected as the Outside Guard for the Council. Would I have been active without Brother Bill's encouragement? I would like to think so, but whose knows? We lose so many brothers because we, as leaders and brothers, are not encouraging new Brothers to be an active in our council and the order. You do not have to be the Grand Knight or a council officer to talk with a new member and ask him which programs he finds interesting and then introduce him to the brother who oversees that program. Men join the Knights to give back to their church, community and to grow in their faith. We have an obligation to ask them to help on programs and activities and put them to work. If we do not show an interest in them, who will?

Thanks for being active in inviting men to join our order this year. The State Deputy and I appreciate your time and talent in growing the order. We have had a wonderful year so far so let us put it into high gear and move up to be one of the top three in the order.

God Bless

David M Ryan, PSD, FVSM

State Membership Director

*Pray as if God will take care of all; act as if all is up to you.*

*Ignatius of Loyola*

## Note from the State Historian

***Wishing You and Yours --  
Sir Knights and Brother Knights  
A Joyous New Year!***

### ***Schedule More Exemplifications!***

#### ***Council updates:***

- I continue to be in contact with our District Deputies and Grand Knights to make sure each Council has a respective Council Historian, for this new Columbian year and going forward. The Council Historian will assist the State Historian in reaching into the respective Council archives for access to the noteworthy events or activities of the Council and Brother Knights. In some Councils this role will reside with the Grand Knight, due to the size of Council membership. Please be prepared to discuss who is best suited for this position on your Council. As always, this is your chance to tell and record your Council's continuing story!
- In concert with Worthy State Deputy Meynard Infantado and myself, we recommend Councils setting up a "cloud based" storage system for each Council's records, photos, activity accounting, etc. The continuity of record keeping can then be documented/updated over the continuing "Columbian Year" by the Council Historian.
- Please use my email address: [historian@nv-kofc.com](mailto:historian@nv-kofc.com) to assist in adding any historic documentation, as indicated above, to capture the Nevada State history of our Fraternal Order. I look forward to continuing to collaborate with you, my Brother Knights.

*He who carries God in  
his heart bears Heaven  
with him wherever he  
goes.*

*Ignatius of Loyola*

## Knights in Nevada History

### **Rev. Monsignor Patrick J. Connors, is the namesake of Council 4997 Our Lady of the Snows Parish**

Usually, when one talks about devotion to the Mother of Jesus under a particular title, there is a link, either to one of Mary's qualities (Sorrowful Mother, Mother of Mercy) or to one of her apparitions (Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Guadalupe).

Devotion to Mary under the title of Our Lady of the Snows is one of the oldest devotions to Mary. It has direct ties to the legend about a marvelous snowfall in Rome in 352 A.D. Mary had indicated in a dream to a wealthy, childless Roman couple that she wanted a church built in her honor and the site for this church would be covered with snow. It was a hot, sultry morning on August 5, but the Esquiline Hill was covered with snow. All Rome proclaimed the summer snow a miracle, and a church to honor Mary was build on the hill in 358 A.D.

Restored and refurbished many times, this church, now the magnificent Basilica of St. Mary Major, still stands today as the seat of devotion to Our Lady of the Snows in the Catholic Church. Our Lady of the Snows is honored here because of her special role in the Church that is by its very nature, missionary.

**Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us!**

**Remember:** The message Blessed Michael McGivney has for us is that we carry on the work he began 142 years ago, when he gathered a group of Catholic men in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, CT.

**Continue to Celebrate Father Michael J. McGivney's "Blessed" status!**

**Pray that Pope Francis I will Canonize our Blessed Michael McGivney!**

*All the things in this  
world are gifts of God,  
created for us, to be the  
means by which we can  
come to know him better,  
love him more surely,  
and serve him more  
faithfully.*

*Ignatius of Loyola*

**Knight in the Light** Submitted By: J. Michael Brady, State Historian

**Sir Knight Rev. Monsignor Patrick J. Connors,  
V.G., P.A.,**

**Friar Bishop Manogue Assembly 612**

Much has been printed by both religious and secular writers about Monsignor Patrick J. Connors, an outstanding priest. I did not know him as a priest for he was not my pastor. However, I did know and respect him as an outstanding Knight of Columbus. I attended Our Lady of the Snows Council meetings quite often and if the Monsignor wasn't there, one would raise the question "was he sick or was he traveling?" He was seldom absent from Council meetings.

When I became Faithful Navigator of the Nevada General Assembly (later named Bishop Manogue Assembly) I knew him personally as the Faithful Friar. From comments with my brother Sir Knights, I almost believed that he had always been the friar. And again I found him to be a faithful member of the Fourth Degree, attending every function, offering counsel and advice to the Assembly. On occasion when he and I were the only Sir Knights on hand at meeting time he cautioned me against becoming discouraged.

On Columbus Day, October 12, 1967, just two days before he was called to his ultimate reward, I, as the Master of the Nevada District, was to install the officers of the Manogue Assembly and as the Faithful Friar, the Monsignor would give his blessings to the Assembly. I was aware that he was in the hospital and stopped off at St. Mary's on my way from Fallon to the installation of officers to talk with him about the event.

The Monsignor was in the intensive care unit and was allowed only special visitors and then only for a few moments. The nurse mentioned my name and he indicated he wished to see me, and then she said to me, "You may talk, but only briefly. The Monsignor isn't to exert himself with conversation."

I spoke about the installation, and he asked who would be there. I mentioned the names of the Sir Knights to be installed and the main members who would be there in support. As I made talked about the event, Monsignor's eyes seemed to light up. Then the nurse indicated I had overstayed my visit. As I bid the Monsignor goodnight, he grabbed my arm and said "don't ever become discouraged about the Knights, Jack. Just make certain they don't become apathetic. Let us never become apathetic."

This was written by Jack D. Muldoon, Master in the November 1967 edition of the *Litterae Ab Magistro*.

*Love ought to show itself  
in deeds more than in  
words.*

*Ignatius of Loyola*

## Santa visits Boys and Girls Club



**Santa and his elves**

On a cold wintry morning at the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, SK John M. Bilka led a dedicated team which prepared more than 600 hearty breakfasts. Santa and Mrs. Clause were guests. This type of service initiative draws wide participation ranging from our most experienced Life Members to our newest fraternal brothers and their families.

This Breakfast with Santa took place on Dec. 2 and was supported by 25 Ponderosa Council 4928 members and their families who altogether volunteered a total of 88.5 hours of service. This is by far, the Council's most popular Food for Families program.

With Santa in attendance, we all were on our best behavior. It is interesting to note that Santa is an active Ponderosa Council Knight when not working at the North Pole.

- GK George A. Minter

*For those who believe, no proof is necessary. For those who disbelieve, no amount of proof is sufficient.*

*Ignatius of Loyola*

## Sharing the Christmas Spirit in Sparks



*If God causes you to suffer much, it is a sign that He certainly intends to make you a saint.*

*Ignatius of Loyola*

For the second year in a row --- due to cost and other considerations --- the Bishop Manogue Assembly and three District 2 councils agreed to host and fund a joint Christmas party. This year's event was held Dec. 16 at Immaculate Conception parish in Sparks.

District 2 Deputy/Bishop Manogue Assembly 612 Faithful Purser SK Mike Caudell was the event host.

About 85 diners were served at no cost to attendees. The entree was prime rib accompanied by wide assortment of potluck appetizers, sides, and desserts. In addition to dinner, there was a Christmas fact book/ trivia test handout, a reading of "Santa is Coming to Nevada," and a volunteer gift exchange. Donations originating with the open bar tip jar and supplemented by the generous members in attendance, totaled \$300. The money went to the Washoe County Senior Services Center room heater program which offers warmth to the needy.

- FN Thierry V. Barkley



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## Our Seminarians Need Your Help

As a reminder, I am looking for your Council's information on supporting our seminarians through the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP). The bishops ask that we manage the funds going to the seminarians, so that one person does not receive a windfall while another receives nothing. They also ask that we spread our help over the entire year. In addition, the Bishops want a report on how much help is going to which seminarian. I have been asked to coordinate this effort.

So, once again please, let me know which seminarians you have sent checks to, in what amount, and what your plan is for the remaining Fraternal year.

Let me know also if your Council is not able to come up with \$500 for a seminarian, and maybe I can help put you in touch with another Council with limited funds, so we can maximize the rebate from Supreme.

Also, please consider using the \$100 rebate from Supreme to buy Seminarian Raffle Tickets.

Vivat Jesus!

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*He who goes about to reform the world must begin with himself, or he loses his labor.*

*Ignatius of Loyola*

## Coming Events

### 4th degree Exemplifications

April 20 at Immaculate Conception in Sparks

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Announce your upcoming events here.

Send the event date and a brief description to [varond@ymail.com](mailto:varond@ymail.com)

## DGK Gunderman Visits the Vatican



**Lady and SK Gunderam**

During their visit to Rome last November, DGK Jody Gunderman and his wife Debbie had an appointment at 5:45 one Tuesday morning at the door to the Vatican Museum. There they met the Master of the Keys who gave them several huge keyrings which held the keys to the Museum's various collections, rooms and exhibits. Under the watchful eye of the Master, Jody and Debbie proceeded to unlock then enter the rooms that contained some of the most impressive art and historical artifacts in the world. As they entered each room,

*It is not hard to obey  
when we love the one  
whom we obey.*

*Ignatius of Loyola*

the Master turned on the lights bringing the exhibits to life. Then the Master handed Jody and Debbie a special envelope closed with the Vatican Seal. He said the envelope contained the ONLY key to the Sistine Chapel. Jody and Debbie unlocked a heavy wooden door and were ushered into a completely dark room and told to stand still. Then the Master turned on the lights. The magnificence and splendor of the Sistine Chapel suddenly came alive. "The experience was one of sensory overload" said Jody. "We were surrounded with Michelangelo's masterpieces: God reaching out to touch Adam's finger, the Deluge, the Final Judgment... We spent the next 30 minutes in the Chapel with our art historian guide. She described how the space is set-up when the College of Cardinals elect a new pope. Taking in all of this at once was an experience I will never forget." (Story continues on page 11.)

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After leaving the Sistine Chapel, their guide took Jody and Debbie down 30 feet directly below the main altar of St. Peter's Basilica. Here they saw tombs of dozens of First Century Rome's upper class. The tombs were discovered when Emperor Constantine built the first basilica on the site. "Due to the enormous weight of present-day St. Peter's, the digging must be done very carefully so as not to collapse the floor below the altar," their guide explained.

"After making our way through dark, hot, humid and narrow spaces we came to St. Peter's final resting place," said Jody. "His bones have been placed in a glass case and can only be viewed by using a flashlight and leaning around the wall in front of the tomb. Despite the sweltering conditions, I had a chill go through me when I realized I was looking at the remains of one of Our Lord's disciples."

This was Jody and Debbie's fifth trip to the Eternal City.



St Peter's tomb

*Occupy yourself in  
beholding and bewailing  
your own imperfections  
rather than  
contemplating the  
imperfections of others.*

*Ignatius of Loyola*

## Coats for Kids Closet Christmas Cheer



Since 2009, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus has encouraged councils to participate in the Coats for Kids program. Ponderosa Council 4928 has done just that at various venues. In 2015, this service initiative was moved to a "coat dressing room" in conjunction with the Boys and

Girls Club of Truckee Meadows "Breakfast with Santa" program. It was the perfect fit — a free breakfast, a new coat, a visit with Santa, and many happy families who were in need.

Once again, SK Charles B. Goucher was the Council's Program Chair. This year, the Council donated and helped distribute 280 coats, 246 scarves, 198 pairs of gloves, and 40 pairs of socks to needy boys and girls at the youth club. It was all done at an approximate cost of \$3,100 to the Council through Supreme's Coats for Kids rebate program. Council families donated additional winter wear valued at \$1,106.

St Michael the Archangel Council 10577 in Stead (a District 2 council) has one third the membership size of either Ponderosa Council 4928 or Our Lady of the Desert Council 12877 and it purchased more winter coats under Supremes' Coats for Kids program than either of its larger neighbors. - GK George A. Minter

*God gives each one of us  
sufficient grace ever to  
know His holy will, and  
to do it fully.*

*Ignatius of Loyola*

## VA Bingo is back!

Council 13842 in Reno will once again be able to play bingo each month with patients at the local Veteran's hospital. The hospital has a full-sized bingo board on the wall and prizes are coupons that may be used in the hospital commissary. The games start at 3 p.m. on Tuesday and "goodies" (snacks, cookies, chips, etc.) are no longer allowed. "The patients love the company," said SK Hugh Ricci. "They say its better than watching reruns of Dallas."

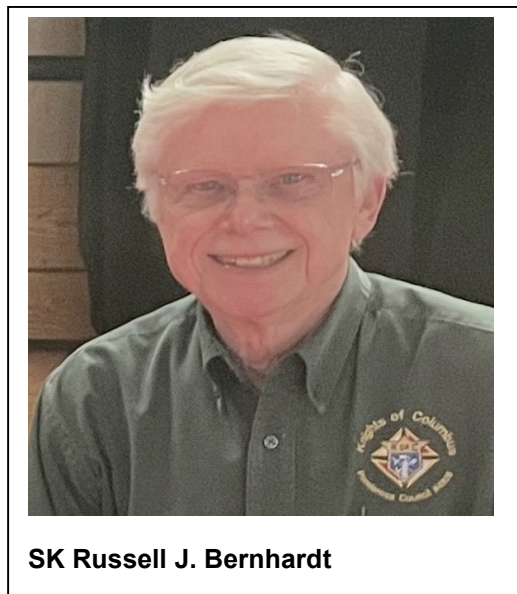
District Master Dan Dexter is working with other local Councils to provide coverage for every Tuesday in the month. Fourth Degree St Andrews Assembly #3118 has committed to play bingo on the fifth Tuesday of any month.

## Ponderosa Council #4928 Knights of the Month



Brother David Schebetta is currently the Council's Inside Guard. He is a frequent participant in various fundraising, service initiative, and fraternal events. This month he is recognized as Ponderosa Council's December Knight of the Month for his exceptional help in setting up the I.C. hall given the many challenges of unique back-to-back event room transitions. When it comes to room layout, Dave takes a backseat to no one.

SK Russell J. Bernhardt is recognized as Ponderosa Council's Knight of the Month for his ongoing service as Council Publicist, Council Webmaster, and Council Nightly Newsletter Editor --- all of these used in the promotion of the 2023 Joint Assembly/Council Christmas Dinner event. In addition, he helped in event seating set up, contributed to the "Santa is Coming to Nevada" reading, and prepared the Christmas fact book/trivia contest handout for the enjoyment of all in attendance.



*He who is not getting better is getting worse.*

*Ignatius of Loyola*

## Ponderosa Council #4928 Family of the Month



**Brother Jeffrey and Lady Diane McTiernan**

Brother Jeffrey and Lady Diane McTiernan are recognized as Ponderosa Council's December Family of the Month for their participation in the combined Coats for Kids/Breakfast with Santa programs held at the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows. Brother Jeff is Ponderosa Council's newest member, and this

was the McTiernan's first participation in a council service initiative as a team. Both Jeffrey and Lady Diane arrived at the crack of dawn to volunteer. While Jeff helped unload boxes of "kid" coats and winter wear, Lady Diane helped set up and distribute the coats to grateful families in a changing room. Brother Jeff went on to help prepare and serve breakfast on the food service line bringing smiles to many. Santa was very pleased.

*Teach us to give and not  
to count the cost.*

*Ignatius of Loyola*

## God Answers Prayer – A Praise Report

Worthy Knight John Pacheco of Council 13842 in Reno wants to give the Lord thanks and praise for His healing touch. John was diagnosed last year with a medical condition that could have been life-threatening. With the prayers of family and friends and especially those of his fellow Knights, John underwent eight months of medical therapy and the condition has been resolved.

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## Time to Re-visit Our Programs

By Al S. Pena State Program Director

It is mid-year and just the right time to go over programs to catch up and still make Star Council recognition. To those Councils who have already met the requirements, and those who are on the brink of achieving star council status, I wish to offer you my heartfelt congratulations. I know the hard work you and your Council put into it which is greatly appreciated. To those Councils who are behind, I wish to encourage you to start now because there is still six months time to catch up.

My goal as your Program Director is to help you cross that goal line and score a touchdown for your Council. So to begin I will call your attention to all the recommended programs of supreme that you can implement in your Councils and take you down the route I took to get there.

The second objective of my presentation is to discuss our faith based initiatives that makes everything work and spells the difference between success and failure. Faith is what drives programs. I will also try to explain in short order some of the confusing aspects of secularization which according to the Pope is the root cause of our crisis in faith and evangelization.

1). What Drives Programs? Its clear purpose and intent..

Programs leads to Engagement

Engagement leads to Satisfaction

Satisfaction leads to Commitment

Commitment leads to Evangelization

2) Start with the List of Supreme Recommended programs:

Faith:

- 1) Into the Breach
- 2) Spiritual Refection Eucharistic Adoration.
- 3) Holy Hour Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.
- 4) Pilgrim Icon Program St. Joseph as a model of fatherhood.
- 5) Building the Domestic church \$150 for building a Domestic church Kiosk.
- 6) Rosary Program

*For those who love,  
nothing is too difficult,  
especially when it is done  
for the love of our Lord  
Jesus Christ.*

*Ignatius of Loyola*

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## This Month's Photos

DGK Gunderman Visits the Vatican





# This Month's Photos

Christmas in Sparks, NV



State Council Carew, Arlon, Long



Joyce Minter



Fr. Arlon Vergara



Pastor Philip George and company



Leo Carew selfie



The Ponderosa family

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7) Sacramental Gifts Council providing gifts for baptism, marriage, first communion

8) Refund Support Vocation. Seminarian ticket sales.

### Family:

1) Food for Families

2) Family of the Month

3) Family Fully alive Time to rekindle the flame and live fully in Christ.

a. Especially those who are living in desperation.

4) Family Prayer Night Say a powerful prayer before going to bed.

5) Keep Christ in Christmas

6) Family Week

7) Consecration of the Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8) Good Friday Family Promotion

### Community:

1) Coats for Kids

2) Global Wheelchair Mission

3) Habitat for Humanity

4) Disaster Preparedness

5) Free throw competition

6) Catholic citizenship essay contest

7) Soccer Challenge,

8) Hockey Challenge

9) Bowling Competition

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## Time to Re-visit Our Programs

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Life:

- 1) Pregnancy Center Support/ASAP
- 2) March for Life
- 3) Special Olympics
- 4) Ultrasound Initiative
- 5) Christian Refugee Relief,
- 6) Silver Rose,
- 7) Mass for people with special needs
- 8) Novena for life

Start from the programs mentioned above and pick four in each category. Explore your membership interest and available resources. Can you do it? If for some strong reason the answer is no, then ask yourself why not? Organize your volunteers. Assign a Director who is driven and committed. Prepare a timetable for implementation and implement. Hold regular meetings and see if you are meeting your deadlines/goals

### DO A WATSOP ANALYSIS

- **WEAKNESS:** lack of volunteers, scheduling conflicts, lack of equipment and tools. What works? What does not. Conflict resolution.
- **AIM:** what is the goal? who will benefit? Food the hungry, water for the thirsty, Cloths for the needy and the outcast.
- **THREATS:** what you see as potential threats to you achieving your goals?
- **STRENGTH:** who are supporting your efforts Church, Community. How many volunteers do you have?
- **OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT:** how can you improve? What do we need to improve?

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Document Quantify in terms of Pieces, numbers, \$ worth./value the hours x \$15.00/hr

- No. of volunteers
- No.of volunteer hours
- Who benefited
- How many benefited
- Describe in detail how the program works and how it is going.
- Take Pictures. Pictures are worth a thousand words.
- Submit

Always pay attention to the star tracker e-mail that you are getting from the regional growth director. Try to stay on top of it.

Faith:

What Is Evangelization?

The new Evangelization calls each of us to deepen our faith, believe in the Gospel message and to go forth to proclaim the Gospel. The focus of the new evangelization calls Catholics to be evangelized and then go forth to evangelize. In a special way, the New Evangelization is focused on proposing the Gospel to those who have experienced a crisis in faith. Pope Benedict XVI called for re-proposing of the Gospel “to those regions waiting the first evangelization and to those regions where the roots of christianity are deep but who have experienced Serious Crisis Of Faith Due To Secularization. Faith is making ordinary people do extra-ordinary things.

Secularization: Definition and Examples - ThoughtCo Pope Francis acknowledges that secularization is the root cause of this crisis in faith. So to be clear lets find out what secularization means: [www.thoughtco.com › secularization-definition-3026575](http://www.thoughtco.com › secularization-definition-3026575)

Oct 4, 2019 · Definition Secularization is a cultural transition in which religious values are gradually replaced with nonreligious values. In the process, religious figureheads such as church leaders lose their authority and influence over society. Think of how secularization has transformed our society and our way of life.

• Author: Ashley Crossman

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Definition of Secularization: Secularization is the mechanism through which religious beliefs and institutions lose prominence in contemporary cultures in the face of scientific knowledge and other modernized types of knowledge. It is the phenomenon through which religious beliefs, rituals, and structures diminish their societal relevance. Sociologists use the term “secularization” to describe the process by which the ancient, all-encompassing, transcendent religious order is diminished in contemporary, structurally diversified communities to just as a subsystem along with other functional units, losing its all-encompassing assertions over all other functional units.

What are Religious Values?

- 1) Worship God
- 2) Be Kind to Everyone
- 3) Be Humble
- 4) Be Honest
- 5) Live a Moral Life
- 6) Be generous with time and Money
- 7) Don't be a hypocrite
- 8) Don't be self righteous
- 9) Don't retaliate
- 10) Forgive others

Non-Religious Values

- 1) Atheist - don't believe in a humans God
- 2) Anti-Theist - Hostility toward religion
- 3) Agnostic - People who lack God concept but don't want to offend.
- 4) Skeptics - Doubt in religious dogmas
- 5) Humanist - Oppose the Church and literal belief in the Bible
- 6) Pantheist - Lack of God's belief

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Eucharistic Adoration:

How can we organize Eucharistic Adoration?

- Councils and pastors can work together to organize a regular Holy Hour of Eucharistic adoration. A Knights of Columbus Holy Hour, prepared for the men of the parish, could include a reflection, communal rosary, prayers for intercession by Blessed Michael J. McGivney or St. Joseph, and various other aspects as decided by the council.
- Eucharistic procession. Talk to your pastors and arrange to process the Eucharist around your church campus.

The COR:

The three elements of prayer, formation and fraternity but be intentionally structured and built into this gathering. The ratio of emphasis on one key element over the others can vary. Consider utilizing KofC resources to help structure the content such as into the Breach or the COR ecclesiae series.

Suggested COR meeting structure:

- 1) Prayer Priest or Deacon
- 2) Reading of last Sunday's scriptures
- 3) Take away from the reading. Members are asked to describe what they understood from the reading and what they have learned. How to relate this to their daily lives.
- 4) Readings from the work of Fr. Micheal J. McGivney.
  - a. What lessons they have learned
  - b. How they can incorporate it in their daily lives.
- 5) Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. MCGivney.

Purpose is to refocus Catholic men on Jesus Christ and to form and strengthen them in faith and virtue through a brotherhood committed to prayer, formation and fraternity.

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Why COR: because families need a strong husbands and fathers, and the world need courageous witnesses to Jesus Christ. COR is Latin for heart.

I encourage you to start one. Feel the power of your encounter with Christ and how it transforms your life and those around you.

Into the Breach is a call to battle for men which urges them to embrace masculine virtues in a world at crisis. The original Into the Breach video series, inspired by the Apostolic Exhortation of Bishop Thomas J. Olmstead, outline the challenges faced by men of faith in the world today. The new Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family series presents the Catholic vision of family life and inspires them to incorporate it into daily life. By viewing and discussing these inspirational series, and using their accompanying study guides, men as well as couples, will be equipped with the wisdom and practical tools they need to better lead themselves and their families in living out the Faith. Resources for the new series are available at [kofc.org/intothebreach](http://kofc.org/intothebreach).

### Road to the star: Summary

- 1) Meet your membership quota.
- 2) Join the Membership Benefit presentation
- 3) Do four programs in each category
- 4) Document your programs. Take pictures
- 5) Submit
- 6) Be a Star.

### Faith Moves Mountains

- 1) Eucharistic Adoration
- 2) Eucharistic Procession
- 3) COR