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MEN ARE WAITING TO BE INVITED



*“Come after me, and I will make you
fishers of men.”*

– MT 4:19

*Jesus **invited** his first disciples. Father McGivney **invited**
Catholic men to the Order’s first meeting.*

It’s our turn.

It sounds so simple, yet the data points to the compelling fact that millions of Catholic men are just waiting for the invitation. Last year, we commissioned CARA, the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate, to look at Catholic men’s organizations. The goal was to learn why men join them, why some don’t, and for those who don’t, what factors would change their mind.

We learned that in the United States alone,

- *21 million adult Catholic men are not currently a member of a Catholic men’s organization*
- *3.2 million would definitely be interested in joining*
- *10.8 million might be interested but are unsure*

59% of Catholic men would join a Catholic men’s organization if asked.

Based on these findings, as many as **seven million men are open to joining groups like the Knights.** They simply haven’t been invited.

Think about that. Seven million new Knights. And there are millions more in Canada, Mexico and across Europe and Asia.

Also in 2023, we conducted a Membership Satisfaction survey, in which many of you participated. Responses showed **47% of members report they joined the Order because they were invited** to do so by a friend, family member or pastor. However, **33% of us have never asked men to join**, and 37% have only done so once or twice a year.

Catholic men are waiting. They are waiting to be invited.

Just imagine if each of our **2.1 million members around the world invited one person to join this year.** Imagine the impact we would have on our culture and world. We’re calling on every Knight to follow the example of Blessed Michael McGivney and our Lord Jesus Christ – to foster a culture in which we don’t wait for someone to come up to us. Rather, we go out and invite our Catholic brothers to join us in our mission to something greater.

*Let us be the **fishers of men** God is calling us to be.*

Pray 5 minutes a day and invite another man to become a Knight...



State Deputy Jeffrey Crouch

Brother Knights,

One of the most inspiring ways we live out our commitment to service is through our charitable programs. As Knights, we don't just speak of faith and service, we embody them. This year, we've witnessed many outstanding Community initiatives, but one stands as a shining example of dedication, effort, and impact.

The Clothes for Kids Drive, organized by Our Lady of Grace Council 14765 in Indian Land, South Carolina, has had a transformative effect on local children's lives. This initiative was born from a simple yet powerful mission: to ensure children in the Lancaster County public school system have access to new clothing, essential resources that support their confidence and success in school.

Through a combination of fundraising, donation drives, and community outreach, including staffing tables at local events and distributing more than 3,500 flyers, the Council raised over \$16,000. These efforts provided approximately 3,000 new clothing items to students in need.

But their impact didn't stop there. Council 14765 also led a matching campaign that raised an additional \$10,000 for disaster relief efforts following Hurricane Helene's devastation in the upstate last fall. Their compassion and readiness to serve in times of crisis exemplifies the true spirit of our Order.

Let us continue to stand united—not only as



Knights but as men of faith—committed to strengthening our families, our communities, and each other through service.

Thank you for all you've done to strengthen and grow our Order over the past two years. It has been an incredible journey and serving you as State Deputy has been both an honor and a privilege. I'm deeply grateful for the trust you placed in me and inspired by the dedication, faith, and brotherhood that define who we are as Knights.

Semper Fidelis!



State Secretary J. Scott Freidman



Community

Faith and Community bring us together for all kinds of events and purposes. Faith and community are truly woven together, creating spaces where people can come together in service, support, and shared purpose. From disaster relief efforts to local outreach, these acts of compassion reflect the love and presence of Christ in the world.

Jesus himself set the example of serving others—feeding the hungry, healing the sick, and welcoming the marginalized. His spirit continues to inspire believers to live out their faith through action, strengthening communities in ways that go beyond words.

Vivat Jesus

J. Scott Friedman
State Secretary- State Deputy Elect



Knights of Columbus

39,531 followers

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Day 3 of the Warriors to Lourdes pilgrimage was filled with powerful moments of prayer, patriotism, and international brotherhood.

From marching alongside fellow nations in the International Military Pilgrimage to celebrating Mass in the Rosary Basilica, U.S. pilgrims joined military delegations from around the world in honoring faith, sacrifice, and service.

Highlights included the presentation of colors along the Rosary Esplanade, greetings from military chaplains and bishops, and a moving memorial ceremony to remember our fallen. Pilgrims also had the opportunity to make new connections, share stories, and witness the universal bond of faith in Lourdes.

(Photos by Tamino Petelinšek)

1. Antoine de Romanet, Archbishop of the French Armed Forces, greets the representatives of the U.S. Delegation at the Military Ceremony of the International Military Pilgrimage in Lourdes, France. From right to left: 1SG Sompaul Vorapanich, USA/Ret., Capt. Joseph McInerney, USN/Ret. and Archbishop Timothy Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA and Maj. Gen. Patrick Brady, Medal of Honor Recipient.

2. The KofC Honor Guard and a platoon-sized military unit present the U.S. colors along the Rosary Esplanade.

3. U.S. Marines and the KofC Honor Guard carry memorial candles through town in preparation for the memorial ceremony at the Chapel of Lights honoring our fallen soldiers within the last year.

4. Midshipmen from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis take a selfie with LCDR Fr. Don Thevenin, USN.

5. Archbishop Timothy Broglio speaks with a group of Midshipmen from the US Naval Academy.



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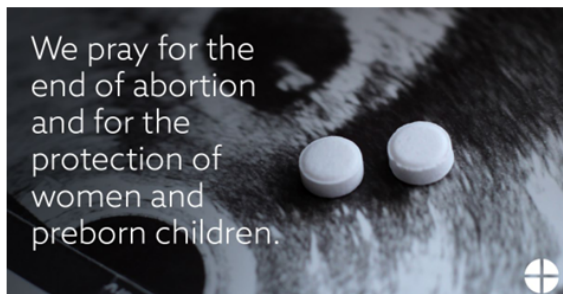
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PRAY

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

REFLECT

Abortion is always a tragedy that takes the life of an innocent child and significantly wounds the mother. For decades, surgical procedures accounted for most abortions, but today chemical abortion is the most common form in the United States. Chemical abortion is a process that generally involves a pregnant woman taking a sequence of pills early in pregnancy to kill and expel a developing child from her womb. Sadly, this form of abortion not only takes the life of a child but also poses significant risks to the health and safety of women.

Despite these serious risks, chemical abortion has widespread accessibility. Since 2016, the FDA has shown continued disregard for women's health by loosening safety standards, extending the limits of when the drugs can be used, and decreasing the number of required doctor's visits. Most recently, the FDA has allowed abortion pills to be prescribed through virtual appointments, made available at neighborhood pharmacies, and ordered online, enabling a nationwide mail-order abortion industry. These policies leave women vulnerable to suffering an abortion at home, alone, without any medical

supervision. In addition to putting a woman's health at risk, the actions taken by the FDA also increase the chances that women may be exploited by violent partners and human traffickers.

In June 2024, the Supreme Court threw out a case that had the potential to restore limitations to chemical abortion. It did not rule on the underlying questions, however, and only determined that the pro-life health care professionals who brought the lawsuit did not have the legally required standing to challenge the FDA's actions. While this initial case was unsuccessful, we pray that new action will be taken to protect women and preborn children from the dangers of the abortion pill.

ACT *(choose one)*

- Offer "A Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament": respectlife.org/prayer-for-life.
- Choose one day this week to offer a fast. Consider fasting from snacks, meat, caffeine, or another favorite food for this month's intention.
- Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this month's intention.

ONE STEP FURTHER

Learn more about the topic of chemical abortion. Use the available fact sheets to better understand the threat to women's health and be able to share your knowledge with friends and family: usccb.org/chemical-abortion-fact-sheets.



Get monthly prayer guides at:

respectlife.org/prayer-and-action

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RESPECT LIFE

Prayer
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GUÍA PARA LA ORACIÓN | JUNIO de 2025

INTERCEDAN

Rezamos por el fin del aborto y por la protección de las mujeres y de los niños en el vientre materno.

REZA

Padre nuestro, 3 Ave Marías, Gloria

REFLEXIONA

El aborto es siempre una tragedia que cobra la vida de un niño inocente y hiere profundamente a la madre. Durante décadas, los procedimientos quirúrgicos representaron la mayoría de los abortos, pero hoy el aborto químico es la forma más común en los Estados Unidos. Este es un proceso que somete a una mujer embarazada a una secuencia de píldoras al principio del embarazo para matar y expulsar de su vientre a un niño en desarrollo. Lamentablemente, esta forma de aborto no solo cobra la vida de un niño, sino que también plantea riesgos significativos para la salud y la seguridad de las mujeres.

A pesar de estos graves riesgos, el aborto químico tiene una amplia accesibilidad. Desde 2016, la FDA ha mostrado un continuo desprecio por la salud de las mujeres al relajar los estándares de seguridad, ampliar los límites de cuándo se pueden usar los medicamentos y disminuir la cantidad de visitas médicas requeridas. Más recientemente, la FDA ha permitido que las píldoras abortivas se receten en citas virtuales, estén disponibles en farmacias de vecindario y se soliciten en línea, lo que permite una industria de abortos por correo en todo el país. Estas políticas dejan a las mujeres vulnerables a

sufrir un aborto en casa, solas, sin ningún tipo de supervisión médica. Además de poner la salud de una mujer en riesgo, las acciones tomadas por el FDA también aumentan la posibilidad de que las mujeres puedan ser explotadas por parejas violentas y traficantes humanos.

En junio de 2024, la Corte Suprema desestimó un caso que tenía el potencial de restaurar las limitaciones al aborto químico. Sin embargo, no se pronunció sobre las preguntas subyacentes y solo determinó que los profesionales de la salud pro-vida que presentaron la demanda no tenían la capacidad legal requerida para impugnar las acciones de la FDA. Si bien este caso inicial no tuvo éxito, oramos para que se tomen nuevas medidas para proteger a las mujeres y a los niños no nacidos de los peligros de la píldora abortiva.

ACTÚA *(elige una)*

- Ofrecer "Una Oración por la Vida a Jesús Sacramentado": es.respectlife.org/prayer-for-life.
- Elige un día de esta semana para ayunar. Considere ayunar de bocadillos, carne, cafeína u otro alimento favorito para la intención de este mes.
- Ofrece algún otro sacrificio u oración que quieras realizar por la intención de este mes.

UN PASO MÁS

Aprende más sobre el tema del aborto químico. Utiliza las hojas informativas disponibles para comprender mejor la amenaza a la salud de las mujeres y poder compartir tus conocimientos con amigos y familiares: usccb.org/es/chemical-abortion-fact-sheets.



Consigue guías mensuales para oración en:
respectlife.org/oracion-y-accion

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District Master Michael Allen

Patriot's Corner
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A Reflection on Duty, Gratitude, and the Common Good

Our country has endured a challenging year, marked by trials that have tested our resilience and unity. Yet, amidst these difficulties, a renewed sense of patriotism has emerged within many hearts—a profound appreciation for the blessings our nation provides and a realization of the responsibility we bear to contribute actively to its well-being. Patriotism, in its purest form, is not a blind allegiance but a virtuous commitment to the common good, rooted in gratitude and sustained by moral principles.

Patriotism as an Expression of Gratitude

The Catechism of the Catholic Church offers profound insight into the moral foundations of patriotism. Under the fourth commandment, which compels us to honor not only our parents but also legitimate authorities, the duty of citizens is clearly delineated. It calls upon individuals to contribute to the good of society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity, and freedom. Patriotism, then, is not merely a sentiment but a moral obligation arising from the gratitude we owe to our homeland, which nurtures and protects us.

This duty of gratitude transforms into action through the love and service of one's country. True patriotism seeks to elevate the collective

good, ensuring that society thrives in justice and liberty. It is a call to participate actively in the political community, fulfilling roles that uphold the dignity and rights of all citizens. Gratitude, in this sense, is not passive; it is the driving force behind engagement and service.

The Moral Imperative of the Common Good

Catholics, like all people of goodwill, are called to love and serve their country as an expression of their faith. This love finds its most tangible form in efforts to work for the common good. The concept of the common good transcends individual interests, emphasizing the well-being of the entire community. It encompasses social conditions that allow individuals and groups to achieve their fulfillment more easily and fully.

The future of any nation depends on the active involvement of its citizens, particularly those whose moral compass is shaped by faith. As highlighted by the "Golden Triangle of Freedom," freedom is inextricably linked to virtue, and virtue is sustained by faith. This triad forms a self-reinforcing cycle: freedom enables the practice of faith, faith nurtures virtue, and virtue safeguards freedom. If any element of this triangle is compromised, the stability of the entire system is jeopardized.

The Necessity of Faith and Morality in Governance

John Adams, one of the founding fathers of the United States, articulated this relationship

with remarkable clarity: "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other." His words underscore the essential role of morality and faith in sustaining a free society. Without these cornerstones, the structures of governance and liberty falter, leading to societal disintegration.

Historical examples from totalitarian regimes, whether Communist or Fascist, illustrate the peril of removing God, faith, and morality from the public sphere. In such systems, aggressive secularism often leads to the erosion of genuine freedom and the suppression of human dignity. Even within democratic societies, movements towards secularism risk undermining the moral and spiritual foundations that safeguard liberty and justice.

Patriotism as a Virtue

Patriotism, when understood as a virtue, aligns with the broader framework of charity and justice. It is not about asserting dominance or superiority but about fostering unity, respect, and mutual care among citizens. True patriotism recognizes the inherent dignity of every individual and seeks to create a society where everyone can flourish.

In practice, this virtue calls for active participation in civic life, whether through voting, community service, or advocacy for just policies. It also requires a willingness to chal-

lenge injustices and to hold leaders accountable to the principles of truth, justice, and the common good. Patriotism, therefore, is not a passive feeling but an active commitment to the highest ideals of our nation.

Conclusion

In these tumultuous times, patriotism offers a path to unity and renewal. It calls us to embrace our responsibilities as citizens, guided by gratitude and sustained by faith. As we work for the common good, let us remember the "Golden Triangle of Freedom" and strive to uphold the virtues that make freedom possible. By doing so, we honor not only our country but also the divine principles that undermine its foundation.

True patriotism is an act of love—love for one's country, love for one's neighbors, and love for the God who calls us to serve both. Let us rise to this call with courage and conviction, building a future where freedom and virtue flourish hand in hand.

I urge you to take a good hard look at the fourth degree of the Knights of Columbus and see if there's not something there for you.

Vivat Jesus!

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Council Websites

1668 [Msgr. Andrew K. Gwynn - 1668 Council #1668 \(uknight.org\)](http://uknight.org)

5086 [Fr. Anthony Montesinos Council #5086 \(uknight.org\)](http://uknight.org)

9475 [Council 9475 - Serving Charleston's East Cooper Catholic Communities - Home \(kofc9475.org\)](http://kofc9475.org)

11991 [Immaculate Conception Council #11991 \(uknight.org\)](http://uknight.org)

12472 [KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #12472 CHARLESTON, SC - Home \(blessedsacramentknights.com\)](http://blessedsacramentknights.com)

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Spiritual Director Deacon Bob Cox

“Community”

Greetings my Brother Knights and families!

I pray that you had a happy, grace filled, and joy filled Easter! I hope you were able to share yourselves with your children and grandchildren. We did! Our two children and their spouses and six grandchildren, along with two friends from church were at our house for Easter and Easter dinner and an egg hunt. They played corn hole, threw the football, and played cards, along with running all around the yard looking for their eggs (the grands had a color and they could only select and pick up their particular color of egg, and one golden egg each)! We celebrated two birthdays on Easter also. One grandson's birthday was on the 20th., and another one's is on the 30th, so we had cake and ice cream after dinner! I was proud of my eldest Mt. Pleasant grandson, as he served as an altar server at the 8:00am Mass on Easter Sunday (only his second time serving)!

My Brothers, what is the meaning of Community? Community refers to a moral community characterized by a shared sense of belonging, beliefs, and values, as well as love and devotion and for Catholics, community is also expressed through shared practices like prayer and worship.

We have shared faith and beliefs as a community: Community members typically share a common faith in Jesus Christ and a commitment to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Community life is often characterized by a

desire to serve and support one another as well as to work together to address social and economic needs in the world. The USCCB emphasizes the importance of community as a means of witnessing to the love of God, fostering spiritual growth, and living out the mission of the Church. (USCCB)

The family is often seen as the foundational unit of community and Catholic teaching emphasizes the importance of strong family relationship. Pope Francis said this about community, “The family is a community of love where each of us learns to relate to others and to the world around us.”

The Catholic Church itself is understood as a community with parishes and other organizations acting as local expressions of the broader Church. Our beloved Pope Francis said, “May every Church and Christian community be a place of mercy amid so much indifference.” “People must live (and) experience (the) Christian community in order to have a ‘life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ.’”

As Knights of Columbus, we are called to serve our family and our God. Our first principle is Charity, at home with our families and in our communities. This is a critical part of our Knights of Columbus mission. Have you ever wondered, “How can I make my community better?” Individuals can do great things on their own but there is something bigger than self when Knights of Columbus members come together as one through their council and accomplish great things. Councils that conduct these programs

are positively shaping their communities by addressing the needs of their citizens.

There are eight categories of community services that all councils can perform to improve community life. The eight categories of community services are: COATS FOR KIDS...to provide warmth for deserving children during cold winter months. Councils can purchase new winter coats for children and give them out to their communities as an act of love and mercy. GLOBAL WHEELCHAIR MISSION...to change the lives of people with disabilities all around the world. Your councils can change the lives of people in your communities by allowing them a way of getting around in their environments. HABITAT FOR HUMANITY...to help build homes for families in need in your communities. DISASTER PREPAREDNESS...to prepare your community before a disaster happens. Your councils can help prepare communities by using an organized course of action through education and planning. FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP...this helps the young members of your community by encouraging the values of competition and good sportsmanship. CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST...

encourage Catholic youth in your community to demonstrate their faith through writing. SOCCER/HOCKEY CHALLENGE...this is another way councils can be active in their communities by presenting another athletic event to guide youth through competition and sportsmanship. HELPING HANDS...just like our Blessed Michael McGivney did, councils will take the lead to help those most in need. By using this program, councils will be in the forefront of care for the disadvantaged popula-

tion in their communities: the abandoned, the addicted, the elderly who feel alone, and the homeless, among others. This program addresses the needs of the entire community that your council supports. For Community program resources, visit kofc.org/community. (Faith in Action booklet, p. 16-17.)

My Brothers and families, perhaps you can get involved in community projects at your local parish, volunteering for a variety of projects. As an example, at my parish in Florence, St. Ann, brothers from Council 5194 assist the St. Martin de Porres Food Pantry by picking up the food, transporting it to the food pantry building, and helping to bag 125-150 bags of food per week that is distributed to the needy in East Florence. As a matter of fact, the Pantry distributed over 5,000 bags of food last year, to 150-200 families. This is one way of helping our neighbors that are in need. This goes along with the list of projects that I earlier talked about in this article. Be a friend to those in need, whether they are young or old. You can always PRAY for them, ask the Holy Spirit to be with them, ask Jesus to touch them with his loving presence and for God to bless them!

I pray that God will bless you on your journey through and in COMMUNITY!!

Blessings,

God is Good...All the Time!

Deacon Bob Cox
State Spiritual Advisor



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Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation

Chris Ryder, PGK

Brother Knights of South Carolina,

First, I would like to thank our outgoing State Deputy, Jeffrey Crouch, for his outstanding leadership to our State Council for the past two years. I also thank him for his confidence in allowing me to serve you all as your Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation. I also congratulate our State Deputy-elect, Scott Friedman; I have no doubt that Scott will continue with the outstanding leadership that will enable South Carolina to continue as the most outstanding jurisdiction in our Order. Scott, I am privileged to continue as EFF under your leadership.

The theme for this final quarter is "Community," which is most appropriate as we head into the summer season. Evangelization is all about Community! The community of faith — our Holy Catholic Church — is where we gather together as two or more to bring our Lord and Savior into our midst. The community at large — from our local neighborhoods to our State and country and yes, even our whole world — represents the population for which we serve as missionaries of Christ. It is in this spirit that we obey the "Missionary Mandate" that Saint John Paul II references in his encyclical,

"Redemptoris Missio."

The different versions of the "missionary mandate" contain common elements as well as characteristics proper to each. Two elements, however, are found in all the versions.

First, there is the universal dimension of the task entrusted to the apostles, who are sent to "all nations" (Mt 28:19); "into all the world and...to the whole creation" (Mk 16:15); to "all nations" (Lk 24:47); "to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Secondly, there is the assurance given to the apostles by the Lord that they will not be alone in the task, but will receive the strength and the means necessary to carry out their mission. The reference here is to the presence and power of the spirit and the help of Jesus himself: "And they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them" (Mk 16:20).

Like our Order with Cor, our diocese calls us to be missionaries of Christ, to avail the Gospel to all with the understanding that salvation only comes from Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life. Furthermore, the Holy Spirit will be with us every step of the way.

One may say that based on what Saint JP II says in the encyclical, Evangelization is "scary." Well, that's what my 8 year-old grandson would say. It can certainly be intimidating. I enjoyed reading about our Brothers in Mount Pleasant who set up a booth on a street corner in Charleston and engaged the community in low-key conversations of faith along with Catholic literature for their reading enjoyment. How scary that must have been. In our Parish in Murrells Inlet/ Garden City, we just completed another "Bike Week," and I wondered how scary it could be if the Knights of District 11 set up a

booth on the Marsh Walk to evangelize the Catholic Faith with the thousands of bikers. There are several Protestant “bike ministries” who come down to the Bike Rally each year. Shouldn’t we, as Catholics, proclaim the Word of God. (Note to DD John Luse and the Grand Knights of Districts 11 — with help from District 3, next year!)

Recall from my column back in the spring when I wrote that the first step in enabling Cor in our Parishes and Councils is evangelizing ourselves, serving our Lord as husbands, fathers, brothers and sons. That’s not so scary is it. Perhaps our Cor Gatherings do not attract as many men as we would like, but we keep going at it. Every session, there is most always one who attends Cor for the first time. In the last column I wrote about when saying that we are Knights of Columbus, that we should always say that Knights act in service to Jesus in everything that we do. That’s not so scary either. When hearing that, many will say nothing, perhaps with a facial grimace; others may say, “That’s nice.” However, there are those few who will respond, “Amen, brother!”

To most people we encounter in the community at large, they know of the Knights of Columbus by the services we provide to the local citizenry. We provide winter coats for children in need, and collect money for citizens with intellectual disabilities. We assist such valuable organizations such as Help 4 Kids/ Backpack Buddies and the Saint Vincent DePaul society. We organize blood drives, food drives and clothing drives, and we build beds for children who otherwise sleep on the floor. This is evangelization on that community scale

that can be considered scary. How scary is it to proclaim when we deliver our services, “All that we do for the community is in service to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.” This is evangelization within our community!

As our Councils begin a new Columbian Year with new leadership, I humbly make one request to our District Deputies and Grand Knights. With the Charity, Unity and Fraternity exemplification now in its sixth year, I know many of us still think about the “old” first, second and third degree ceremonies. I personally don’t miss the first and third degree ceremonies very much. However, I do miss the Second Degree for two reasons. We still proclaim the message of Unity in the CUF, but we no longer hear that wonderful expose spoken by that ceremony’s Grand Knight. I cannot say more because I am still bound by oath of secrecy, but whether we saw the degree for the first time or the 100th, we always left it motivated to continue as a servant of the crucified Christ. The second reason why I miss the Second Degree as it was in that forum where Council Knights met up with their Brothers from their neighboring Councils.

I boldly request that District Deputies and Grand Knights conduct a district-wide gathering of Knights sometime in the first half of our Columbian Year, i.e. in calendar year 2025. Gatherings can be conducted as Cor events with elements of prayer and faith formation, but the emphasis should be on the fraternity. These assemblages are simply Knights meeting other Knights from outside our own Councils and gathering over beer, burgers, brats and brotherhood. That’s not so scary, is it.





Knights of Columbus

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Worthy State Deputy,

In the name of Christopher Columbus and the Knights of Columbus in South Carolina, I am proud to report the State Council is in excellent shape. The last audit has confirmed that the State Council's books are in good order and the council is solvent.

The councils of the State remain in solidarity with our bishop, the Most Reverend Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS and our Priests. Through the RSVP Program, we support the religious vocations from the state, including the support of every seminarian of the Diocese by multiple councils and many seminarians in the Archdiocese of Military Service, USA. Especially noteworthy is upon hearing the Supreme Knight discuss the Knights of Columbus COR Initiative, our bishop instructed the Diocesan Office of Evangelization to collaborate directly with the Knights of Columbus to enhance the Diocese's Via Fidelis program.

The State proudly continues to exemplify the virtue of charity. We recognize the outstanding leadership of our State Program Director and State Warden Patrick Noone, who personally chaired the Coats for Kids initiative and the Warrior to Lourdes fundraisers. Through Pat's leadership, the state procured over 6,000 coats, ranking us number 12 out of 75 jurisdictions in the Order. The State Council continues its charitable outreach by our State Charity Drive. And, with the Columbus HOPE Foundation, we expect to raise over \$300,000 this year for citizens with mental disabilities.

It is with immense pride that we recall our state's outstanding response to the devastation of Hurricane Helene. When South Carolina and North Carolina were ravaged this past September, leaving tens of thousands homeless, the councils of South Carolina responded in the charitable spirit of Fr. McGivney by providing immediate disaster relief:

- St Michael's Council 8980 of Garden City collected over 26,000 pounds of supplies and raised thousands of dollars. The supplies were driven directly to the State Deputy to immediately assist Greenville, the greater Greenville area, and parts of Asheville, NC.
- Precious Blood Council 11028 of Pawleys Island sent a truck load of supplies and donations directly to the State Deputy which provided relief in the Greenville area.
- P. N. Lynch Council 704 of Charleston had generators and supplies delivered to Asheville, NC, as soon as the roads were open.
- Our Lady of Grace Council 14765 of Indian Land raised over \$10,000 through a donation match challenge the first weekend following the storm.

- Saint Fynbar Council 17760 of Charleston drove a truckload of supplies directly to District Deputy Chris Pate to support Greenwood and Laurens areas. The supplies were being used within an hour of arrival.
- And many other Councils contributed supplies and donations to this effort.

The Pro-Life program remains strong and active. Many councils' support their local pregnancy centers and the St. Clare House. In addition, the State has now provided 33 ultrasound machines per Supreme Council Ultrasound Program, with three more in progress. South Carolina is believed to have acquired the largest number of ultrasound machines per capita of the 75 jurisdictions in the Order. And most importantly, we have saved tens of thousands of lives. And the State and Fourth Degree continued leading this year's Stand Up for Life Rally and March at the State Capital in January, which they have done for over 50 years and was highlighted in the Catholic Miscellany magazine.

The spirit of Columbianism is strong in South Carolina as demonstrated by the many Awards Program presentations during the State Deputy's Address to the State and at the State Council Convention Banquet.

Our outstanding youth program continues. The State Council remains the sole supporter of the Diocese of Charleston's Catholic Committee on Scouting which funds the Catholic Religious Emblem Awards and St. George Trek (a national religious vocation discernment event,) and Bishop England Trek. This is in addition to the State Soccer Shootout, State Basketball Free Throw, the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster/Essay Contest, and the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. In the last program, it is noteworthy to recognize that Mya McColl, sponsored by Immaculate Conception Council 11991 of Goose Creek, was the South Carolina State Council winner, and also the Supreme Council's runner up.

The growth, development, health and performance of our State Council and the councils of the State continue to excel under the leadership of our State Deputy Jeff Crouch and the South Carolina State Officers.

- South Carolina Jurisdiction has exceeded expectations and will achieve Supreme's Pinnacle Award for growth and programs for the fourth consecutive year.
- Last year, the State had 25 Star Councils (40%), an 12 Star Districts (67%) and 3 All-star Districts. These accomplishments significantly exceed the historical norm for the State. This year, as of the first of May, the state is exceeding last year's growth and is primed to far exceed last year's accomplishments.
- In January 2025, Brandon Chambers, our State Membership Director, was recognized by the Supreme Council to be the number one recruiter in the Order with 308 new Knights. He is the first South Carolina Knight in the state's history to achieve this accomplishment.

The State performance, under the success of State Deputy Jeff Crouch and Brandon Chambers did far more to grow the order than just here in South Carolina. Jeff was one of only twelve State Deputies serving on the Supreme Council Advisory Board Committee that directly interfaced with the Supreme Council's Growth Department. There, our State Deputy provided direct input on councils' issues and best practices. While our State Deputy shared our successes with other State Deputies, Brandon shared the same information with Supreme Insurance Agents. To be clear, the

best practices of South Carolina are directly impacting strategic growth in California, Pennsylvania, parts of Canada, Massachusetts, Puerto Rico, the Dakotas, all 11 Jurisdictions in the Southeastern Territory and many more. This past year, South Carolina has become the new face of the “Recruiting Drive.”

We would be remiss, if the State did not proudly recognize that our SD Jeff Crouch brought further recognition to South Carolina Knights of Columbus. He is the only state deputy to serve in Supreme’s inaugural Blessed Michael McGivney Fellowship whose purpose is to provide leadership training to the Orders’ young leaders. Many of these young leaders have gone on to be State Officers in their respective jurisdictions. Jeff has been asked to continue to mentor many of these young leaders. This does not happen only because South Carolina is doing well with intake numbers. It happens because South Carolina is well represented by our State Deputy.

In conclusion, the Knights of South Carolina stand firm in their Faith and their devotion to our Church and the Blessed Virgin Mary. We commit ourselves to Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, and the priests of the Diocese of Charleston. And the South Carolina Knights of Columbus is in a strong position for continued success for years to come. We thank our State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights and especially the thousands of Knights and their family who serve in South Carolina.

I hereby submit this report for the “Good of the Order.”

Vivat Jesus.

Fraternally submitted,



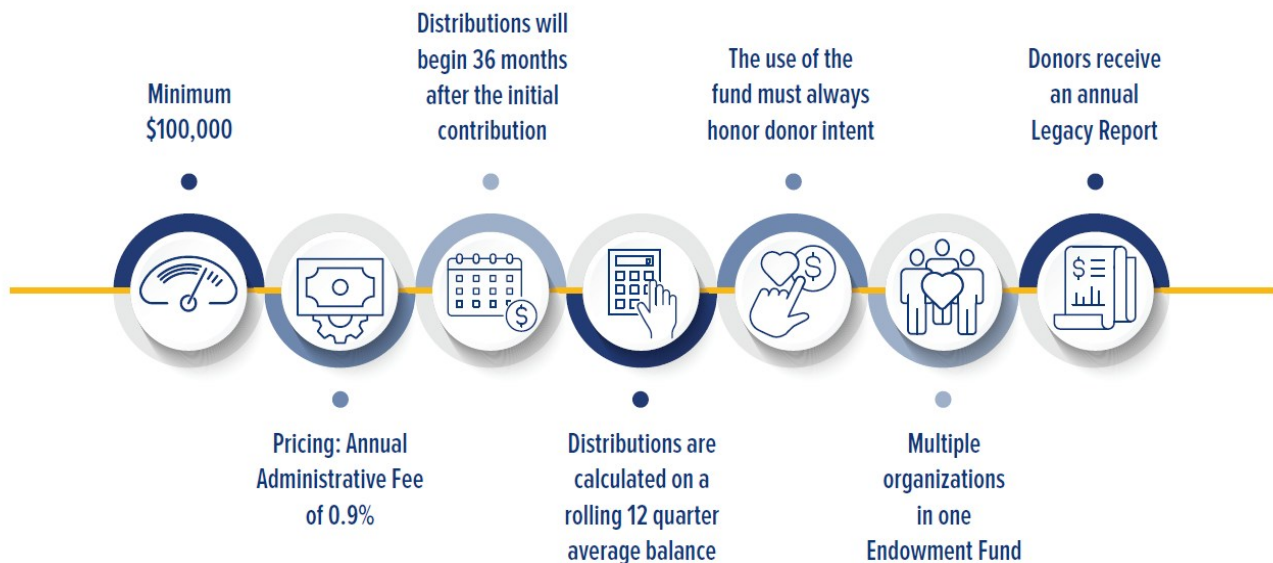
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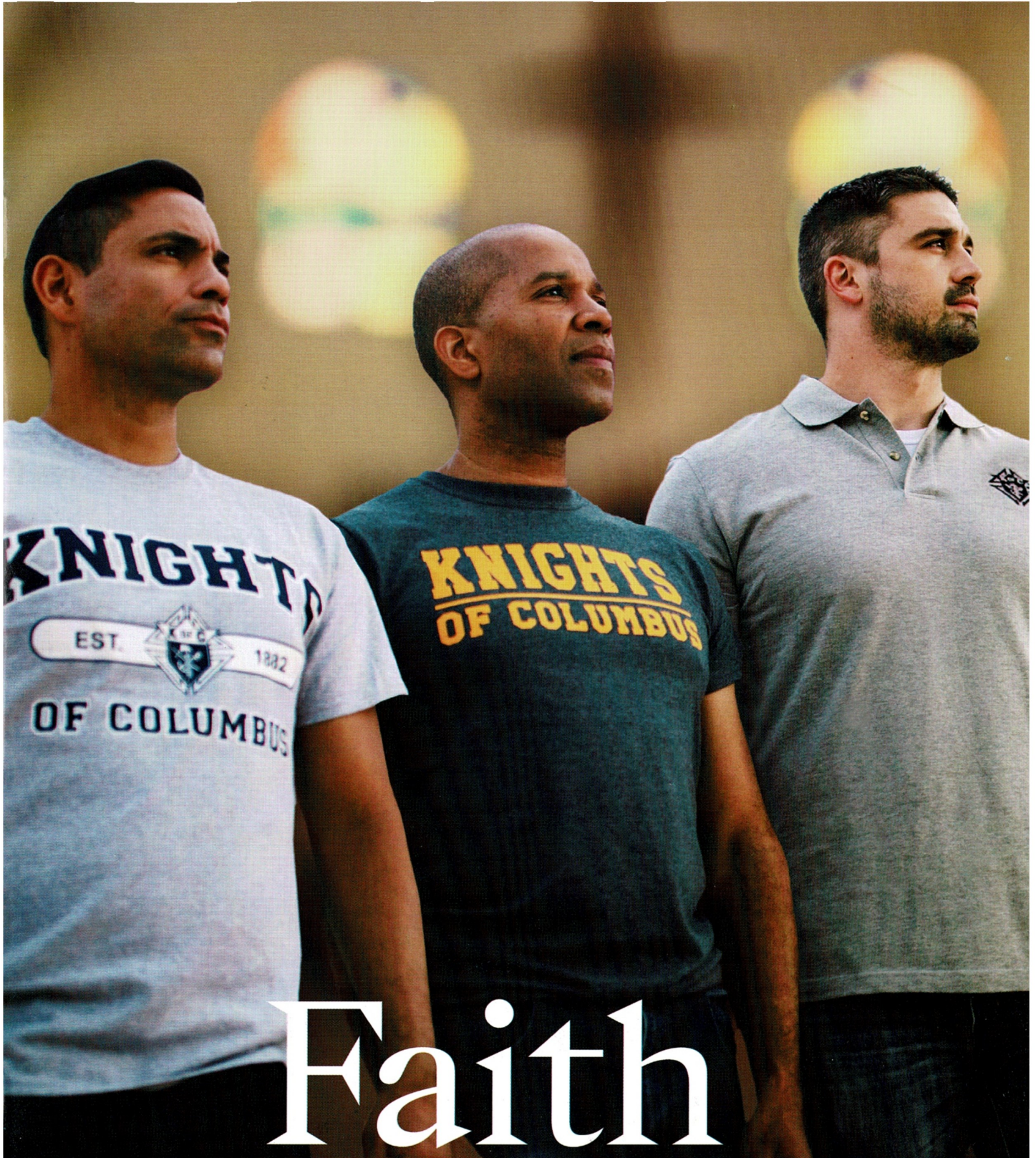
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Program Director Patrick Noone

Dear Brothers,

I was humbled when you elected me, and I thank you for allowing me to serve you this past year as both State Warden and State Program Director. Your help made these leadership opportunities a blessing.

This Quarterly Newsletter will focus on Community, and I'd like to review two types of community that I have found within our KOC Order. Let me first start with our Faith in Action Community events.

This past year was an extreme example of your love for Community driven in part by tragic circumstances from natural disasters. I know you all remember the Hurricane that devastated parts of our great state, as well as neighboring Georgia, North Carolina, and Tennessee. Your immediate and dedicated response to the needs of others affected in those areas was immense. Food, water, clothing, supplies, and money were donated in so many different ways. Some of you donated through your parish, others to the SC State Council, some through the on-line portal from Supreme, and still others with direct help to these affected communities. Although there is no way to determine an exact value of your donations and time, due to all the various avenues of contributions, estimates are over \$100,000. And all of this was done through the love of Community and neighbor.

Shortly after these efforts, you stepped up again for Coats for Kids, as you acted with

compassion and love of Community to make sure children did not go cold during the winter. SC finished third in the entire order for percent growth, and 10th for total coats donated. While these are amazing accomplishments in themselves, you did this after all the efforts you made for Disaster Relief. Nothing was going to stop you from helping our children receive deserving coats, not even the strains of a natural disaster! Because of your love for Community, over 6000 SC children stayed warm this past winter.

In addition, long standing sporting events for children occurred with our Soccer Challenge and Free Throw Contests. Record numbers participated in both, a reflection of your dedication to Community outreach, directly organized for our children.

Your success continued even beyond sports with another record number of participants for the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. It was another confirmation that our Faith is growing within our children, as their love of Jesus was reflected in their beautiful artwork. And for the first time that I'm aware of, we had a second-place finish for all of Supreme contestants with our Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest submittals, a reflection of the writing abilities and dedication of citizenship by our Catholic children.

Across our great state, our dedicated councils participated in and contributed to, other Community efforts including Global Wheelchair Mission, Habitat for Humanity, and Helping

Hands programs. Yes brothers, your efforts for Community in South Carolina via our Faith in Action Program for Community is not only alive and well, but it is also growing and thriving!

The second type of Community I have found within our South Carolina Order, is a sense of Community through Brotherhood. No matter where I go, we have individuals who are willing to lend a helping hand and act with "love of brother". On a personal note, this became apparent to me after requesting prayers for my grandson who experienced a breech birth.

My brothers were there for me immediately with prayer, positive messaging, and support at a time that was extremely stressful. Men need this kind of support that can only come

from a deep love through a Community of brotherhood.

I ask each of you to consider how our brotherhood and love for one another has helped and nurtured you. And then I ask you to be sure to share that story with others, especially those who may be considering joining our KOC Order.

Brothers, our acts of Community in SC are thriving, because of your love and dedication! Remember, we are God's chosen ones! (Colossians 3:12)

In Christ's love,
Patrick Noone
SC State Warden/Program Director
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Did you know?

- **Founding of Council #704 (1902)** – The **Rev. P.N. Lynch Council #704** was established in Charleston, making it the **first Knights of Columbus council** in both North and South Carolina. It started with **55 members** and played a crucial role in expanding the organization in the region.
- **Expansion Across the State** – From its humble beginnings, the Knights of Columbus in South Carolina have grown to **around 65 councils statewide**, continuing their mission of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism.
- **Community Impact** – The Knights have been actively involved in **charitable initiatives**, including **Coats for Kids**, refugee relief, and support for Catholic education.
- **Faith-Focused Initiatives** – The South Carolina State Council emphasizes strengthening Catholic faith among its members and their families. Their programs aim to deepen spiritual connections and prepare members for daily spiritual battles.
- **Community Service** – Charity is the first principle of the Knights of Columbus, and in South Carolina, members actively work to improve their communities. Councils collaborate to address local needs and make a meaningful impact.
- **Historical Legacy** – The **Monsignor Richard C. Madden Council 6629** was originally chartered as **Flowerstown Council 6629** in 1974. It was later renamed in honor of **Monsignor Richard C. Madden** in 1989 after his passing.

My name is Mark Phillips and I would like to introduce myself as the incoming State Programs Director officially starting July 1. I am a charter member of Council 11991 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Goose Creek. I have just finished my second year as District Deputy #13. I am a Past Grand Knight of Council 11991. I also serve as Faithful Captain of Assembly 3697. I am a retired civil engineer & have served as a Council member for City of Goose Creek.

I look forward to working with the state officers & directors, district deputies, grand knights & others. I hope that I can be a helpful resource for the councils toward executing the Faith In Action programs that are the staple of the Knights of Columbus.



May the Eucharistic Presence of Jesus strengthen Catholics to stand up for the protection of every human life.





Family Director

The State Family Director of the South Carolina Knights of Columbus serves as a cornerstone in fostering family-centered communities and strengthening Catholic family life. Appointed with the approval of the state deputy, this leader plays a critical role in guiding councils to implement meaningful family programs that reflect the Knights' core principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. By supporting local initiatives and Supreme Council directives, the director ensures that families remain actively engaged in the mission of the Order, fostering a culture where faith and service are inseparable.

At the heart of this role is program leadership and development. The State Family Director oversees the planning, execution, and promotion of family-focused initiatives, such as the Family of the Year Award, Keep Christ in Christmas campaign, and other family-based efforts. They provide direction to councils, offering coaching and resources to ensure programs are well-run and impactful. Through collaboration with the State Program Director, they help Knights and their families participate in events that reinforce Catholic traditions, strengthen relationships, and deepen their spiritual growth.

Communication and support are essential to the success of family programs. The State Family Director serves as the key liaison between councils and higher leadership, ensuring that directives, updates, and guidance are effectively communicated. By promoting the

use of Supreme Council resources and training opportunities, they empower Knights to lead within their parishes and strengthen the domestic church. Additionally, they provide ongoing mentorship to council-level family directors, helping them navigate challenges and implement family-focused initiatives with confidence and enthusiasm.

Beyond internal leadership, the State Family Director is instrumental in building relationships with external organizations that align with the Knights' values. Whether partnering with diocesan representatives, charitable institutions, or pro-life organizations, they help expand the reach of family-centered service projects. By facilitating collaboration with local charities, food pantries, and pregnancy centers, they ensure that Knights are actively supporting families in need and making a lasting impact in their communities.

Ultimately, the State Family Director's work is rooted in the Knights of Columbus' mission to serve God and one another. By guiding councils, promoting family initiatives, and fostering connections within the community, they help strengthen Catholic families and build a more faithful, unified society. Their leadership ensures that Knights and their loved ones remain engaged in service, spiritual formation, and the shared mission of uplifting the values that define our brotherhood. Through their dedication, the principles of faith, charity, and fraternity will continue to flourish across South Carolina.

2025 Family of the Year

The South Carolina Knights of Columbus proudly recognize the Duque-Perez family as the 2025 State Family of the Year, honoring their steadfast commitment to faith, service, and community. Guided by the words of Pope St. John Paul II, who reminds us that “the family is the first and vital cell of society,” the Duque-Perez family exemplifies the virtues of a true domestic church. Their home radiates the presence of Christ, where prayer is central, charity flows abundantly, and service is not just a duty but a calling.

Leonel and Celia, alongside their children—Leonel Jr., Johan, and Heidi—actively serve both their parish, St. Theresa the Little Flower in Summerville, and Reverend David J Schiller Council 11910. Whether volunteering for Taco Sunday, teaching RCIA, or fulfilling roles as lectors and Extraordinary Ministers, they bring their faith to life with every action. Their dedication to pro-life initiatives and charitable causes further reflects their unwavering commitment to placing God at the center of their family and service.

In addition to their parish involvement, the Duque-Perez family has been a driving force in welcoming and integrating the Hispanic community into the broader parish family. Their leadership in retreats, faith formation programs, and SINE—a parish initiative fostering spiritual unity—has strengthened the bonds within the congregation, ensuring that all families, regardless of background, feel embraced and uplifted in their faith journey. Their devotion to inclusion mirrors the Knights of Columbus' mission of fraternity, charity, and service.

With deep gratitude, we celebrate the Duque-Perez family's outstanding witness to faith and love. They have inspired countless parishioners and fellow Knights by embodying the highest ideals of Catholic family life. May their example continue to illuminate the path for others, demonstrating that a family rooted in Christ can truly transform the world around them. The South Carolina Knights of Columbus stand united in honoring their incredible legacy of service!



2025 Youth of the Year

The South Carolina Knights of Columbus proudly present the 2025 State Youth of the Year Award to Nathan Escoe, honoring his exceptional dedication to faith, service, and leadership. As Pope St. John Paul II reminds us, "the family is the first and vital cell of society," and Nathan embodies this truth by living a life of virtue and purpose. His commitment to Christ, his parish, and his community serves as a beacon of hope for young Catholics striving to deepen their faith and make a difference.

A devoted member of Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Nathan has been a guiding force within the Life Teen Youth Group, mentoring middle school students in the EDGE program and offering steadfast support to his peers. His three years as a CORE leader have made him an instrumental figure in shaping the spiritual journeys of young Catholics. Widely regarded as a trusted and compassionate leader among the youth of his parish, Nathan has participated in multiple diocesan and national Catholic events, including three years each at the Steubenville Conference and the Confirmation Retreat, several South Carolina Diocesan Youth Conferences, and the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis. He has served as a retreat speaker, lesson leader, Teen Mass participant, and fundraiser, always ensuring his faith is active and shared with others. His work as a member of the Diocesan Evangelization Team, helping organize conferences for more than 700 Catholic high school students, further highlights his dedication to strengthening the spiritual lives of his peers.

Nathan's leadership extends beyond his parish and into the broader community. Whether participating in diocesan and national Catho-



lic events or inspiring fellow students through organizations such as Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Christian Leadership Institute camps, he continues to strengthen his faith and uplift others. His passion for aviation, nurtured through the Young Eagles program, has led him to pursue his private pilot certification—an endeavor that reflects his dedication to discipline and perseverance. Academically, he has excelled, maintaining a strong GPA, contributing to student media, and earning recognition in the National Honor Society.

Through every challenge, Nathan has remained steadfast in his faith. His resilience following an ACL injury exemplifies his trust in God and his ability to find purpose in adversity. Whether on the football field, in the classroom, or within his parish, Nathan embodies the Knights of Columbus' commitment to service, integrity, and leadership. With gratitude and admiration, we celebrate his achievements and pray that his journey continues to inspire young Catholics throughout South Carolina and beyond!



Faith Director Jason Walsh

My Brother Knights,

My name is SK Jason Walsh, and it is an honor and a privilege to be your new State Faith Director. I am a Fourth Degree Knight serving Saint Michael Council 8980 and Grand Strand Assembly 2107 of Garden City. My wife Venissa and I moved to South Carolina over three years ago, and we are beyond blessed to be involved with the Knights of Columbus.

When our Worthy State Secretary, Scott Friedman, approached me about this position, I felt a sense of calling. God works through people, and to me, this ask felt like God calling me to do more in my vocation. As Catholics, we know that when God calls upon us, we must answer. I pray that this position allows me to demonstrate the goodness and joy that Christ brings into our lives and that we, as His Children, have so much to be grateful for.

Thursday, May 29, 2025, is the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. I can only imagine how the disciples must have felt knowing that the risen Christ would soon leave their earthly presence - anxiety, fear of the unknown, and sadness. These emotions are no different from many we face in our current world, especially among younger generations influenced by earthly values, such as social media and "life coaches". Yet, through all of life's challenges, our Heavenly Father is, and always will be, with us.

May the Holy Spirit guide me throughout this new journey of my life and continue to enrich my faith, perhaps even encouraging others to return to God.

Jason Walsh
State Faith Director





Life Director Malcom Brennan

Worthy Brothers,

Let us pray...

Father God, send down your Holy Spirit and convict us about the Culture of Death, and the great evil of abortion. Renew our zeal for defending the innocent and defenseless child in the womb. Fill us with the gifts of your spirit so that we may more effectively do your work. We ask this in the name of JESUS. AMEN

In January 2025, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori challenged the Knights of Columbus “to work toward greater recognition of the sanctity of unborn human life by participating in a peaceful pro-life demonstration or supporting a pregnancy resource center.” I am grateful for all my brother knights who are responding to this challenge.

And we have many reasons for Hope!

- The SC. Supreme Court has unanimously rejected Planned Parenthood’s third attack on the SC. Heartbeat Bill.
- A new St. Clare’s Maternity Home is opening in the Charleston area! This is great news for pregnant women in need of safe housing! This is also a great witness to Life, and a call on all SC Knights to provide support for this vital work.
- The May 20th Grand Strand Proudly Supports St. Clare’s Gala was a completely sold-out event and attended by many

Knights of Columbus. The event featured beautiful prayers, delicious food, great music, and engaging speakers. The early estimate is that the event raised approximately \$ 36,000.00 !!!

- The first Pope from the USA has just been elected! I can’t wait to see what God will do through him.
- Christ has risen from the grave and opened the possibility for Salvation to us!

We have many reasons for Hope, and much to be grateful for. However, if we want our Hopes to be realized, there is much work to be done. This is not a time to rest, it is a time for prayer and action! God has given us the opportunity to make substantial gains against the Culture of Death, and we cannot afford to waste this opportunity.

Pro-lifers should not be surprised when we are opposed. There are spirits of discouragement and apathy that support the culture of death. They will tell you that “this is not your battle”, “that you are not effective”, and “that you are not worthy of this great mission”. DO NOT LISTEN TO THEM! It is because you are challenging their domain that they are attacking you. Remember, we do not battle with flesh and blood, but with powers and principalities. So put on the full armor of Christ, continue in the good fight, and trust in God until the victory is secured!

It's also helpful to remember that one day we will all hear God say...

what you have done to “the least among us”;
you have done to Him. Mat. 25:34-40

compassion, Who is poorer than the child
in the womb?

And consider who is “the least among us” in
God’s eyes?

May our lives to be devoted to the service and
defense of “the least among us”.

- Who is smaller and more scorned than the
unwanted child in the womb?
- Chemical abortion is death by starvation,
so Who is hungrier, Who is thirstier?
- Targeted for death when they are sick,
Who is more abandoned than the child in
the womb?
- Completely defenseless and deprived of

If you have a heart for LIFE and believe that
God is calling you to greater involvement,
please contact me at : mbprolife@gmail.com

Vivat Jesus!
Malcolm Brennan
State Life Director
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May God grant us
fortitude and
resolve in our
efforts to protect
all human life.



Protocol Chairman Richard Gabriel, PSD

Protocol – KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CEREMONY FOR THE DISPOSAL OF UNSERVICEABLE FLAGS

(All assemble near flagpole or other suitable location) (If music is used), (National Anthem) Honor Guard/Members salute/present swords.

Faithful Commander: Faithful Navigator, we wish to present a number of unserviceable Flags of our Country for inspection and disposal.

Faithful Navigator: Faithful Commander advance with your detail and present the Flags for disposal and inspection. (Faithful Commander calls his detail to attention. They form at the Post of the Commander then march with two of the Flags which are to be inspected to the Faithful Pilot. The Faithful Commander steps one pace forward and salutes with sword).

Faithful Commander: Faithful Pilot, we present these unserviceable Flags for your inspection.

Faithful Pilot: Is the present condition of these Flags the result of their usual service as the Emblem of our Country.

Faithful Commander: These Flags have become faded and worn over the graves of our departed comrades and the soldier, sailor and airmen dead of all our nation's wars. (Pilot opens and inspects one or two flags).

Faithful Pilot: Present these Flags to the Faithful Admiral for his inspection. (The Faithful Commander salutes with sword, about faces, commands the detail) About Face, (crosses behind the detail and takes his post at its left, commands) Forward March. (The detail marches to within two paces of the Faithful Admiral, halts and proceeds as before.)

Faithful Commander: Faithful Admiral, we present these Flags which have been inspected by the Faithful Pilot, for your further inspection. (Admiral opens and inspects one or two flags).

Faithful Admiral: Have any of these Flags served any other purpose?

Faithful Commander: Some of these Flags have been displayed in various public places.

Faithful Admiral: Present them to the Faithful Navigator for final inspection and fitting disposal. (The Faithful Commander salutes with sword, about faces, commands the detail), About Face, (Crosses behind the detail and takes position on its left commands), Forward March. (The detail marches to center, turns right, halts within two paces of the Faithful Navigator, Faithful Commander steps one pace forward and salutes with sword.)

Faithful Commander: Faithful Navigator, we have the honor to present for final inspection

and proper disposal these Flags of our Country.

Faithful Navigator: Have these Flags been inspected by the Faithful Pilot and Faithful Admiral?

Faithful Commander: They Have.

Faithful Navigator: Faithful Pilot, what does your inspection show and what do you recommend?

Faithful Pilot: Faithful Navigator, I have inspected these flags and all the flags on the table. Since these Flags have become unserviceable in a worthy cause, I recommend that they be honorably retired from further Service.

Faithful Navigator: Faithful Admiral, what does your inspection show and what do you recommend?

Faithful Admiral: Faithful Navigator, I too have inspected all these flags. Since these Flags have become faded and worn in a tribute of service and love, I also recommend that they be fittingly destroyed.

Faithful Navigator: Sir Knights, we have presented here these Flags of our Country which have been inspected and condemned as unserviceable. They have reached their present state in a proper service of tribute, memory and love. A Flag may be a flimsy bit of printed gauze, or a beautiful banner of finest silk. Its intrinsic value may be trifling or great; but its real value is beyond price, for it is a precious symbol of all that we and our comrades have worked for and lived for, and died for a free Nation of free men, true to the faith of the past, devoted to the ideals and practice of Justice, Freedom and Democracy. Let these faded Flags of our Country be retired and destroyed with respectful and honorable rites and their places, be taken by bright new

Flags of the same size and kind, and let no grave of our soldier, sailor or airman dead be un-honored or unmarked. Faithful Commander, assembles the Color Guard, escort the detail bearing the Flags and destroy these Flags by burning. The members shall stand at attention.

Faithful Navigator: The Commander (or Chaplain) will offer prayer.

Commander (or Chaplain): Almighty God, Captain of all hosts and Commander over all, bless and consecrate this present hour. We thank Thee for our Country and its Flag, and for the liberty for which it stands. To clean and purging flame we commit these Flags, worn-out in worthy Service. As they yield their substance to the fire, may Thy Holy Light spread Country. Amen.

Faithful Navigator: Hand salute / Present Swords.

(Color Guards present arms. All officers and members except those on the flag detail salute. Members of the Flag detail dips two or three of the condemned Flags in kerosene and place them on the rack over the fire).
(Music: To the Colors)

Faithful Navigator: (at conclusion of "To the Colors") Two / Return Swords.
All remaining Flags are brought forward and added to the fire. Then when all are burned or are burning lowly:
Followed by: Music (God Bless America).

Faithful Navigator: Will the Commander please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands One Nation, Under God, with liberty and justice for all.

Faithful Navigator: I thank all for attending this Flag Disposal Ceremony. Dismissed.



Columbus Hope Foundation



Columbus H.O.P.E. Foundation

Helping Other People Everyday

Understanding the Challenges and Implementing Effective Strategies

Individuals with intellectual disabilities (ID) and extensive special needs face numerous barriers that impact their quality of life, particularly when their disabilities are severe. These challenges are often compounded by the environments in which they live, such as residential settings, which frequently limit community participation and restrict their autonomy. This document seeks to explore the critical issues affecting this population and propose strategies to promote their rights to community living, habilitation, rehabilitation, and privacy.

Challenges Faced by Individuals with ID and Extensive Special Needs

Poor Quality of Life

Numerous studies highlight that individuals with intellectual disabilities, particularly those with extensive support needs, experience a diminished quality of life compared to their peers with less severe disabilities. This disparity arises from limited access to opportunities that allow them to engage with their communities, form meaningful relationships, and pursue personal goals.

Barriers in Residential Settings

Residential settings designed for individuals with disabilities often emphasize care and safety over autonomy and community engagement. While these environments may meet basic needs, they frequently fail to provide the necessary support for individuals to participate in society fully. This lack of community integration perpetuates isolation and limits personal growth.

Insufficient Support for Rights

Research indicates that individuals with extensive needs often receive inadequate support for their fundamental rights, including:

- **The Right to Independent Living:** Many individuals are not given the tools or opportunities to make decisions about their living arrangements, work, or daily activities.
- **The Right to Privacy:** In residential settings, privacy is often overlooked, resulting in invasive practices that undermine personal dignity.
- **The Right to Habilitation and Rehabilitation:** Comprehensive support for skill-building and recovery efforts is frequently lacking, further limiting personal and social development.

Strategies to Address the Challenges

Promoting Community-Based Living

To ensure individuals with ID can live fulfilling lives, it is crucial to transition from institutionalized care to community-based living arrangements. These arrangements should prioritize inclusion, allowing individuals to participate in everyday activities such as employment, education, and recreation alongside their peers without disabilities.

Implementing Systemic Strategies

Governments and organizations must implement and monitor robust systemic strategies that uphold the rights of individuals with ID and extensive special needs. Such strategies should include:

- Legislation guarantees the right to live and participate in the community.
- Funding and resources to develop inclusive housing, educational, and vocational programs.
- Training for caregivers and professionals to promote dignity, respect, and autonomy.

Strengthening Advocacy and Awareness

Advocacy plays a pivotal role in shifting societal perceptions of individuals with disabilities. By raising awareness about their capabilities and rights, it is possible to foster a more inclusive society that values diversity.

Enhancing Support Services

Support services should be tailored to the unique needs of individuals with ID, ensuring they receive adequate assistance while maintaining their independence. These services might include:

- Personalized support plans reflect the individual's aspirations and preferences.
- Accessible technology to facilitate communication and daily living activities.
- Peer support networks to reduce social isolation.

The Role of Nonprofits in Driving Change

Organizations such as the Columbus HOPE Foundation play a vital role in addressing the gaps in support for individuals with ID and extensive special needs. By collaborating with disability-focused nonprofits, they help provide resources, advocacy, and services that elevate the quality of life for this vulnerable population. With continued involvement from community members and stakeholders, these organizations can create impactful and sustainable changes.

Conclusion

The journey to ensuring that individuals with intellectual disabilities and extensive special needs can exercise their rights and enjoy a high quality of life is complex but achievable. By addressing systemic barriers, implementing community-based strategies, and strengthening advocacy efforts, society can move closer to a future where all individuals, regardless of their abilities, are valued and supported. It is through collective action, such as that championed by the Columbus HOPE Foundation, that we can create a world where inclusion and empowerment are not just ideals but realities.

Vivat Jesus,
Mike Allen, PSD, DM
President CHF



Here are the Columbus Hope Foundation Drive quotas for the councils

								Columbus Hope		
	State	Council	Members	Inactive	Honorary	Honorary Life	Exemption	Billable	Quota at \$50 per	\$50
	SC	704	213	27	15	101	0	85	\$ 4,250.00	
	SC	724	154	12	7	38	1	103	\$ 5,150.00	
	SC	1668	191	12	5	45	3	131	\$ 6,550.00	
	SC	2207	142	12	6	36	10	84	\$ 4,200.00	
	SC	3067	80	3	3	20	0	57	\$ 2,850.00	
	SC	3684	251	14	16	77	0	160	\$ 8,000.00	
	SC	5026	181	18	5	30	1	132	\$ 6,600.00	
	SC	5086	189	10	9	55	3	121	\$ 6,050.00	
	SC	5194	145	10	7	34	5	96	\$ 4,800.00	
	SC	6076	170	18	7	30	6	116	\$ 5,800.00	
	SC	6250	127	10	5	26	1	90	\$ 4,500.00	
	SC	6629	276	27	20	57	9	183	\$ 9,150.00	
	SC	6726	142	7	5	31	4	100	\$ 5,000.00	
	SC	6756	204	16	10	23	0	165	\$ 8,250.00	
	SC	6847	208	13	7	37	6	152	\$ 7,600.00	
	SC	6884	227	10	10	54	3	160	\$ 8,000.00	
	SC	6891	144	7	6	29	0	108	\$ 5,400.00	
	SC	6892	123	9	3	31	2	81	\$ 4,050.00	
	SC	6900	56	10	0	0	0	46	\$ 2,300.00	
	SC	7062	92	3	5	20	0	69	\$ 3,450.00	
	SC	7122	283	9	8	72	9	193	\$ 9,650.00	
	SC	7129	122	2	2	29	4	87	\$ 4,350.00	
	SC	7289	82	4	2	21	0	57	\$ 2,850.00	
	SC	7531	170	11	6	32	2	125	\$ 6,250.00	
	SC	8123	49	2	2	7	0	40	\$ 2,000.00	
	SC	8182	104	11	1	18	7	68	\$ 3,400.00	
	SC	8295	135	8	4	19	6	102	\$ 5,100.00	
	SC	8502	49	4	4	10	1	34	\$ 1,700.00	
	SC	8790	28	1	1	7	0	20	\$ 1,000.00	
	SC	8900	69	9	2	20	0	40	\$ 2,000.00	
	SC	8980	393	10	12	111	0	272	\$ 13,600.00	
	SC	9184	81	12	2	22	2	45	\$ 2,250.00	
	SC	9475	307	12	9	60	5	230	\$ 11,500.00	
	SC	9575	236	16	6	24	0	196	\$ 9,800.00	
	SC	9576	101	7	4	20	0	74	\$ 3,700.00	

	SC	10066	29	1	1	9	2	17	\$ 850.00	
	SC	10334	84	12	7	21	1	50	\$ 2,500.00	
	SC	10668	269	9	7	45	0	215	\$ 10,750.00	
	SC	10819	274	6	13	60	3	205	\$ 10,250.00	
	SC	10867	16	2	2	3	2	9	\$ 450.00	
	SC	11028	242	9	13	39	2	192	\$ 9,600.00	
	SC	11325	226	13	3	21	4	188	\$ 9,400.00	
	SC	11471	68	0	6	13	0	55	\$ 2,750.00	
	SC	11910	163	9	7	21	10	123	\$ 6,150.00	
	SC	11991	238	14	3	51	2	171	\$ 8,550.00	
	SC	12263	334	8	11	90	0	236	\$ 11,800.00	
	SC	12268	45	0	0	11	0	34	\$ 1,700.00	
	SC	12274	62	2	3	13	0	47	\$ 2,350.00	
	SC	12366	266	7	6	46	2	211	\$ 10,550.00	
	SC	12472	169	6	4	13	0	150	\$ 7,500.00	
	SC	12554	83	1	2	10	3	69	\$ 3,450.00	
	SC	12995	49	0	0	4	1	44	\$ 2,200.00	
	SC	13112	97	3	0	9	0	85	\$ 4,250.00	
	SC	13713	114	1	5	14	0	99	\$ 4,950.00	
	SC	14475	212	2	6	14	0	196	\$ 9,800.00	
	SC	14765	108	3	2	23	0	82	\$ 4,100.00	
	SC	14892	29	0	1	4	3	22	\$ 1,100.00	
	SC	15519	29	0	1	3	0	26	\$ 1,300.00	
	SC	15611	47	4	1	7	2	34	\$ 1,700.00	
	SC	15960	13	0	0	2	0	11	\$ 550.00	
	SC	16903	72	0	4	6	0	66	\$ 3,300.00	
	SC	17760	104	0	1	6	0	98	\$ 4,900.00	
	SC	17824	101	0	1	15	0	86	\$ 4,300.00	
							Total	6643	\$332,150.00	

Thanks for participating in the Columbus HOPE Drive for 2024-25.

Where there is disparity and need, the Knights will always come through. Your donations are just that important to these people. Keep up the good work!

Vivat Jesus,
Mike Allen, PSD, DM
President CHF



Membership Director Brandon Chambers

For the past two years I have had the distinct pleasure and privilege to be the State membership chairman for the state of South Carolina. What started as a one time fun opportunity for recruitment back in 2022 at St John of the Cross with my wife Michele and our buddy Lupe Jimenez turned into a 3 and a half year journey across the state of South Carolina to all kinds of different parishes as well as councils. In that time period we met some of the most amazing Priests but also incredible Brother Knights and we personally want to thank you for welcoming us into your parishes and in many cases your homes as well too.

During that time period we were able to develop a recruiting method that has helped dozens of councils in our state to achieve their membership goals but also for the state to continue what has now become a tradition of achieving circle of honor and pinnacle too. This method has now been adopted by other jurisdictions around not just the country but the continent to achieve their goals but also for agencies to bring in 100's of new members and thus help protect many new members and their families. I'm excited to see where this method will go in the future as the goal is for it to become a supreme wide initiative, but

I'm even more excited to see where the State of South Carolina will go from here. For many years we have said it's a great day to be a Knight of Columbus in South Carolina and each day that excitement and statement rings more and more true. The enthusiasm I have witnessed throughout the state from every community and all the parishes lets me know

that what we as leaders of the state council but even more so what you guys are doing throughout the state is indeed working and attracting more and more men from all walks of life and of all ages to want to join our ranks and get involved.

As I started to write this message this evening a record for recruitment in a single year occurred as our 701st new member for the fraternal year joined online and I can't help but thank the Lord for the way he has truly Blessed our state for the last several years.

Each year supreme gives us a goal and each year you guys go above and beyond and not just achieve those goals but completely blow them out of the water. Each year it appears to be harder and harder as those goals increase but each year you all rise to the challenge and will not be denied and for that I simply have to say thank you. As Father Higgins always so eloquently says. Thank you for all that you've done, thank you for all that you are currently doing, and thank you for all that you will do.

In closing, thank you for these past 2 years they are years I will truly cherish for the rest of my life. Thank you for your hospitality towards my family and Lupe's family. Thank you for your generous support, and thank you for continuing Father McGivney's dream of the Knights of Columbus. DIOS DE BENDIGA HERMANOS AND VIVAT JESUS!

Yours in Christ
Brandon chambers, God Bless

Steps to an Outreach Membership Drive

1. Locate one of your parishes with growth opportunity. Use the Charleston Diocese website to look for registered households in the parish. As an example, St John Neumann Parish has 2064 households and the council has 209 members. That is an estimated growth opportunity of 1855 families.

2. Speak with Father and get his permission. Explain the benefits of more Knights for him and the Parish. If he has any issues please refer him to the State Chaplain Father Higgins for guidance and counsel.

3. Get the support of your Council. You will need people to cover every door to the church.

4. Gather your materials. You will need:
The following pamphlets

- 10100 WHY YOU SHOULD BECOME A KNIGHT
- 10209 WHY WE OFFER INSURANCE
- 10099 24 HOURS TO BE A KNIGHT
- 4862 HERE TODAY HERE TOMORROW.

Paperclip them together and attach a pen so that there are no excuses. Include the Online Membership Information Card.

5. Man every door and see that every man entering gets a packet. If they ask what the packet is for explain to them that it's for the Knights of Columbus and that an announce-

ment will be made during mass. Please stand outside of the doors, not inside the church.


6. Give the provided speech during the Announcements. The speech is prewritten and can be adjusted for your parish

7. Stand Outside after Mass and collect the information cards. Make sure you check inside after mass for packets left behind so you don't leave a mess in the church but also so you can collect filled out cards.

8. Thank Father Again.

9. Start to call the men on the information cards and invite them to become Knights. If all the information is provided on the card then pre-fill out the Online Invite at WWW.KOFC.ORG/JOINUS and email it to them. If they say yes when you call instruct them to confirm membership and tell them a welcome Degree Ceremony will be scheduled for them and their families. If they say No, tell them no harm has been done and they can just delete the email. Do not let them off the phone without at least signing up online. Tell them they will receive informational emails when they sign up online. If after a year they still don't have time or are not interested then their membership will expire.

10. Track your progress with a spreadsheet so you can see how effective your membership drive has been..

 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ONLINE MEMBERSHIP </div>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes! Please sign me up for free membership (a \$30 value)!	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes! I am a baptized Catholic!	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes! I am a practicing Catholic!	
Full Name: _____	
Email Address: _____	Cell Phone: _____
Street Address: _____	
City: _____	Zip Code: _____
Date of Birth: _____	Preferred Language: _____
Parish: _____	Former Member of the KofC? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Signature: _____	



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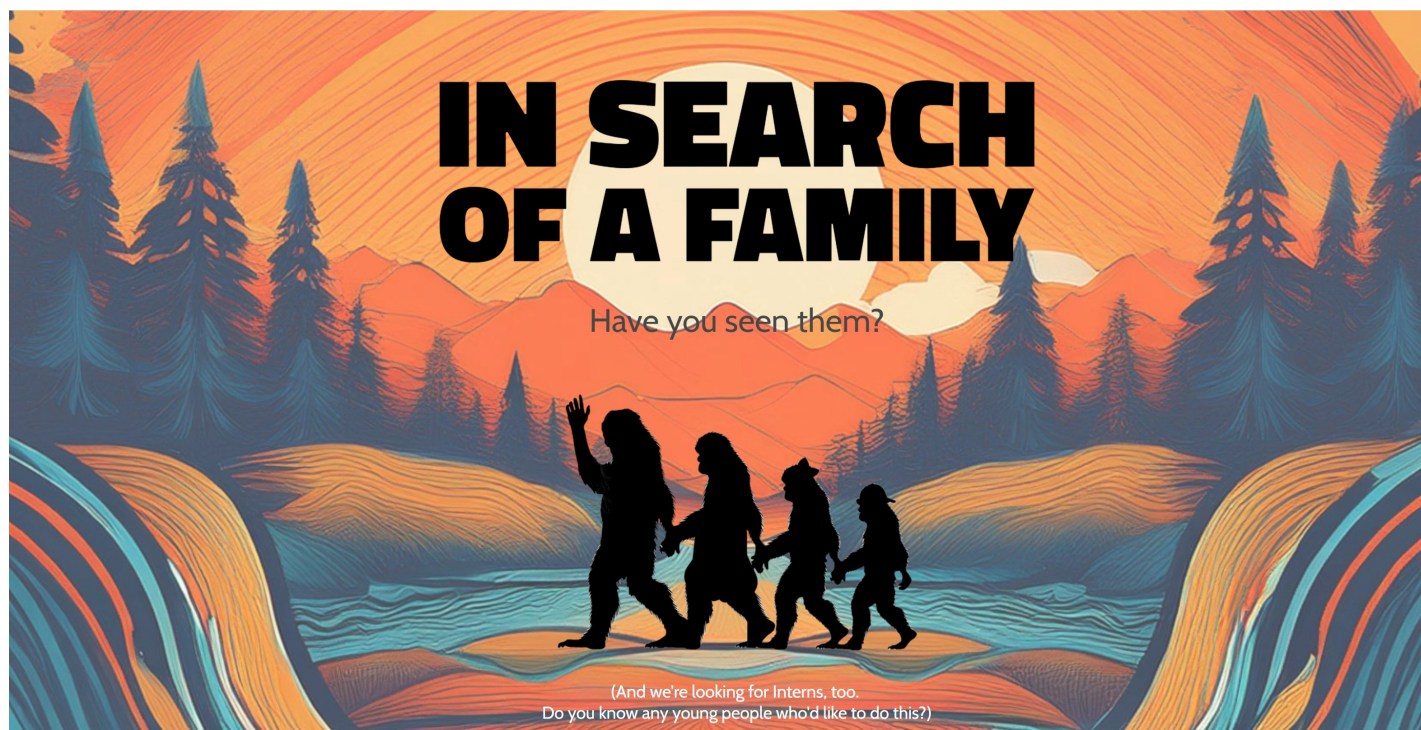
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Join Us in Making a Difference

At Corpus Christi Catholic Church, we believe in the power of community and compassion. In 2024, with your generous support, we assisted 978 families and 3,144 individuals in need. Together, we provided an incredible 35,308 pounds of nonperishable supplies, nourishing our neighbors and bringing hope to those facing difficult times.

Your donations have played a vital role in filling our Parish pantry, ensuring that families have access to food, as well as providing crucial assistance with utility bills and rental expenses. This year, we've allocated a total of \$101,236.83 to help our community, with \$76,090.95 dedicated to utility support and \$25,145.88 for purchasing essential food supplies.

We invite you to be part of this transformative effort. By participating in our upcoming Golf Outing fundraiser, you are not only supporting the Corpus Christi Assistance Ministry but also uplifting our entire community. Every contribution, no matter the size, makes a significant impact on the lives of those we serve.

Let's come together to provide hope and assistance to families in need. Join us in this mission, and help us continue to serve our neighbors with love and compassion. Your generosity can truly change lives!



Corpus Christi Catholic Church

12th Annual Golf Tournament



Monday, September 15, 2025
Golden Hills Golf & Country Club

As a faith community, Corpus Christi Catholic Church strives to serve our members and our neighbors outside of our Parish family. Our Assistance Ministry provide support to those in need around the larger Lexington community, regardless of their religious preference. The funds raised by the Golf Outing will go directly to support these community ministries and others like them.



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Why Become A Sponsor?

There are two sponsorship opportunities:

BANNER SPONSOR: \$1,000 - The 14" x 19" sponsor signage will be prominently displayed on our eye-catching 4' x 8' banner for an impressive three weeks, ensuring that your name and/or logo is seen by everyone who enters Corpus Christi Catholic Church. Also, the sponsor's brand will take center stage at the golf course on the day of our golf outing. Plus, as a special bonus, every Banner Sponsor is entered into a drawing for a complimentary one-year advertisement in the church's bulletin - a \$1,750 value!

GOLF HOLE SPONSOR: \$250 - The 18" x 24" sponsor sign with their name and logo will be featured at a designated golf hole, ensuring maximum exposure throughout the event, in addition to recognition at the entrance of the church for an entire week, making sure everyone knows about your generous support. Your sponsorship will not only enhance your brand's reputation but also demonstrate your commitment to our community!

To register for either sponsorship, scan below:



Questions? Mike George (803) 518-8494.

For Golfers

Open to men and women. Advanced Registration guarantees Tee Time. The advanced registration deadline is September 8, 2025.



Individual Golfer

\$115.00 per Individual Golfer



Preferred Foursome

\$460.00 per Foursome

Golf Day Itinerary

- 8:00 AM Check- In
- Box Breakfast provided at check-in
- 10:00 AM Shotgun Start
- Captain's Choice Format
- Play 18 Holes (includes cart.)
- 50/50 Raffle drawing tickets on sale at check-in and during golf play
- Complimentary beverage cart during golf play
- Buffet Dinner following golf

A putting green and driving range are available prior to 18 holes of Captain Format play. After playing, turn in your score card for a meal that includes awards and door prizes!

Prizes for longest drive, closest to the pin, closest to the line, and lowest overall foursome score for 1 & 2 place, in addition to 50/50 Drawing.

Individual Golfer Registration:



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