

# State Council Program Awards

## Entry Form

THIS REPORTING FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY EACH COUNCIL AND FORWARDED TO THE STATE COUNCIL.  
(A separate reporting form should be completed for each program category.)

CATEGORY (MARK ONE):  Faith  Family  Community  Life



### COUNCIL INFORMATION:

1 Council Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Council Members: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grand Knight: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### PROGRAM INFORMATION (complete all sections):

2 Program Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Program Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Participation:  $\frac{\text{Members}}{\text{Members}} + \frac{\text{Non Members}}{\text{Non Members}} = \frac{\text{Total Participants}}{\text{Total Participants}}$   $\frac{\text{Total Participants}}{\text{Total Participants}} \times \frac{\text{Hours}}{\text{Hours}} = \frac{\text{Total Volunteer Hours}}{\text{Total Volunteer Hours}}$

Program Planning:  $\frac{\text{Costs}}{\text{Costs}}$  &  $\frac{\text{Time}}{\text{Time}}$  Members Recruited: \_\_\_\_\_ Donations:  $\frac{\text{Local Currency}}{\text{Local Currency}}$

3 Describe program in detail. Use additional paper if necessary. Supplementary material may be submitted along with the nomination. Accompanying materials can include letters, testimonials, news clippings, photographs, pamphlets, etc. Do not submit tapes, videocassettes, DVD's, display materials, films, etc., as they will not be considered in judging the nomination.

3a) In the space provided below, briefly describe the purpose and goals of this program. This section must be completed.

**DO NOT SUBMIT THIS REPORT FORM TO SUPREME COUNCIL**

**ENTRY MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE STATE COUNCIL  
TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE COMPETITION**

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3b) Whom does this program benefit?

3c) What problem or need did this program resolve?

3d) Why did the council select this program?

3e) Describe the success of the program:

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
State Deputy Grand Knight

## Council 13294 “Best of Best” Into the Breach – Award Nomination

### Attachment to State Council Program Awards Entry Form

#### 3a) Describe program in detail.

Between July 20, 2020, and September 21, 2020, St. Alphonsus Rodriguez council held a series of eight *Into the Breach* men’s study group sessions using the Knights of Columbus video series inspired by Bishop Thomas Olmsted’s Apostolic Exhortation. The Monday evening sessions were led by council Faith Director Tom Lauer and open to all men in St. Alphonsus Rodriguez parish and beyond the parish community.

Brother Lauer, who is a powerhouse of evangelical missionary spirit as well as an exceptional presenter, opened each session with brief introductory comments and a humorous point or brief video, then introduced each video segment with a few thought-provoking points related to the weekly discussion topic and led the group in robust discussion following the 12-minute *Into the Breach* video. See attached PowerPoint slides for week 5 (Family) as an example of each sessions supplementary content.

Our objective as a council was to engage men of the council and parish in a healthy discussion about the world under attack by Satan and encourage the men to embrace masculine virtues and “not hesitate to engage in the battle that is raging around you.”

All of the sessions were far more than just viewing the video followed by reserved discussion. The men who participated took the material very seriously and opened up in frank discussions on the challenges of being a Catholic man in today’s world. Discussions were as honest and down to earth as “What do I do about my teenage son who won’t go to church?” or “How do I lead my family in prayer?” As a participant in the eight-week program, I frequently commented to brother Lauer on how “challenging” the expectations of Catholic manhood truly are.

Each session lasted about 70 – 75 minutes (although our goal was to limit each session to one hour) and ranged in attendance between 12 and 15 men. At the conclusion of each weekly session, brother Lauer challenged the men with very specific action items to take into the upcoming week to faithfully live out the lessons from the session. For example, at the conclusion of the week three session on leadership, brother Lauer’s action items included:

- Try to find somebody to encourage.
- Be invitational. Invite someone to join us next week.
- Pray the St. Michael the Archangel Prayer.
- Continue to take time to read the Gospel. Is there anything that motivates you from reading and meditating on the Gospel?
- Pick a Saint to pray with or to.
- Take your prayer time seriously.
- Think about goals.

# Some Fun to get us Started: Family – It can be tough stuff

Therapist: Your wife says you never buy her flowers is that true?

Him: To be honest, I never knew she sold flowers.



**Every family has one weird relative.**

**If you don't know who it is, then it's probably you.**

# Into the Breach – Week 5 (family)

And I sought for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the breach before me to keep me from destroying the land.....Ezekiel 22:30

## St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Ignatian – name, beg for the graces

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.

Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.

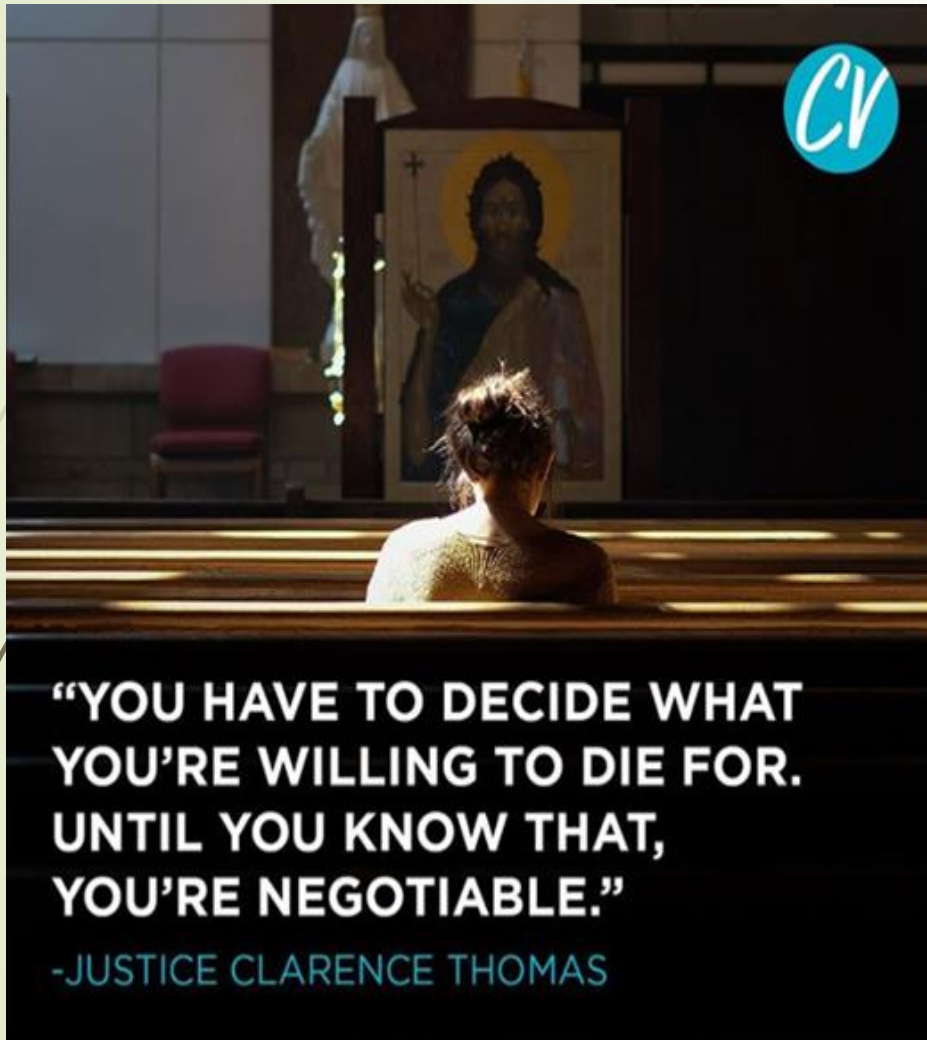
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.

Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.

Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy.

Amen.

# Family - thoughts



- *“Take these words of mine into your heart and soul. Teach them to your children, speaking of them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you get up.” Deuteronomy 11:18 -19*
- **General Thought – keeps coming back, wished I had seen these earlier in life**
  - Where is God in that? Action / (Ignatian)
- **Effeminacy – We become more passive**
- **Priest / Prophet / King (by baptism)**
  - Share in the Priesthood of Christ
- **Ignatian Spirituality – next slide**
- **Video - family**



# Next KC Men Group – Into the Breach

- No Meeting on August 31<sup>st</sup>
- Next Meeting is Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> (in two weeks)
  - Topic - Life
  - Reminder will be forwarded
- Will meet every Monday but last Monday of month
- Will Start on Time, and stop very close to the one hour mark.
- Our 1 Rule - Keep One Another in Prayer

# PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL



- St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



“The only thing that is necessary for the triumph of evil,  
is for good men to do nothing”

Edmund Burke (Irish Statesman and Philosopher)

The Crisis we face today as a Church cannot be responded to without the “**action**” of faithful Catholic men. Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight in the March issue of Columbia magazine

+ “action” – what action???

+ we are here to figure that out together

+ have patience for this process and allow time for the Grace of God to work in us as brothers

+ the battle is real and we are called to engage