



Maryland State Council Fall Leadership Meeting October 23, 2021 Terry Waters



Putting Our Faith Into Action!





FIA Performance: 2021 Period 1



92 Councils!

*All 33
Districts!*

770
Programs!



Thousands
Impacted!



Top District Deputy Performers



<u>District</u>	<u>District Deputy</u>
1	Rick Opatick
2	Charlie Widmayer
9	John Weaver
11	Russell Sutton
23	Alan Pultyniewicz
27	Mike Novak
31	Art MacLarty
32	Peter Hammerer





Fact or Fiction?



Exhibit A:

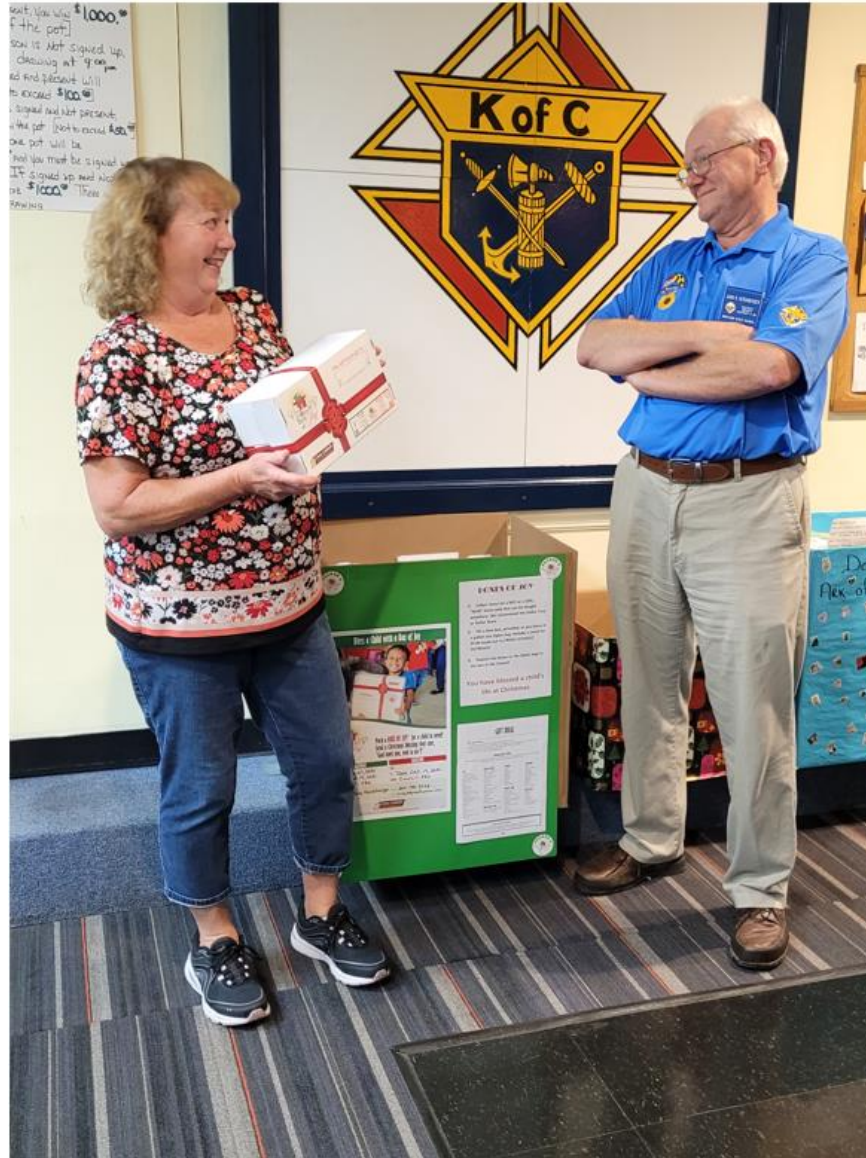




Fact or Fiction?



Exhibit B:





Why “Faith in Action” Model?



Invitation to Knights and their families to demonstrate our Catholic faith through service of our neighbor

Provides opportunities for hands-on ways to serve others while working alongside our peers

Enables councils to implement quality faith-filled family programs

Balances key priorities of the Order with those of today's men-
Faith, Family, Community, Life

“Our goal is for men to lead their family in service- not leave their family for service.” FIA Guide





“Faith in Action Model”

Another Look



Provides a roadmap for us to follow on our journey as Knights

Includes experiences along the way that enable us to deepen our faith while serving our families, parishes, communities

Our programs- Faith, Family, Community, Life- keep us from drifting off course

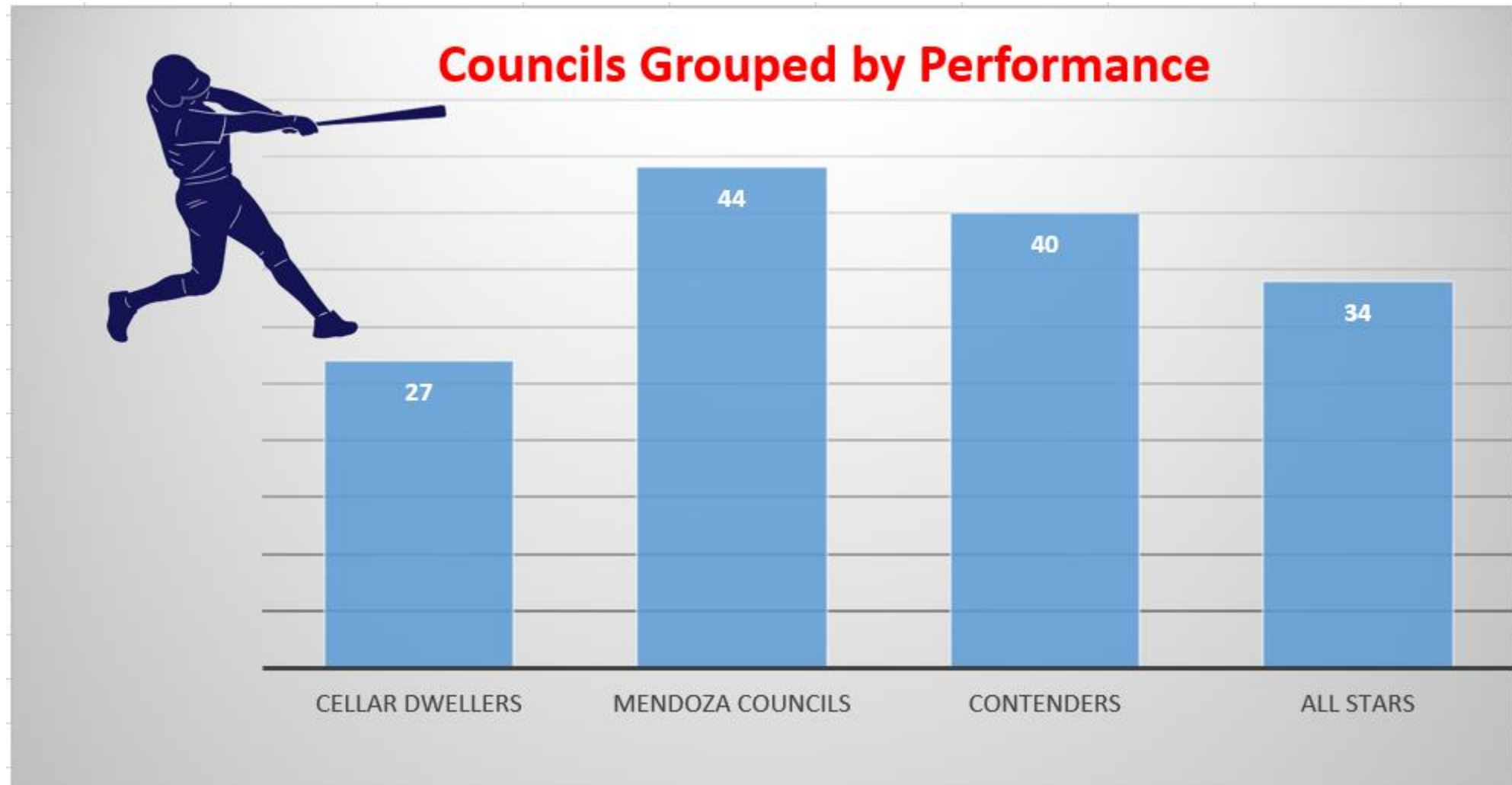
We take this journey as brothers, supporting, guiding and inspiring each other- charity, unity, fraternity

Journey leads us to becoming better Catholic men...





MD Program Performance





Definitions



Cellar Dwellers:

- programs minimal or non-existent*
- planning process “hit or miss”*
- no reporting of programs*
- lack of council member engagement*
- reliance on one or two men*



Definitions



Mendoza Councils:

- do enough to “get by” with programs*
- lack of program calendar*
- inconsistent reporting of programs*
- rarely attempt new program ideas*
- may run 1-2 signature programs*



Definitions



Contenders:

- program calendar completed*
- solid program execution each period*
- consistent reporting of programs*
- stay with the “tried and true” programs*
- sufficient council member engagement*



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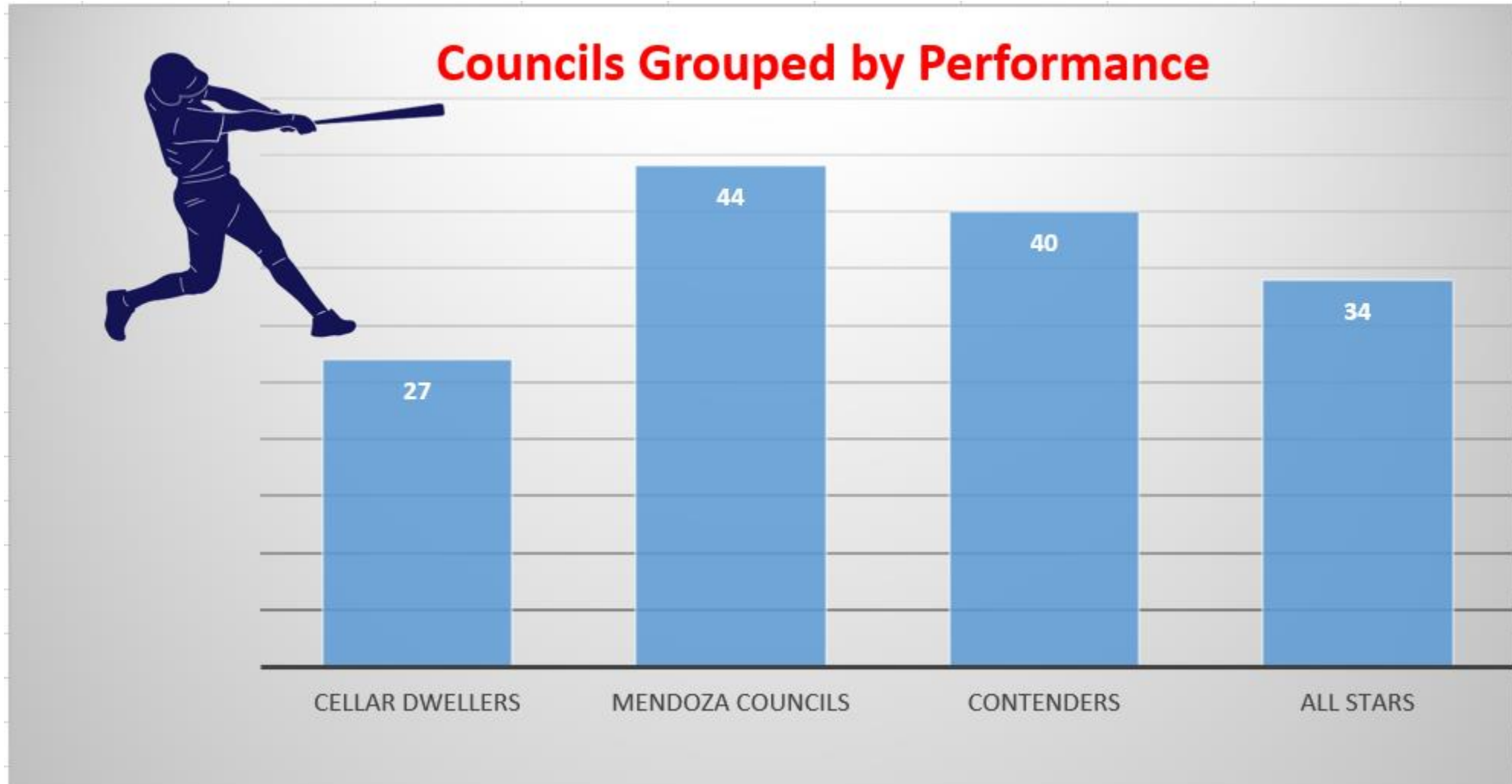


All-Stars:

- solid program calendar & execution*
- consistent reporting of programs*
- high member engagement*
- sharing of best practices*
- embrace new programs and refresh old*



MD Program Performance





Program Logic



NEED?



RESPONSE?



IMPACT?



Hunger



What Hunger Looks Like in Maryland

In Maryland, 667,110 people are struggling with hunger - and of them 216,070 are children.

1 in 9 people



struggles with hunger.

1 in 6
children
struggles with hunger.



Our Response



Food for Families

Helping Hands

Food Packing
Events





Poverty



13% of Maryland kids live in poverty

Over 2,500 homeless families in Maryland





Our Response



Coats for Kids



Socks for Souls

Habitat for Humanity





International Suffering

Estimated 153M children worldwide are orphans

WHO estimates 10M children worldwide need wheelchairs

Christians persecuted in the Middle East, Africa, Asia





Our Response



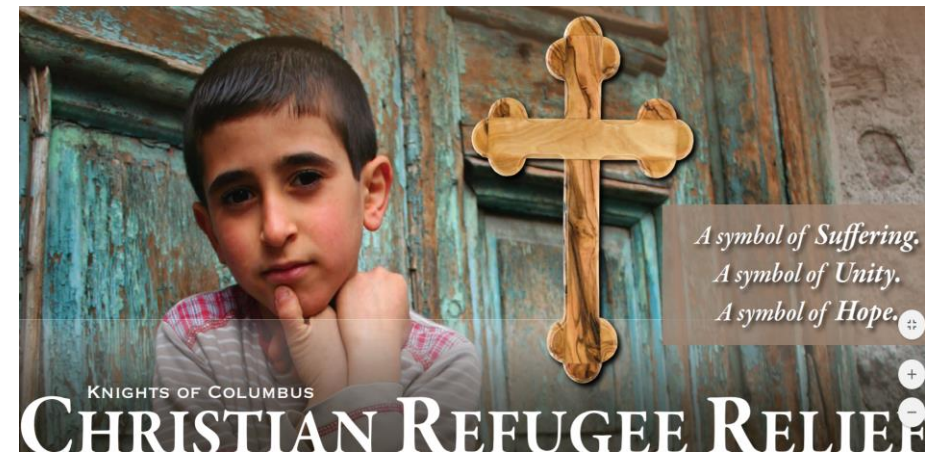
Box of Joy



Christian Refugee Relief



Global Wheelchair Mission





Pregnancy Center Realities



Depletion of volunteers

Shortage of supplies

Funding challenges





Our Response



Adapt a center...

Baby bottle campaign

Ultrasound support

Supplies- diapers, wipes,
formula

Funds- donor support





Families in Crisis



Communication issues

Work/life and work/school
balance challenges



Absence of father

Anti-Catholic culture

Social media





Our Response



Family Fully Alive

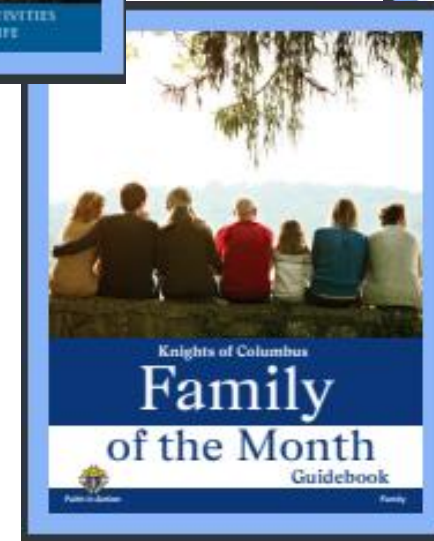
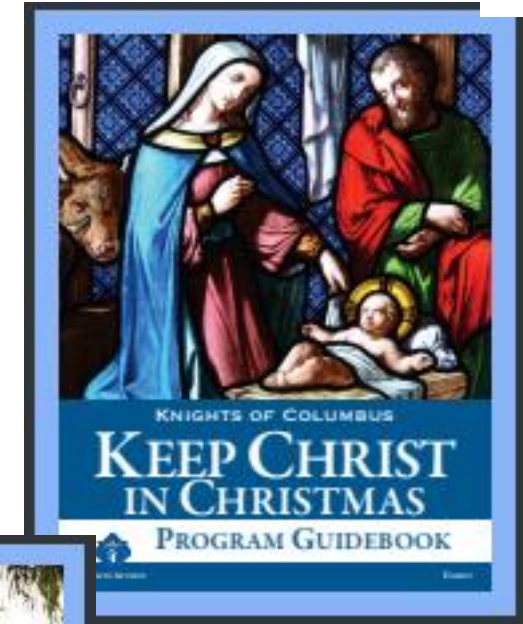
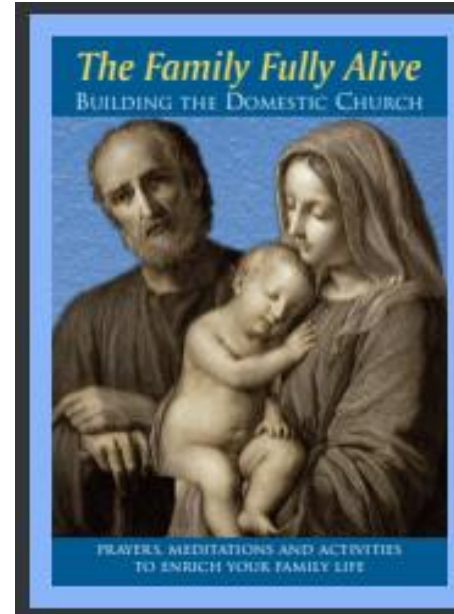
Family Prayer Night

Family of the Month

Keep Christ in Christmas

Box of Joy

Free Throw and Soccer Shootout





Our Catholic Faith



Only 39% of Catholics
attend church regularly
(75% in 1955)

44% of young adults
seldom attend church

Only 49% of older
Catholics now attending
church
(76% in 1955)





Our Response



Into the Breach
Virtual Holy Hour
Virtual Rosary
Virtual Novena for Life
Family Prayer Night
Consecration to the Holy Family
Retreats





Program Logic



NEED?



RESPONSE?



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New Ideas!

Supreme Chaplain's FIA Challenge

Engage with the money!

State Program Directors: direct connection to council program leaders





Program Updates



State Soccer Shootout

November 13, 2021

The Shrine at St. Jude- Rockville

St. Joseph Icon

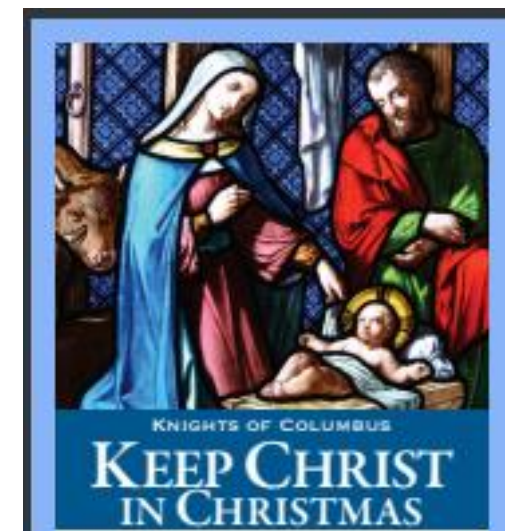
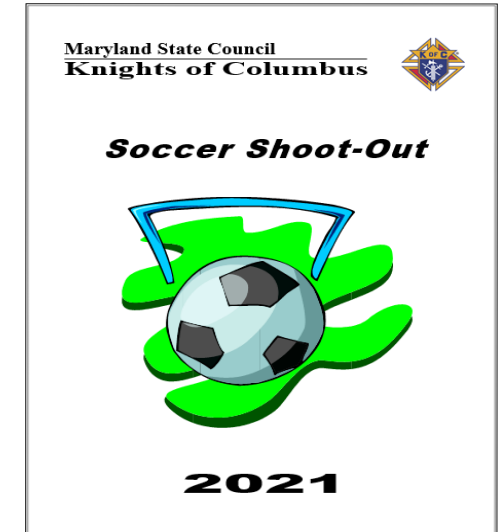
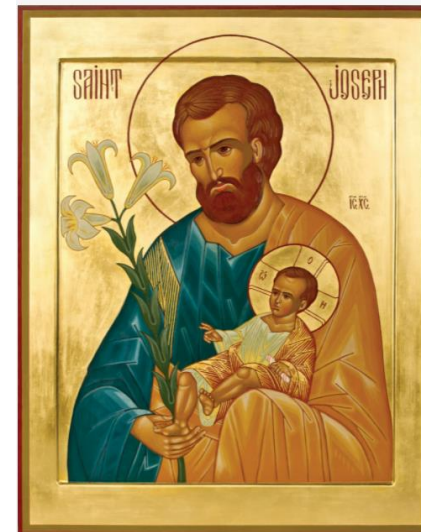
Nov 15 launch

Districts 5, 15, 24, 31

Keep Christ in Christmas

Focus on the Holy Family

4 key elements





Program Updates



Box of Joy Collection Week

November 6- 13, 2021

Six drop sites in MD



Special Olympics Maryland Polar Bear Plunge

February 5, 2022

Registration now open





State Program Team Goals



- 90% council participation in FIA programs
- Sharing of “best practices” across MD
- “Check-ins” with District Deputies & Grand Knights
- New program activations
- Help identify talent and future leaders



Make Every Program an Invitation to Become a Knight!



- You don't have to be a member of the Knights to participate in most of our programs! NO program is exclusive to Knights!
- Invite men to participate-we always need more volunteers!
- Give Catholic men an opportunity to enjoy a “real time” experience involving faith and fraternity!
- Remember to invite wives to participate in your programs!
- Remember to include your recruitment materials!



We are all Servant Leaders...

