



# Maryland Knights of Columbus Program Speaker Series



January 2022

Topic: **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Speaker: Joe Murtha

Content: Imagery behind the Image

Why did God send Mary to this time and place? What does the Image mean? How was it made? What is so unusual about it?

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Topic: **History of the Rosary**

Speaker: Joe Murtha

Content: Why and how did it take over 1,000 years to get to the Hail Mary? Development of the Rosary continued up to 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Includes the basics of Fatima.

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Topic: **Our Lady of the Rosary** (very similar to History of the Rosary)

Speaker: Joe Murtha

Content: Includes longer and more detailed discussion of Fatima. Includes visits by Jesus and Mary to Sr. Lucia after 1917.

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Topic: **Mary – Mother of God**

Speaker: Joe Murtha

Content: Who were Mary and Joseph? The Early Years with Jesus. The Holy Family – what was it like?

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Topic: **Persecuted Christians**

Speaker: Bill Newbrough

Content: According to a 2017 Pew Research Center study, Christians experienced persecution in over 128 countries in 2015. In November of 2017, Chaldean Catholic Archbishop Bashar Warda of Irbil Iraq stated flatly that, “Without the help of the Knights of Columbus, the Christians of Iraq would have disappeared.” FDD Bill Newbrough is available to speak on the topic of persecuted Christian communities and will provide an overview of the history and current status of relief programs sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Each presentation is designed to help foster a spiritual solidarity with persecuted Christians, raise awareness of their plight and discuss practical methods of offering support for persecuted Christians.

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**Topic: Maryland Special Olympics- Mission, Purpose and Programs**

**Speaker: Samantha Boyd**

**Content:** SOMD supports over 8,000 children and adult athletes in Maryland on a year-round basis. Learn about the organization and how it lives its purpose to ensure that through sport, they are creating a world where opportunity is not limited by disability.

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**Topic: St. Mary's Spiritual Center & Historic Site on Paca St.**

**Speaker: Deacon Vito S. Piazza, Director**

**Content:** Learn the fascinating history and story of St. Mary's Seminary Chapel and Mother Seton House on Paca St. in Baltimore! Blessed McGivney worshipped in the chapel while attending seminary and Elizabeth Ann Seton lived in the house nearby. This is a "can't miss" presentation!

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**Topic: Cross Catholic Outreach**

**Speaker: Terry Waters**

**Content:** This organization is an official Vatican-endorsed ministry founded to help the poor throughout the world. The Knights of Columbus partners with CCO in many ways such as through food packing events, the Box of Joy program, retreats and mission trips. Learn about the many other ways in which Cross Catholic ministers to the poor, both spiritually and materially.

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## **Notes:**

Speakers are available to present to councils, chapters, assemblies and parishes.

Please reach out and invite speakers a minimum 30 days in advance of requested presentation date.