



2022 Leadership Seminar

Faith Activities Programs

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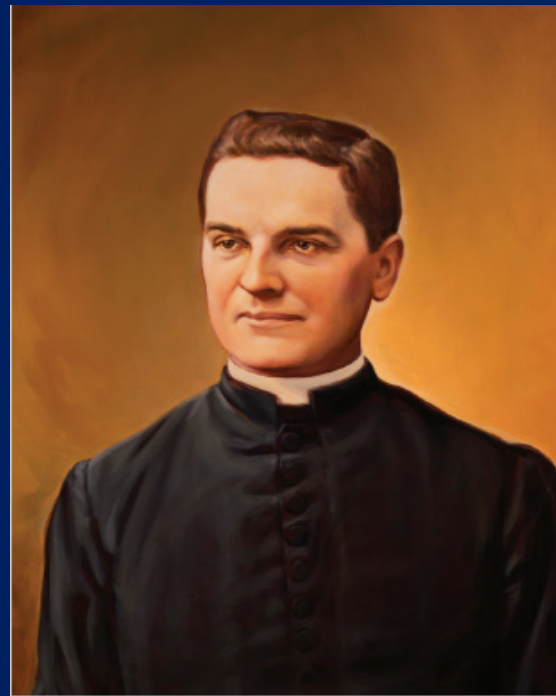
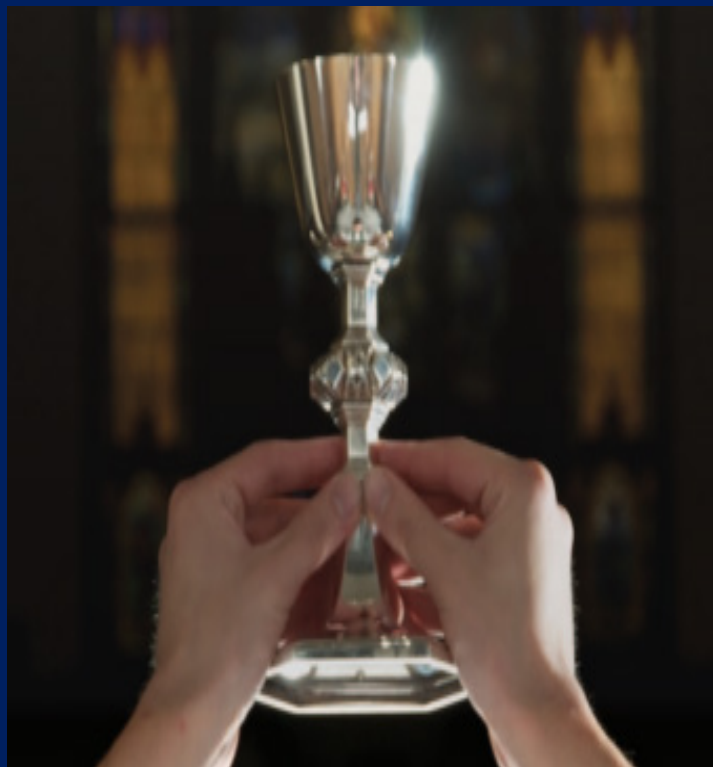


FAITH

“To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary.

To one without faith, no explanation is possible.”

- St. Thomas Aquinas





Pilgrim Icon Program

Overview

Every few years, the Knights of Columbus selects an icon of a saint whose patronage is particularly inspiring to Knights and their communities. Each jurisdiction receives one or several of these icons which travel from council to council and serve as the centerpieces for prayer services in parishes throughout the Order. More than 174,800 council and parish prayer services with some 22 million participants have been held since the first traveling pilgrim icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe in 1979. For Pilgrim Icon Program resources, visit www.kofc.org/pilgrimicon.

Action Steps

1. Identify a program chairman to oversee all action steps and delegate tasks as needed. If coordinating with the parish, confirm pastor approval with the grand knight, and then set up subsequent planning meetings.
2. Working with your jurisdiction's Pilgrim Icon Program chairman, coordinate when your council is scheduled to receive the icon.
3. Review the *Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service Booklet* (#5050) and identify council and parish members to fulfill the various roles required in the service. Examples include a leader for the readings, such as a member of the clergy or council officer, additional lectors, a cantor or choir, and musicians.
4. Working with your jurisdiction's Pilgrim Icon Program chairman, determine if enough booklets remain from previous services. Additional copies of the *Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service Booklet* (#5050) and *St. Joseph Prayer Cards* (#11221) can be ordered through Supplies Online via [Officers Online](#).
5. Prior to the Pilgrim Icon prayer service, use the *Pilgrim Icon News Release* (#11266) as a model to create and distribute a tailored release to your parish, council and local media.
6. Build public interest for the event! Promote the Pilgrim Icon Program in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts:
 - Prominently display promotional posters (which can be ordered through Supplies Online)
 - Bulletin announcements
 - Pulpit announcements
 - Posting on your council and parish website / social media pages
7. Invite council officers from the next host council to your prayer service.
8. Hold your Pilgrim Icon prayer service with the following guidelines in mind:
 - Provide the music director of your parish with the hymns for the prayer service ahead of time so he or she can prepare

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- In advance of the service, advise the lectors to recite the readings at a moderate pace to ensure the service is truly reverent
 - Throughout the evening, be ever mindful of the intentions of your prayer service
 - No money should be collected at the service itself
9. At the close of the prayer service, formally present the icon to the next host council. Council officers from the next host council can receive the icon at the front of the church or meeting place after the final prayer or final blessing and process out of the prayer service.
 10. Collect all *Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service Booklets* (#5050) and other resources, to be sent along with the icon to the next council.
 11. Strongly consider hosting a dinner or other social event in conjunction with the prayer service. Although the Pilgrim Icon Prayer Program cannot be double counted for other Faith in Action programs, you can coordinate other programs, events, membership drives and fundraisers to coincide with the time your council has the pilgrim icon.
 12. To gain credit for your program, complete the associated reporting forms.
 - IMPORTANT: Immediately after your program is finished, complete the [Fraternal Programs Report Form](#) (#10784). This data is used to track the impact of the Pilgrim Icon Program on councils and their communities.
 - At the end of the fraternal year, complete the [Columbian Award Application](#) (#SP-7)

Resources

1. #5050- [Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service Booklet](#)
2. #11221- [St. Joseph Prayer Card](#)
3. #10739- [Vertical Poster](#)
4. #10738- [Horizontal Poster](#)
5. #11126 - [News Release](#)

Link

www.kofc.org/pilgrimicon





Pilgrim Icon Program ... "How To"

- Identify a Program Chairman
- When are you scheduled to receive the Icon?
- Review the Pilgrim Icon Prayer Booklet
- Who will fill the various roles?
- Do you have enough booklets and prayer cards?



Pilgrim Icon Program ... "How To"

- Promote the Icon Program
- Use the Pilgrim Icon News Release to promote the event
- Build Public Interest
- Invite all Councils in the District
- Provide the Music Director with the hymns for the prayer service in advance



Pilgrim Icon Program ... "How To"

- At the close formally present the Icon to the next District
- Collect all of the Prayer Booklets to go with the next District
- Hold a social event following the prayer service
- Complete the Fraternal Programs Report Form #10784



Resources



Pilgrim Icon Program



PATRIS CORDE PRAYER

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*


*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

From the Apostolic Letter of Pope Francis on the 150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

Icon by the hand of Elizabeth Bergman. Based on a drawing by Alexander Schuler. Photography by GregorHofmann.



Pilgrim Icon Program


Location: _____

Date: _____

Time: _____

Contact: _____

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Pilgrim Icon Program

News Release

(_____)
Date

Local Knights of Columbus to Sponsor Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service in Honor of St. Joseph

Contact: _____
Name, Phone Number and Email of Local Knights of Columbus

City, State/Province _____ - An icon of St. Joseph will be the centerpiece of a special prayer service
at (_____) in (_____) on (_____) at (_____).
Name of Parish Town/City Date Time

The prayer service, flowing from the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis in 2021, and inspired by his apostolic letter *Patris Corde*, is sponsored by Knights of Columbus (_____)
Council Name and Number
to honor St. Joseph and pray for his intercession in preserving, cultivating and passing on the Catholic faith to future generations.

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly chose to entrust his service as Supreme Knight to St. Joseph and through this Pilgrim Icon Program, encourage Knights and their communities to "turn in prayer to St. Joseph, give thanks to God for the gift of fatherly example, and ask St. Joseph to be a father to us" as we seek to "grow in our own imitation of St. Joseph's quiet strength, integrity and fidelity."

In the first year of his pontificate, Pope Francis received the Order's Board of Directors in a private audience, during which the Holy Father said, "I commend all of you in a special way to the intercession of St. Joseph, the protector of the Holy Family of Nazareth, who is an admirable model of those many virtues of quiet strength, integrity and fidelity which the Knights of Columbus are committed to preserving, cultivating and passing on to future generations of Catholic men."



The St. Joseph icon is the latest icon to be a part of the Knights of Columbus Pilgrim Icon Program. Every few years, the Knights of Columbus selects an icon of a saint whose patronage is particularly inspiring to Knights and their communities to be featured in the program. The icons travel from council to council and serve as the centerpieces for prayer services in parishes throughout the Order.

Since its inception in 1979, the program has held more than 174,800 local council and parish prayer services with some 22 million participants. Featured images have included Our Lady of Guadalupe, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Our Lady of Pochaiv, Our Lady of the Rosary, Our Lady of Charity, Our Lady of Persecuted Christians and the Holy Family.

All members of the community are encouraged to join Knights of Columbus (_____)
Council Name and Number
at (_____) in (_____) on (_____) at (_____).
Name of Parish Town/City Date Time
to pray for the intercession of St. Joseph in raising, guarding and preparing future generations.

Please Spread the Word!

Council (_____) in (_____) is one of 17,000 Knights of Columbus councils
Number Town/City
that make up the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Founded in 1882 to assist working-class and immigrant Catholics in the United States, today the approximately two million members of the Knights put their faith into action through a broad range of charitable causes locally, nationally and internationally with financial contributions and hands-on service.

About the Knights of Columbus

In 1882, Blessed Michael McGivney, a young parish priest in New Haven, Conn., founded the Knights of Columbus to serve the needs of a largely immigrant Catholic community. What began as a small fraternal benefit society has since grown into one of the world's leading international charitable organizations, with 2 million members in more than 16,000 local councils. During the past year, Knights around the world donated more than 47 million service hours and \$150 million for worthy causes in their communities. The Knights of Columbus also offers extensive life insurance products to members and their families and currently has more than \$116 billion of life insurance policies in force. In addition, the Knights provides investment services in accord with Catholic social teaching through Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, which holds nearly \$30 billion in assets under management. Based on the founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity, the Order remains committed to strengthening Catholic families and parishes and to practicing faith in action through service to all in need. To learn more or to join the Knights of Columbus, please visit kofc.org/join.



Faith activities team members

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*Thank you and
God Bless!*



