2023 Leadership Seminar
Grand Knight Leadership Seminar
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Faith Activities Director
Faith is necessary for salvation. The Lord himself affirms: “He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned” (Mk 16:16)

- CCC 183
GOALS

• Our goal is to Engage men and their families in the faith.

• Our Faith activities will Inspire Catholics to draw closer to God and to each other.

• These activities Mobilize us to arm ourselves for the real spiritual battle that we and our families are already engaged in daily.
EUCARISTIC PROCESIONS AND ADORATION
FAITH ACTIVITIES GUIDE SHEETS
REFUND SUPPORT VOCATIONS PROGRAM
Refund Support 
Vocations Program (RSVP)

Overview
As the strong right arm of the church, Knights of Columbus are committed to providing moral, financial, and spiritual support to our future priests and religious at all stages of their formation. Through this program, council and parish families will raise funds to support seminarians in their area. For every $500 given to an individual, the Supreme Council will refund the council or assembly $100. The maximum refund a council or assembly can receive is $400 per individual supported. Councils are also called to provide their “adopted” seminarian or religious aspirant with moral support and prayers for their success. For RSVP resources, visit www.kofc.org/rsvp.

Featured Program Requirements
- For two program credits toward the Columbian Award – Complete the requirements to qualify for at least one RSVP refund. Report activity and apply for the refund using the RSVP Refund Application (#2863).

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 grand knight, and then set up subsequent parish ministry collaboration meetings.
2. Set an annual goal for your RSVP.
3. Conduct various events in your parish and community in order to reach your goal Potential activities include:
   - On the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, ask the pastor to allow a second collection earmarked to support seminarians and your council’s RSVP efforts
   - Conduct a Seminarian Breakfast after Masses on a given Sunday. Invite the seminarians supported by your council to attend the event, meet the parish, participate in the celebration, and pray together.
   - Conduct a Seminarian Dinner following the breakfast blueprint outlined above.
   - As a council, make a resolution to allocate a specific amount collected at various fundraisers for RSVP
4. Build public interest for your program Promote each event in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts:
   - Prominently display promotional posters
   - Bulletin announcements
   - Pulpit announcements
   - Post on your council and parish website / social media pages
5. On the day of each event, wear Knights of Columbus-branded apparel and have the council membership director set up a table with brochures and membership documents (including Prospect Cards #921A). Do not forget that this event is a recruiting opportunity!

• ACTIVITY OVERVIEW
• PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
• ACTION STEPS
• NEWS RELEASE
• FORMS
• LIST OF RESOURCES
• K OF C WEBSITE LINKS
Overview Resources - Faith in Action | Knights of Columbus (kofc.org)

- Kit contents available on program guide sheets and can be ordered along with additional program material via Officers Online.
ACTION STEPS

Build Rapport With Your Pastor

• Find Common Interests
• Work Together to Form a Plan
• Cultivate Trust & Fellowship
Identify Program Chairman

- Oversee Action Steps
- Delegate Tasks
- Contact Parish Ministry
- Arrange Collaboration Meetings

News Release

- Distribute to Local Media
- Use and Tailor Sample News Release

Promote the Event

- Build public interest
- Posters, Bulletins, Pulpits
- Websites, Social Media
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**Council Activity Tracker**

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**Plan Ahead:**

- Start organizing your fall Church Drive.
- Contact your local leader about local events.
- Prepare programs taking place this fall.
- What new programs does your council plan to institute this year?
- What impact will you receive from activities?
- Plan to host a Fall Family Fun Night.

**Things to Accomplish:**

- Senior Program Report: (PER) - DUE 6/30
- Installation of Council Officers
- Organizational Meetings
- 2022-2023 Annual Report
- Plan for the 2022-2023 Program Year
- Review your 2022-2023 Program Year
- Review the latest council activities.
- Plan for the 2022-2023 Program Year
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**Reminders:**

1. Meet with your parish and staff to set council program dates on your parish calendar.
2. Finalize and submit your fall program calendar of events, including your dates and programs to be held.
3. Announce the dates for this year’s program to your council.
HOLY HOUR AND ADORATION

“God is as really present in the consecrated host as He is in the glory of Heaven.”

- St. Paschal Baylon, OFM
PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM

- Supreme selects an icon every few years
- Each State receives one or more icons
- Icons travel Council to Council
- Serve to center prayer services in parishes
“WE PUT GREAT CONFIDENCE IN THE HOLY ROSARY FOR THE HEALING OF EVILS WHICH AFFLICT OUR TIMES.”

- Pope Pius X

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* Holy day of Obligation
SACRAMENTALS

• An object or action blessed by a priest associated with the Sacraments
• Incites reverence during acts of worship

• Rosaries
• Holy Water
• Scapulars
• Medals
• Devotions
Father Michael J. McGivney Guild

You can play a key role in advancing Father McGivney’s cause by joining the Guild for free and praying for his intercession and canonization.

May Father McGivney intercede for you!

http://www.fathermcgivney.org
Dear Guild Members,

Father McGivney was a priest ahead of his time who also was deeply immersed in the ecclesial and societal issues of his day. While dealing with the problems of his mostly poor immigrant parishioners, he came up with solutions that were far-sighted and far-reaching in their application and effect. The founding of the Knights of Columbus, of course, was his most important and enduring act that today reaches around the world, with two-million members in many countries. His Order’s life-saving relief efforts during the tragic war in Ukraine are simply the most recent example of how Father McGivney’s vision of charity, unity and fraternity has current impact on the world’s stage. Knights in Poland, with backing from the Supreme Council, have opened their arms and their homes to Ukrainian refugees, most of them women and children who left their husbands and fathers behind to defend their homeland against Russian forces. The K of C Ukraine Solidarity Fund has raised more than $4 million for direct relief of those displaced by the war, paying for food, clothing, shelter, medicine and convoys of trucks bringing these and other vital necessities. (Visit www.kofc.org to find out more and donate to the fund.)

We can be sure that Blessed Michael McGivney is looking down from heaven with approval of the work of his Knights, who have stepped into the breach in this time of dire need.

Of course, Father McGivney faced many challenges closer to home in his own day. The late 19th century was a time of great growth for the Catholic Church in America, and there were plenty of growing pains. As Pope Benedict XVI stated in 2008 soon after Father McGivney was proclaimed “Venerable” for his heroic virtue, the Knights’ founder was a key figure in “the impressive growth” of the Church. “We need but think of the remarkable accomplishment of that exemplary American priest, the Venerable Michael McGivney, whose vision and zeal led to the establishment of the Knights of Columbus,” Benedict said. In his decree of beatification in October 2020, Pope Francis noted that Father McGivney’s “zeal for the proclamation of the Gospel and generous concern for the

Founder’s Day Celebration

A votive Mass in honor of Blessed Michael McGivney was offered on the 140th anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Columbus, March 29, in St. Mary’s Church in New Haven. The breathing, growing, organism we call the Knights of Columbus, which, to this very day, is bearing abundant fruit for Church and world. In this temple, this Church of St. Mary, we feel especially kinship with the Knights of Columbus, for we are the same family of believers and the same beloved children of God.
Deacon Steve Rocher    
    Chaplain’s Aide
Mike Novak
    Pilgrim Icon Chairman
Andy Michaels
    Basilica Usher Chairman
Dirk Griffin
    Seton Shrine Usher Program
Tony Boehk
    Catholic Men’s Fellowship
Fred Taylor
    Washington Archdiocesan Vocations Support
Steve Hubbard
    Liturgy Team / Cantor
Mary Jo Sierco
    Liturgy Team / Music

Mike Dunn
    Memorial and Founder’s Day Masses Chairman
Rich Boehm
    Spiritual Reflection Chairman
Thom Partenope
    Into the Breach / Fr. McGivney Guild
Dale Trott
    Perpetual Memorial Society
James Chachulski
    Baltimore Archdiocesan Vocations Support
Thomas Irwin
    Wilmington Diocese Vocations Support
John Hershberger
    Liturgy Team / Cantor
Thank you and
God Bless!

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Cry the Gospel with Your Life! Take Christ to the World!

Maryland State Council

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