



2025 Leadership Seminar State Chaplain Remarks

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Why is Year 2 different from Year 1?

- For most this is Year 2 in your position...
 - What have you learned from Year 1?
 - What is different about a second year in a role?
 - This is the time to embrace the moment & make a difference.
 - This is your chance to lead.
 - Will you be missed when you leave?
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Yours is a Call to Leadership and Service

- Each District Deputy is the presence, the eyes, and the ears of the State Deputy in his district...
 - At State Chaplain I ask you to:
 - Encourage the living of our Faith.
 - Encourage the COR Initiative.
 - Encourage cooperation among councils where it may enhance our faith celebrations.
 - Supreme Knight's Goal: "First in Faith as in Charity."
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Keeping Council Chaplains Informed

- We have the name and email address for most of the council chaplains in the state of Maryland.
 - Chaplains receive a monthly email (generally 1 page) to share with them State news, as well as things about which they may be hearing from their Grand Knight and Council.
 - The goal is to have them informed and not be surprised.
 - If your chaplain changes, please be sure to share that news.
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The Sacred Heart Icon Program

- One reason the current Icon is of the Sacred Heart is that this 2024 was the 350th anniversary of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque's visions of the Sacred Heart.
 - A great program to share with the parish, or within a district for a larger celebration.
 - The Icon comes with the needed materials for the service.
 - Addendum: Pope Leo XIV's coat of arms contains a heart, for St. Augustine shared "our hearts are restless until they rest in Christ."
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Don't hesitate to reach out...

- My contact information is in the State Directory.
 - www.kofc.org and www.kofc-md.org are great resources.
 - “Make a Difference in Someone’s Life.”
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