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# *2025 Leadership Seminar State Chaplain Remarks*

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# Why is Year 2 different from Year 1?

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- 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***

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- 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

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- 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

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- One reason the current Icon is of the Sacred Heart is that this 2024 was the 350<sup>th</sup> 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...***

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- My contact information is in the State Directory.
- [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) and [www.kofc-md.org](http://www.kofc-md.org) are great resources.
- “Make a Difference in Someone’s Life.”

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