





# FIA Programs Fall Meeting

Alan Pultyniewicz  
Program Director



# Programs Make a Difference

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**Council 13290 Baby Bottle Program Donation**

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## Engage



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**Meaning**



# Councils Are Making A Difference

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- 1,920 FIA Programs reported for the 1<sup>st</sup> Period (3/1-8/31/25)
- 511 FIA Programs reported for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Period (9/1-11/30/25)



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**2,431 times we made a difference**

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# **100% District Participation**

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Districts with 100% Council Participation in Reporting FIA Programs for the First Period

**DD6: Charles Widmayer, Sr.**

**DD7: Joe Knight**

**DD12: Anthony McGrath**

**DD21: Herman Stewart**

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# FIA Report Reminders

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- Check FIA tracking spreadsheet
- Notify the state of discrepancies
- Check often – at least monthly

1st Period 2025		10784 PROGRAM REPORTS				
District	Council	23	7559	11618	12180	
10784-FAITH*		6	9	0	0 0 0	
10784-LIFE*		2	3	0	0 0 0	
10784-COMM*		6	3	0	0 0 0	
10784-FAM*		9	11	1	0 0 0	
<b>TOTAL</b>		23	26	1	0 0 0	



# Upcoming Report Due Dates

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Period due **Dec. 15, 2025**
  - Programs held between Sept. 1, 2025 - Nov. 30, 2025
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Period due **March 7, 2026**
  - Programs held between Dec. 1, 2025 - Feb. 28, 2026
- State “Best of the Best” FIA Reports due **March 7, 2026**

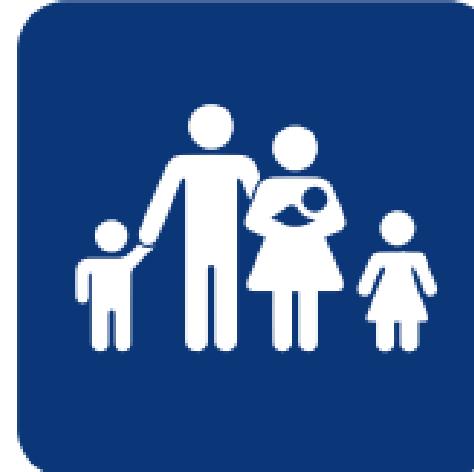
**State Report Email:** [reports@kofc-md.org](mailto:reports@kofc-md.org)

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# New Supreme Programs

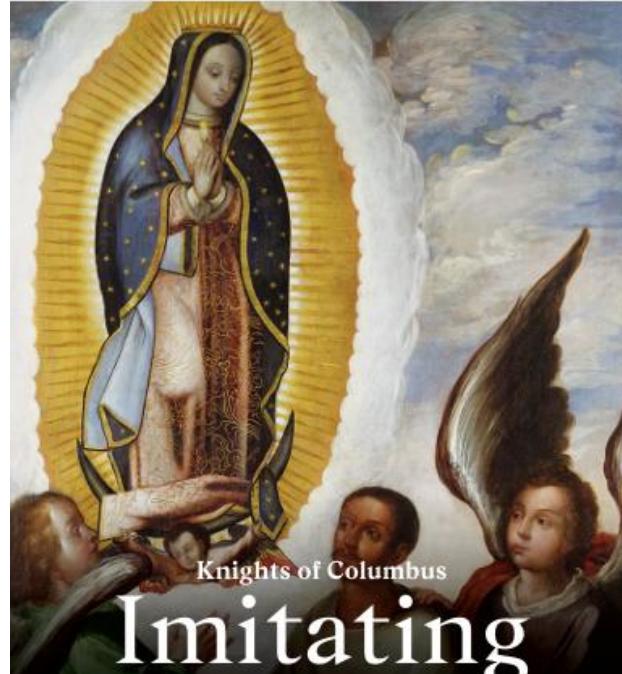
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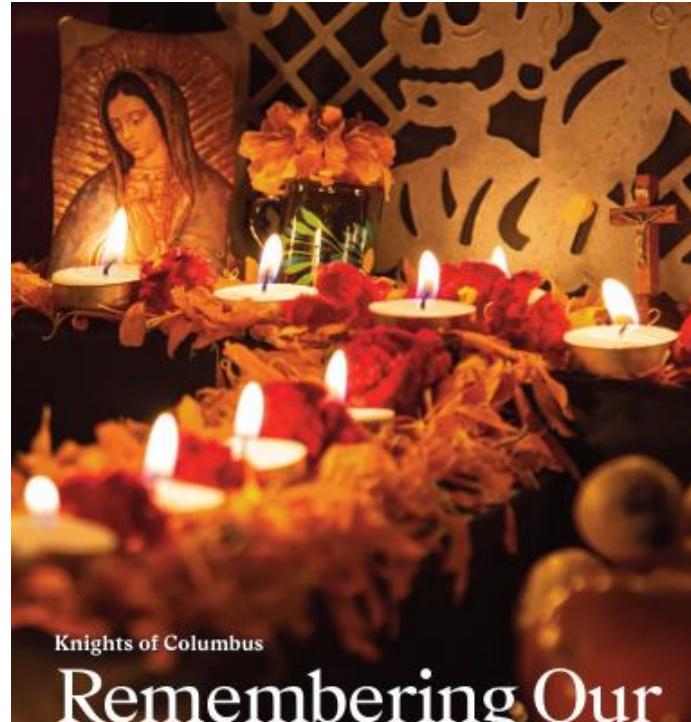
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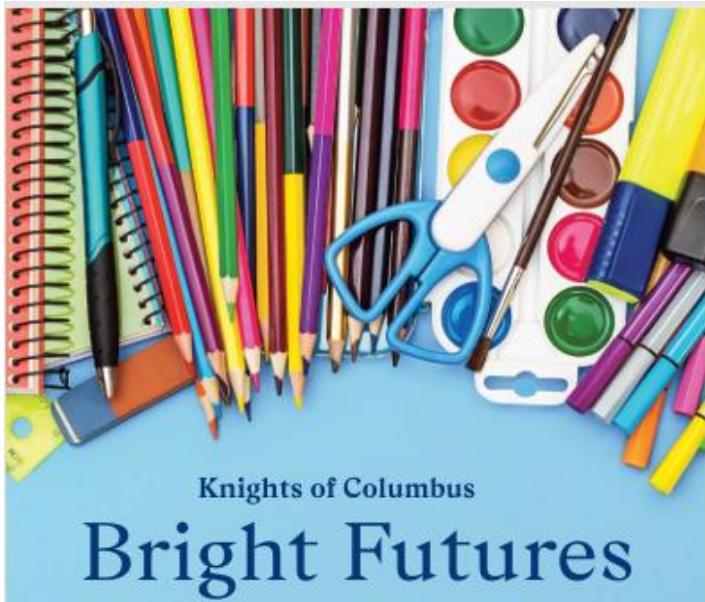


Faithful Departed

**REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL  
DEPARTED**



# Community



## BRIGHT FUTURES

## Celebrating our Catholic Heritage



**St. Maximilian Kolbe**  
(Poland, May 27)  
The Polish saint, general of the Franciscan Order, was a missionary to Japan. He was beatified in 1982 by Pope John Paul II.



**St. Oscar Romero**  
(El Salvador, Aug. 24)  
St. Oscar Romero was an El Salvadoran archbishop with an unyielding commitment to the poor. He spoke out against the violence committed by both right-wing and left-wing political groups. He was shot on an anniversary of the 1972 El Salvadorian coup, with 100 people present.



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**Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
(Mexico, Dec. 12)  
Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to St. Juan Diego in 1531. This apparition is what the Blessed Virgin Mary presented herself with both Indigenous and European features, including the singing of the Te Deum and Latin Mass.



**St. Stanley Rother**  
(Oklahoma, Aug. 28)  
St. Stanley Rother was a priest from the United States who was a missionary to Guatemala. He used a pair of the language to communicate with the language and returning to their every day lives. He was martyred during the Guatemalan civil war.

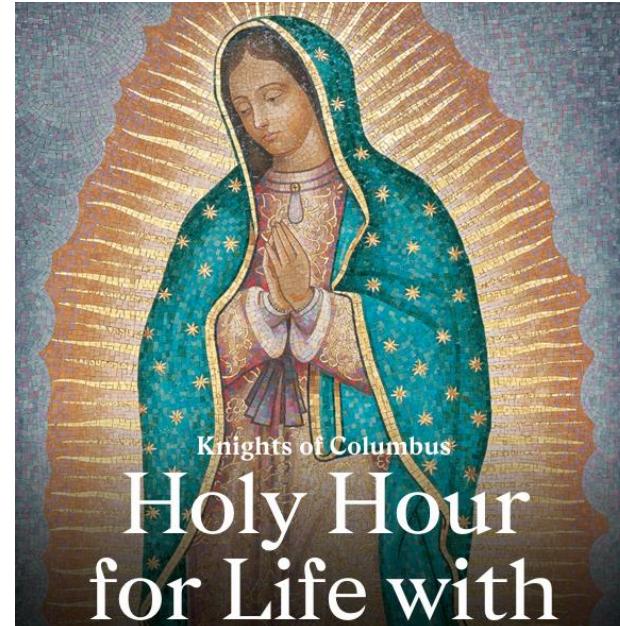


**St. Michael McGivney**  
(Connecticut, Aug. 10)  
St. Michael McGivney was a priest from Connecticut who founded the Knights of Columbus to help men in the Catholic faith and prevent the spread of socialism and communism, including communism.



**St. Rose of Lima**  
(Peru and Latin America, Aug. 22)  
St. Rose of Lima was a Third Order Dominican known for her extreme asceticism, poverty, and penance and for saving the sick and poor. She is the patron saint of Lima, Peru, and the Americas with the Americas.

## CELEBRATING OUR CATHOLIC HERITAGE



**HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE WITH  
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**



# Upcoming State FIA Highlights

Maryland State Council October 2025

## The Maryland State Council presents the Maryland State Soccer Shoot-out

Saturday, November 1, 2025  
St. Andrew Apostle School  
11600 Kemp Mill Road, Silver Spring, MD 20902

**Registration starts at 11:00 and closes at 12:30.**

To qualify for the State Soccer Shoot-out the participant must win their District Soccer Shootout

Shootout starts at 11 and goes until all contestants have a chance to participate. All competitors must arrive by 12:30 pm.

Any ties will be broken by 1:00 with Awards presentation to immediately follow.

Light refreshments will be provided to the participants at no cost.

We will be following the Maryland State Council Rules for the Soccer Shootout found on the [State Web Site](#). Do NOT use the score sheet from Supreme Council.

If you need any help setting up a Council or District Soccer Shootout, feel free to contact co-chairmen Walt Williams, [wjw5115@outlook.com](mailto:wjw5115@outlook.com), 443-677-8526 OR Brian Trott, [btrrott@gmail.com](mailto:btrrott@gmail.com), 443-370-6691

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Maryland State Council October 2025

## NAVY FOOTBALL GAME

**Sponsored by**  
The Maryland State Council  
Knights of Columbus

**NAVY** Vs. 

Saturday November 15, 2025  
Game Time 12:00 NOON  
Tailgate CANCELLED  
Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium, Annapolis, MD

**PROMO CODE FOR GAME TICKETS**  
<https://www.gofovo.com/event/Knightscolumbus418>  
**Cost of Game Tickets \$40.95**

**ENJOY AN AFTERNOON NAVY FOOTBALL GAME WITH YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS AND FAMILIES!**

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# Faith

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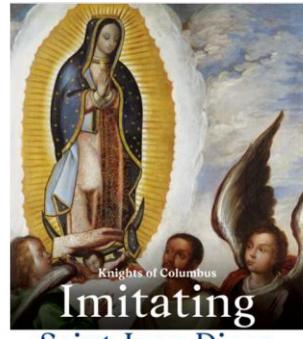


## Michael Watson



# Imitating Saint Juan Diego

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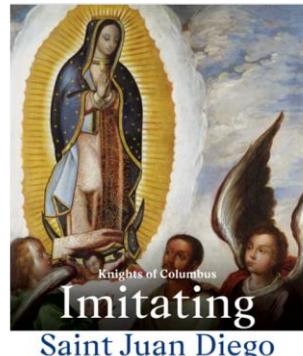
- Featured Program - counts as two credits for the Columbian Award
- Promotes devotion to Saint Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe by offering parishes and families information on their lives and opportunities for prayer and acts of piety
- St. Juan Diego's feast day on December 9 and Our Lady of Guadalupe's feast day on December 12



# Imitating Saint Juan Diego

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1. Coordinate a traveling image of Our Lady of Guadalupe - Available Soon at Supplies Online
2. Conduct a prayer service in honor of St. Juan Diego or Our Lady of Guadalupe
3. Plan a retreat focused on living life according to St. Juan Diego's example or the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe



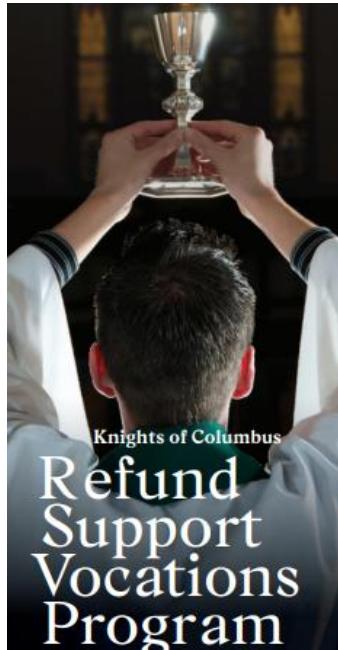
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# Refund Support Vocations Program

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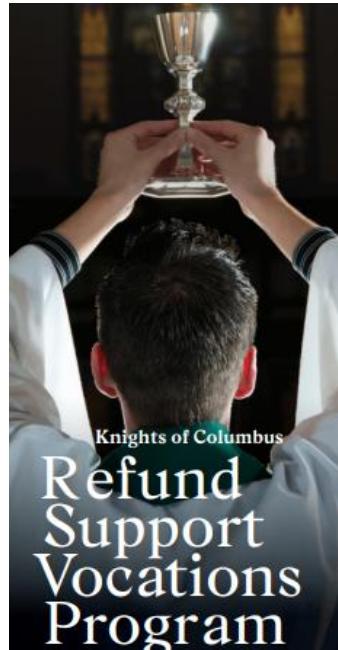


- Featured Program - counts as two credits for the Columbian Award
- Supreme Council refunds \$100 to the Council for every \$500 given to a Seminarian (Form #2863)
- “Pool Your Resources”
- Councils “adopt” a Seminarian with not only monetary support but also moral, prayer, and engagement support



# Refund Support Vocations Program

- **This Year's Goal: 2 Councils for every Seminarian**
- Coordinate through the RSVP lead:
  - Michael P. Davenport Sr.  
email: [qstorm3@aol.com](mailto:qstorm3@aol.com)  
phone: 301-523-7374
- Each DD will get an email today to identify seminarian/religious life support (both current and planned) for each of their Councils
- --please submit before Thanksgiving-





# Pilgrim Icon: Sacred Heart of Jesus

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- 350th anniversary of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque receiving her visions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in 1674
- Icon schedule has been released for this year
- Schedule starts in early November
- Report Council participation with the Pilgrim Icon at the new survey link and be sure to forward to your DD and [reports@kofc-md.org](mailto:reports@kofc-md.org)



# Pilgrim Icon: Sacred Heart of Jesus

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## ICON SCHEDULE DATES

- Nov 11, 2025 – Dec 07, 2025
- Dec 08, 2025 – Jan 04, 2026
- Jan 05, 2026 – Feb 01, 2026
- Feb 02, 2026 – Mar 01, 2026
- Mar 02, 2026 – Mar 29, 2026
- Mar 30, 2026 – Apr 26, 2026
- Apr 27, 2026 – May 24, 2026
- May 25, 2026 – Jun 21, 2026

## DISTRICTS

- 3, 5, 24, 15
- 17, 28, 22, 2
- 23, 27, 26, 14
- 21, 16, 12, 10
- 4, 32, 9, 11
- 25, 19, 29, 18
- 8, 7, 6, 30
- 20, 13, 1, 31

***Work with your Councils and their needs - we will get them an Icon that works with their schedules!!!***





# Memorial Mass

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- **Memorial Mass – Sunday, November 9 at 3:00 p.m.**
  - Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City
  - All DDs report at 2:30 pm
  - DDs will read the names of our deceased Brothers in their District
  - Please have your Councils submit the names to be read by Oct. 31 to Mike Dunn via the Google form link
  - <https://forms.gle/nKpVxCSw1R1FP3BP8>



# ***Anniversary of Blessed McGivney Ordination***

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- **Blessed Michael McGivney Ordination Anniversary Mass – Sunday, December 21 – 10:30 am Sunday Mass**
  - Baltimore Basilica
  - Mass celebrated by Archbishop Lori
  - Let's fill the pews!!!



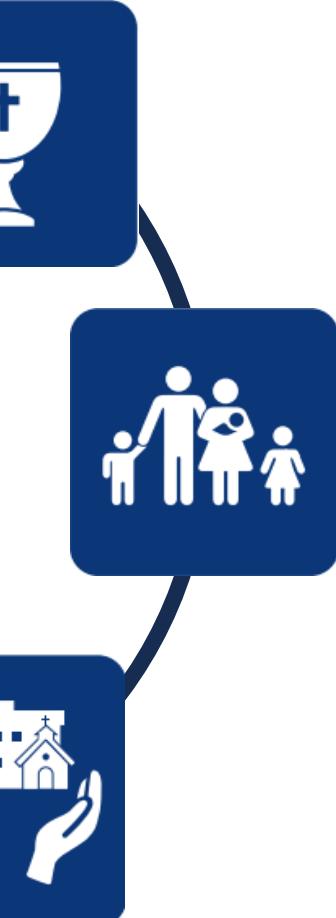


# Family

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*Tim Lynch*





# Food for Families

- Ensure that no one goes to bed hungry.
- Collect food and cash donations to support local food pantries, food banks and soup kitchens.
- Hold at least two food drives per year. Consider collecting food donations at council and assembly meetings.
- Set a goal for the year, e.g., 5,000 pounds.
- Supreme will refund \$100 – up to \$500 – for every 1,000 pounds of food collected or \$500 donated.
- This activity counts for two credits toward the Columbian Award.





# Keep Christ in Christmas

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- Promote the true spirit of Christmas in homes, schools, parishes, and communities.
- Shift the focus of Christmas from materialism to **Christ**.
- The audience is grades K – 8 students in Catholic schools, parish religious education programs, and home schools.
- Set a submission/decision deadline and order supplies from Supplies online.
- Publicize information in bulletins, Flocknotes, announcements at Mass, notices to parents, etc.



# Keep Christ in Christmas

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Important dates:

Nov. 1 – contact students and parents

Dec. 23 – submit first-place winners to State  
Chairman Tim Fitzmaurice

Jan. 10 – State winners will be announced at the  
Mid-Year meeting

For info: [www.KofC.org/Christmas](http://www.KofC.org/Christmas) and Maryland State  
website

**Chairman:** Tim Fitzmaurice; [Fitzmauricemd@aol.com](mailto:Fitzmauricemd@aol.com)



# Family of the Month

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- Promote and support the development of strong and vibrant families
- Establish a committee to recognize a deserving family headed by:
  - A member of your council or a parishioner
  - Who models Christian family values
  - And visibly lives these values every day
- The husband does not have to be a Knight. If he isn't then recruit that man!



# Family of the Month

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- Coordinate with your Pastor for approval of the selected candidate and the presentation of the FOM certificate at Mass by the Grand Knight.
- Announce the Family in your church bulletin, Flocknotes, and a pulpit announcement.
- Complete and submit FIA Report Form 10784 for one family/month before 15th of the following month.
- **Chairman: Tom Devlin** ([devlins4@verizon.net](mailto:devlins4@verizon.net))
- **Family of the Year Chairman: Vernon Hawkins, Jr.** ([vhawkinsjr@aol.com](mailto:vhawkinsjr@aol.com))



# Widows Program

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- We took an oath based on the principles outlined by Blessed Michael McGivney to **assist our widows and orphans**
- ***What is your Council doing to assist its widows?***
- Conversations with widows confirm that what is most important to them is:
  - For the Knights to acknowledge deceased Knights
  - To keep their lives as normal as possible through support and encouragement
  - To keep widows active in their Council programs and activities



# Widows Program

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- How your council can assist your widows:
  - Create a contact list of widows and maintain regular contact with them
  - Invite and include widows in council and state events
  - Send birthday and Christmas cards to them
  - Select a council member(s) to start an “adopt a widow” program
- More information will be available on the Maryland State website
- **Chairman:** Paul Girolami ([girolami@verizon.net](mailto:girolami@verizon.net))



# Community

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## Walter Leskuski



# Helping Persons with Special Needs

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- Council Turn-In Report Forms with funds collected by December 1, 2025
- Submit checks payable to Maryland State Council
- Note on checks for “People with Special Needs Program”
- Provide names of recipients’ agencies and breakdown to the State
- Indicate dates of presentations to the agencies



# Coats for Kids



## Coats for Kids

Since 2009, Knights of Columbus has given away over 1 million coats to children in need through the Coats for Kids program.



# Soccer Challenge

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- Saturday, November 1, 2025
- St. Andrew Apostle School  
11600 Kemp Mill Road, Silver Spring
- Registration open from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Competition begins at 11:00 a.m. All competitors must arrive no later than 12:30 p.m.
- All ties will be broken by 1:00 p.m. with Awards Ceremony immediately following

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## ***Soccer Shoot-Out***



**2025**



# Recognition Program – Plan Now

- Council nominations for:
  - Catholic Teacher
  - Faith Formation Teacher
  - Citizen
  - Police Officer; Firefighter; EMT Worker
  - Healthcare Worker
- Email nomination form and justification to Community Director Walter Leskuski;  
[pfn.md384@gmail.com](mailto:pfn.md384@gmail.com)
- Due **February 10, 2026**

 Nomination Form 2025-2026

Catholic Teacher, Faith Formation Teacher (formerly CCD), Citizen, Police Officer, Firefighter, EMT, and Healthcare Worker of the Year

**Check One:** Catholic Teacher  Faith Formation Teacher  Citizen  Police Officer   
Firefighter  EMT  Healthcare Worker

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Employer (except Citizen): \_\_\_\_\_  
Nominating Council: \_\_\_\_\_ Council Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Council Contact Phone Number and (If Available) Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parish Contact Name, Number (for Faith Formation Teacher): \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:**

- Please include a narrative describing the contributions of your nominee and explaining why your Council feels that this individual should receive recognition from the Maryland State Council
- Include a biography of your nominee
- Your narrative cannot exceed four (4) pages using a font no smaller than Times New Roman 12
- Submit this form, your narrative, and any photos, newspaper clippings, or other supporting information

Your submission must be postmarked no later than **February 10, 2026**  
ONE ENTRY PER CATEGORY PER COUNCIL

Nomination packages should be sent or emailed to:  
Walt Leskuski  
807 Young Place  
Frederick, Maryland 21702





# Life

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## Rick Casazza

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# Aid and Support After Pregnancy

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- Featured program supporting pregnant women, mothers, and their children by serving pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes
- For every \$500 a council donates in financial or material assistance to a non-profit pregnancy center or maternity home, Supreme will issue a \$100 grant directly to the same organization
- Grants are limited to **\$2,000 per organization**
- Maryland ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the Order for the 2024–2025 Fraternal Year with 45 councils raising \$138,473



# Ultrasound Program

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## Congratulations



- [District 16: Bel Air Council 4714](#)
  - GK Bruno Baran
  - Choose Hope Women's Center, Edgewood
- [District 18: Councils 2797, 5567, 9774, 13008 & 18156](#)
  - DD Gavin Pereira; DW Frank Boccovi
  - Rockville Women's Center, Rockville
- [District 21: Councils 9638, 11341, 11898, 12524 & 13294](#)
  - DD Herman Stewart Jr.; DW John Sniezek
  - Columbia Pregnancy Center, Columbia



# For Life – Legislative Liaison

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- Maryland State Council Legislative Liaison
  - John Eurie
  - [johneure@yahoo.com](mailto:johneure@yahoo.com)
- Dates to Remember in 2026
  - January 23 - National March for Life in Washington, D.C.
  - “Life is a Gift” emphasizing the value and dignity of every human life
  - Maryland Catholic Conference will host a Virtual Advocacy Day
  - Maryland March for Life in Annapolis



# Special Olympics

- Featured program; credit awarded to councils providing at least \$2,000 in donations or 200 service hours in a fraternal year. Opportunities to serve exist for both individuals and groups.
- For more information visit
- <https://www.somd.org>

## Dates to Remember:

- 24 Hour Super Plunge, January 23-24; Sandy Point State Park
- Maryland State Police Polar Bear Plunge January 31; Sandy Point State Park





**Make a Difference in Someone's Life  
Be a Force for Good!**