



Office of the  
State Deputy

# Arizona State Council Knights of Columbus



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Worthy Grand Knights and Faithful Navigators,

This year marks the 43rd year that Arizona has been blessed to hold an annual Rosary celebration. It originated in the Phoenix Diocese as Rosary Sunday. Then, seven years ago, the Tucson Diocese became part of the tradition with its separate celebration. This tradition has now spread to Yuma and other locales where similar Rosary events are held during the same weekend as those conducted in Tucson and Phoenix. Today, it is collectively known as the Arizona Rosary Celebration.

The Arizona Rosary Celebration is sponsored primarily by the Arizona Knights of Columbus and is considered the largest continuous annual gathering of Catholics anywhere in the United States, with attendance of nearly 7,000 of the faithful each year.

The celebrations in Phoenix and Tucson are expensive to produce. Collectively, it costs over \$80,000 per year to produce. They are supported solely by the funds received through personal donations and Program Book advertising sales. **As of this date, the response from councils and assemblies is at an all-time low.**

Brothers, the success of the Arizona Rosary Celebration relies on the support of every Knight of Columbus, every Council, and every Assembly; as well as parishes and many other benefactors. The last day to receive advertising contracts is September 8, 2018, and it's fast approaching.

Every Council and Assembly is expected to support the event by taking out at least a half page advertisement and to encourage the parish to do the same. If your council, or assembly, has not yet purchased an advertisement, do so immediately. It bears repeating, the cutoff date is **September 8, 2018**. All the forms you will need to demonstrate your support can be found on the Arizona Rosary Celebration web site, [www.AzRosary.net](http://www.AzRosary.net).

Not only should every Council support this spiritually uplifting event, but every Council should form teams to contact the advertisers on the back of your church bulletins and ask them to purchase an advertisement as well. Charity and Unity brothers, this is what I'm asking of you.

I have great confidence that you will not allow this important state program to fail for lack of your financial support. Your help to ensure the success of another memorable Arizona Rosary Celebration in honor of Our Blessed Mother under her title of Our Lady of Czestochowa is appreciated. If you need more information about the celebration, send an e-mail to the Arizona Rosary Celebration executive committee at [azrosary@yahoo.com](mailto:azrosary@yahoo.com).

Fraternally yours,

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