



FAITH

IN ACTION



WHO ARE THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?

A LEGACY OF FAITH AND SERVICE

Founded by Fr. Michael J. McGivney, a young parish priest now on the path to sainthood, the Knights of Columbus has helped strengthen men, their families, their parishes and their communities since 1882. Today, there are more than 1.9 million Knights doing good across the world. The Knights of Columbus stands as the strong right arm of the Church, and challenges members to grow in their faith through programs, fraternity and vital resources such as our award-winning magazine, *Columbia*.

DO MORE. BE MORE.

As Catholic men, we are called to do more. The Knights of Columbus can help you answer that call. Membership connects you with opportunities to make an impact in your community and gives you access to resources that help you grow deeper in faith and stay informed about the issues Catholics care about. You'll also have exclusive access to insurance and financial planning products to help you protect your family.

As part of a council, you'll be able to serve your parish and community directly with the support of a fraternity of brothers who share your faith, your values, and your desire to live with purpose.

BECOME A KNIGHT

Begin your journey in just a few minutes when you fill out our online application to become a Knight. When you join online, you'll instantly gain access to *Knights.net*, our online portal that is home to faith formation resources, news from Knights around the globe, information on issues important to Catholics, and a calendar to keep you in the know. You can take your membership to the next level by indicating you're interested in joining a council in the application process, and a local Knight will contact you. To become a Knight today, visit:

kofc.org/join

KNIGHTS IN ACTION. FAITH IN ACTION.

The Knights of Columbus offers men a place to lead their families and communities in faith and service and put their Faith into Action!

Faith in Action is the new program model of the Knights of Columbus. This model offers a mission driven platform designed to consider the needs of men and their families in the twenty-first century.

Knights of Columbus members, parishes and families have the opportunity to make a meaningful difference through the 32 Faith in Action programs. Organized into the Faith, Family, Community and Life categories, the Faith in Action program model empowers Knights to come together to share their Catholic faith, celebrate fraternity with loved ones, and do what they do best — stand shoulder to shoulder in service to the community and to defend life at all stages and in every condition.

To enhance the impact of Faith in Action, in some instances, such as councils internationally, the model has been supplemented with additional programs tailored to a country or group. For example, there are five unique programs for the more than 300 Knights of Columbus College Councils: Knight of the Month/Year, the College Movie Program, Love & Responsibility Week, Dinner & Discussion, and Consecration to St. Joseph

Supreme-Recommended Program Category Matrix

FAITH	COMMUNITY
RSVP Into the Breach Marian Prayer Program Building the Domestic Church Kiosk Rosary Program Spiritual Reflection New Holy Hour New Sacramental Gifts New	Coats for Kids Global Wheelchair Mission Habitat for Humanity Disaster Preparedness Free Throw Championship Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest Soccer Challenge Helping Hands New
FAMILY	LIFE
Food for Families Family of the Month/Year Keep Christ in Christmas Family Fully Alive Family Week Consecration to the Holy Family Family Prayer Night New Good Friday Family Promotion New	March for Life Special Olympics Ultrasound Program Christian Refugee Relief Silver Rose Mass for People with Special Needs New Pregnancy Center Support New Novena for Life New

Bold denotes Featured Programs

FAITH PROGRAMS



Grow in faith and build a strong parish and Church. Aid priests and religious in formation, honor Mary, mother of God, and engage in serious spiritual reflections and religious education activities.

- **Building the Domestic Church Kiosk:** Strengthen the domestic church (our families) by providing exceptional religious education materials.
- **Holy Hour:** Encourage deep personal encounter with God.
- **Into the Breach:** Deepen spirituality and formation to combat the crisis of religious faith.
- **Marian Prayer Program (Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians):** Spread devotion to Our Lady and pray for our brothers and sisters in faith who are at risk around the world.
- **Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP):** Support our seminarians and postulants financially and spiritually.
- **Rosary Program:** Build faithful families and communities through rosary prayer.
- **Sacramental Gifts:** Support families during the most important events in the life of the domestic church: the sacraments.
- **Spiritual Reflection:** Create annual opportunities for prayer and reflection as a community.



FAMILY PROGRAMS



Venerable Father Michael McGivney sought to strengthen the familial bond of father to mother and children to parents. His vision for family life was not only financial and material aid but also spiritual strength. The majority of our time is easily spent in secular circles unless we intentionally create ways to live the domestic church. These programs, created for families by families, help us to live this call.

- **Food for Families:** End hunger in communities across North America.
- **Family of the Month/Year:** Recognize & support the development of strong and vibrant families.
- **Keep Christ in Christmas:** Promote the true spirit of Christmas in our homes, schools, parishes and communities.
- **Family Fully Alive:** Help families place God at the center of their lives, year-round.
- **Family Week:** Dedicate a week to celebrate our Catholic families.
- **Good Friday Family Promotion:** Bring parishioners into more robust practice and understanding of our Catholic faith & the triduum.
- **Consecration to the Holy Family:** Invite each family in your parish to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family.
- **Family Prayer Night:** Strengthen bonds within our parishes and build faith-filled families.



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



Knights are called to serve others. Our first principle is Charity – at home with our families and in our communities. When Knights come together as one through their council and parish, we accomplish great things.

- **Coats for Kids:** Provide the gift of warmth to children during cold winter months.
- **Global Wheelchair Mission:** Change the lives of people with mobility disabilities worldwide.
- **Habitat for Humanity:** Build homes for families in need.
- **Disaster Preparedness:** Prepare your community before disaster strikes.
- **Free Throw Championship:** Offer an athletic outlet for youth ages 9 to 14 through fun free throw competition.
- **Helping Hands:** Help those less fortunate in your community through various service projects.
- **Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest:** Encourage youth to become citizens grounded in their faith through creative writing.
- **Soccer Challenge:** Provide an athletic outlet for youth ages 9 to 14 through penalty kick competition.



LIFE PROGRAMS



Knights of Columbus vigorously defend the dignity of each human being at every stage of life by working with their parishes to build a culture of life and a civilization of love.

- **March for Life:** Show public support for the right to life.
- **Special Olympics:** Celebrate the intrinsic worth and dignity of every single human being.
- **Ultrasound:** Help abortion-minded women to choose life by viewing their unborn children on ultrasound machines.
- **Christians Refugee Relief:** Help save persecuted and at-risk Christians facing genocide all over the world, particularly in the Middle East.
- **Silver Rose:** Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life through this meaningful pilgrimage.
- **Novena for Life:** Lead your community in the spiritual fight to establish a culture of life in our nations.
- **Mass for People with Special Needs:** Welcome individuals or families who might not normally feel comfortable participating in a regularly scheduled Mass.
- **Pregnancy Center Support:** Change public hearts and minds about abortion by showing love for both mother and child before and after birth.





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