



CA State Deputy November 2021 message Because We're Catholic!

Brothers All,

Greetings!

Time really flies and we are now preparing for the Holiday Season – Thanksgiving and Advent Season.

Speaking about holidays and traditions, I am being reminded that in 2016, Pope Francis dedicated an entire year by declaring a Jubilee Year of Mercy urging Catholics to spend more time practicing what traditionally have been called the spiritual and corporal and works of mercy.

The spiritual works are: converting sinners, instructing the ignorant, advising the doubtful, comforting the sorrowful, bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving injuries, and praying for the living and the dead.

Also, with our commitment as Knights of Columbus across the State of California to put our Faith into Action and to leave NO Neighbor Behind, let's take time to examine and to reinforce our commitment to performing the corporal works which consist of feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and burying the dead.

Especially for the Corporal Works, we need to leave no ambiguity or a way to escape the Lord's words to us as Brother Knights... as the Strong Right Arm of the Church. Being the strong right arm and as we are rising from this pandemic - our pastors, church, clergy and community need more of us more than ever. We need to continue to encourage new members and their families to join us and the Order.

Speaking on the importance of finding ways to perform these works of mercy, our State Chaplain, Fr. Antony Vazhappilly expressed, "the works of mercy invite us to connect to the heart of God and His enduring mercy and they compel us to find ways to live them in our daily lives."

Our State Programs provide all Knights frequent, rich opportunities to engage in the works of mercy. As we embark on these efforts, let's be sure to assist those persons in need – NOT based on whether the persons in need are Catholic - but Because We're Catholic!

For this November, our target goals are as follows:

PROGRAMS:

November Featured Program: [Mass for People with Special Needs](#)

Faith

- RSVP
- Spiritual Reflection

Family

- Food for Families
- Family of the Month/Year

Community

- Coats for Kids

- Disaster Preparedness
- Helping Hands

Life

- Fall Games

MEMBERSHIP:

Reminder

Members who have joined our Order should be presented with the full range of benefits, continue to encourage/invite others to join on-line and be exemplified at the next opportunity of Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity (ECUF).

Be aware of the dates and times when Membership/Recruitment Drives are being held at your local councils and the Statewide Exemplifications. Please continue to assist in these drives and utilize the QR Code tool to get new members on-line.

We need to constantly be aware of the need to do Safe Environment Trainings of Officers and Leaders within our Councils.

If you have not done so, the following Forms/Documentation Needs to be submitted to Supreme:

- o Form 185 - Report of Officers Chosen
- o Form 365 - Service Program Personnel
- o Form 1295 - Semi-Annual Council Audit
- o Form 450 - Degree Exemplification Report Form - after each exemplification

Prayers in the Pew Monthly

Please find and share November's Edition of Prayers in the Pew Monthly. You will discover that praying for the deceased 'the Church's liturgical focus for November' is a serious obligation. Also, in this month's edition, learn the Faith Fundamental on the Four Last Things as we prepare to celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, All Souls Day, and the Solemnity of Christ the King on the 21st just to name a few. For our formation, let us learn about the importance of praying for those whom the Church calls the "holy souls" and the Catholic belief in Purgatory with its biblical and catechism connections. In addition, take special effort to:

- Recite the Prayer For The Deceased.
- Implement the Featured Faith in Action Program of the Month, **"MASS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS"**.
- Embrace November's Spiritual Challenge from our California State Chaplain, Fr. Antony Vazhappilly to pray for all our deceased loved ones.

Finally, My Brothers, let us keep everyone that is suffering from illness or the loss of a loved one in our prayers. And once again, I ask for your prayers and assistance as we continue to build momentum toward our vision for our councils, districts, chapters, assemblies - Our Order – most importantly, for God's Greater Glory!

Vivat Jesus!

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