

Hello Sir Knights and Brothers,

As we are half way past the Fraternal Year, the Knights of the Columbus continue to step ***Into the Breach*** and ***Leave No Neighbor Behind!***

As the coronavirus pandemic continues, our duty is to lead our families, protect our parishes, and serve our communities, remembering always that where there's a need, there's a Knight. Past Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson has challenged Knights to take this moment as an opportunity to "deepen our commitment to the very principles which define us: charity, unity and fraternity." Knights of Columbus Orderwide are encouraged to serve and sacrifice for those around us. Many, including in our own councils and parishes, are isolated and alone. Food banks, blood centers, and other essential services have been depleted of their vital supplies. There are many people and places that require urgent help. As we look to the coming months, the Knights of Columbus will be on the forefront of helping their communities.

I have been fortunate to see during this Fraternal Year such great inspiring good works in feeding the less fortunate through prepared meals or supporting local foodbanks from varying Councils across California! The practice of charity I have witnessed have been extending even more greatly within community support to the elderly, widows and to the homeless as well as incarcerated looking to strengthen or find their Faith once again in Christ Our Lord. I am so proud to be part of a great Fraternal Organization that I wanted to make sure your great works are noticed and appreciated through our program "***Leave No Neighbor Behind***".

The Leave No Neighbor Behind program has been temporarily added as the ninth Community Category option in the Faith in Action model. Leave No Neighbor Behind will count as a Featured Program towards the Columbian Award.

FEATURED PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

For two program credits toward the Columbian Award – Complete an activity in all five service activity categories (listed below).

For one program credit toward the Columbian Award – Complete at least two of the five Service activities. Knights are encouraged to engage in five types of service activities:

1. Support Your Brother Knights
2. Support Your Parish
3. Support Your Community
4. Feed the Hungry
5. Participate in Blood Drives

Report your activities with the Leave No Neighbor Behind Survey at

<https://www.surveymzmo.com/s3/5521191/Leave-No-Neighbor-Behind> and complete the Report Form (#10784) and the Columbian Award Application (#SP-7).

For more information, download the Guidebook at:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/news-room/leave-no-neighbor-behind-program.pdf>

God Bless.

Vivat Jesus!

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