



Rev. Budi Wardhana
State Chaplain 2024-2025



February 2025

Greetings to you, my Brother Chaplain,

You are cordially invited to attend a special CHAPLAINS CONVOCATION during the upcoming Knights of Columbus 123rd Annual State Meeting in Visalia. This special Chaplains Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2025. We will gather for lunch at 12.30pm. in the Visalia Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia Ave., Visalia, CA 93291. The State Officers will be in attendance. Our meeting will begin at 1:30pm. If you have any items you would like presented at this meeting, please send it to me in advance at: state.chaplain@californiaknights.org.

The opening Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Joseph V. Brennan at 8:00am on Friday, May 16 in the Convention Center. The closing Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Jose H. Gomez at 4:00pm on Saturday, May 17 at St. Charles Borromeo Church. You are cordially invited to concelebrate at either Mass. Please bring your alb and white stole for Friday and Saturday.

The State Council will reserve a hotel room for Thursday, May 15 for each Chaplain attending the Thursday meeting and will cover the evening meal, if you so desire. The State Council does not cover additional hotel room expenses. However, the local Councils and/or the Chapters should cover all other expenses for their respective Chaplain(s).

The State Council Office must be notified that you will be in attendance. Please complete and send the enclosed form by postal mail or email to: state.office@californiaknights.org

Lastly, the Diocese of Fresno requires a Letter of Suitability for those who will concelebrate at a Mass, hear Confessions, or otherwise participate in a priestly role. A sample letter is enclosed and instructions can be obtained online at: <https://30560.sites.ecatholic.com/letters-of-suitabilty>

Please send your completed letter to:

Very Reverend Salvador Gonzalez, V.G.
Vicar General, Diocese of Fresno
1500 N. Fresno St.
Fresno, CA 93703
vicargeneraloffice@dioceseoffresno.org

With a copy to:

Rev. Budi Wardhana
Pastor, St. Lucy Church
PO Box 2649
West Covina, CA 91793
state.chaplain@californiaknights.org

With every good wish and blessing on your ministry,

James Larson
State Deputy

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Please check all of the following that apply to you:

- _____ I will participate in the In-Service for Chaplains on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 12:30pm
- _____ I will stay at a convention hotel on Thursday night, May 15, 2025 **as a guest of the State Council.**
- _____ I will concelebrate at the Opening Mass on Friday, May 16, at 8:00am
- _____ I will concelebrate at the Closing Mass on Saturday, May 17, at 4:00pm
- _____ I will need to have a hotel room reserved for me also for Friday May 16 (**at my local Council/Chapter's expense, or at my own expense**)
- _____ I will need to have a hotel room reserved for me also for Saturday night, May 17 (**at my local Council/Chapter's expense, or at my own expense**)
- _____ I will need to have a banquet meal ticket reserved for me also Saturday night, May 17 (**at my local Council/Chapter's expense, or at my own expense**)

Please Print

Council # _____

My name: _____

My Address: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Thank you!

Please return this completed form no later than * March 21, 2025 using the enclosed envelope or by sending a scanned copy to: state.office@californiaknights.org

*We will still provide accommodations requested between March 21 and April 26, but those may not be at a hotel immediately adjacent to the convention center.

Your Letterhead from your Diocese or Religious Order

Testimonial of Suitability for Priestly Ministry

Very Reverend Salvador Gonzalez, V.G.
Vicar General, Diocese of Fresno
1500 N. Fresno St.
Fresno, CA 93703

Dear Very Rev. Salvador Gonzalez, V.G.,

In light of the provisions of can 903 *CIC* and can 703, §1 *CCEO*, I write to inform you that Rev. _____ is an incardinated priest of the Diocese of _____ who currently resides in _____ (City), _____ (State). He will be exercising ministry at _____ Parish in _____ (City), in your diocese on _____ (date[s]).

In regard to Rev. _____, I am able to make the following statements:

- He is a person of good moral character and reputation.
- I know of nothing which would in any way limit or disqualify him from this ministry.
- I am unaware of anything in his background which would render him unsuitable to work with minor children.
- I am unaware of any incident in which he may have been involved which would adversely affect his performance as a priest.
- To the best of my knowledge, he does not have a current, untreated alcohol or substance abuse problem, nor does he have a current untreated emotional or mental health problem.
- He is in compliance with our policies and procedures related to the protection of children and young people. **If this applies to you, please provide Safe Sacred Environment date.**

Respectfully in Christ,

Name _____
Position (Bishop, Vicar General, Chancellor)

Date: _____

Effective _____ (date) through _____ (date)
(Date[s] of ministry in the Diocese of Oakland)

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