

California State Council Service Programs Guidebook 2025-2026



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State Service Programs Director's Message

My Worthy California Brothers,

I am honored to have been asked by State Deputy Ken Rose to return to the position of California State Service Programs Director for the 2025-2026 Columbian Year.

As we start this Columbian Year, we are in Jubilee Holy Year 2025, "Pilgrims of Hope". We start our year as Pope Leo XIV starts his papacy, the first American Pope and a strong supporter of the Knights of Columbus. So many things to celebrate!

Closer to home, we follow a successful and fruitful year with Our Lady of Miracles guiding us. For us, that means guidance through the program events we plan and execute. With every program, Faith, Family, Life and Community, Our Lady is with us, strengthening our purpose. Helping us to grow the Knights of Columbus in ways the Blessed Michael McGivney could not have dreamed.

With every program, we will grow the order by inviting other Catholic men to join us. More men mean more shoulders to bear the weight, more diverse ideas to help our pastors, more families that can be protected in times of tragedy, more eyes to see the needs of our communities. Let us not be selfish, every Catholic man deserves to join the Knights of Columbus. Help me show that Programs drive members.

Thank you and God Bless you for everything you do!

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Our Lady of Miracles, Pray for us!

Come, follow me.
-Matthew 4:19

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Soccer Challenge Chairman - Jeff Lambert

Life Activities Chairman - Alex Castanon

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One Life LA Chairman - Michael Stauffer

Walk for Life San Diego Chairman - Michael Brault

Walk for Life Orange Chairman - Jeffry S. Rice

Walk for Life Sacramento Chairman - Charles Beltz

Pregnancy Center Support Chairman - Richard Marciniak

ASAP (aid & support after pregnancy)

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Silver Rose Chairman - Gerald R. Fong

Life Legislative Advocacy Chairman - Richard Marciniak

Ultrasound Program Chairman - George Brown

I.D. Drive Campaign Chairman - David Abbott PSD

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Co-Chairman - Nick Ewell

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Faith In Action Program Model

The Faith in Action model recognizes the changing needs of men in the twenty-first century. It seeks to balance all their key priorities for Faith, Family, Community and Life. The simplicity of Faith in Action model is that it limits the number of required programs to earn the Columbian Award and, most importantly, allows councils to concentrate on implementing quality faith-filled family programs. Our goal is for men to lead their family in service — not leave their family for service.

Built into our four program categories is the opportunity for all generations and cultures to share faith, celebrate fraternity, and stand shoulder to shoulder in service to our community and in defense of life from conception to natural death. What better way to help our Bishops and Priests than by participating in the Faith in Action programs laid out by the Supreme Council. Each of the four Program Activities areas, Faith, Family, Community and Life, offer many suggestions to celebrate, support and strengthen our Faith and the family unit.

Our State Deputy has identified several programs that are dear to him, and we will add special focus for these. They include in the Faith program area:

- Bishop Recognition Dinners
- Altar Server Recognition and Support
- Vocations – RSVP
- W.R.A.P. (Women’s Religious Assistance Program)
- Holy Hour and Adoration

In the Family program area:

- St. Joseph’s Table
- Food For Families
- Family of the Month

In the Community program area:

- Campesinos
- Global Wheelchair Mission – specifically Honor Flight
- Centralized events for Soccer Challenge and Basketball Free Throw
- Build-a-Bed

In the Life program area:

- Special Olympics
 - Feed the Athletes
 - Games
 - Clay Shoot
 - Plane Pull
 - ID Drive

- Walk for Life Events
 - West Coast
 - One Life LA
 - San Diego
 - Orange
 - Sacramento
 - Corona
- ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy)
- AED (Automatic External Defibrillator)

In addition, we will continue with the "Program of the Month" initiative. This initiative encourages all councils to participate in designated monthly programs to help focus Councils and members, united, on our Faith in Action Programs.

Supreme provides a Faith in Action publication (10907) with details on the Supreme FEATURED and other programs which contain guidelines for planning and executing these and other programs. A sample matrix for the Supreme offerings:

Supreme-Recommended Program Category Matrix

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

Faith in Action Programs — Table 2

Bold denotes Featured Programs

Program Reporting and Supreme Awards

All council program participation must be reported to Supreme using the Fraternal Program Report Form (10784) which is only available for online submission. Submit one report form per program. Any council member with an active email address in Member Management can report program events using the online Fraternal Program Report Form (10784).

Additional reporting and requirements do exist for Supreme Featured Programs, Free Throw Championship, Soccer Challenge, Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest and the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest. These programs each have their own report forms which are required to be submitted separately. Pay attention to who they should be submitted to, it will be on the form itself.

Following the “Early is Easy” phrase is wise for submission of the Supreme Columbian Award Application (SP-7). It is DUE by June 30th. That does not mean it needs to be sent on June 30th. Please plan to send it early to allow time for corrections if your form is rejected for any reason. The team also suggests that you forgo the requirements needed for FEATURED PROGRAMS and instead, just submit for (4) program events.

State Awards

Chairman – Tony Ransick

To submit for the State Awards presented at the State Annual Meeting, you must submit the Fraternal Program Report Form (10784) to Supreme to qualify. Use this same 10784 form to submit for consideration for the State Awards. Additional supporting documents and photographs will also be welcomed and encouraged. These submissions should be sent to the faith-in-action@californiaknights.org email address for scoring. The deadline is, as always, April 1st to be included for awards consideration.

Faith Programs

Chairman – Luigi Zoni

Our goal is to strengthen our men and their families in the faith. When we entered the Order, we were reminded to constantly form ourselves in the Catholic faith. This information goes beyond mere facts or religious practice to an authentic connection with a loving God and his son Jesus Christ. Programs in this category are designed to draw us closer to God and the Church in a tangible and meaningful way. These programs arm us for the spiritual battle that our men and families face daily. For Faith program resources, visit kofc.org/faith.

IMITATING SAINT JUAN DIEGO: The Imitating Saint Juan Diego program encourages councils to promote devotion to St. Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe. As Knights of Columbus, whose patroness is Our Lady of Guadalupe, we are called to be her messengers, just as St. Juan Diego was throughout his life. [KofC](http://kofc.org)

PILGRIM ICON (Marian Prayer Program): Spread devotion to our saints and pray for the courage to stand up and carry out our mission of protecting, defending, and raising future generations. [KofC](#)

HOLY HOUR: Encourage deep personal encounters with Christ through Eucharistic adoration in the form of Holy Hours and Eucharistic Processions. [KofC](#)

REFUND SUPPORT VOCATIONS (RSVP): Keep the faith alive by supporting seminarians and postulants. For every \$500 given to an individual, the Supreme Council will refund the council or assembly \$100. [KofC](#)

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH KIOSK: Help strengthen families as the domestic church by providing exceptional religious education materials to all Catholics. [KofC](#)

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: (Retreat) Create annual opportunities for prayer and reflection together as a fraternity. [KofC](#)

INTO THE BREACH: Deepen members spirituality and formation to combat the crisis of religious faith in the world. By reading and discussing Into the Breach and the accompanying study guide councils will examine the enormous breach in the battle line that lies before them. [KofC](#)

ROSARY: Build faithful families and communities through rosary prayer. The Rosary Program encourages councils to schedule regular rosary prayer services on any day of the week, at any time of the year, with the guidance of their pastor. [KofC](#)

SACRAMENTAL GIFTS: Support families during the most important events in the life of the domestic church: the sacraments. The Knights of Columbus will be there to support and embrace our parish families at these essential moments of encounter with Christ. [KofC](#)

Family Programs

Chairman – Nick Ewell

The programs in this category are developed for families and by families. Blessed Michael McGivney sought to strengthen the familial bond of father to mother and children to parents. Catholics often struggle with the reality that they do not have the opportunity to socialize and/or pray with other faith-filled Catholic families. It can be a challenge to continue to ground ourselves and raise our children in faith. Our family programs are a response to a society that seeks to weaken the bonds of family. Blessed Michael McGivney's vision for family life was not only financial and material aid but also spiritual strength, as holiness is the calling of all baptized Christians. Put plainly, our time is easily spent in secular circles unless we intentionally create ways to live the domestic church. These programs help us to live this call. For Family program resources, visit kofc.org/family.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES: Help end hunger in communities across North America. Many people in our communities are struggling through hardship and are unable to provide food for their families. Food for Families ensures that as few as possible go to bed hungry each night. [KofC](#)

FAMILY OF THE MONTH/YEAR: Each month, the council selects a Family of the Month from its parish family that models Christian family values and visibly lives them every day, and names one of these recipients as its Family of the Year. [KofC](#)

FAMILY PRAYER NIGHT: Families of council members, and other Catholic families, gather for prayer, dinner and fellowship. [KofC](#)

FAMILY WEEK: Dedicate a week to celebrate our families. Councils will dedicate a special week of the year to recognizing the vital importance of families as the foundation of our domestic church and to promoting Catholic family values. [KofC](#)

REMEMBERING OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED: The Remembering Our Faithful Departed program calls upon councils to honor and pray for the deceased members of their council, families, and parish community. [KofC](#)

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY: Revitalize our parishes by urging our parish families to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph. [KofC](#)

GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY PROMOTION: Bring families into more robust practice and understanding of our Catholic faith and the triduum. Councils will encourage participation in Good Friday services through a promotional campaign. [KofC](#)

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS: Promote the true spirit of Christmas in our homes, schools, parishes and communities. [KofC](#).

Youth KCIC Essays – 8th thru 12th grades. January 30 Council level judging; February 15 Chapter level judging; March 01 State level judging.

Youth KCIC Poster Contest This program is open to all children ages 5-14 years old. KCIC Posters should be to the Council level by January 1; to the Chapter by January 31 and to the State Council Chairman by February 15. [Guidebook](#)

EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS: This state program is specifically designed for high school seniors planning to enter college or students who are currently enrolled in a college or University. Eleven scholarships will be awarded by the California State Council at the annual State Convention in the following categories:

- Academic: Seven student scholarships of \$1,000 each for those entering or resuming college
- Religious: Three scholarships (Jerome J. Junk Memorial Scholarship) worth \$1,000 each to those who are, or will be, attending a vocational religious school
- Youth: One scholarship (the Father Joseph Geary Scholarship) of \$1,000 to a current or former Columbian Squire entering or resuming college.

In addition to these scholarships from the California State Council, the Past State Deputies Association will award one Scholarship of \$750 to an eligible applicant from any of the three categories above.

All Scholarships applications have a **March 1** deadline. More information on scholarships can be found on the [state website](#). A list of Supreme scholarships and their applications can be found online at: [KofC](#)

Community Programs

Chairman – Joseph Hill

As Knights of Columbus, we are called to serve our family and our God. Our first principle is Charity, at home with our families and in our communities. This is a critical part of our Knights of Columbus mission. Have you ever wondered, “How can I make my community better?” Individuals can do great things on their own but there is something bigger than self when Knights of Columbus members come together as one through their council and accomplish great things. Councils that conduct these programs are positively shaping their communities by addressing the needs of their citizens. For Community program resources, visit kofc.org/community.

BRIGHT FUTURES PROGRAM: Invites councils to support the students and schools in their communities. Too often, youth face significant barriers to their educational success. Councils can help by providing funding and resources to those most in need. [KofC](http://kofc.org)

CELEBRATING OUR CATHOLIC HERITAGE: Encourages councils to celebrate the cultures and traditions of their parish communities to educate, inspire, and unite the community while celebrating the deep-rooted faith and cultural heritage of its members. [KofC](http://kofc.org)

HELPING HANDS: Put your faith into action and help people who are less fortunate in your community. [KofC](http://kofc.org)

COATS FOR KIDS: Provide warmth for children in need during cold winter months. The goal of the Coats for Kids program is to ensure that no child in North America goes without a coat during the winter season. [KofC](http://kofc.org)

GLOBAL WHEELCHAIR MISSION: The goal of this initiative is to provide aid to those who lack freedom of mobility in our communities and around the world. [KofC](http://kofc.org)

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Build homes with families in need. [KofC](http://kofc.org)

CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST: Encourage youth to become citizens grounded in their faith through creative writing. [KofC](http://kofc.org)

There will be three essay competitions for the current Columbian year.

Group A: Supreme Essay Competition. “Catholic Citizenship” – 8th thru 12th grades

Group B: California State Essay. “Catholic Stewardship” – 4th thru 7th grades Essay topics will be announced via email.

Third essay is KCIC Essay under Faith Programs

Timeline:

July/October Order Kits for Group A from Supreme #EA-KIT50, on-line PDF as soon as you can.

July/October Get Entry forms for Group B from the California State website. Feb. 15 Council level judging for Group A & B Winners

Feb .28 Council send Grade A & B winners to Chapter Chairman.

March 10 Chapter level judging for Group A & B Winners to State Essay Chairman March 20 State level judging for Group A and B. Essays received after this date are disqualified.

April 1 State Essay Chairman sends Winners listing to State Program Awards Chairman for all levels 4th grade thru 12th grade for Awards.

April 15 Group A Winners Only sent to Supreme by April 20. Due to Supreme April 30. [Essay Guidebook](#)

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: Prepare your community before disaster strikes. [KofC](#)

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP: Offer an athletic outlet for young people ages 9 to 14 through a fun free throw competition. [KofC](#)

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is open to all boys and girls in your community, ages 9 to 14.

Ages 9, 10, 11 (Boys & Girls Competitions) Use a women's regulation-size basketball and shoot from a 12-foot foul line at a 10-foot-high basket. (NOTE: The normal foul line is 15 feet from the basket. Foul lines at 12 feet from the basket for 10- and 11-year-old divisions should be clearly marked with athletic or masking tape prior to the competition.)

Ages 12, 13, 14 (Girls Competitions) Use a women's regulation-size basketball and shoot from the regulation foul line 15 feet from a 10-foot-high basket.

Ages 12, 13, 14 (Boys Competitions) Use a men's regulation-size basketball and shoot from the regulation foul line 15 feet from a 10-foot-high basket. [Free Throw Playbook](#)

Council Championship — January, District Championship — Early February, Chapter Championship — Late February, State Championship — March

CAMPESINOS (FARMWORKERS) PROGRAM

The Campesinos Program is a ministry of compassion that reaches out to the hardworking men and women who labor in California's fields — this program brings hope, warmth, and love to farmworker families through three heartfelt initiatives: The Box of Hope - 20 pounds each of beans, rice, sugar, and Maseca flour, along with a gallon of cooking oil — to nourish families who often give so much yet receive so little. This act of charity reflects *the Family Program – Food for Families*. The Gift of Warmth - coats, jackets, shoes, and socks — This effort fulfills the spirit of the *Community Program – Coats for Kids*, extending warmth to both body and soul. Shower of Love - diapers, baby clothes, bottles, and other necessities. This mission echoes the *Life Program – Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP)*.

SOCCER CHALLENGE: Provide an athletic outlet for young people ages 9 to 14 through penalty kick competition designed for players to demonstrate their skills. [KofC](#)

Council Championship — September

District Championship — Early October

Chapter Championship — Late October/Early November

State Council Championship — November 22

Ages 9, 10, 11 (Boys & Girls Competitions): Use a regulation-size soccer ball (size #4) and shoot 10 yards from the goal.

Ages 12, 13, 14 (Boys & Girls Competitions): Use a regulation-size soccer ball (size #5) and shoot 12 yards from the goal. [Soccer Playbook](#)

SUBSTANCE ABUSE POSTER: is open to all youth from 8 – 14 years old from your community. They are asked to design and create posters that communicate a message of sobriety and the dangers of substance abuse. Their efforts are submitted to local councils for judging. The winners from each Council will go up to the Chapter level competition. The Chapter winners will progress to the State Level of Competition.

Contestants will compete in two age groups for purposes of judging: (Age as of January 1st) 1. Age 8 through 11; 2. Age 12 through 14. Poster Topics: Entries in the Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest fall under only one of two topics: 1. Alcohol Awareness and Abuse; 2. Drug Awareness and Abuse.

Timeline: Contest can start as early as September and run to middle of January. After your competition, Send a copy of the Participation form to the California State Poster Chairman.

Life Programs

Chairman – Alex Castanon

The urgency of the threat to a culture of life cannot be misunderstood. Respect for the dignity of life demands a commitment to human rights across a broad spectrum. Both as Knights of Columbus and as followers of Christ, “Catholics must be committed to the defense of life in all its stages and in every condition” (St. John Paul II, 1995). The Knights of Columbus defends the dignity of each human being at every stage of life. Knights work together to build a culture of life and a civilization of love. Your council should stand ready to assist any pregnant woman in need, care for the elderly, aid the handicapped, empower those with special needs to realize their full potential, and bring attention to the injustices of abortion, embryonic stem cell research, euthanasia and assisted suicide. For Life program resources, visit kofc.org/life.

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE WITH OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE: Calls upon councils to organize adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and ask for Our Lady of Guadalupe’s intercession for the pro-life cause. KofC

ASAP (AID AND SUPPORT AFTER PREGNANCY): Help mothers and babies by supporting pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes. For every \$500 your council or assembly donates to a pregnancy resource center or maternity home (up to \$2,000), the Supreme Council will donate \$100. KofC

NOVENA FOR LIFE: Lead your community in the spiritual fight to establish a culture of life. Knights and their families will come together in both public and private acts of prayer to promote the protection of life. KofC

MARCH FOR LIFE: Join your brother Knights for this year’s National and State Marches for Life. State of California has five walks for life, Diocese of Orange Walk for Life in October, the West Coast Walk for Life, 1LifeLA and the San Diego March for Life in January and the Sacramento Walk for Life in March. The National Walk for Life in Washington DC is also in January. WC 1LA SD OC Sac

SPECIAL OLYMPICS: Celebrate the worth and dignity of every human being through the Special Olympics. [KofC](#)

The State Council started the “Feed the Athletes” initiative several years ago. Through your efforts we raise specially earmarked funds so the Knights of Columbus can be the major sponsor of meals for athletes at Special Olympics events throughout the state. Raising funds to sponsor the meals at these events will help our local councils provide lunches for the athletes, because after all we, the Knights of Columbus, love to cook! You can contribute to this program two ways. When filling out your Campaign to Support People with Intellectual Disabilities Distribution Form FNCF201 simply designate, "Special Olympics Feed the Athletes" as a recipient and then state the percentage for distribution. Or use the new state form. [Forms](#)

HELPING PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES DRIVE (TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE): The Frank Nigro Columbian Foundation Supporting People with Intellectual Disabilities, Inc. is dedicated to improving the quality of life, learning, and mainstream employment for children, teens, and adults with Intellectual Disabilities. [ID DRIVE](#)

ULTRASOUND: Save lives by helping women choose life by giving them the opportunity to view their unborn children on ultrasound machines at pro-life pregnancy centers. After the state and/or local council raises 50% of the cost, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council will provide the other 50% to complete funding for purchase of an ultrasound. [KofC](#)

CHRISTIAN REFUGEE RELIEF: Help persecuted and at-risk Christians facing genocide all over the world, particularly in the Middle East. [KofC](#)

MASS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS: Welcome individuals and families who might not feel comfortable participating in a regularly scheduled Mass. [KofC](#)

PREGNANCY CENTER SUPPORT: Change hearts and minds about abortion by showing that the Knights of Columbus loves both mother and child before and after birth. [KofC](#)

SILVER ROSE: Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage. [KofC](#)

Safe Environment Compliancy

Chairman – Larry Dietz

Under the [Faith in Action](#) program model, members serving in the key leadership positions listed in the graph below are required to complete three training modules designed to teach members about abuse prevention best practices, either online or via workbook self-study guides. Councils who are not Safe Environment Compliant are not eligible for Star Council or other Supreme issued awards. Members serving in the following leadership roles must make sure that all Knights of Columbus safe environment policies and procedures are followed at activities sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Roles	Training	Background Check	ARMATUS Administration
State Council			
State Deputy	✓		✓
State Advocate	✓		✓
State Program Director	✓		✓
State Youth Director	✓	✓	✓
State Family Director	✓	✓	✓
State Community Director	✓	✓	✓
State Squire Chairman	✓	✓	✓
Subordinate Council			
Grand Knight	✓		✓
Faithful Navigator *only if assembly sponsors a circle	✓		
Program Director	✓		✓
Family Director	✓	✓	
Community Director	✓	✓	
Chief Counsellor	✓	✓	
Adult Counsellor	✓	✓	

The intent of our Safe Environment Program is to safeguard children and other vulnerable persons and assure members and their families that we maintain a safe environment for all those whom we serve. Our program is operated in conjunction with our strategic partner in youth protection and safe environments – PRAESIDIUM, Inc. Praesidium specializes in providing safe environment training to help prevent sexual abuse in organizations that serve youth and vulnerable adults. For more information, go to www.praesidiuminc.com

California State Council Program of the Month Initiative

The California State Council encourages all councils to give priority to the State's program of the month. Work with your pastor to present the following featured programs to the parish at large. Incorporate a side Membership Church Drive with the program. There is power in Unity Brothers, let's do these programs in the month they are assigned.

JULY HOLY HOUR: FEATURED PROGRAM This program will encourage a deep personal encounter with God. Knights of Columbus councils work with their pastors to organize a regular Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration. Prepared for the men of the parish, this Holy Hour could include a reflection, communal rosary, prayers for intercession by St. Joseph or Knights of Columbus founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, and various other aspects as decided by the council.

AUGUST COLUMBIAN RETIREMENT HOME ADVOCACY & AED SUPPORT: This month has two programs. August 21 is Senior Citizens Day. When better to remember that support for life in all stages includes those who are nearing the end of life and are in special need of support. Also, the AED program is designed to bring an AED device into every parish building. That life that it saves may be yours.

SEPTEMBER Build-a-Bed: Participate in a program by supporting community locations in need of beds (housing). Find resources at Sleep in Heavenly Peace (shpbeds.org).

OCTOBER RELIQUARY TOUR OF MEXICAN MARTYRS - LOS CRISTOS: Join in the veneration of the silver Reliquary of the Mexican Martyrs of Los Cristos as it travels through the state in October.

NOVEMBER CAMESINOS: Support those farmworker families who put food on our tables by bringing food and support to theirs. Join with other Councils and Chapters put together the resources for distributions directly where the farm workers live. A requirement for all Chapters this year.

DECEMBER KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS: Utilize the many options available to truly KEEP Christ in Christmas. Encourage the youth KCIC Poster competition, the KCIC Essay competition, Host a Light up for Christ event at your parish on the first Tuesday of December.

JANUARY NOVENA FOR LIFE AND WALK FOR LIFE: Lead your community in the spiritual fight to establish a culture of life in our nation. The Knights of Columbus encourages others to choose life through public support of the pro-life cause. Knights can organize and participate in local/state/province/regional Novenas and Marches for Life.

FEBRUARY WIDOWS/WIDOWERS OUTREACH: Show appreciation to the Widows of Brother Knights and Widower Brother Knights for their loss and timeless efforts to the Knights of Columbus.

MARCH SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: FEATURED PROGRAM With this program we create annual opportunities for prayer and reflection as a fraternity. Under the guidance of the council chaplain, councils can attend a retreat or day of reflection and open it up for all parish men.

APRIL GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY PROMOTION: Bring families into more robust practice and better understanding of the Catholic faith and the Easter services. To increase attendance and involvement, Knights of Columbus councils will conduct a promotional campaign to educate their parishes on the vital importance of Good Friday.

MAY St. Josephs Table: With the State Annual Meeting in the backyard of Bishop Brennan who so strongly supports this ministry, our councils should also take this month to focus on those in need of food.

JUNE CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY: Help strengthen families and revitalize our parishes. Knights of Columbus councils will invite each family in their parish to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family and to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph.