



Rev. Daniel Avila
State Chaplain 2025-2026



February 2026

Greetings to you, my Brother Chaplain,

You are cordially invited to attend a special CHAPLAINS CONVOCATION during the upcoming Knights of Columbus 124th Annual State Convention in Visalia. This special Chaplains Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2026. This is always a wonderful opportunity for you to strengthen our priestly fraternity and to share the joys and challenges of our service with the Knights.

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 there are any topics for discussion you would like presented at this meeting, please send it to me in advance at the email below.

The opening Mass will be celebrated at 8:00am on Friday, May 15th and the closing Mass will be celebrated at 4:00pm on Saturday, May 16th, both in the Convention Center. You are cordially invited to concelebrate at either Mass. Please bring your Alb and a white stole for Friday and Saturday.

The State Council will reserve a hotel room for Thursday, May 14th for each Chaplain attending the Thursday meeting and will cover the evening meal, if you so desire. Additional hotel nights should be covered by your local Councils and/or Chapters.

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 priests/deacons from outside the diocese who will concelebrate at a Mass, hear Confessions, or otherwise participate in a priestly role. Please contact your Bishop's or Religious Superior's office to obtain your letter.

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. Daniel Avila
St. Anne Church
378 N. F St.
Porterville, CA 93257
state.chaplain@californiaknights.org

Looking forward to spending this day with you, may Jesus bless you and your ministry!


Ken Rose
State Deputy

Fr. Dan Avila
Rev. Daniel Avila
State Chaplain

Please check all of the following that apply to you:

- _____ I will participate in the In-Service for Chaplains on Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 12:30pm
- _____ I will stay at a convention hotel on Thursday night, May 14, 2026 **as a guest of the State Council.**
- _____ I will concelebrate at the Opening Mass on Friday, May 15, at 8:00am
- _____ I will concelebrate at the Closing Mass on Saturday, May 16, at 4:00pm
- _____ I will need to have a hotel room reserved for me also for Friday May 15 **(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 16 **(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 16 **(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 20, 2026 using the enclosed envelope or by sending a scanned copy to: state.office@californiaknights.org

*We will still provide accommodations requested between March 20 and April 24, 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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