

Brothers,

As we move through this season of Easter, we remember that our faith guides us to be better people. Now is the time to focus on our Faith programs, for us and for our friends, family and community. We as Knights of Columbus have the opportunity, no, the mandate to be leaders. The Supreme Council website lists 10 different Faith programs, each designed and with resources to accomplish this task. Sure, some of these may have a relevant time frame, but for most, the time is today! With Confirmation and First Holy Communion we have the **Sacramental Gifts** program to help celebrate these milestones with gifts and symbols to mark the occasions.

¡**Viva Cristo Rey!** honors the Mexican Martyrs; a version of this program is currently happening in Gustine with the Los Cristeros Mexican Martyrs Reliquary, but you can create your own program locally.

Honor our Patroness, Our Lady of Guadalupe with the new **Imitating Saint Juan Diego**. Other Faith programs that are always relevant include, **Into the Breach**, **Holy Hour**, **Rosary Program** and **Building the Domestic Church Kiosk** just to name a few.

Your Programs Team has spent April focused on sorting through and scoring the Programs Awards submissions. With the State Convention just around the corner, May 14-17, you should all come to the Friday evening presentation to congratulate these councils on their hard work.

Don't forget that the Program of the Month for May is St. Joseph's table. Support your local food bank or St. Vincent de Paul Chapter to feed those in need. We want to encourage all attendees to bring a donation that we can in turn donate to Bishop Brennan's program.

Now is not the time to sit back and relax! We don't coast into the new year! It's time to double down on program events, invite new and energized men into our councils and complete that Star Council process.

The look ahead for the Program of the Month initiative has us looking to June's program, "Consecration to the Holy Family." Designed to help strengthen families and revitalize our parishes. This also revitalizes our councils. July will bring us to hosting a Holy Hour event. Start your planning early.

Every program event is a membership opportunity!

Thank you for all you do as Knights in California! Our Lady of Miracles, Pray for us.

Jim Hart
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