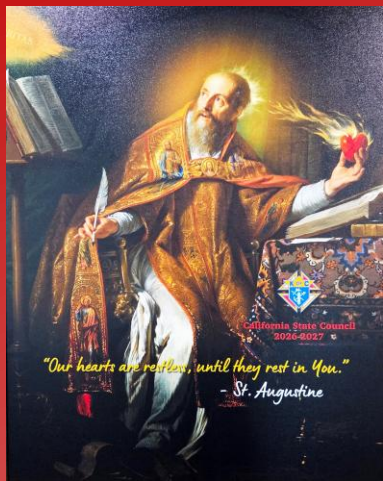
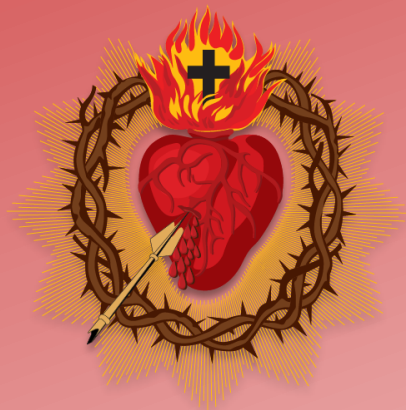




Knights of Columbus California State Council

Evangelization and Faith Formation/COR



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Vince Vasquez

State Evangelization and Faith Formation Director

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Our KofC Identity

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Cor Connection – Mission Narrative

Father McGivney had a clear mission:

- **Form men in their faith**
- **Protect the family**

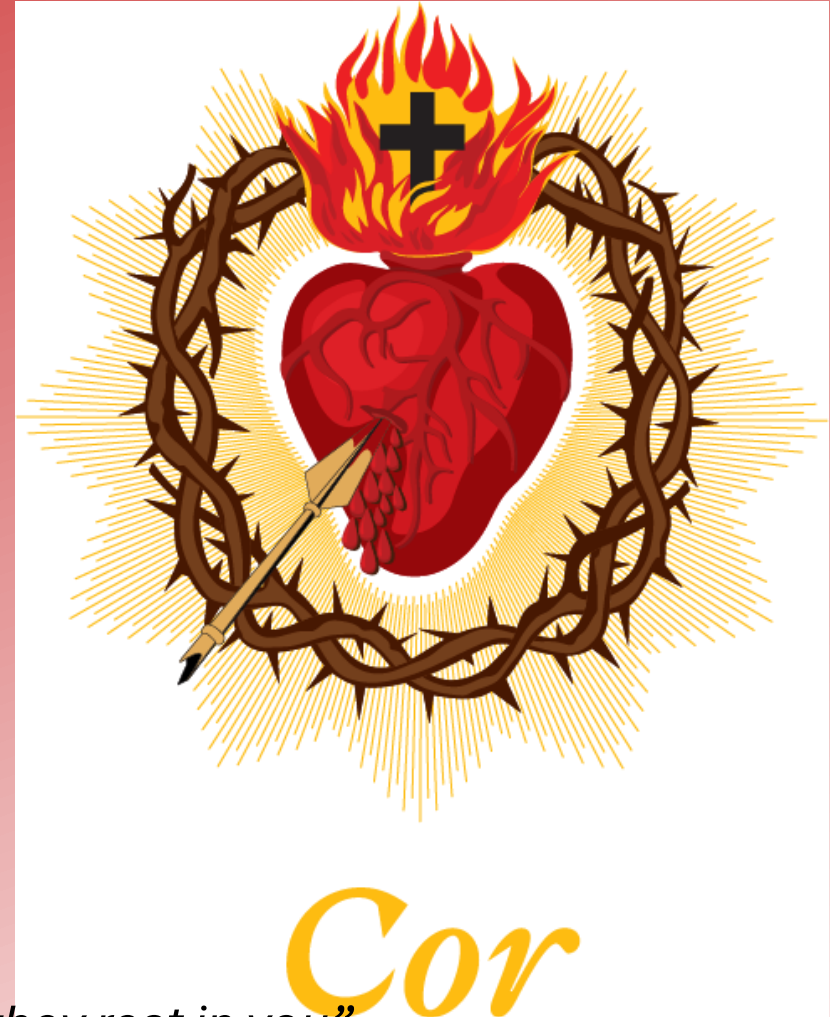
Is this mission relevant today?



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What Does This Mean for Us as Knights?

- The Church faces many challenges today
- Despite these challenges, there are signs of new opportunities – new reasons for hope
- The Knights must be at the forefront of these positive trends
- *Cor* offers councils the space and the tools to meet the needs – and increasingly the desires – of Catholic men
- Especially young men and fathers



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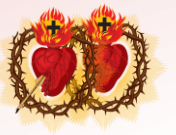
What is Cor?

“Cor ad cor loquitor. (Heart speaks to heart.)”

- St. John Henry Newman

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What is *Cor* ?

***Cor* is a regular gathering of men that uses a flexible framework of prayer, formation and fraternity to foster Christ-centered brotherhood and help men grow closer to Jesus.**



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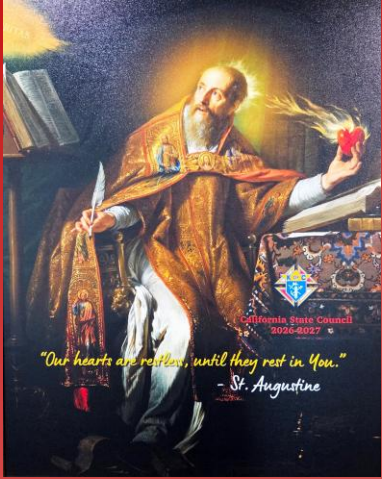
Cor Success

- **Long Term**
 - Cor in every parish
 - Prayer, formation, and fraternity for all men
- **Short Term**
 - Appoint strong EFF leaders – Team
 - Continue the cultural shift through awareness
 - Study: Is Cor good for “business”?



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Cor and Membership Penetration Summary

California

Members

63,312

Councils 636

Population % Catholic

30.3%

Catholics 12.0M
Population 39.5M

Councils Holding Cor 2026

386

Councils Held Cor 2025
249

% Membership Penetration

1.4%

Catholic Men 18+
4.6M

Population % Hispanic

39.4%

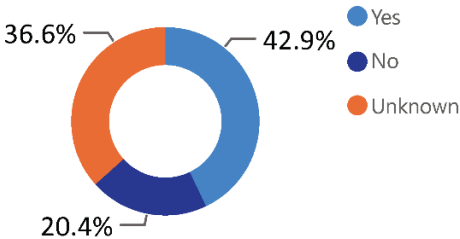
% Hispanic Men that are
Catholic 49.8%

Councils w/ EFF Directors

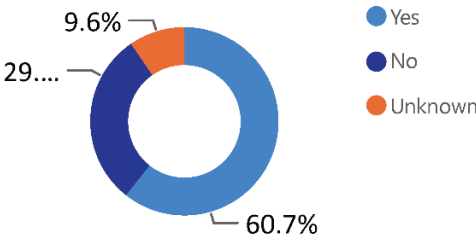
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% Councils w/ EFF
Directors 42.9%

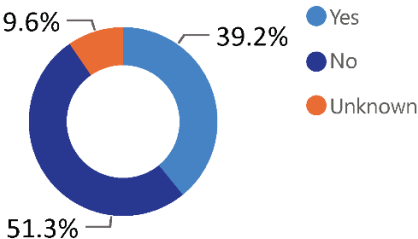
Councils with EFF Director



Councils Holding Cor 2026 FY

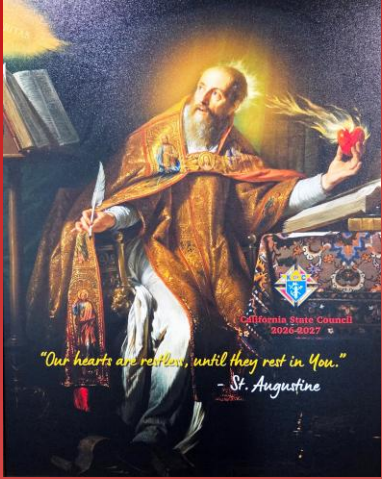


Councils Held Cor 2025 FY

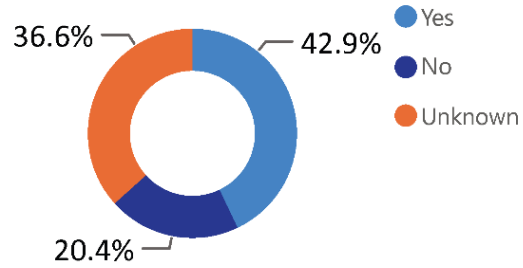


Diocese	# Councils	# Members	Population % Hispanic	Population % Catholic	% Member Penetration	% Councils w/ EFF Directors	# Councils Holding Cor 2026 FY	% Councils Holding Cor 2026 FY
Fresno	57	5,174	56.7%	34.8%	1.4%	47.4%	20	52.6%

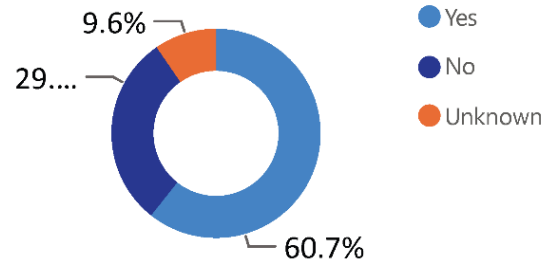




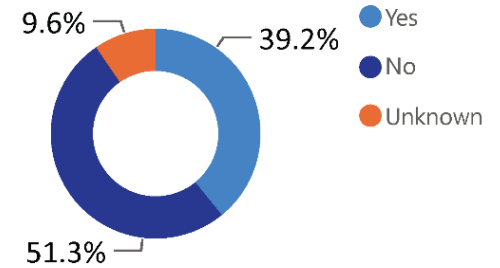
Councils with EFF Director



Councils Holding Cor 2026 FY



Councils Held Cor 2025 FY



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Los Angeles	144	14,647	47.6%	34.9%	1.0%	43.1%	96	66.7%
Monterey	24	2,318	44.2%	34.4%	1.7%	54.2%	16	66.7%
Oakland	51	5,030	24.9%	27.3%	1.7%	29.4%	25	49.0%
Orange	49	6,050	34.1%	32.8%	1.5%	46.9%	38	77.6%
Sacramento	74	8,207	22.4%	20.3%	2.8%	40.5%	46	62.2%
San Bernardino	69	6,635	51.6%	31.0%	1.3%	49.3%	43	62.3%
San Diego	70	7,492	36.6%	31.3%	1.8%	41.4%	39	55.7%
San Francisco	30	1,950	19.9%	22.3%	1.1%	43.3%	17	56.7%
San Jose	25	1,802	25.2%	23.1%	1.0%	36.0%	11	44.0%
Santa Rosa	16	1,108	26.7%	23.2%	1.3%	56.3%	11	68.8%
Stockton	27	2,899	42.0%	28.5%	1.9%	33.3%	14	51.9%



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Support Structure

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- Council Level
- Local Level

State EFF Infrastructure

- State EFF Director
 - Vince Vasquez
 - Asst EFF Louis Gardner
 - Cor Chairman Jim Sandoval
- State Chaplain
 - Fr. Raymond Reys
- Assoc Chaplain
 - Fr. Pedro Valdez
- Chapter EFF Coordinator(s)
- Chapter Chaplains
- Council EFF Director(s)
- www.kofc.org/forms - Council EFF Dir. Submission Form

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EFF Director Support

- Ongoing Training and Formation for leaders.
 - New *Cor* Startup Training Videos
 - New onboarding emails for Council EFF Directors (when submitted on Council EFF Dir. Form) www.kofc.org/forms
- Communication:
 - Monthly State EFF Message
 - Radio Show and Podcast on Spirt Filled Media. “Metanoia” with Fortune Guzman
 - *Cor* Quarterly Newsletter
 - Fraternal Leader Advisory email
- www.kofc.org/cor

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Action Items:

- **District Deputies**
 - Accurate reporting of *Cor* activity in #944 Form
 - Ensure reporting of Council EFF Director
- **Grand Knights**
 - Identify or reappoint your Council EFF Director and submit the Council EFF Director Form – www.kofc.org/forms
 - Please share my email with your Council EFF Director – EFF@Californiaknights.org
 - Attend *Cor* yourselves and share your personal testimony!

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Council EFF Director Submission Form



Please enter your council number: *

Jurisdiction: *

Diocese: *

Parish(es):

Council Category: *

Please enter contact information for your EFF director below:

First Name: *

Last Name: *

Email Address: *

Is this a new EFF director or someone who has held the position before? *

I consent to receiving communications from the Knights of Columbus. * ☒

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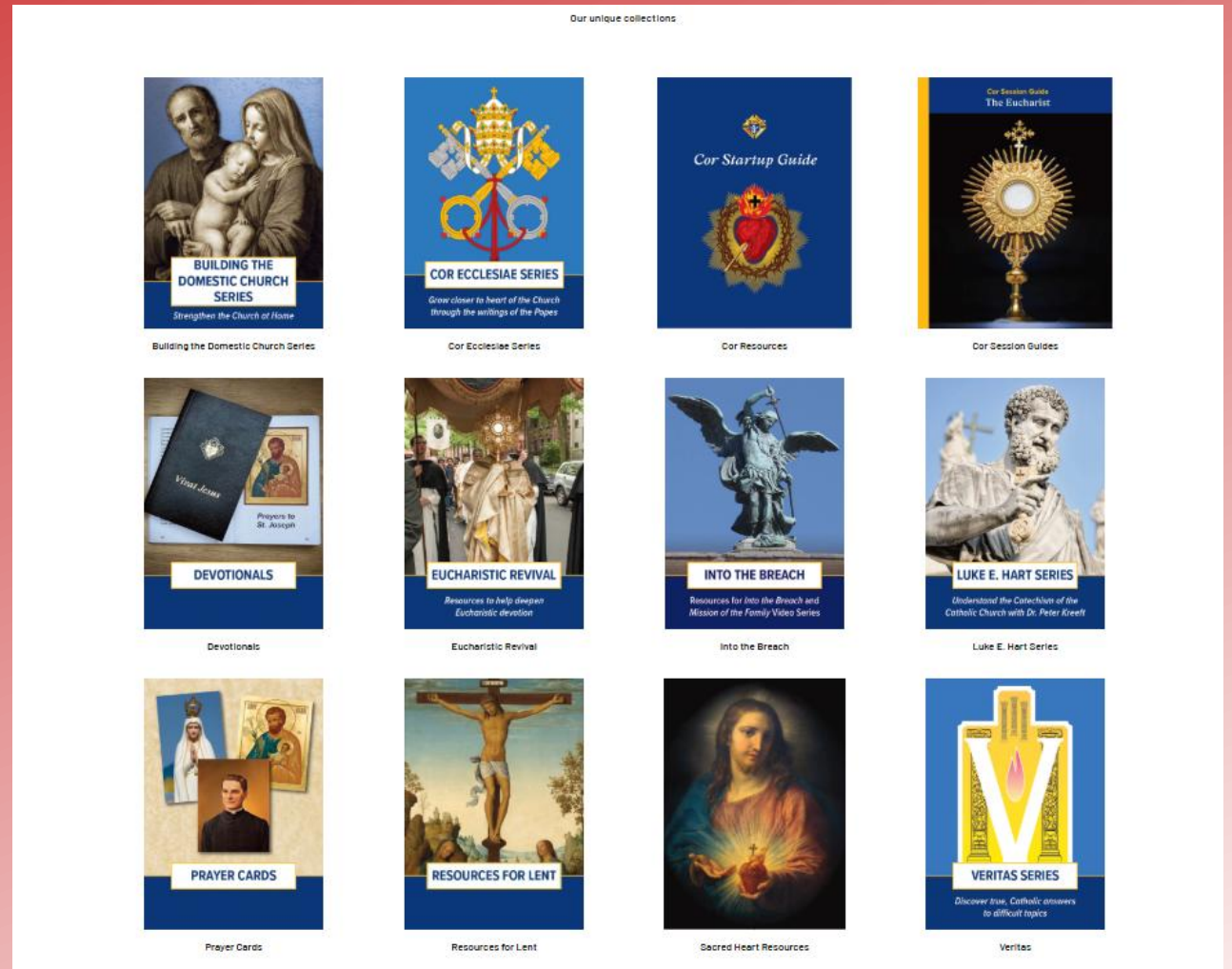
Cor Resources

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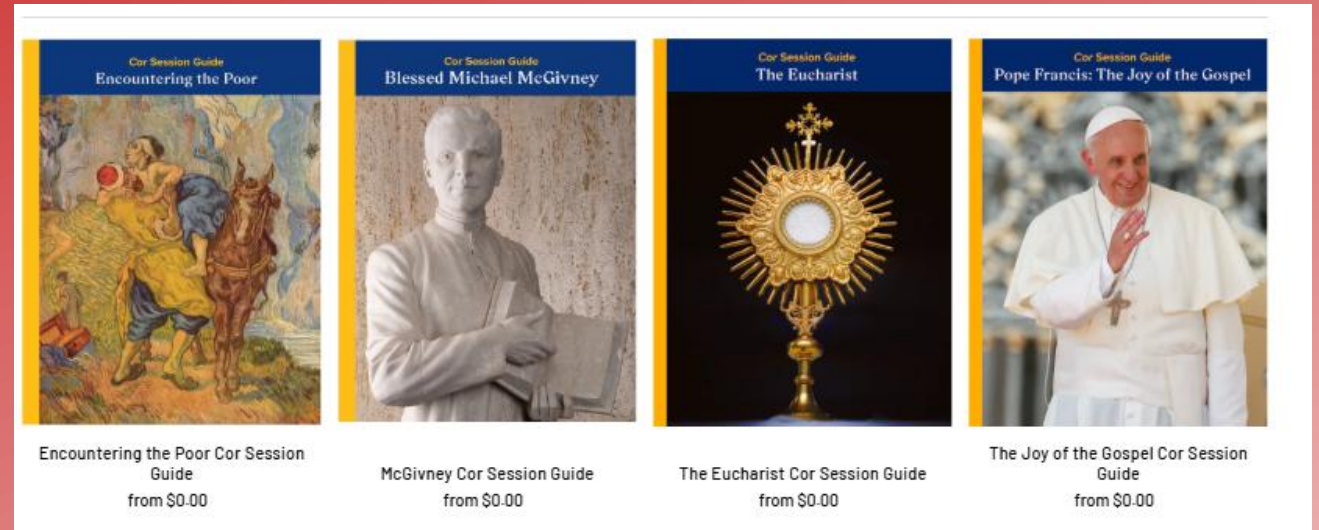
- **Catholic Information Service provides faithful, accessible low-cost faith formation resources for individuals, families, councils, and parishes.**



CIS Content for *Cor* – KofC.org/shopcis

Cor Session Guides

- Provides councils with faith formation guides made to seamlessly fit in *Cor*



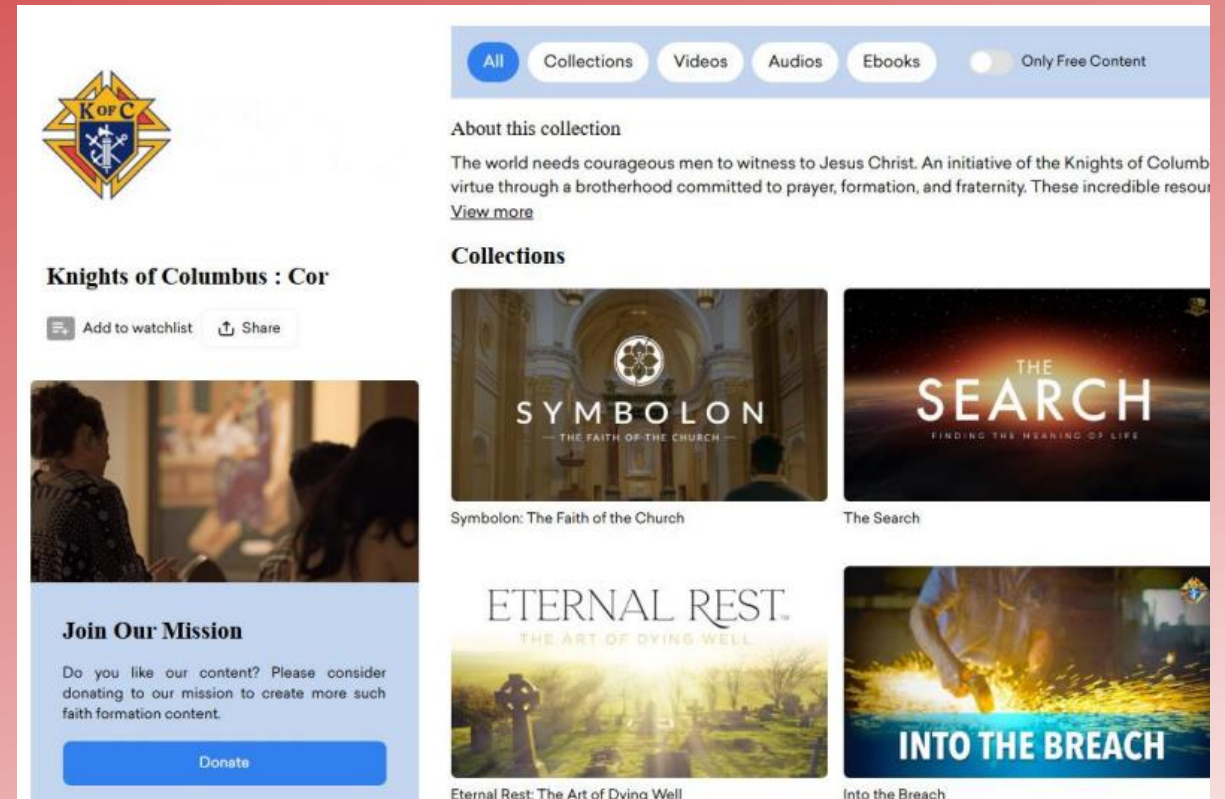
Cor Ecclesiae Series

The Cor Ecclesiae Series provides study and discussion guides for Church documents so groups can grow closer to Jesus Christ in the heart of the Church (Cor Ecclesiae)



Augustine Institute's "Formed" Streaming Service

- **Formed's award-winning content is available to support formation in *Cor***
- **All State Deputies, State Chaplains, State EFF Directors, and Council EFF Directors have free access to Formed**
- **Recommended *Cor* content on K of C content page**
- **To sign up: kofc.org/formed**



Encountering the Poor: A Knights of Columbus Training Series

- Three-part video series
- Equips Knights with insights and practical tools for serving the poor
- Developed with Christ in the City, a Catholic ministry dedicated to forming volunteers to serve the poor
- Invites Knights to go deeper in the charitable work they already do
- Companion study guide for *Cor*
- [Kofc.org/encounteringthepoor](https://kofc.org/encounteringthepoor)



Into the Breach: The Dignity of Work

- Latest entry in the Into the Breach video series
- Explores the Catholic vision of man's mission in the world, focused on the role of work
- Five episodes
- Optimized for *Cor*
- Companion study guide
- Promotion resources
- www.kofc.org/intothebreach



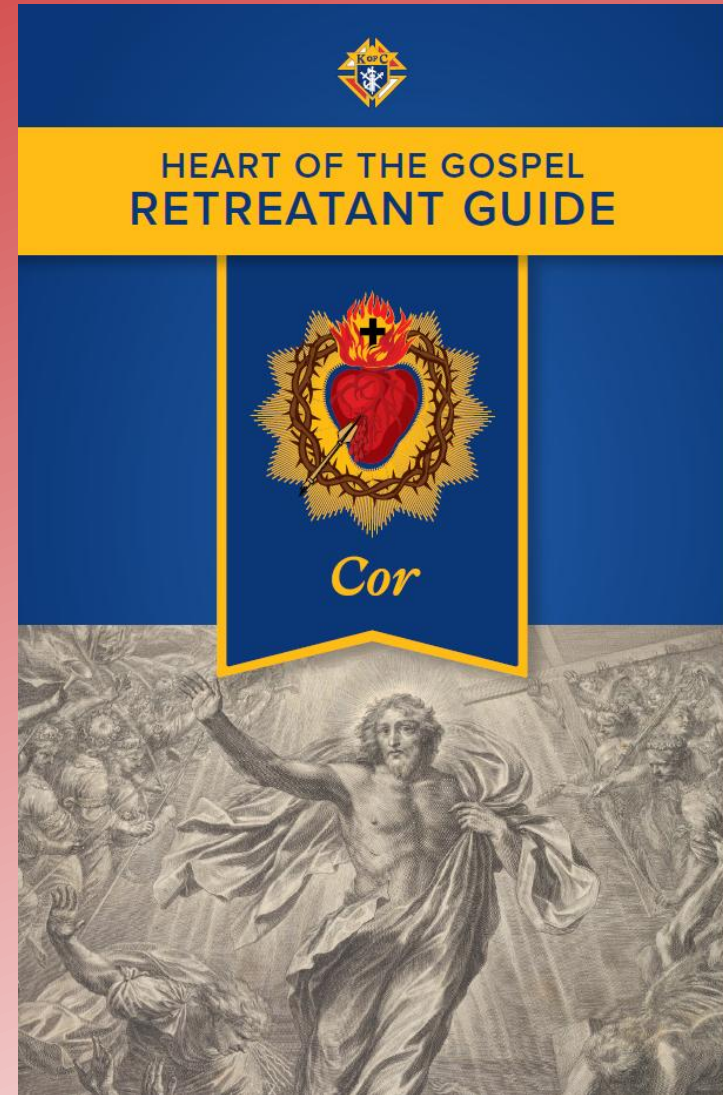
Heart of the Gospel Retreat

- “Retreat in a box” in partnership with Acts XXIX
 - Dynamic presentation of Kerygma – Gospel basics
- Day long, little to no cost for parish
- *Cor* pre- and post-retreat sessions
- Retreat resources
 - Leader and Retreatant Guide
 - Designed as a plug-n-play
 - Website – www.kofc.org/gospel



Heart of the Gospel Retreat

- **Supports Faith Programs – Spiritual Reflection**
 - Must fulfill regular requirements
- **Available now in English – Spanish and French in development**
- **Jumpstart, reinvigorate, or supercharge *Cor***
 - For all men of the parish; introduction to the Order

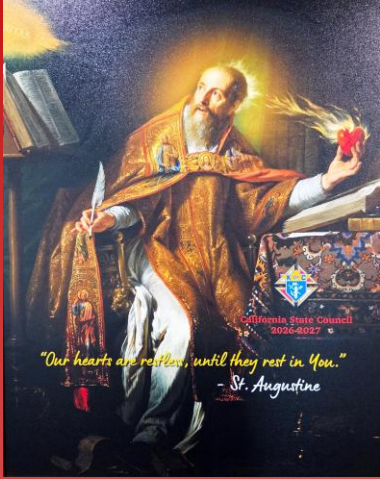


Cor Creates Leaders, Members, and Momentum

- 1. Encourage Council EFF Director Reporting**
 - 1. www.kofc.org/forms**
- 2. Identify and invite Chapter EFF Coordinators**
- 3. Promote *Heart of the Gospel* to be used for Spiritual Reflection Program**
- 4. Promote *Into the Breach: The Dignity of Work* – Use this to kick off *Cor***

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The Heart of Our Mission

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain." (John 15:16)

¡Vivat Jesu!

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