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Charity Through Faith

2025 – 2026 KofC Quick Reference Program Guide

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State Website: <https://coloradokofc.org/What-We-Do/FundCrazr>

- **Rules:** <https://coloradokofc.org/What-We-Do/FundCrazr/Rules>
- **Instructions:** <https://coloradokofc.org/What-We-Do/FundCrazr/Council-Instructions>
- **Weekly Winners:** <https://coloradokofc.org/What-We-Do/FundCrazr/Winners>

For 2025:

- Bronze tier quota -
 - Councils with under 75 members will be required to sell one ticket for each member.
 - Councils with 75 – 99 members will be required to sell 75 tickets.
 - Councils with 100 – 199 will be required to sell 100 tickets.
 - Councils with 200 members + will be required to sell 150 tickets.
- Silver tier quota – A 50% increase from Bronze tier (Bronze x 1.5)
- Gold tier quota – Double the quota of bronze tier (Bronze x 2)

Award:

- Each council will still keep \$2 per ticket sold
- If a council does not participate, their Per Capita for an active member is \$14 annually
- If a council sells enough to hit the Bronze tier, their Per Capita for an active member is \$12 annually and get the \$80 (\$120 with wife) meal credit at the state convention for their delegates
- If a council sells enough to hit the Silver tier, their Per Capita for an active member is \$10 annually and get the \$80 (\$120 with wife) meal credit at the state convention for their delegates
- If a council sells enough to hit the Gold tier, their Per Capita for an active member is \$9 annually and get the \$80 (\$120 with wife) meal credit at the state convention for their delegates

An Example - Council size: 100

- Do not participate: Active Member Per Capita = \$1,400
- Hit Bronze Tier: Active Member Per Capita = \$1,200 + they keep \$2/ticket
- Hit Silver Tier: Active Member Per Capita = \$1,000 + they keep \$2/ticket
- Hit Gold Tier: Active Member Per Capita = \$900 + they keep \$2/ticket

COR

“Consume my heart with that burning fire with which Your Heart is ever inflamed” - Saint John Henry Newman

Supreme Website: <https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-faith/cor.html>

The Knights of Columbus COR Initiative is a spiritual movement aimed at forming and strengthening Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by fostering a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. "COR," derived from the Latin word for "heart," emphasizes the mission of guiding men toward the heart of Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity.

Mission and Purpose

COR's mission is to refocus Catholic men on Jesus Christ, forming them into faithful and virtuous leaders committed to prayer, fraternity, and mission. By participating in COR, Knights are encouraged to deepen their faith, embody Christian virtues, and actively engage in their communities as witnesses to the Gospel.

COR is also a fantastic way to introduce men to the Knights of Columbus. Any man - whether a member of the Knights of Columbus or not - can participate in a COR gathering. And the need is great.... **31% of Catholic men who go to Mass on Sundays do not have one close personal friend who is also Catholic.** ([New Evangelization Project](#)) Men are looking for Christ-centered brotherhood, and a COR gathering is a great place to find it.

Key Components of COR

- **Prayer:** Establishing a strong foundation through personal and communal prayer, including participation in the sacraments and Eucharistic adoration.
- **Formation:** Engaging in ongoing education about the Catholic faith, Scripture, and Church teachings to better understand and live out one's vocation.
- **Fraternity:** Building authentic brotherhood among Catholic men, providing support, accountability, and encouragement in the faith journey.

Proposed Structure of COR Gatherings

COR gatherings are held separate from KofC business meetings. They can be on a separate day and time, but they can also be held immediately before or immediately after the business meeting.

- **Opening Prayer:** Inviting the Holy Spirit to guide the session.
- **Faith Formation:** Discussing selected topics, scripture studies, or materials that deepen understanding of the faith. A great, no-cost resource is the [Heroic Men app & platform](#) which includes Knights of Columbus content and resources from several faithful Catholic organizations.
- **Small Group Discussions:** Sharing insights, experiences, and challenges in a confidential and supportive setting.
- **Closing Prayer:** Concluding with intentions and reflections.

This format allows for adaptability, enabling groups to emphasize different elements based on the needs of their members.

COR in Colorado

For Knights of Columbus in Colorado, the COR Initiative presents an opportunity to revitalize local councils, parishes, and communities by fostering a culture of intentional discipleship rooted in Christ-centered brotherhood. By implementing COR, members can strengthen their personal faith, build robust fraternal bonds, and become effective leaders in their communities. Every council should appoint a COR Director to help organize and lead the program. **Vivat Jesus!**

For more information on COR: <https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-faith/cor.html>



PRAYER

LIFTING OUR HEARTS AND
MINDS TO GOD



FORMATION

BECOMING LIKE CHRIST



FRATERNITY

CENTERING BROTHERHOOD ON
CHRIST

Faith Programs

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/resources/index.html?1tab=1tab4&icon-tabs=1>

Pilgrim Icon

Faith in Action Program: Faith

Supreme Website: <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/resources/index.html?1tab=1tab1&icon-tabs=1>

State Council Website (with Sign-Up): <https://coloradokofc.org/What-We-Do/Pilgrim-Icon-Program>

About: In 2025, a new Pilgrim Icon was launched centered on the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The new prayer program coincides with the 350th anniversary of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque's visions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which began around 1674.

The Order's founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, had a deep devotion to the Sacred Heart, fostered in him from childhood: The McGivney family had in their home an ornate devotional plaque of the Sacred Heart that is still in the Order's possession. In 1881, when Father McGivney accompanied convicted murderer Chip Smith to the gallows, Smith wore a Sacred Heart badge given to him by the priest. A century later, when Father McGivney's body was exhumed in 1981, it was discovered that he had been buried with a cloth image of the Sacred Heart.

The Knights selected a painting of the Sacred Heart by Italian artist Pompeo Batoni, located in Rome's Church of the Gesù, to be the centerpiece of the new pilgrim icon program. Copies of the image, blessed by the papal almoner, will be in each K of C jurisdiction and will travel from council to council, serving as the focus for prayer services throughout the Order.

What to do: Use the Guide Sheet to plan and host a prayer service around the Pilgrim icon. The icon comes with prayer books and prayer cards. You can order more using the above link. You can also order, download or print posters. Councils, often times, will do the prayer service and lead into a banquet, dinner, or social afterwards.



RSVP

(Refund Support Vocations Program)

Faith in Action Program: Faith

Supreme Website: <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/faith/rsvp.html>

About: As the strong right arm of the church, Knights of Columbus are committed to providing moral, financial and spiritual support to our future priests and religious at all stages of their formation. Through this program, council and parish families will raise funds to support seminarians in their area. **For every \$500 given to an individual, the Supreme Council will refund the council or assembly \$100. The maximum refund a council or assembly can receive is \$400 per individual supported.** Councils are also called to provide their “adopted” seminarian or religious aspirant with moral support and prayers for their success. For RSVP resources, visit www.kofc.org/rsvp.

What to do: Knights of Columbus stand in solidarity with our priests and religious. Through this program, council and parish families will raise funds to **support seminarians and men and women religious postulants and novices in their area**. Though financial support is vitally important, it is not the only aspect of the RSVP. Keep the faith alive by supporting our seminarians and men and women religious postulants and novices. As the strong right arm of the church, Knights of Columbus are committed to providing moral, financial and spiritual support to our future priests and religious at all stages of their formation.

Please contact the RSVP Chaiman for help identifying a Seminarian or Novice (in the Sisters for Life or Salesian Sisters in Colorado) to support.

After the program is completed, fill out Supreme Form [#2863](#).



Building the Domestic Church Kiosk

Faith in Action Program: Faith

Supreme Website: <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/faith/building-domestic-church-kiosk/10596-bdc-kiosk-guidesheet.pdf>

Every church in Colorado should have one!

About: By making the Building the Domestic Church Kiosk (#BDC-K) available in your parish and organizing activities based on its content, councils will educate and evangelize using the rich, faith-based literature found in the Catholic Information Service (CIS) Building the Domestic Church series of booklets. Since 1948, CIS has been the major evangelical arm of the Knights of Columbus. Through multiple booklet series and various media formats, CIS makes our Catholic faith accessible and continually provides tools for catechesis and faith formation. For \$150, councils will receive a Building the Domestic Church Kiosk (#BDC-K) and the first set of 225 booklets of the most popular CIS resources, aimed at helping Catholics to live out the Church's vision for our families. For Building the Domestic Church Kiosk program resources, visit www.kofc.org/kiosk.

What to do: Gain your pastor's approval, purchase the Building the Domestic Church Kiosk and place it in a common area of your church for your parishioners to review and take (at no cost) as they would like. If the books run out, you can purchase more form Supreme.



Family Programs

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/resources/index.html?1tab=1tab4&icon-tabs=2>

Knight of the Month/Year

Faith in Action Program: Family

Knight of the Month:

Overview: The Knight of the Month program is a State Program to recognize the outstanding service of individual Knights. Providing recognition encourages additional service and motivates many to do more. It is an important tool for encouraging participation. Through this recognition we encourage them to make our principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity a part of their daily life.

What to do: Each month (or perhaps quarterly for small Councils) choose one Knight in your Council who exemplified our principles. Complete the [Colorado Knight of the Month Nomination Form](#) posted on the State website (cokofc.org) and mail completed form to the State Program Coordinator (co.kofc.spc@gmail.com) and cc your District Deputy and council files.

Knight of the Month submissions will be eligible for consideration as Knight of the Year. Thus, it is important that you make Knight of the Month submissions if you want one of your Knights to be considered for Knight of the Year.

It is recommended that you keep track of your Knights of the Month to avoid selecting the same Knight too frequently. Your Council may want to limit eligibility to once every 12, 18 or 24 months. Or, whatever frequency your Council feels is appropriate.

The State Council selects the Knight of the Month using the form below. Each Knight of the Month winner receives a St. Francis icon along with a recognition certificate from the State Deputy.





Colorado Knight of the Month Nomination Form

Instructions: Complete each of the fields as indicated. Email the completed form to the State Program Coordinator and State Family Director (co.kofc.spc@gmail.com and jladrian1953@gmail.com) and cc your District Deputy and council files.

Nominee Info	
Full Name (First and Last)	
Mailing Address	
City	
State	
Zip Code	
Membership Number	
Council Position (If none, add "Member")	
Winner's Qualification to be selected/Explanation	
Submission Info	
Month	
Council Name	
Council Number	
Parish and Location	
Grand Knight	
Council Contact Email	
District Number	
DD Email	

Family of the Month/Year

Faith in Action Program: Family

Resources

1. #1993- Guidebook <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/family-of-the-month-year/1993-family-of-the-month-book.pdf>
2. #1843- Family of the Month Certificate <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/family-of-the-month-year/1843-family-of-month-certificate.pdf>
3. **#10680- Family of the Year Entry Form** <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/family-of-the-month-year/10680-family-of-year-form.pdf>
4. #1843A- Family of the Year Certificate <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/family-of-the-month-year/1843a-family-of-year-certificate.pdf>
5. #10667- News Release <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/family-of-the-month-year/10667-family-of-month-press-release.pdf>

Program resources can be ordered by your grand knight, financial secretary and/or program director on Supplies Online via Officers Online.

Link

<http://www.kofc.org/familyofthemoth>

Overview

Each month, the council Family of the Month committee selects one parish family that models Christian family values and visibly lives them every day. Once a year, each participating council also selects one of the previous twelve Family of the Month winners to represent the council/parish as the potential international Family of the Year. The Knights of Columbus Family of the Year is chosen by the Supreme Council and recognized each year at the annual Supreme Convention. For Family of the Month/Year resources, visit www.kofc.org/familyofthemoth.

Featured Program Requirements

- For two program credits toward the Columbian Award – Recognize twelve families throughout the fraternal year (one each month) and submit a Family of the Year to the State Family Director. Report activity using the Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784) each month and a Family of the Year Entry Form (#10680) by February 1st.

What to do:

- The Council selects a Family of the Month for previous month
- The Council submits the Family of the Month to Supreme by the 15th day of the month following recognition, complete and submit the Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784). For example, the Report Forms for the September Family of the Month should be submitted by October 15.

- Supreme Selects the Family of the Month by a lottery system. Each Family of the Month winner receives a Holy Family Icon award along with a Supreme Patrick R. Kelly recognition letter
- By the 15th day of the month following recognition, complete and submit the Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784). For example, the Report Forms for the September Family of the Month should be submitted by October 15.

November 20, 2024

«Full_Name»
«Address»
«City», «State» «Zipcode»
«Country»

Dear Mr. «Last_Name»,

Congratulations to you and your family! We were happy to learn of your selection as the October 2024 "Family of the Month" for Council «Council_Number». We salute all of you for your involvement in the activities of your church, community, and council. We thank you for your contributions of time, talent, and energy.

Also, this letter will serve to advise you that the "Family of the Month" nomination form submitted by your council was chosen at random, from among the many entries received. As one of the "Family of the Month" winners at the Supreme Council office, you and your family are awarded a Holy Family Gift for your home which is enclosed.

Again, please accept our congratulations and best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Patrick E. Kelly
Patrick E. Kelly Supreme Knight



Food for Families

Faith in Action Program: Family

Resources

1. #10511- Brochure <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/food-for-families/10511-food-for-families-trifold.pdf>
2. #10057- Refund Application <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/programs/food-for-families/10057-food-for-families-report-form.pdf>
3. #10657- Vertical Poster <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/food-for-families/10657-food-for-families-poster.pdf>
4. #10658- News Release <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/food-for-families/10658-food-for-families-press-release.pdf>

Program resources can be ordered by your grand knight, financial secretary and/or program director on Supplies Online via Officers Online <https://www.kofc.org/applicationportal/AuthorizeUser.action>.

Link www.kofc.org/food

Overview

Knights of Columbus are committed to helping end hunger through the Food for Families Program which has donated millions of dollars and millions of pounds of food toward this cause. Council and parish families will raise funds to support their local food pantries, food banks and soup kitchens. For every \$500 or 1,000 pounds of food donated, the Supreme Council will refund \$100 back to the council – up to a maximum of \$500 per council per fraternal year. Though in-kind donation of food is valuable, leaders of hunger-relief organizations often comment that financial contributions can be stretched even further and allow nonprofits to procure the exact items needed by the organization and its clients.

Featured Program Requirements

For two program credits toward the Columbian Award – Collect a minimum of \$500 or 1,000 pounds of food for a parish or community food pantry and contribute a minimum of 100 total man-hours in preparation/distribution/service of meals. Report activity and apply for the refund using the Food for Families Refund Application (#10057).

What to do:

- Contact a local food bank or food banks which may need your support. Let them know you would like to form a partnership with them. Do they have any resources available to help you? Do they have truck available for you to use to gather food in and transport to them? Posters or banners for advertising at your parish or in the community?
- Establish a date/dates that will work for your Parish/community and the food bank. It may take more than one date to collect the minimums necessary for the program credits. Some Councils run quarterly food drives for example.)

- Advertise the event for a couple of weeks ahead of the scheduled date through Pulpit announcements, bulletin announcements, posters, banners, etc.
- Make sure all resources are available. Vehicles to gather and transport the goods received. Boxes to pack the goods in. Manpower in place to accept the goods, pack, sort and transport to the food bank(s).
- Council members should be wearing Knights of Columbus apparel.
- Take photos of the event and share them with your Pastor and parishioners thanking them for their support.



Keep Christ in Christmas

Faith in Action Program: Family

Website: <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/family/keep-christ-in-christmas.html>

Website for ordering: <https://www.christischristmas.com/forms>

What to do: Your council will order supplies and sell them at a table outside of mass for a handful of weekends leading up to Christmas. You are providing Catholic Christmas material, car magnets, yard signs, advent wreaths/candles, Christmas cards, etc... The items you have left over you keep until the next year so you have to buy less stock.



Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Faith in Action Program: Family

Resources:

1. #CPC- KIT- Christmas Poster Contest Kit (quantities of all of the below resources contained in CPC - KIT)
2. #5024- Poster Contest Guidebook <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/keep-christ-in-christmas/5024-kcic-poster-contest-guide-book.pdf>
3. #5025- Entry Form & Judging Sheets <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/keep-christ-in-christmas/5025-kcic-entry-score-sheet-fillable.pdf>
4. #5026- Vertical Poster <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/keep-christ-in-christmas/5026-kcic-poster.pdf>
5. #5028- Participant Certificate <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/keep-christ-in-christmas/5028-kcic-participation-certificate.pdf>
6. #5022- Winner Certificate <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/keep-christ-in-christmas/5022-kcic-winner-certificate-2017.pdf>
7. #10661- Promotional Letter <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/keep-christ-in-christmas/10661-kcic-promotional-letter-fillable.pdf>
8. #10660- News Release <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/keep-christ-in-christmas/10660-kcic-news-release-fillable.pdf>

Overview: The Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest is probably the most fun and easy program to get youth in your community involved in their faith. It is fun to conduct because of the opportunity to witness the creativity and optimism of the youth in your community. It is easy because you can tap into existing structures like schools and do a lot of preliminary work.

What to do:

- Identify not only a program chair but a committee to assist. You need a committee not only to help organize but also to judge the posters and promote the event.
- Be sure to order the Kits from Supreme before the end of September. Also, gather any supplies you may want to provide to the contestant. For example, you may want to provide poster boards, crayons or markers. You may be able to get these more inexpensively during Back-to-School sales.
- Promote the event at schools, CCD classes, etc. as well as with posters, banners and pulpit announcements.
- You may want to schedule time and space at your parish after Masses one weekend for the kids to do their posters. Perhaps provide drinks, snacks, donuts, etc. Have a slide show or printed copies of previous winners available to help get the contestants' creativity flowing. (Previous

winning posters can be found online by searching KofC poster contest winners.) Whatever your Council can do to generate participation.

- Have a team of judges ready and establish criteria for the judging process. Judging teams should be composed of students, Knights, teachers, administrators, council chaplain, pastor, etc. You could even open it up to having all parishioners judge the posters after Masses one weekend. Just be sure to have the criteria available for them. A 100-point scoring system will be used to determine the winners. Slogan — 30 Points: How clearly is the theme presented? Visuals — 30 Points: How well do the visuals convey the message? Overall Impact — 40 points: How effective was the poster in capturing your attention and causing you to reflect on the topic at hand?
- The Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest is open to all youth in grades Kindergarten through 8th. Contest entrants compete in one of the grade groups Kindergarten, 1st through 2nd, 3rd through 4th, 5th through 6th, 7th through 8th. Each local, district, regional or jurisdictional competition may have up to 3 winning entries - a first, second, and third place winner in each grade category.
- Poster should be approximately 11x17 inches. However, the Supreme Council will not disqualify based on poster size. Each poster should be the original work (including concept, layout, slogan and any visual images) of a single person. (Please make sure that adults are sufficiently discouraged from assisting the children.)
- Each poster must be submitted with a Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest entry form (#5025) — make sure your council number is included. The name and grade of the entrant should be printed on the reverse side of the poster in case the poster and entry form get separated.
- Awards -- Councils can design their own awards for the contest — scholarships, gift certificates, saving bonds, plaques or trophies would all be acceptable. Council — \$25-50 for the first place entry in each grade group (Kindergarten, 1st through 2nd, 3rd through 4th, 5th through 6th, 7th through 8th.)
- Time Line -- Local — Councils should order their kits in September or October to be ready to present the contest by November. Posters should be completed by December 1, and the council judging should take place by December 31. Additional judging deadlines are as follows: District — January 15 Jurisdictional — February 15 International — State councils must submit their winning entries to the Supreme Council no later than February 28. International winners will be announced approximately March 15.

For more information and details see the Poster Contest Guidebook.



2025 – 2026 Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest



Rules and Regulations

- ◆ Any boy or girl between the ages 5-14 years old is eligible to participate in the Knights of Columbus “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest.
- ◆ Eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of November 1.
- ◆ Each Poster must reflect the **Keep Christ in Christmas** theme with a visual image.
- ◆ Each Poster should be the original work of the contestant.
- ◆ Any Poster that is copied or plagiarized from the internet, from a previous poster, or any other source, will result in the poster being disqualified. We ask that contestants create their own ideas on how to compose his or her poster.
- ◆ Each Poster must have an official Knights of Columbus “Keep Christ in Christmas Entry Form” attached to the poster.
- ◆ The name and age of each contestant should be on the back of the poster in case the entry form and poster get separated.
- ◆ Each contestant can only submit one entry to his or her local Knights of Columbus Council.
- ◆ All posters will become the property of the Knights of Columbus.
- ◆ Each contestant competes in one of three grade groups: Grade 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 and each contestant will compete against contestants of their own class group.
- ◆ Only one winning poster in each class group will be allowed to advance to the District, State, and International Levels of Competition.

Grading and Judging

A 100-point scoring system will be used to determine the winners at every level.

Slogan– 30 Points: How clearly is the theme presented?

Visuals– 30 Points: How well do the visuals convey the message?

Overall Impact– 40 Points: How effective was the poster in capturing your attention and causing you to reflect on the topic at hand?





Important Deadlines

October 1, 2025– Deadline to order Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Kits

December 10, 2025– Deadline to complete the Keep Christ in Christmas Council Poster Contest.

December 21, 2025– Deadline for Councils to submit their winning posters to the District Deputies.

January 8, 2026– Deadline District Deputies to submit winning posters to State Family Director – Jeff Adrian

January 8, 2026– Deadline for Councils to submit the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Participation Form 10784 & copy to Jeff Adrian at jladrian1953@gmail.com.

February 28, 2026– Deadline for State Family Director to Submit State Winners to the Supreme Council.

Benefits of Conducting the Christmas Poster Contest

- ◆ It is a fun and easy way to get young people involved in their faith.
- ◆ It will allow young people to engage their creative talents and imaginations while understanding the true, spiritual meaning of Christmas.

Awards

- ◆ Councils are encouraged to create their own awards for this program.
- ◆ State 1st Place winners will receive a \$100 check.
- ◆ First Place International winners in each group will receive \$250.
- ◆ All International winners will receive a certificate signed by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and their winning poster will be used as a promotional poster for the next year.

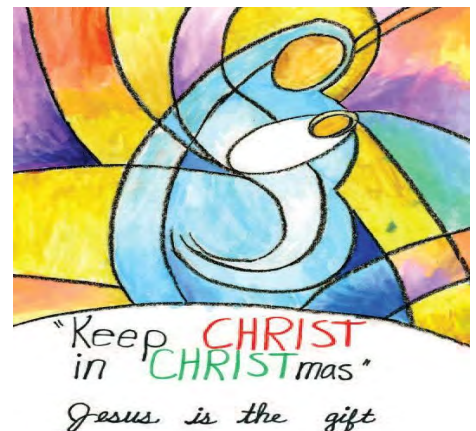
For More Information Please contact:

Jeff Adrian at:

jladrian1953@gmail.com – 720-323-7124

www.cokofc.org – State Website

kofc.org - Supreme Website



Community Programs

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/resources/index.html?1tab=1tab4&icon-tabs=3>

Coats for Kids

Faith in Action Program: Community

Website: <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/charity/coats-for-kids/index.html>

What to do: Your council purchases coats to give away to youth (and adults) that are in need. Whether that is in your church or your community, does not matter. What matters is making a difference and helping those around you. The State Council gets vouchers (a limited number) to get coats at a 50% discount from Supreme (it is usually buy one, get one free). Due to this, ***the State Program Coordinator will be coordinating the buying of coats from Supreme for all councils in order to take advantage of the discount.*** Please contact the State Program Coordinator to get on his radar and get scheduled. We order the coats towards the beginning of every October.



Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest

Faith in Action Program: Community

Entry Form: <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/community/catholic-citizenship-essay-contest/4208-essay-entry-form.pdf>

Certificate: <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/community/catholic-citizenship-essay-contest/4206-essay-participation-certificate.pdf>

What to do: The Knights of Columbus sponsors the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest to encourage today's youth to be more connected to their community and their faith. The goal of this program is to involve young Catholics in 8th through 12th grade (public, private, parochial or home schools) in civic discourse and instill in them religious and life-affirming values. The essay should be approximately 500-750 words on a specific subject, changing every other year. Entrants will be judged on grammar, style, and how clearly they present the theme – which should showcase creativity, imagination and overall development of the topic. For Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest resources, visit www.kofc.org/essay.

Follow the steps in the [Guidesheet](#).

Timeline: Councils should work with schools so that all entries will be submitted by Christmas break. To give time for the council and the State to judge entries and to submit them to supreme before the February 15th deadline.



Free Throw Championship

Faith in Action Program: Community

Website <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/community/free-throw-championship.html>

What it is: Since 1972, councils have sponsored the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for boys and girls from the ages of 9 to 14 to provide an athletic outlet and encourage the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition. Kids compete within their own gender and age and progress from local level to district, regional and state/province competitions. This program is a great way to introduce the Order to your community and recruit faithful family men of service.

What to do: Follow the steps in the [Guidesheet](#).

Timeline:

- Council Championship — January
- District Championship — February
- Jurisdictional Championship — March



Soccer Challenge

Faith in Action Program: Community

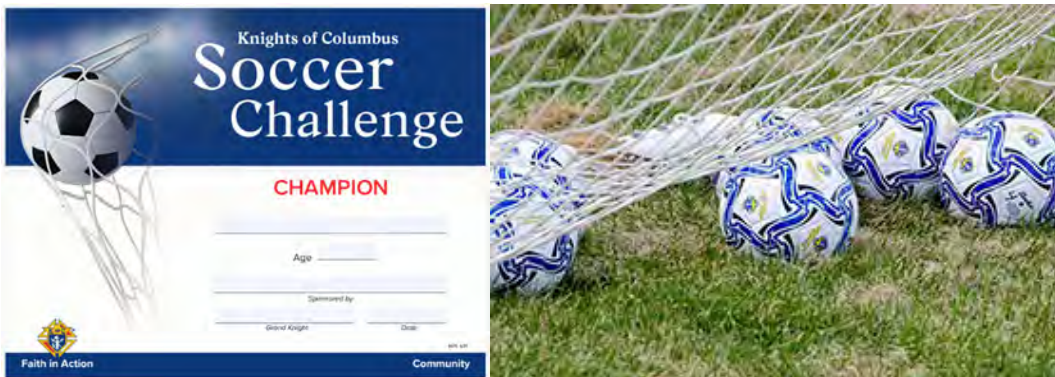
Website <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/community/soccer-challenge.html>

What it is: The Soccer Challenge is a great way for councils to engage in their communities with an athletic event for youth that encourages the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition. Children demonstrate the most important skill in soccer – shooting accuracy on the penalty kick – and compete to reach the international level of competition. The program is also a way to introduce the Order to your community and recruit faithful family men of service.

What to do: Follow the steps in the [Guidesheet](#).

Timeline:

- Council Championship — September
- District Championship — October
- Jurisdictional Championship — November



Life Programs

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life/index.html>



The **Knights of Columbus** have a strong history of supporting Special Olympics through fundraising, volunteering, and advocacy. Here are several ways you can get involved with **Special Olympics Colorado (SOCO)**

1. Fundraising & Donations

- **Polar Plunge Participation:** Organize a **Knights of Columbus** team to raise funds and participate in a **Polar Plunge** event.
- **Torch Run Support:** Sponsor or participate in a **Law Enforcement Torch Run (LETR)** fundraiser.
- **Plane Pull Team:** Enter a **Plane Pull** team to compete and raise funds for Special Olympics Colorado.
- **Council Donations:** Allocate funds from your charitable giving to directly support SOCO athletes and programs.



2. Volunteering & Event Support

- **Event Day Volunteers:** Assist at **Special Olympics competitions**, including setup, scorekeeping, escorting athletes, or handing out medals.
- **Unified Sports Partners:** Play alongside athletes in **Unified Sports** programs.
- **Plunge & Torch Run Volunteers:** Support logistics, registration, and hospitality for Polar Plunges or Torch Runs.
- **Hall of Fame:** Volunteer at SOCO's Hall of Fame Event or sponsor your own Knights of Columbus table.



3. Athlete Support & Inclusion

- **Host Local Competitions:** Organize a local event or tournament for SOCO athletes, such as a **basketball skills competition** or a **bowling night**.
- **Mentorship & Coaching:** Knights can volunteer as **coaches or mentors** for local Special Olympics teams.
- **Create your own event** in your local community to raise funds and awareness for Special Olympics Colorado athletes.

4. Awareness & Advocacy

- **Spread the Word:** Promote SOCO's mission within **Knights of Columbus councils, parishes, and communities**.
- **Recognize SOCO Athletes:** Host an **awards ceremony** or banquet to honor the achievements of local Special Olympics athletes.
- **Invite athletes** in your Region to participate in community programs supported by **Knights of Columbus**.

Learn more at SpecialOlympicsCO.org

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Campaign for Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie Roll Drive)

Faith in Action Program: Life

Two Websites: <https://coloradokofc.org/CO-KofC-Charities-Fund/People-with-Intellectual-Disabilities> and <https://coloradokofc.org/State-Council/Documents-Forms/Tootsie-Roll-Forms>

What to do: One of the most popular and successful programs conducted by our councils for the benefit of people with intellectual disabilities is when councils collect donations outside stores and churches. In appreciation, the donor is often given a Tootsie Roll. The high visibility of this program has led to the campaign being referred to as the “Tootsie Roll Drive.” The nickname is understandable, but misleading.

The Supreme Council has asked us to remind councils that the Knights of Columbus has no official tie to Tootsie Rolls or their manufacturer. In fact, many councils participate in this same fundraising drive, but distribute other items. References to this program should highlight the good the money does, not advertise a candy. For these reasons, it is strongly recommended that this project be promoted as the “Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities” rather than the “Tootsie Roll Drive.”

We accomplish this mission by raising funds to support a variety of state-wide programs like Special Olympics, summer camps for all ages, education in residential care facilities, on-the-job training workshops, and more regardless of the nature of an individual’s disability.



Silver Rose

Faith in Action Program: Life

Supreme Website: <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life/silver-rose.html>

State Council Website (with Sign-Up): <https://coloradokofc.org/What-We-Do/Silver-Rose>

What to do: Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The tour culminates with a special mass where all eight Silver Roses come together in Mexico in December at the Basilica in Monterrey with a procession, prayers and Blessings through Our Lady of Guadalupe.



Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP)

Faith in Action Program: Life

Supreme Website: <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life/aid-support-after-pregnancy.html>

State Council Website: <https://coloradokofc.org/What-We-Do/ASAP>

What to do: Each fraternal year, hold a fundraising program to support Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP). You can use an existing fundraiser like Peaches, Fish Fry, Parish Breakfast or run a new fundraiser. A possible fundraiser is Baby Bottle Campaign where parishioners take home provided baby bottles and fill them with spare change over a month. They can always get another if they fill one! At the end of the collection time, they will return the filled bottles. The total donations can then go to one of the approved Pregnancy Centers and Maternity Homes found on the Supreme website linked above or be donated to Colorado Knights of Columbus Charities Fund, Inc (the Colorado KofC 501c(3)) to be allocated towards centers in need.

Note: Make sure you are reporting the program via form 10784 and the ASAP application form.

For every \$500 your council donates, up to \$2,000, the Supreme Council will donate \$100 (\$2,000 donated by the council would give an additional \$400 from Supreme).



March for Life

Faith in Action Program: Life

Supreme Website: <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life/march-for-life.html>

March for Life Website: <https://marchforlife.org/colorado/>

State Council Website: <https://coloradokofc.org/What-We-Do/MarchForLife>

What to do: As Catholic men, we are men devoted to valuing life from conception to natural death. One great way to do so is to march at the Annual March for Life at the capitol in Denver. Invite your parish and council to come down and March to support Life in Colorado. All are welcome and the more, the better. Don't forget to order March for Life gear on www.knightsgear.com.



Novena for Life

Faith in Action Program: Life

Supreme Website: <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life/novena-life.html>

What to do: 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. The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. Knights remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being – from the moment of conception to natural death. To commemorate and bolster this important cause, councils will promote a novena, nine days of sustained prayer, to build up a culture of life in our parishes, homes and wider community.

