

# *Faith in Action*



## **FAMILY PROGRAMS**

**Blessed Michael McGivney sought to strengthen the familial bond of father to mother and children to parents – increasing their spiritual strength. Our programs are a response to a society that seeks to weaken the bonds of family.**





# **FAMILY *Faith In Action* PROGRAMS**

## **FAMILY PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS**

**FOOD FOR FAMILIES** – End hunger in communities across North America.

**FAMILY OF THE MONTH/YEAR** – Recognize & support the development of strong vibrant families.

**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS** – Promote the true spirit of Christmas in our homes, schools, parishes and communities.

**(SCHOOL POSTER PROGRAM – CATHOLIC KNOWLEDGE PROGRAM – KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS SIGNS-PROMOTION)**

**FAMILY FULLY ALIVE** – Help families place God at the center of their lives, year-round.

**FAMILY WEEK** – Dedicate a week to celebrate our Catholic families.

**CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY** – Invite each family in your parish to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family (Booklet Completion Projects)

**FAMILY PRAYER NIGHTS** – Strengthen bonds within our parishes and build faith-filled families.

**GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY PROMOTION** – Bring parishioners into more robust practice and understanding of our Catholic faith & the Triduum.

**MARRIAGE PRAYER EVENT** – Strengthen individual Parish Marriages by inviting couples to Prayer “Our Marriage Prayer” jointly and a special blessing by Priest after Communion.

**FAMILY DIRECTOR / (PROGRAM DIRECTOR’S) REPORTS:**

- **Submit for #10784 on-line at the conclusion of each program. (Supreme automatically accumulates all programs and sends report confirmations back to GK/DD/SD.**
- **Submit Form #SF-7 (Columbian Award Form) NLT End of CY June 30<sup>th</sup>**

# Family: Food for Families

Commit ourselves to ending hunger for local families.



## Planning

**Committee:** 1-2 knight

**Time:** October

**Coordination consideration:**

- Organize food collections
- Identify volunteering dates with community shelters or food pantries to distribute food
- Advertise via parish bulletins, social media and council newsletter
- Ask pastor to make announcement at all masses the weekend before the event is celebrated

## Execution

**Setup:**

- On the day of the event, ask Knights to stand by collections areas and thank donors

**Run:**

- Knights wear Knights gear
- Take pictures
- Thank donors for food/money donations
- Participate in food distribution

## Completion

**Thank You:**

- Provide thank you to knight who volunteered for program

**Publicize Success:**

- Report the success of the event leveraging the same method as was used for advertising

**Report:**

- **Submit for #10784 to conclude program, ideally by Feb 1st**

# Family: Family/Knight of the Month

Reflect and appreciate on the dedication and commitment to Faith, family, community and charity, of our rother knights and their families



## Planning

**Committee:** 1-2 knight

**Time:** 1 Month before Designated Month

**Coordination consideration:**

- Create list of worthy families with member and parish priest input
- Discuss and vote for a family at meeting
- Order/print folio/certificates

## Execution

**Setup:**

- Include family/knight biography in parish bulletin and social media accounts

**Run:**

- Invite winner to council meeting
- Hold social in their honor
- Invite them to speak with the council
- Present their certificate

## Completion

**Thank You:**

- Thank the family/knight for their dedication as part of the award ceremony

**Publicize Success:**

- Report the success of the event leveraging the same method as was used for advertising

**Report:**

- Submit for #10784 to conclude program, ideally by Feb 1st

# Family: Keep Christ in Christmas Art Gallery

Promote the true spirit of Christmas in homes, schools, parishes, and communities. Evangelize society through their faithful acts and celebrations.



## Planning

**Committee:** 1-2 knights

**Time:** September

**Coordination consideration:**

- Communicate with local schools to determine needs of art classes, invite participation in contest
- Arrange school supply drive to meet those needs
- Schedule date for poster collection
- Schedule date for community 'Art Gallery' display of entries
- Arrange for drinks and appetizers and voting on posters
- Invite community
- Gather awards/prizes

## Execution

**Setup:**

- Distribute art supplies and pre-printed entry materials (early Nov)
- Arrange tables and easels at gallery location (Mid Dec)

**Run:**

- Knights wear Knights gear
- Take pictures
- Circulate with drinks and appetizers, encourage conversation of poster topics
- Count votes
- Announce winners

## Completion

**Thank You:**

- Provide thank you and awards to winning entries

**Publicize Success:**

- Report the success of the event leveraging the same method as was used for advertising

**Report:**

- **Submit for #10784 to conclude program, by Dec 31**
- **Submit winning posters to DPC by Jan 15**

# **FAMILY: Family Fully Alive (Building the Domestic Church)**

Family Fully Alive monthly devotions are concrete ways the Knights of Columbus can support the growth of holy and loving families in the Church.



## **Planning**

**Committee:** Number of Knights 2-4

**Time:** Time to plan is 1-2 months

### **Coordination consideration:**

- Coordinate with the Pastor with his approval and what weekend Masses for announcement and implementation.
- Ask Father to announce program.
- Determine number of booklets & prayer cards to order to handout.
- Coordinate with GK/FS cost to order with approval of Council.

## **Execution**

### **Personnel is Needed**

- 2-4 Knights to hand out booklet/cards after Mass.
- 1 Knight to coord. Parish Bull/Website.

### **Coordination Point**

- Pastor Approval / Coordination
- Estimate # Booklets & Prayer Cards to order..

### **Other Consideration**

- Offer Family Fully Alive Booklet in digital format on parish website, social media, or handout after mass.
- Have families to “opt-in” through online form to track participation.
- Ask for monthly feedback.

## **Completion**

**Thank You:** Send thank you to all knights who contributed.

**Publicize Success,** Report the success in Parish Bulletin/Website.

**Report:** Submit for #10784 to State and Supreme Forms address for each contest. Due NLT June 30<sup>th</sup>.



# Family: 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. Invite each family in your parish to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family.



## Planning

**Committee:** 1-2 knight

**Time:** October

**Coordination consideration:**

- Order prayer cards
- Set date with priest. Traditionally celebrated on Feast of Holy Family, January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023
- Advertise via parish bulletins, social media and council newsletter
- Ask pastor to make announcement at all masses the weekend before the event is celebrated
- Choose someone to lead the event
- Encourage the priest to incorporate the consecration into the homily

## Execution

**Setup:**

- On the day of the event, distribute prayer cards to parishioners as they enter mass

**Run:**

- At the direction of the priest, have a knight lead the prayer
- The priest hopefully will incorporate the consecration into the homily
- Knights wear Knights gear
- Take pictures

## Completion

**Thank You:**

- Provide thank you to knight who lead the prayer and the priest

**Publicize Success:**

- Report the success of the event leveraging the same method as was used for advertising

**Report:**

- **Submit for #10784 to conclude program, ideally by Feb 1st**



# Family: Family Prayer Nights

Demonstrate living faith at home, and with friends to our children



## Planning

**Committee:** 1-2 knight

**Time:** All year, quarterly minimum

**Coordination consideration:**

- Order prayer cards
- Set date with at least 2-3 other families to gather
- Advertise via parish bulletins, social media and council newsletter
- Ask pastor to make announcement at all masses the weekend before the event is celebrated
- Decide on activities for the gathering

## Execution

**Setup:**

- On the day of the event, distribute prayer cards to attendees
- Setup snacks and games

**Run:**

- Open with prayer
- Play games or activities, building family bonds
- Knights wear Knights gear
- Take pictures
- Closing prayers

## Completion

**Thank You:**

- Provide thank you to knight who lead the prayer and families for joining

**Publicize Success:**

- Report the success of the event leveraging the same method as was used for advertising

**Report:**

- **Submit for #10784 to conclude program, ideally by Feb 1st**



# Family: Our Marriage Prayer

Protect marriages in your family tree, council, and parishes by celebrating the Our Marriage Prayer Event.



## Planning

**Committee:** 1-2 knights

**Time:** December

**Coordination consideration:**

- Purchase prayer cards at DD meeting or order from Amazon.
- Watch training video at <https://www.ourmarriageprayer.com/KnightsofColumbus>
- Celebrate on World Marriage Day Sunday February 12<sup>th</sup> or designated day/Sunday
- Ask priest when to celebrate during mass. Invite community
- Choose a knight to lead the prayer. It is ideal for his bride to join him. Print script for knight to read fr website.

## Execution

**Setup:**

- Have prayer cards ready to distribute AFTER mass.

**Run:**

- Have knight (and his bride) lead the prayer during mass.
- The priest hopefully will incorporate marriage in his homily.
- Knights wear knight gear.
- Take pictures.
- Distribute prayer cards **AFTER** mass.

## Completion

**Thank You:**

- Provide thank you to the knight who led the prayer and the priest.

**Publicize Success:**

- Report the success of the event via the parish bulletins, social media and council newsletter.

**Report:**

- **Submit for #10784 to conclude program, by Mar 1<sup>st</sup>.**

# FAMILY: Good Friday Family Promotion

Brings families into a more robust & better understanding of our Catholic faith and the Triduum; increase parish attendance/involvement.



## Planning

**Committee:** Family comm. Conducts promotional campaign to educate parishes on vital importance of Good Friday

**Time:** 1-2 months prior to Ash Weds

### Coordination consideration:

- Approval/Coordination on w/Pastor.
- Encourage increased parishioner involvement at these liturgies.
- Council announcements-Knights to attend w/Families. (Setting the example).
- Publish bulletin announcements.
- **Refer to Faith In Action Manual - #10907**

## Execution

### Personnel is Needed

- 2-4 Knights coord Good Friday Service.

### Coordination Point

- Start on Ash Wednesday; coordinate Good Friday Services – activities.

- Display Good Friday Posters

### Other Consideration

- Educate parishes about plight of Christians in the Holy Land.
- Order / Handout Persecuted Christians Knights Brochures. (Donation can available back of church).
- Hand out Persecuted Christian HolyCards.

## Completion

**Thank You:** Send thank you to all who contributed.

**Publicize Success,** Report the success of the event leveraging the same method as was used for advertising. Include photos, approximate attendance information on the Knights. Submit article for Parish Bulletin.

**Report:** Submit for #10784 to State and Supreme Forms address for each contest

Submit Funds to Persecuted Christians Funds @ Knights of Columbus.