

## Program Ideas for Councils - Fall 2020

Greetings State Officers, Worthy District Deputies and Worthy Brothers. Summer is ending and we enter the 2020 Fall season with strong faith and determination to live our Catholic faith and meet the needs of our families, parishes and communities during these challenging times.



There are many program activities that our councils should be planning and conducting in the upcoming months and these can be conducted safely taking into consideration COVID-19. A few that we spotlighted during the virtual School of Columbianism and are focusing our efforts on now are:

**Leave No Neighbor Behind** – Contact your members, conduct food drives and distribution, or blood drives.

**Into the Breach** – read and discuss the exhortation, watch and discuss videos from the Video Series.

**Novena for Life** in October

**Life Chain** – due to COVID-19 there are two dates Sundays October 4th and November 1st from 2-3PM.

### FAITH IN ACTION



**Our Lady of Guadalupe** pledge cards #9754 are available to order on supreme site under the Silver Rose program area.

**Celebrate the Beatification of our founder Michael J. McGivney** on October 31st.

**Coats for Kids** fundraiser, coat collection and distribution.

All of the above activities are outreach opportunities to involve our parish families and to invite men to join our order and members to reconnect – invite participation now, don't wait for a membership drive or the end of COVID-19.

Finally, please join us for a **5 week Rosary Prayer Rally** – see the attached flyer with the program information and weekly prayer intentions. Let's join together in prayer now for these many intentions. In a recent Sunday Gospel reading we heard "Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Mat 18:19-20)

For more information on the happenings around the state see our social media sites, our state website [kofc-ms.org](http://kofc-ms.org), our supreme website [kofc.org](http://kofc.org) and especially the Faith in action ([kofc.org/faithinaction](http://kofc.org/faithinaction)) resources and Into the Breach ([kofc.org/intothebreach](http://kofc.org/intothebreach)) sites.

Vivat Jesus!

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## October 2020 Prayer Rosary Rally

**What and Why:** The purpose of this program to unite our families in prayer and to grow in holiness. Our country is faced with many challenges during these times so we will unite in prayer and turn to God, our merciful Father, in whom we trust. Since there are five Saturdays in October 2020, the below intentions will be prayed for 1 per week. We encourage families to gather at 10AM each Saturday for this prayer. Through the decades of the rosary we pray 50 Hail Mary's – please remember these intentions affect us all in each of our beautiful 50 states. We ask our Mother Mary, all the heavenly angels and saints, and you my brothers and sisters to pray for the below intentions each week. May our Lord be with us and our Father answer the prayers.

**Who and Where:** The prayer can be said in person or virtually for everyone and anyone to participate. We will pray as a family and gather safely in groups, socially distancing and wearing masks, outside our churches, homes or inside churches if inclement weather. In Southaven, MS we will record and stream the prayer live so our council, church members, and families anywhere can pray with us virtually either "Live" or with the recording. The stream will occur via the Knights of Columbus State of Mississippi Facebook and Catholic Parishes of Northwest Mississippi Facebook. Councils across the State of MS are encouraged to record and broadcast live (if they have the capability) for their individual and/or mission parishes.

**What's next:** We are called to FAITH and ACTION so after you gather to pray consider an activity to put your faith into action (church grounds clean up, watch an Into the Breach video, food collection or distribution, or some other Leave No Neighbor Behind activity). Check with your Pastor to see what can be done to help his needs. Be creative and let's combine FAITH and ACTION!



### **Weekly Intentions:**

October 3<sup>rd</sup> - Prayer for Life – pray for the unborn, for all life between conception and natural death and pray for our families. May we love everyone as we are all created in the image and likeness of God and pray for the end of abortion, euthanasia, addiction, suicide, and racism.

October 10<sup>th</sup> - Prayer for Health – pray for the physical and emotional health of all during the coronavirus pandemic; for thanksgiving and protection for the medical professionals, first responders, police, firefighters, educators and administrators that are serving during this time of the health crisis.

October 17<sup>th</sup> - Prayer for Peace – pray for unity, peace, and healing of our communities. For the end of civil unrest, violence and for our local and national leaders that they may lead us to love and serve one another. Pray for the conversion of those committing acts of violence in our cities and against our churches and religious institutions.

October 24<sup>th</sup> – Prayer for Unity – pray for marriage and married couples, for unity in our families, parishes, neighborhoods, and cities.

October 31<sup>st</sup> - Prayer for our religious and for vocations. On October 31<sup>st</sup> at a beatification Mass in Connecticut, Father Michael J. McGivney is to be beatified, the step just prior to sainthood, and he will be bestowed with the title “Blessed”. As a parish priest and the founder of the Knights of Columbus we ask for his intercession in these prayers. We Pray for Pope Francis, our Bishops, Priests, Deacons, Sisters and all religious and for vocations for all.

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