

Building the Domestic Church

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What is *Building the Domestic Church*?

- A Guide to council programming
- A vision that appeals to younger men and family men – towards a “family friendly” council and parish
- Advances the goals of the parish – renewal of parish life
- Programs that form our members and strengthen the family



Keys to Building the Domestic Church

Membership Growth – Lead with Faith

- Young men and young families need this support
- Our prospects want these types of programs

Member & Parish Engagement – Family centered programs

- We are called to lead a renewed relationship between the Church and the family

Charity that Evangelizes – Our Mission

- As Catholic leaders, our service must be more relevant and effective for parishes



What Does This Mean for Councils?

- Increased opportunities for Faith Formation for members and their families
- Engagement with Family Life activities that engage the whole family together in the home and in the parish
- Community programs that engage our families and the Catholic community



Getting Started

1. Meet with your pastor
2. Read or watch the Supreme Knight's address
3. Plan and conduct programs consistent with parish goals
4. Solicit input from a wide variety of sources
5. Plan with the parish and community calendar, not against it
6. Explore the Domestic Church web pages
 - kofc.org/DomesticChurch



PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Engage your parish community
- Build up our families
- Seek to strengthen parish life
- Serve the greatest needs
- Engage the entire family
- Open council “doors” to all parish men



VISION & MISSION

- A well-rounded slate of impactful outreach programs
 - Makes a positive difference in the lives of people in need in the parish and community
 - Demonstrates to men (and their families) that there is a place for them within the K of C
 - Engages council members and strengthens membership experiences



THE MODEL



FAITH IN ACTION

Four Categories | Four Programs

FAITH IN ACTION

A New Model A New Age



“What is Faith in Action?”

The new umbrella for all Supreme Council recommended programs, replacing Surge... with Service

“Why the need to change the model?”

Faith in Action is a realization that while our mission remains unchanged it has evolved to meet a changing world

“Why the Faith in Action Model?”

Simplifies and focuses councils to provide quality faith-filled family programs



SIMPLE

Four Categories
Four Programs

Faith

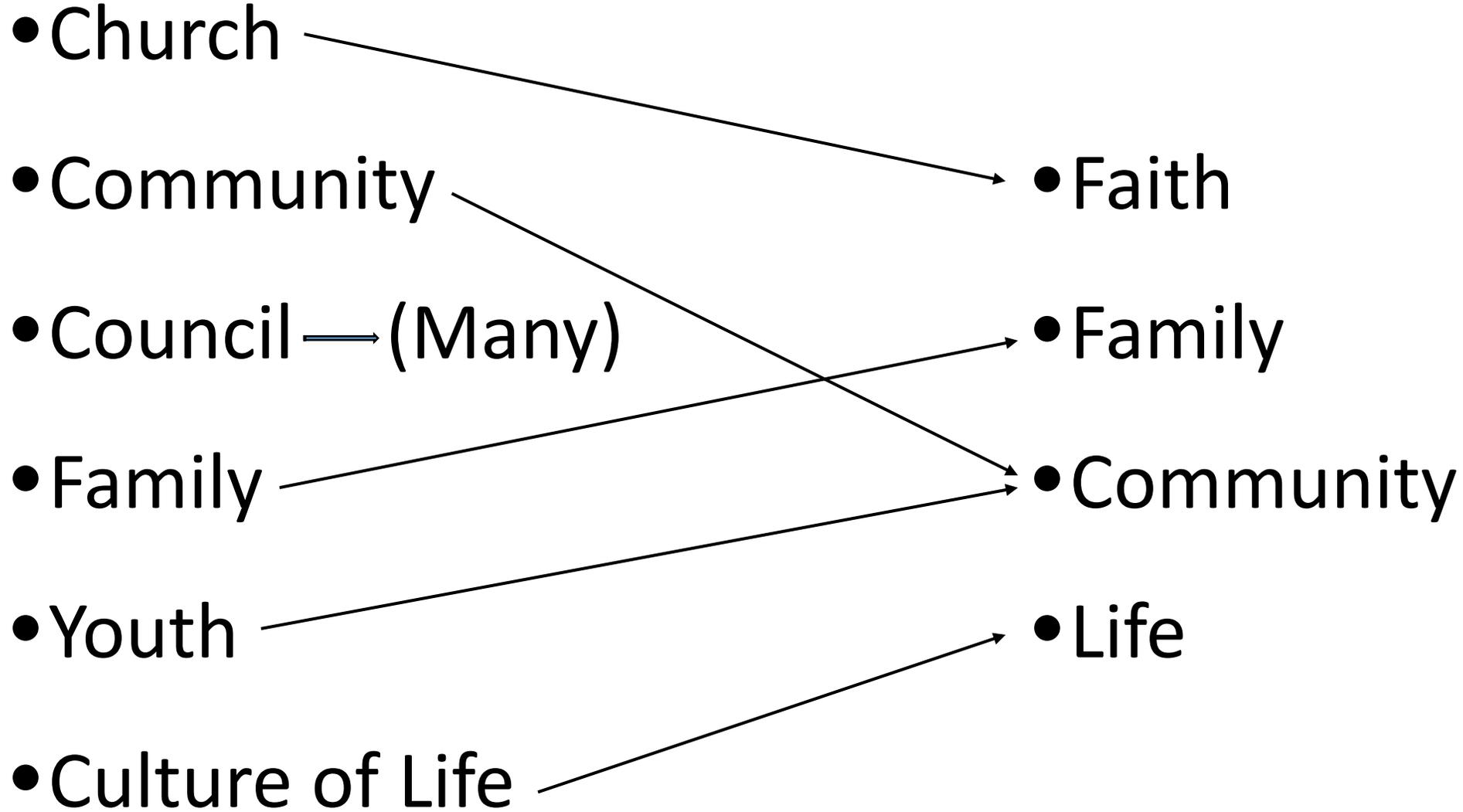
Family

Community

Life

WAS

IS



* Featured Program

FAITH

Authentic connection with a
loving God and his son
Jesus Christ

RSVP *

Into the Breach

Marian Icon Prayer Program

Domestic Church Kiosk & Series

Rosary Program

Spiritual Reflection Program *New*

Holy Hour *New*

Sacramental Gifts *New*



FAMILY

A response to a society that seeks to weaken the bonds of family

Food for Families*

Family of the Month/Year

Keep Christ in Christmas

Family Fully Alive

Family Week

Consecration to the Holy Family

New **Family Prayer Night**

New **Good Friday Family Promotion**

*** Featured Program**

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COMMUNITY

Our first principle is Charity



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IN SERVICE
TRANSFORMING
GLOBAL WHEELCHAIR MISSION

night of Columbus
nación de sillas
de ruedas
febrero de 2016
a de Guadalupe

 **Gracias**

Coats for Kids *
Global Wheelchair Mission *
Habitat for Humanity *
Disaster Response

Free Throw Championship
Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
Soccer Challenge

Helping Hands *New*

LIFE

Defense of life in all its stages
and in every condition

Marches for Life *

Special Olympics *

Ultrasound Program *

Christian Refugee Relief

Silver Rose

Mass for People with Special Needs *New*

Pregnancy Center Support *New*

Novena for Life *New*

* Featured Program

A silver ladle is positioned at the top center, pouring a single drop of liquid into a person's hands. The hands are cupped together, holding a shallow, light-colored bowl. The person is wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt. The background is a plain, light color.

NEW PROGRAMS

Spiritual Reflection
Holy Hour
Sacramental Gifts
Family Prayer Night
Good Friday Family Promotion

Helping Hands
Mass for People with Special Needs
Pregnancy Center Support
Novena for Life

www.kofc.org/faithinaction

FEATURED PROGRAMS

(Worth 2 Credits)

- Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)
- Food for Families
- Coats for Kids
- Global Wheelchair Mission
- Habitat for Humanity
- Marches for Life
- Special Olympics
- Ultrasound Initiative



TAKEAWAY

Simple model, requiring four programs in four categories that concentrates on quality faith-filled family programs

INSPIRE

We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop – St. Teresa of Calcutta

ACTION

Execute on strategy that ensures the fraternal leaders can faithfully institute this model into the council life and families of their members



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[Kofc.org/faithinaction](http://kofc.org/faithinaction)

Questions?

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State Program Requirements

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State Programs

- State program year runs from April 1 – March 31
- Supreme program year runs from July 1 to June 30
- All Program inputs and Program Reports are due by March 31, 2019
- All councils need to use the online State Program Reports Database (Updates are in the works)
- Kofc-ms.org/Programs/2018-2019 State Program Reports



STATE WEBSITE DATABASE

25 of 64 (39%) councils did not enter data into the State Program Website for 2017/2018.



State Awards

- Best Activity Reports (1st, 2nd, 3rd)
 - Faith
 - Family
 - Community
 - Life
 - Vocations (Jackson and Biloxi); 1st place only



State Awards – cont.

- Best Council Submittal
- Report summarizes everything the council accomplished throughout the State Year
 - Four categories based on size of councils
 - Small (Less than 60 members)
 - Medium (60 – 100 members)
 - Large (100 – 125 members)
 - Extra Large (126 and above)



State Awards – cont.

- Family of the Year
- Knight of the Year



State Awards – cont.

Reports will be pulled from the State Database

- Honor Council
 - ~~Four~~ **Five** activities in each category
- Superior Council
 - Eight activities in each category
- Council of Excellence
 - ~~Five~~ **Six** activities in each category and achieve Membership Quota



Faith, Family, Community, Life

State Awards – cont.

Reports will be pulled from the State Database

- **Distinguished Council**

- Six activities in each category and both Membership and Insurance Quotas

- **Stellar Council**

- Eight activities in each category and both Top Gun and Insurance Quotas

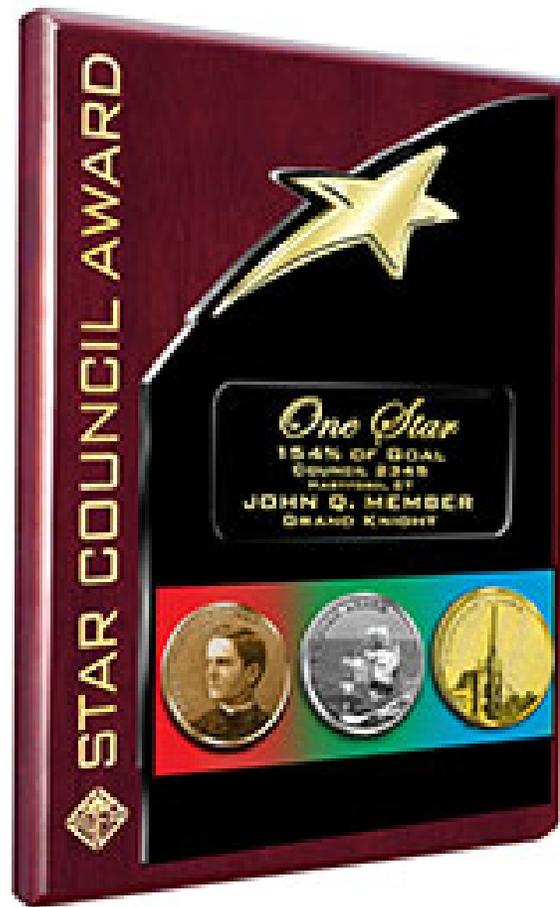


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State Awards Eligibility

- Must be in good standing with Supreme and State (no outstanding fees)
- All necessary reports have been submitted
 - 185 – Report of Council Officers (June 30, 2018)
 - 365 – Service Program Personnel (Aug 1, 2018)
 - 1295 – Semi-Annual Audit (Aug 15, 2018 and Feb 15, 2019)
 - 1728 – Annual Fraternal Activity Report (Jan 31, 2019)
 - Year-End State Activities Report (Mar 31, 2019)
- Must attend School of Columbianism (at least one member)
- Must attend Mid-Winter Meeting (at least one member)
- Must meet all Safe Environment Training requirements





Star Council Requirements



Star Council Award

- The Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and service program activities.
- In order to earn the Star Council Award, a council must qualify for the Father McGivney(Membership), Founder's(Insurance), and Columbian Awards (See next slide for new requirements).
- Additionally, the council must submit its Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728), its Service Program Personnel Report (#365), and remain in good standing with Supreme Council assessments.

To be eligible for the Star Council Award in the United States and/or Canada, councils must be fully compliant with applicable safe environment requirements.

Deadline for Submission to Supreme is June 30



NEW

Columbian Award

NEW

- Council must earn a total of at least sixteen (16) program credits.
- Remember, featured programs are worth two (2) points
- Must complete these four (4) mandatory programs:
 - (Faith) - Spiritual Reflection Program
 - (Family) - Consecration to the Holy Family
 - (Community) - Helping Hands
 - (Life) - Novena for Life
- Form # SP-7 will be updated to reflect the new requirements

**To be eligible for the award in the United States and/or Canada, councils must be fully compliant with applicable safe environment requirements.*



REMINDER

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