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# The Magnolia Knight

## Serving the Mississippi Jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus

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From the desk of the State Deputy, Philip Jabour



We had our annual State Meeting the last week in April at the Marriott in downtown Jackson and had our Masses at St. Peter Cathedral. Thanks to Father Anthony for letting us use the Church facilities. Thanks to Bishop Kopacz and Bishop Kihneman for attending our convention and celebrating our Saturday and Sunday Mass. Mary Woodward was a great help in getting everything organized and Father Scott Thomas, our Chaplain celebrated Mass Friday. Thanks to all. All of the Councils in the Jackson area worked for over a year to make the Convention a great experience for our Brother Knights. Thanks to St. Peter, St. Richard, Pearl, Flowood/Brandon, St. Therese, Clinton, Gluckstadt and Madison. Thanks to 848 for offering us breakfast Saturday, and to Madison for cooking and serving a great lunch for the DDs and Past State Deputies Saturday.

It was a great pleasure to welcome Col. Chuck Gallina, USMC Retired and his lovely wife Clorinda to our convention. I had worked with Col. Gallina, to get Joe Jones on the Lourdes trip. He had family from the Memphis area come down and join us for the Saturday Dinner. Col. Gallina gave a presentation straight from the heart. He represented Supreme well. Thanks for coming Col. Gallina.

The Priests of the Jackson and Biloxi Diocese had their annual meeting to discuss their retirement fund on May 8. We were invited to attend the meeting at St. Francis in Madison. State Advocate, Guy Heying and I attended. Fred Ward also drove down for the meeting. Fred has headed up this program for a couple of years now and has done a great job. Brother Larry Roberts approached us about this fund, three years ago. He was doing the audit for the Priests. He told us that the Priest retirement fund needed more money to be properly funded. We voted at our annual convention to set up the Bishop Houck Priest retirement fund. There is one fund for all the Priests in Miss. for both Diocese. We donated about \$4,000 the first year and about \$6,000 last year. Through Fred's hard work and all of your generosity we were able to present a check for \$9,600 this year. That is about a 40% increase from last year. That represents about 80% of what we have donated. We give 20% to a national organization that provides retirement funds to our Religious. Thanks to all that donated for this worthy cause.

I signed the paper work for a new Ultrasound Machine in Columbus recently. It should just be a matter of time before they present the new machine. These machines save babies' lives. This is a wonderful mission for the Knights. I was honored to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for a new machine in Oxford, a few months back. I was touched by the gratitude expressed by the people that run the clinic in Oxford. Thanks for all of your support for the Ultrasound program. We have placed over 1,000 machines nationwide now. This is God's work.

We will have our organizational meeting for the State Officers and DDs 6/29/19 at St. Paul Catholic Church in Flowood. We will install the Officers and DDs at 5:30 Mass that evening, and have a dinner following Mass. Thanks to Father Hurley and Council 10216 for hosting us. We will have the Northern SOC the next day, Sunday, June 30 at Grenada. All the meetings will serve a lunch at 11:30 and then meet from Noon until 4pm. The SOC South meeting will be Saturday July 13 and the Central will be Sunday, July 14. Mark your calendars. We will send details about the hosts for the South and Central meetings shortly. We have not finalized the locations yet.

Please keep in mind that Supreme is giving every Council that makes Star Council \$4.50 per member. If you have 100 members you can earn \$450. The State still needs about 120 members to make Circle of Honor. We have earned that for 3 years in a row, under Jim and Noel's leadership. This helps a lot when I call Supreme and ask them to do something for our jurisdiction. Please try to bring new members in before the end of June. If you want to hold off until July for the Council, you can bring them in on Emembership. The State will get immediate credit, and you can get them to a First degree after July 1. That way the State gets credit for this year and the Council gets credit for the new year.

We also need two new Councils. If you have any possibility for a new Council, please let me know. We need to get in the paperwork for our Round Tables, we are about 20 short of our goal. I know they are out there, but they do not count until we send in the paperwork.

I want to thank you for reelecting me as State Deputy at our annual State Meeting. I have enjoyed serving my Brother Knights for the past year. It keeps me busy, but I am proud of what we accomplish for the Church and our communities. We can only do this great work with your help. Thank you for what you do.

Vivat Jesus,

Philip

Philip Jabour

State Deputy

## Membership Director

Worthy Grand Knights,

We are coming down to the end of the fraternal year. The state is still short of meeting their membership goal and making Circle of Honor for an unprecedented 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row. Many of your councils only need a few new members to make your membership quota. Many others have already met their goal. If your council is in the first category, it is time to push hard for new members. Ask your priest/chaplain for permission for a church drive or at least permission to say a few words after Mass. Emphasis to him, the support of the Knights for our priests and our Church. If you have a potential member who is unsure, arrange a meeting with your field agent and yourself to present the benefits of joining the Knights. Look at your old rolls for members who are inactive. Ask your field agent for a list of inactive Knights in your area. If you bring an inactive insurance member back into active status, your council gets credit for a new member as well as a new insurance member. Why is it important for you council to make Star? Supreme has again offered to provide a half year credit on per capita dues for every council that makes Star. If your council has 100 members, that is a savings of \$450 on your council's per capita. Think what good your council could do with an extra \$450. If your council has already made Star, you can still work on next year's goal by bring new members into the e-membership role. The state gets credit for this year, and your council can hold an admission degree after July 1<sup>st</sup> and bring the e-member into your council and your council then gets credit for a new member for next year. It is a win-win for everyone. We have 20 councils that have not recruited a new member this year. They are:

1034	1583	1605	2134	2945
5267	5556	6872	7211	7915
9234	9958	10499	11904	11956
12166	12271	12331	15155	16992

If your council is on this list, please look in your parish. I am sure there is a man or two who are interested in joining the Knights, but no one has asked them. Councils that are not recruiting are dying. Again if your council is working on a big push for the new year, sign those men up now as e-members. We can all work together and bring the state back into the Circle of Honor.

Charles Hahn

State Membership Director

**Ms. State family director.  
Family of the Month for March 2019**

I would like to thank (20) Councils that took the time to turn in a Family of the month.

Congratulation to the (4) Families that were picked by Supreme for March 2019.

Council 898      Charles Hahn

Council 7974      Howard Ferguson

Council 9543      Sheri Krause

Council 11995      David Hebert

(20) Councils that turned in a Family for March 2019.

(21)

802, 898\*, 1244, 1583, 2180, 4472, 4898, 5654, 7120, 7974\*, 8054, 9094, 9124, 9543\*, 10443, 10901, 11934, 11995\*, 14051, 15155.

I also want to congratulate the following Councils for 100 % submission for the year.

802,848,898,1244,1583,2180,4472,4898,5654,7974,8054,9094,9124,10443,11995,14051,15155, 15382.

As always if you turned in a family and it is not listed please let me know the Family and Council.

Carl Brochard

228-327-0066

Ms. State family.

**Ms. State family director.  
Family of the Month for April 2019**

I would like to thank the (20) councils that took the time to turn in a Family for April. and congratulation to the (3) families picked by Supreme.

Donnie Tynes      Council 848

John Poelma II      Council 9094

William Crain      Council 14051

802, 848\*, 898, 1244, 1583, 2180, 4472, 5654, 7120, 7974, 8054, 9094\*, 9124, 9543, 10443, 11934, 11995, 14051\*, 15382, 16433,

If you don't see your council listed and you turned in a Family for April, please send me the names and Council. Please keep up the good work of submitting a family.

Some of you that have not been turning in a family please try and do so. If you need help call me anytime before 8pm.

Carl Brochard

228-327-0066

Ms. State family.

## St.Clare Council

On March 22,2019, Members of St.Clare Council led the parish in praying the Way of the Cross. Members who participated were Dwayne A Punch, Bill Kane,Eric Kapusinski,Paul Pitts and Jay Poolson



## Council 8285

Knights of Columbus Council 8285 was happy to help with Birthright of Jackson Mom's Day 5K run on May 11. Sweet Ladies and a great cause. Pictured L-R, Billy Whitwell, Scott Waller, Bill Singletary, Ben Mokry, Jaime Martinez.

Ben Mokry

Treasurer

Council 8285



## Faith in Action

Excel Learning Center Community Project  
Council 848-Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle



*Pictured above are Mary, Jennette, and Randy Janzen, and Financial Secretary Mike Gill of the Knights of Columbus Council 848 who on May 2, 2019 fried over 150 lbs of chicken tenders for the Franciscan Sisters at the Excel Learning Center Chicken Dinner fundraiser in Marton, MS netting \$1,100 to help with operational cost. Also helping and not pictured are POK Nellie Feltz and Grand Knight Charlie Sims. Vivat Jesus!*



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## Faith in Action

40 Cans for Lent Community Food Project  
Council 848-Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle



*Pictured above are Treasure Noel Machost, Grand Knight Charlie Sims, and Financial Secretary Mike Gill delivering 1095 pounds of food and can goods to the MS Food Network in downtown Jackson Mississippi on May 11, 2019. The food was collected during the "40 Cans for Lent" Community Food Drive of the Knights of Columbus Council 848 with the help of the parishioners at the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle Parish during this past Lenten Season. Vivat Jesus!*



## Faith in Action

2019 Ministry Fair Project  
Council 848-Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle



*On Sunday May 18, 2019 the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle held their Ministry Fair where parishioners could sign up for the different ministries that support the parish. The Knights of Columbus prepared 70 pounds of breaded chicken tenderloins and 60 pounds of french fries and helped organize, set up and clean up the event that served approximately 300 people. Pictured (L-R) Randy Jansen, Noel Machost, Grand Knight Charlie Sims, and Michael Gill. Vivat Jesus!*



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# Faith in Action

The Marian Prayer Garden Faith Project  
Council 848-Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle



*On Wednesday May 15, 2019 the Marian Prayer Garden was given a total facelift with the cleaning, sanding, and painting of the Statue of the Blessed Mother, 8 new bags of mulch installed, weeds pulled and grass mowed. The Council Pro Life Rosary is prayed every 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:00 am and all are welcome to attend. Breakfast is served afterward and shared fraternalism. Vivat Jesus!*



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## St. Joseph Council 15121

St. Joseph Council 15121 supported their church's inaugural golf tournament held at The Oaks Golf Club on May 3, 2019 in Pass Christian, MS. Councils in South and central Mississippi were challenged to compete for the Harold Gaule Memorial KC challenge Cup. The tournament raised over \$2,600.00 for debt reduction.



The 2019 winners of the St. Joseph Church of Poplarville inaugural golf tournament are from left to right, John Runyon, Dan Mouton, John Albasini and Dan Russo. They are also recipients of the Deacon Harold Gaule Memorial Knights of Columbus challenge cup. The tournament was held on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at The Oaks Golf Club in Pass Christian.



## Faith in Action

Morton MS Disaster Relief Project  
Council 848-Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle



*Pictured is Franciscan Sister Eileen Hauswald of the Excel Learning Center and Grand Knight Charlie Sims of Council 848, the Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle. On Monday May 20, 2019, the Knights of Columbus donated 11 Whole Spiral Hams and 2 Smoked Turkeys (approximately 225 pounds of meat) for the tornado victims and poor in the Morton, MS area. Vivat Jesus!*



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## Faith in Action

12th Annual Catholic Night at the M-Braves Life Project  
Council 848-Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle



*Pictured above (L-R) are the Knights of Columbus Color Guard Marshall Craig Harrell. and 4th Degree Sir Knights Steve Miller, Allen Scott, and Jim Finley prior to the 12th Annual Catholic Night at the M-Braves on May 2, 2019. This "Life Project" was sponsored by Council 848 for all Councils in Districts 5-6 Central MS and featured athletes from the Mississippi Special Olympics who threw out the first pitch. Charlie Sims, Grand Knight, Vivat Jesus!*



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## Faith in Action

Pro Life Rosary & Crowning of Mary Faith Project  
Council 848-Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle



*On Saturday May 18, 2019 Council 848 had thier monthly Pro Life Rosary and Crowning of Mary Prayer Service. Pictured (L-R) Maddison Moore crowning Mary, Anna Moore, Mary Jansen, and Jennette Jansen. Vivat Jesus!*



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## Faith in Action

Partnering with Special Olympics MS Project  
Council 848-Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle



*On May 22, 2019 Grand Knight Charlie Sims of Council 848, Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle, presented \$200 to Monica Daniels, Executive Director of Special Olympics MS. Recently the Special Olympic MS athletes partnered with the Knights of Columbus to throw out the first pitch during "Catholic Night at the M-Braves" at Trustmark Park in Pearl, MS. Approximately 225 Special Olympic athletes & family members enjoyed the baseball game. Vivat Jesus!*



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## **St. Francis of Assisi Council 9543**

Sunday, May 5 was a beautiful day for Cajun Fest at St. Francis of Assisi in Madison, and Doug Leo, Larry Roberts, Bob O'Brien, and Ken Craft were among many Knights from Council 9543 that prepared and served mouth-watering delicacies to hundreds of happy attendees that ate, danced, purchased Mississippi-made arts and crafts, and enjoyed fellowship with friends old and new.



## **Council 10901 St. John Oxford**

Each year Knights of Columbus Council 10901 provides St. John parishioners and members of the Oxford community a fish fry dinner on Fridays during Lent. The dinner starts after the conclusion of Friday night Stations of the Cross, about 5:30 p.m., and includes fried catfish, choice of baked potato or French fries, cole slaw and hushpuppies for \$8.00 a plate. Proceeds from the fish fry are presented to the Parish to be used to bolster the building fund.

This month, George Read, Treasurer of Knights of Columbus Council 10901 and a past Grand Knight, presented a check for a little over \$5,100 to Fr. Joe Tonos, Pastor of St. John, for the 2019 Lenten year's fish fry. It represents close to 1000 catfish meals served this past Lent. George thanked the congregation and community for their generous support of the fish fry and the Knights of Columbus program. The fish fry is one of the largest annual fund raisers undertaken by the Council and represents a significant man power commitment from the Council.



Knights of Columbus Treasurer and Past Grand Knight, George Read, presents Fr. Joe Tonos, Pastor of St. John the Evangelist, a check for over \$5100, proceeds from the Lenten Fish Fry held Friday nights during Lent. The proceeds will go to St. John's Building Fund. (Photo, Gene Buglewicz)



# CHAPLAIN'S *report*

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

### The K of C and Sacramental Accompaniment

**Father Jonathan D. Kalisch, OP**

Director of Chaplains and Spiritual Development



In the 19th century, the young men of St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Conn., were not actively engaged in the Catholic faith. So 29-year-old Father Michael J. McGivney gathered the "old guard" of active men — who were in their 30s and 40s — and invited them to take leadership roles in the K of C. Their primary evangelical goal: Help younger, non-practicing Catholic men engage in the faith.

This goal remains relevant even today. During the Easter season and throughout summer, your local K of C council can assist in evangelical outreach, especially through the Order's Sacramental Gifts program.

Start by discussing with your council your parish's sacramental programs. Let the Knights know how they can assist those just entering the Church at the Easter Vigil. Perhaps the council can become the place a new Catholic man first experiences fraternity and support. Coach the men of your council on the best way to welcome these new Catholics into the K of C. Remind the Knights that converts may already have a well-developed spirituality and theological understanding from years of seeking the truth.

In addition, the K of C's Sacramental Gifts program can help young men and fathers renew their own practice of the faith. A small gift — with the promise of prayers, support and perhaps the gift of a Mass said for the family's intention — will go a long way in showing dads that the K of C cares for the spiritual growth of all the men of the parish.

With your help, may every council understand its fundamental role in welcoming those returning to the faith and may the K of C continue to evangelize those on the peripheries. *Vivat Jesus!*

### This Good Friday, Remember Middle East Christians

The Knights of Columbus will spend \$3 million in direct funding for humanitarian programs in Iraq, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson announced in the wake of a recent visit to the country.

While in Iraq, Supreme Knight Anderson reviewed K of C sponsored projects and met with families displaced by ISIS. He also met with many senior Church leaders and government officials to discuss the issues facing these communities and possible solutions.

This Good Friday, as our thoughts turn to the Holy Land, please encourage your councils to pray for the Christians living in the Middle East.

*Since 2014, the K of C has spent more than \$20 million on behalf of persecuted Christians and other religious minorities targeted for genocide in the Middle East. The support has funded rebuilding — and saving — the town of Karamles after its liberation from ISIS; feeding tens of thousands of displaced people; providing housing for the displaced; supporting educational and medical programs, etc. Visit [christiansatrisk.org](http://christiansatrisk.org).*



### Help Increase Good Friday Attendance — and Revitalize Your Community

According to a recent Marist Poll, only 54 percent of Catholics say they will attend Good Friday services — this means that almost half will not. And when you start applying these numbers to your own parish, the number of empty pews seem startling.

So what can we do to combat this? Start by talking to your council's grand knight. All Knights are being asked to attend their local parish's Good Friday liturgy on April 19. They are also being asked to promote it among other parishioners, using pre-designed posters and other items available at [kofc.org/goodfriday](http://kofc.org/goodfriday).

Let's get our pews filled and our communities restored. Talk to your grand knight today.

*Poll details can be found by clicking here.*

Visit [kofc.org/chaplain-sign-up](http://kofc.org/chaplain-sign-up) to sign up to receive future issues of this newsletter via email. Previous issues are archived at [kofc.org/chaplain](http://kofc.org/chaplain).

## A Once-in-a-Life-Time Opportunity for You and Your Parish

*Take advantage of rare opportunity to venerate incorrupt relic of St. Jean Vianney during tour in United States*

The Heart of a Priest relic pilgrimage is still going strong, as communities across the United States continue to welcome the incorrupt heart of St. Jean Vianney, entrusted to the Order by the Shrine of Ars, France. Since November 2018, the relic has visited over half of the states in the nation, offering tens of thousands the opportunity to seek St. Jean Vianney's intercession.

"It was amazing to be able to see the heart of the parish priest who lived the life we are seeking to emulate," Archdiocese of Washington seminarian Louis McHale told *Columbia*. "It reminded me that, with the grace of God, it is possible to become a saint despite any challenges that might be in our way."

As McHale notes, a visit to the heart of the patron saint of parish priests is a boon to any man called to the priestly vocation. For this reason, Knights of Columbus chaplains and seminarians are particularly encouraged to take advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to pray before the major relic of St. Jean Vianney.

As with all saints, however, the call to holiness is universal — and so we ask chaplains to encourage their councils to sponsor parish trips to a nearby host site, offering carpool or busing options to parishioners who might not otherwise be able to travel.

If you and your council have not yet had the opportunity to venerate this major relic, there is still time. The relic pilgrimage will be continuing through mid-June, with plans to visit New York and New England in April, the Southwest and Southeast in May, and the Great Lakes region in early June.

Specific details for each event can be found at [www.kofc.org/vianney](http://www.kofc.org/vianney). We ask for patience with the schedule. As our team continues to coordinate events, more dates and details will be added.

Questions? Email [vianney@kofc.org](mailto:vianney@kofc.org).



*Father George T. Seydes Jr. prays before the relic of St. Jean Vianney at St. Clare Catholic Church in Rosville, Calif., during an overnight veneration event, March 2.*

## Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)

Through this program, council and parish families raise funds to support seminarians in their area. Councils also provide their "adopted" seminarian or religious aspirant moral support and prayers for their success.

Do you know a seminarian in your parish, deanery or diocese who could benefit from this assistance? Connect with your local council today. Visit [www.kofc.org/rsvp](http://www.kofc.org/rsvp) for more details.

## Know an Inspiring Vocation Story?

The Knights of Columbus has long been a strong promoter of religious vocations — through our prayers, financial support of men and women in formation, and in the pages of our monthly magazine, *Columbia*, which is sent to more than 1.7 million Knights and their families.

*Columbia* is always looking for priests and religious to feature on its back cover. If you would like to nominate someone to share the story of his or her call to religious life, please email associate editor Margaret Kelly ([margaret.kelly@kofc.org](mailto:margaret.kelly@kofc.org)) with the person's name and contact information, plus a few words about why you are suggesting him or her.

One goal with the vocation feature is to encourage young people to consider a call to the priesthood or religious life. To that end, we typically try to feature younger individuals. Among priests and male religious, preference is given to members of the Knights of Columbus.



*Father Scott A. Gratton's vocation story was shared in Columbia, May 2018.*





## FIRE IN THE BELLY

A CHALLENGE AND MESSAGE FROM  
SUPREME CHAPLAIN ARCHBISHOP LORI

*"And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?'"*

— Gospel for April 21, Lk 24:30-32

A "fire in the belly," passion, a drive — these are some of the ways we talk about others who can summon a deep, inner motivation and who make a difference. My brothers, can we say the same about our inner drive to go deeper in our Church's teaching? Do our hearts "burn within us" and cause us to daily familiarize ourselves with the riches of our faith? Do we have a deep desire to be the kind of men who don't stand silent when we hear our Church's teaching denigrated? In order to lead with faith, we need to know our faith. We can't give what we don't have. By God's grace, may we each become disciples whose "hearts burn within us."

## This Month's Challenge

This month, I challenge you to deepen your desire to have a heart "burning within you" for new knowledge of the Church's teaching and doctrine. Invest five to 10 minutes a day reading the Catechism of the Catholic Church or other resource, listening to a Catholic talk online, or taking advantage of another formation opportunity. Second, I challenge you to talk with a brother in Christ about what you're learning.

## This Month's Council Meeting "Cheat Sheet"

*Four things to bring up at your next council meeting.*

- ✓ To prepare for Holy Week and the Easter season, consider renewing your council's devotion to Our Lady by meditating on the Sorrowful and Glorious mysteries of the Rosary — [www.kofc.org/rosary](http://www.kofc.org/rosary).
- ✓ Councils should encourage participation in Good Friday services — [www.kofc.org/goodfriday](http://www.kofc.org/goodfriday).
- ✓ Get involved with our new Helping Hands program, perhaps through cooking or serving Easter Dinner at the local soup kitchen or non-profit — [www.kofc.org/helpinghands](http://www.kofc.org/helpinghands).
- ✓ On May 9, the 22nd National March for Life will take place in Ottawa, Ontario. We encourage brother Knights from near and far to support the Canadian March for Life, whether by attending, volunteering, donating or offering prayers — <https://marchforlife.ca/>.

## Upcoming Activities

### APRIL

Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on April 28, the second Sunday of Easter. Knights in your council can help you plan a Holy Hour or a series of talks on the importance of the Divine Mercy in today's world. *Chapels of Divine Mercy prayer cards* (#9402) and *Knights of Columbus rosaries* (Rose-1) can be ordered from [knightsgear@kofc.org](mailto:knightsgear@kofc.org) to use during these events. You can also use the resources at [www.kofc.org/holyhour](http://www.kofc.org/holyhour).



### MAY

Join Catholics throughout the world in celebrating both the World Day of Prayer for Vocations and Mother's Day on May 12, Good Shepherd Sunday. Encourage the members of your council to take part in the Order's Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP) and honor the mothers of your local community following weekend Masses.

May 13, the optional memorial of Our Lady of Fatima, is the perfect day to ask your council to lead the parish in a rosary. On the day, distribute *The Message of Our Lady of Fatima* (#341), which your council can order from [www.kofc.org/cis](http://www.kofc.org/cis).

### JUNE

Work with council officers to hold a Father's Day event during or following all Masses celebrated June 16-17.

Celebrate the solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, June 28. Offer to bless images of the Sacred Heart for families to display in their homes.

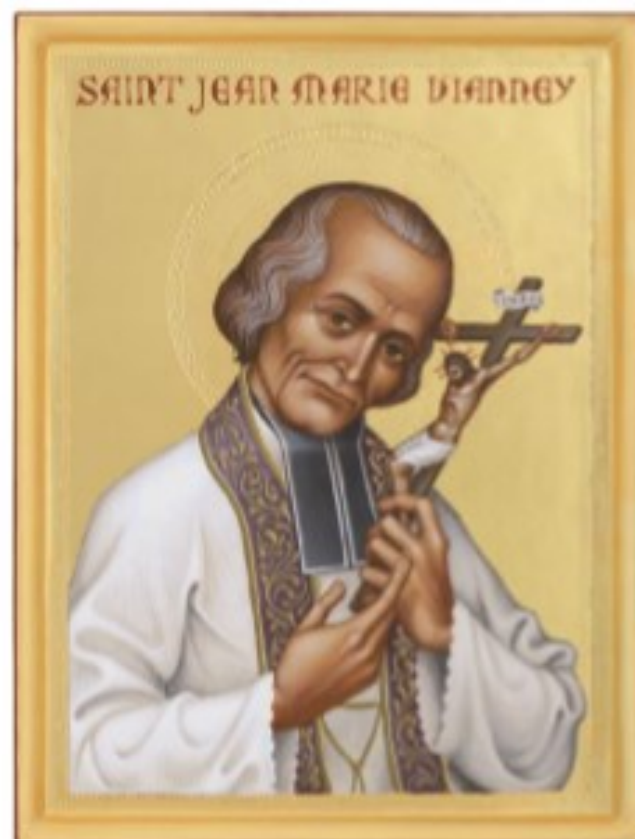
## Pope Receives Icon

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson presented Pope Francis with an icon of St. Jean Vianney in a private audience at the Vatican, Feb. 28, the last day of the Order's novena for repentance, renewal and rebuilding following the sexual abuse crisis. During their meeting, the pope and the supreme knight discussed K of C initiatives, including the Order's support of displaced Christians in the Middle East.

The icon is by Fabrizio Diomedè, commissioned as part of the K of C-sponsored pilgrimage of the saint's incorrupt heart throughout the U.S. Photos and prayer cards (in both Spanish and English) with the icon image are available under the media section of [www.kofc.org/vianney](http://www.kofc.org/vianney).



*Courtesy Vatican Media*



*The holy Carl d'Ar is depicted holding and pointing to a crucifix, indicating that Christ is the center of his life. Icon by Fabrizio Diomedè, commissioned by the Supreme Council (2018). Photo: Peter Skrup 40 Knights of Columbus*

## A PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS

**W**e thank you, God our Father, for those who have responded to your call to priestly ministry. Accept this prayer we offer on their behalf: Fill them with the sure knowledge of your love. Open their hearts to the power and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Lead them to greater union with your Son. Increase their faith in the sacraments they celebrate as they nourish, strengthen and heal us.

Lord Jesus Christ, through the intercession of St. Jean Vianney, grant that your priests will be inspired to strive for holiness by the power of his example. As men of prayer, may they ponder your word, follow your will and faithfully lead the flocks you have entrusted to their care.

St. Jean Vianney, obtain for the Church an abundance of vocations to the holy priesthood. Through your intercession, may many faithful men hear Christ's call, and respond with courage and generosity.

Mary our Mother, guard with your maternal care these chosen ones. Intercede for our priests, so that by offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, they may be conformed more each day to the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*St. Jean Vianney, patron of parish priests, pray for us!*