

# INVOCATION

JANUARY 2023



**Port Orange Knights Give  
ASAP Support To  
Pregnancy Crisis Center**



# Supporting Pregnancy Center



**O**ur Lady of Hope Council 8086 in Port Orange recently made a double donation to Pregnancy Crisis Center worth more than \$1,000 as part of the Knights of Columbus new

at a special raffle during the Council's annual Christmas Party.

KofC Supreme recently launched its Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) initiative to support new mothers and their babies by serving resource centers and maternity homes.

"Council 8086 already is a strong supporter of the Knights' Life initiatives, including raising money for ultrasound machines through our Jim Waggoner Baby Bottle campaigns and Terry Cassidy Memorial Coastal Laps for Life," said Grand Knight Roger Packard. "ASAP is the logical next step for support women who decide to carry their baby to term."

ASAP initiative.

The Knights purchased \$510 worth of baby diapers and clothing for the donation, in addition to a check for \$560. Part of the funds were raised

# Breakfast With Santa

**F**ather Downey Council 4934 helped the Sacred Heart Parish of New Smyrna Beach get into the Christmas spirit with a Breakfast With Santa.

More than 80 parishioners attended the event, including 40 from the Religious Education program. Assuring the success of the breakfast was a crew of 12 Knights working the event.



A highlight of the breakfast was a fine job turned in by SK Sherwin Merrick, playing the role of Santa for the first time.

Following the breakfast, leftover toys were donated to the New Smyrna Beach Police Department for distribution.

# Finishing Strong

*By State Deputy Rob Urrutia*

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's celebration. Usually, we take the time during the New Years celebration to think about those family members we lost this past year. For me it was losing my grandmother and stepdad inside a week from each other.

There is not enough words or space to talk about my grandmother. She was tough and in a sweet way very demanding. Almost Every week for over 15 years I went up to visit and in the later years and shopping. I would take her to her Dr's appointments and of course she looked forward to our lunch dates.

Even at 95 when she was able to renew her drivers license for another 5 years. How strange it was to celebrate Christmas without her and calling my stepdad to check on him. There are also members of our extended families like friends and brother Knights who went home. Like Past State Deputy Robert Anderson and John Hemel. Or our Past State Deputy wives like Dale Zgurzynski and Denise Kernan. May God look after our fallen family members and friends.

We also take stock in what has passed this year. Hurricane Ian and Tropical Storm Nicole gave Florida a run for the money. I am very proud of all our brother Knights not only from Florida but from all over the United States for helping the Ft. Myers area and throughout the State where we had damage. Great job by All. I am also very thankful and Grateful for the Staff of the Florida State Council for a job well down. Many Thanks to our State Chaplain Fr. Robert Kantor for his constant spiritual guidance. There are many more things we can be thankful for.

Now it's time to go back to work and finish the year strong! We fell 3.65% or 98 members short of our goal at the halfway mark. Of course, membership. Currently we need 56.35% or 1441 members to go to reach our Supreme goal of 2686. Don't wait to have your District Meetings, have them as soon as possible and help our Grand

Knights reach our goals. We have reports due soon that need to be submitted at the end of January and February. Don't miss the deadlines. We also have quite a few members that still need to complete the safe environment process. Make sure we complete the program so the council has a chance for Star Council award. New Council development, Do we have an opportunity to start a new council? and council round tables, Did your council sponsor a round table? And was the report filled out? Please look at the status of your council and please reach out to your District Deputy or State Officer for assistance if you need any. Please reach out to the following:

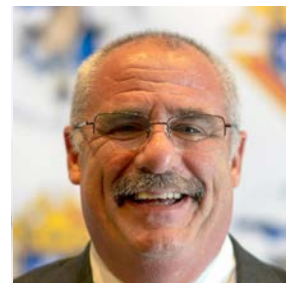
Membership: Danny McIntyre

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Raffle Program John Gearon III –Hope your council is participating!

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*State Deputy  
Robert Urrutia*



# Faith and Reason

*By State Chaplain Very Rev. Bob Kantor*

“The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.” - Pope Benedict XVI

**T**he passing of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has left me reflecting on this theological giant of the Catholic Church. In many respects he seemed a contradiction to the world, not unlike Jesus whom he loved so much. As the Prefect for the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith for many years under St. John Paul II, he was seen as a stalwart guardian of orthodoxy. Yet, this brilliant academic appeared introverted and projected gentleness and humility, just as happy to avoid time in the public eye.



One of the things he is best known for is harmonizing and promoting the compatibility of faith and reason. In a postmodern world anxious to reject traditional wisdom and universal truths, he showed us that faith was not some romantic superstition for unquestioning minds, but the fruit of deep reflection on the truths of our existence. And he upheld universal truths in a time of increasing relativism.

I was positively influenced by this Holy Father through two profound experiences. The first was at World Youth Day in Madrid. Though it was not his first gathering with the world’s youth following the death of St. John Paul II who pioneered the gatherings, in fact the first was in his native Germany in 2005 shortly after his election,



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I had questions about how this very different pontiff could fill the shoes of his predecessor. Soon it was clear that the young people of the world embraced him, and his warm smiles communicated the same love of Christ. His words also carried similar profound wisdom and the youth were enriched on their pilgrim journey with Jesus.

The second influence he had on me was through his writing, clear and logical, yet with the heart of a pastor and good shepherd. His trilogy *Jesus of Nazareth* was wonderful to read. I wondered as I began the first book whether it would be dry and theological but was delighted to experience a personal encounter with Christ. The heart as well as the head of Pope Benedict presented the Jesus whom he loved. It helped reveal not only Jesus, but Pope Benedict to me.

Pope Benedict proved to be the good and faithful servant who gave his life for Christ and His Church in various ways over his lifetime ... priest, bishop, prefect and pope. Now we can pray that he enters into the reward prepared for him from the foundation of the world.



# Celebrating the Theophany

By Former State Chaplain Reverend Salvatore Pignato

**O**n January 6th, the Eastern Church celebrated the Theophany, the baptism of Jesus. This is a great Feast that expresses a number of Truths of our faith. First of all. We recognize that Jesus had no need for baptism. Jesus Himself was baptism. He said to the people that unless you are baptized, you will not have life in you.

So, to emphasize the need for baptism, He offered Himself as an example to follow. As John said, he was not worthy to baptize Jesus. St. John understood that Jesus was baptism itself and told the people that there would be one coming that would baptize with fire and water. St. John even protested to Jesus that he should not baptize Him, but Jesus insisted.

Jesus wanted to use His baptism as a teaching example to others and yet, His baptism also initiated and inaugurated a greater event, which was the beginning of His ministry of salvation to all mankind and to creation itself.

Another reality expressed in His baptism is the realization of the Triune God. In the Old Testament, there is very little about the Triune God. What God did in the Old Testament was to gather a people together to become His people and gave them the Law to live by and taught them how to worship Him. It would be in the coming of Jesus that the Triune God would be revealed. But, yet, there are some strong references or visions of the Triune God in the Old Testament.

In reading the Bible, it is important to listen to language. The words of the Bible offers us a glimpse into the reality of God. In the book of Genesis, we have to listen to the words of God in creating the world. In creating humanity, God says, "Let us make man in our own image. The language of God is referencing more than one person. In the

vision of Abraham seeing three men coming toward him, he recognizes them as angels, and he invites them to eat with him. This vision of the angles is called the "hospitality of Abraham" and the angels representing the Triune God. So. In the Old Testament, there are some references to the Triune God.

The beauty of the Feast

of the Theophany of Jesus is that the baptism of Jesus brings to the fore the full reality of the Triune God in all its glory. As Jesus comes up from the water, St John sees the Triune God in the form of a dove over the head of Jesus and a cloud over the dove. From the cloud St. John hears a voice that says, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." Before St. John appears the Triune God. Father, Son, and Spirit. What a glorious vision to behold. What a gift given to St. John and through the Bible to each one of us.

When Jesus cured the sick, He, in some form, would ask them, "Do you believe I can do this.". The answer was always yes, and they received a cure. In this Feast of the Theophany, Jesus asks us, "Do you believe in the One True God, Father, Son and Spirit." Through and in the Holy Spirit that we received in baptism, our loud response must always be, "Yes Lord, I believe." By our proclamation of, "I believe," we, through our own baptism, are given the ministry of Jesus Christ. It is that very same ministry that Jesus began at His own baptism.



Former State Chaplain  
Rev. Salvatore Pignato



# Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

*By Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori*

“Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.” (Gospel for Jan. 29, Mt 5:11-12a)

**I**t often isn't popular to be a true follower of Jesus. That can especially be the case when we express our faith in public ways. For example, many Christians who have prayed outside an abortion facility have experienced hostility for their beliefs.

But when we stand up courageously for truth and righteousness — even when we face opposition or persecution to do so — we know we do so as followers of Christ.

## **Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:**

This month, I challenge you to give witness to your faith and love by supporting the pro-life cause in some concrete way, such as by donating your time or other resources. Second, I challenge you to participate in the ASAP, Novena for Life, and/or March for Life programs.

## **Questions for Reflection:**

Are you willing to suffer as a disciple of Christ, as Jesus warned would happen? Do you sometimes fail to speak up for your faith or moral values out of a desire to be liked by others or to not “rock the boat”? What concrete, practical things can you do to strengthen your willingness and ability to publicly witness to your faith, even when it might be unpopular — or come with a cost?



*Taveras Sir Knights serve coffee and donuts to Veterans at VA*

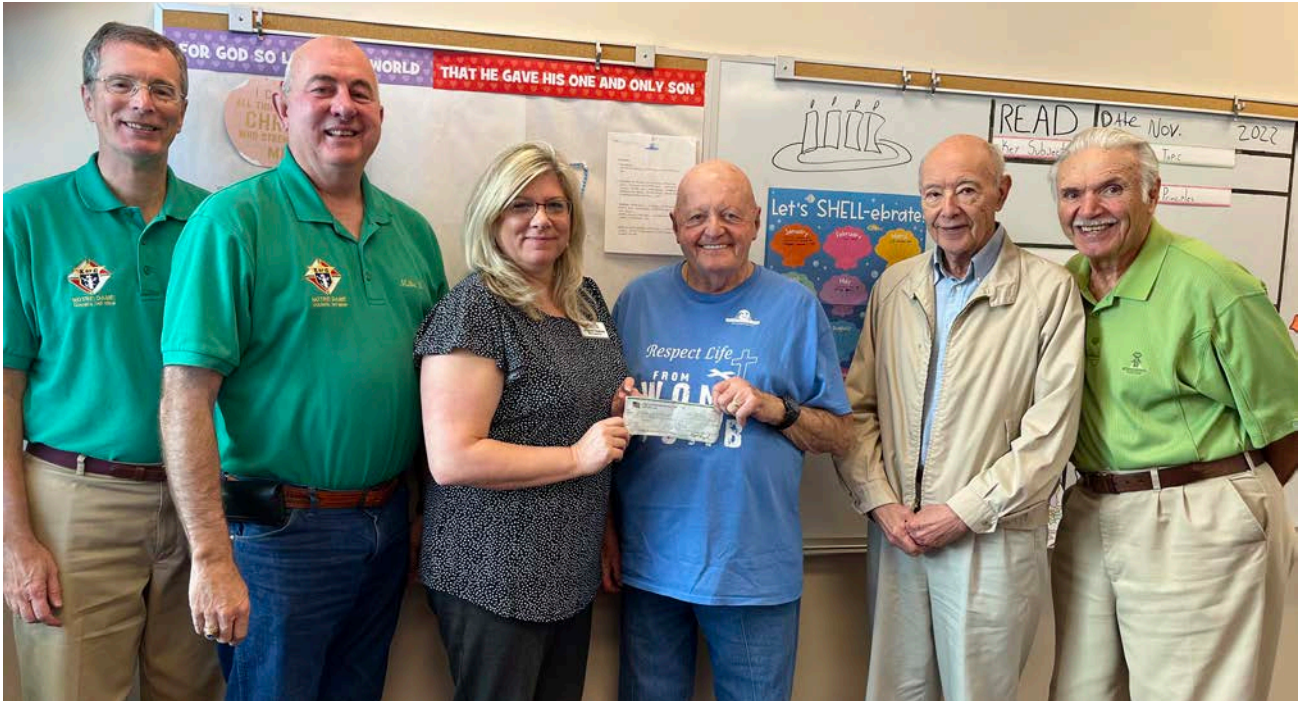
*The Sir Knights from Lake County Assembly 1675 in Taveras continues to serve the Veterans at the local VA location.*

*During the first week of each month, the Assembly visits the home and offers free coffee and donuts.*

*“We do it as a thank you and help them start their day with a smile,” Faithful Navigator Bob Nixon said.*



# Council Supports ASAP Program



**N**otre Dame Council 10514 participated in the new Knights of Columbus Aid and Support After Pregnancy Program (ASAP) by presenting a check for \$500 to Alpha Women’s Center in Bunnell.

Council 10514 has been supporters of the Supreme Council Ultrasound Initiative since 2017. They have partnered with Our Lady of Hope Council 8086 in Port Orange and the Laps for Life Program to purchase ultrasound machines for the following Crisis Pregnancy Centers:

2017 – Life Services (St. Augustine) that also serviced Alpha Pregnancy Center in Bunnell; 2018 – Women’s Resource Center (Palatka); 2019 – Alpha Women’s Center (Bunnell); 2020 – Grace House Pregnancy Resource Center (DeLand) 2021 – St. Girard’s (St. Augustine)

The new ASAP program supplements the Order’s efforts to support pregnant women, mothers and their babies by serving pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes. Through ASAP, for every \$500 a council or assembly donates to a qualifying non-profit pregnancy resource center or maternity home, the Supreme Council will issue a \$100 grant to the same qualifying organization.

Pregnancy resource centers provide assistance to nearly 2 million clients each year. In 2021, Knights donated \$4.6 million and 469,000 volunteer hours to support these centers and the women and children they serve through cash donations and community service activities such as baby and maternity item drives. Through its Ultrasound Initiative, the Order also donated \$5.6 million to centers for the purchase of 163 ultrasound machines in 2021 – bringing its total donations since 2009 to more than 1,550 machines valued at over \$75 million. These life-saving organizations would not be able to provide the level of assistance women and children need without support from our Order and collaborating parish communities. (Source: ASAP Handbook #11371)

Alpha Women’s Center is also financially supported by Notre Dame Council and the Santa Maria del Mar Respect Life Committee with Baby Bottle Drives and Baby Showers. Knights of Columbus members, and their wives, also volunteer for Alpha Women’s Center’s annual Gala Benefit to assist with registration and clean-up.

# Council Supports Police Department

**O**ur Lady of Mount Carmel, Council 13300 in Wildwood, took action again this year to join forces with the Wildwood Police Department “Shop with a Cop” program and “Kids Central,” which are both involved assisting those less fortunate children in the Wildwood community at Christmas.

The Wildwood Police Department takes great pride as the Christmas season unfolds, beginning with its “Shop with a Cop” program. The Wildwood School system identifies the many needy children within the school system and provides those names to the Police Department. This year, 60 kids were paired with Officers on December 17 to shop at the Walmart on Route 466. The sponsoring Officer presented their assigned child with \$300 for them to spend on themselves for Christmas.

“Kids Central” serves the children and families in Circuit 5 (Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion and Sumter counties) each year by working with partners and donors to provide Christmas gifts to children and families in need. “Kids Central” works with the families to establish the needs and from those needs they establish a wish list including the child’s likes, wants, and needs. This holiday season, with the help of their partners and donors, “Kids Central” is on track to serve 2200 children across Circuit 5.

In order to provide financial support to both these programs, Council 13300 held two different events, a social/fundraiser at the Havana Country Club in October and a Nativity Quilt Raffle from October to December.

The first event was a social for Brothers, spouses, significant others to gather at the Havana Country Club in the Villages during an all-day fundraiser.



In addition, Brother Knights volunteered their time to man the donation table at the entrance from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Any patron who added KOC to the top of their bill would have a portion included as a donation from the restaurant. At the conclusion of the event, \$579 was collected in the donation jar, \$310 in food donations, along with an additional donation of \$390 made by Brother Knight David Suleiman, the restaurant owner. Together, the total collected was \$1,279.

The second fundraiser was an unexpected donation made from our Grand Knight Bill Wirtz’s wife, Joyce Wirtz. She had been given an unfinished quilt of the Nativity by a friend, and through hours of her patient labor, completed it in time to donate to our Council for a fundraiser. The timing could not have been a better example of “Keeping Christ in Christmas” than to be raffling off this beautiful Nativity Quilt. The total raised from this fundraiser was over \$1,600. Together, the Council’s efforts provided almost \$2,900 for these designated charities.

On December 2, SK Bill Lowderman and SK Mike Grindel presented a check for \$1,500 to Captain Walker and Sergeant Perry of the





Wildwood Police Department. This amount was enough to sponsor five children for the Shop with a Cop event. A second check for \$1,000 was presented by SK Mike Grindel to Yvond Semso, Kinship Navigator for Kids Central in support of their Christmas gift program for the needy children in the Wildwood area. The remaining donations collected will be rolled over into the Council's 2023 Christmas fundraising account.

The Council thanks all our Brother Knights who participated in helping with these events, all those who attended the Havana Country Club fundraiser, and those who purchased Nativity Quilt raffle tickets. More importantly, they want to thank the Wildwood Police Department and Kids Central for all they do for our less fortunate children. Although we will not see these children's faces light up on Christmas morning, we know we did what we could to assist making this possible. For this, we are grateful to have been a part of making their Christmas a "blessed" Christmas, and Keeping Christ in Christmas!





# Three Kings Day Celebration



**K**nights of Columbus St. Cloud/Kissimmee Council 6624 again this year participated in the 19th Annual Three Kings Day Celebration held on Sunday, January 8, 2023 in Olde Town Kissimmee. Hosted by the Osceola Chamber and the Hispanic Business Council, this popular event celebrates the Three Kings holiday, especially in the Hispanic community, and symbolizes a spirit of caring and giving. Sunday's event, which drew hundreds of families to the streets of Olde Town, was filled with laughter, joy, and excitement.

Brother Knights and their families from Council 6624 once again responded to a request from Osceola County to support the Three Kings

Celebration. Soon the air was filled with the aroma of grilled hot dogs as the volunteers grilled out, wrapped, and gave out over 2000 hot dogs to a seemingly never-ending line of children and their families.

George Jackow, a member Knight of Council 6624, was frequently heard asking for a child's smile in exchange for a hot dog. As a result, warm, beautiful smiles from not just the children, but also from adults, were seen all day around the Council kiosk.

For all of us who volunteered, it was a warm and rewarding experience to help promote the Three Kings Celebration and support the local community of Osceola County.



*The Deluna Assembly 156 of St. Paul's Church in Pensacola recently held a special drawing that resulted in a \$1,796 donation to the Military Chaplains Fund. Theresa Rutherford of Pensacola held the winning ticket, good for a seven-night stay at a vacation resort. "I thank everyone at the Deluna Assembly for their generosity, along with the leadership and generosity of all the Florida District Fourth Degree assemblies for assisting with the Military Chaplains Fund in memory of our beloved Nadine O'Toole of blessed memory," said State Vocations Chairman Mark W. Lynn. "I am most happy to report that your assistance now supports 18 men studying for the Catholic priesthood and sponsored by the Archdiocese of Military Services. May God continue to bless our armed forces and the United States of America."*

Archbishop Broglio with AMS Missionaries



# Council Hosts Monthly Dance



**O**n the fourth Thursday in December (December 22), Knights of Columbus Council 7027 in Milton held its monthly Fourth Thursday Special Dance. These dances, held on the fourth Thursday of every month (except November), are hosted for the benefit of our special needs friends and their families at no charge to them.

The theme of the December dance was Christmas, and guests were fortunate to be visited by Santa Claus. In the early part of the evening, the music was primarily popular Christmas songs. After Santa left, it transitioned to dance party favorites such as the Loco-motion, Cha-Cha Slide, Macarena, and Limbo Rock. The fifty guests in attendance were hosted by five knights and six ladies.

Many thanks go to the Saint Rose of Lima Ladies Auxiliary members who provided the soft drinks, chips, and desserts, and who served the hot dogs the K of C council provided. Thanks also to Saint Rose of Lima Church for allowing the use of the parish hall and sound system. And thank you to the knights who helped set up and run the dance.

Our next dance will be Thursday, January 26, from six to eight pm. Set up starts at 4 pm. The theme of the January dance will be Valentine's Day. Come join us for a fun evening!





# Knights Host Christmas Party

**O**n 3 Dec 2022, Councils 7667 and 13527 of District 5, Region 1 in Niceville, FL held their annual Christmas party for the residents of the Sunland Center in Marianna, FL. The Sunland Center Supports Persons with Developmental Disabilities in Living, Learning, and Working in their Communities.

This event has been going on over 30 years, begun by Brother Vince Warsheski (RIP) and his wife Chris who originally lived in Mariana. Knights and their families bring food, sing Christmas carols, and Santa distributes presents. The Sunland staff provides a list of requested gifts, which are wrapped and addressed to specific individuals.

Many of the knights have become familiar with the residents whom they see each year. The two councils often conduct events together and also drive the hour and a half to Mariana in the fall to put on a picnic for the residents. Both the Christmas party and picnic were paused for



two years due to Covid, although the Christmas presents were delivered.

In 2018, the Sunland Center named the Knights of Columbus as their Volunteer Group of the Year. Of the many charitable events these councils conduct, this is the most rewarding for all those who participate.



*St. Joseph Council 5958 continued its annual tradition of erecting the stable for the Nativity display in the patio of St. John Vianney Church in Orlando.*

*“We are proud and happy to be able to assemble, maintain and disassemble the stable each year for the enjoyment of our Parish community,” said Grand Knight T. Mark Bassett. “It is a great way to help prepare both ourselves and our parish to receive our Savior on Christmas. Many children and families will take pictures at the stable.”*



# Council Hosts Successful Food Drive



**K**nights of Columbus Council 8086 of Port Orange recently held a successful drive-up food drive to benefit the Our Lady of Hope parish food pantry.

Parishioners filled a large van with many boxes of food, which will go a long way in sustaining the pantry through the Christmas holiday season. The drive also raised \$1,500 in donations.

“Our goal was to fill the van, which we accomplished – and then some,” said Council 8086 Grand Knight Roger Packard.

The drive had 19 Knights volunteering at least two hours for the project, in which parishioners were able to drive up, pop the trunk and Knights moved the food and placed it in the van.

The project is part of the Knights’ Faith in Action program. Council 8086 has been recognized as Florida Council of the Year for large councils for the past two years.



# Columbian Award Check-Up

**W**ith half of the fraternal year behind us, it's a good time to check your council's progress towards earning the Columbian Award. The Columbian Award recognizes charitable service activities and fraternal programs.

The deadline for the Columbian Award Application (SP-7) is June 30, but there is no need to wait. A council may submit the application as soon as it earns four program credits in each of the four categories.

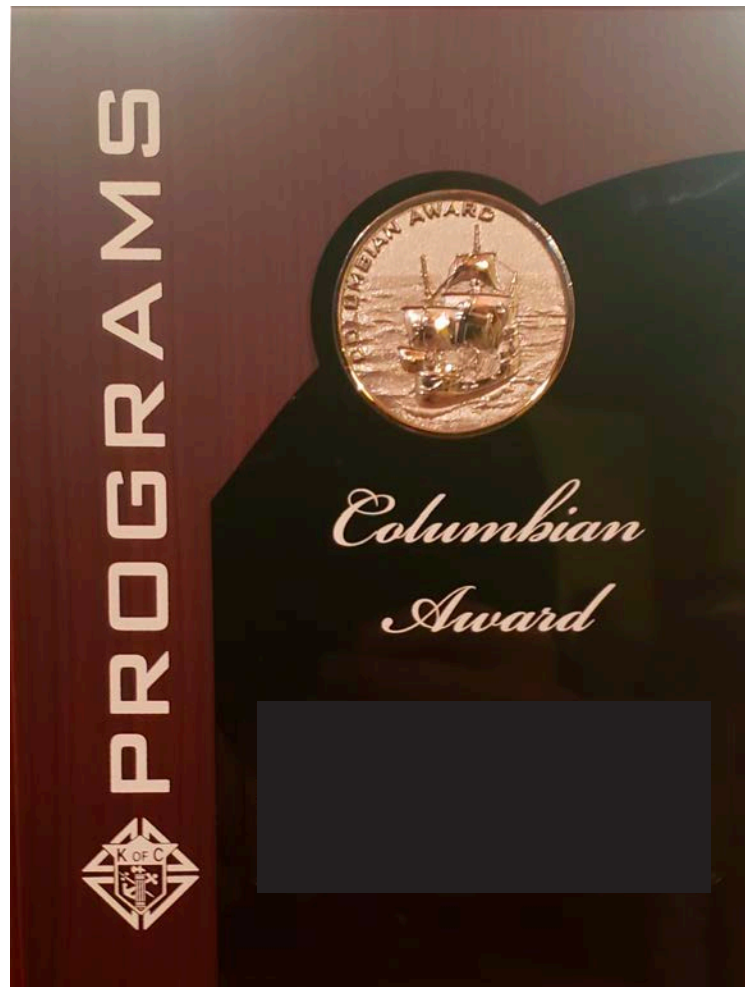
You may find it helpful to print a copy of the SP-7 form to use as a working copy. You could write on the form which programs your council plans to accomplish, and in the margin write the date by which you intend to complete them. As you complete each program, put a check mark next to it. Once you earn four program credits in each of the four categories, you'll be ready to submit your SP-7 for your Columbian Award.

Each program is worth at least one credit. Featured Programs are worth two credits. So, you could earn the sixteen credits by completing eight featured programs, or some combination of featured and other programs.

The Featured Programs for 2022-23 are as follows: Faith – Refund Support Vocations Program, Holy Hour, Into the Breach, Spiritual Reflection; Family – Food for Families, Family of the Month/Year, Family Fully Alive, Family Prayer Night; Community – Coats for Kids, Global Wheelchair Mission, Habitat for Humanity; Life – March for Life, Special Olympics, Pregnancy Center Support, Ultrasound Support.

For this year, Ukraine Solidarity Fund support can be used in any category. Donations of \$1,000 earn one credit, and donations of \$4,000 earn two credits.

The SP-7 form and other information are available at [kofc.org/fiaforms](http://kofc.org/fiaforms). The SP-7 will soon



become an online-only submission.

If I may be of assistance, please email [grejr13@gmail.com](mailto:grejr13@gmail.com) or call 908-487-8622. Vivat Jesus!

-George R. Elliott Jr., Florida State SP-7 Award Chairman







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Evangelize and proclaim our faith, protect families, and perform works of charity.

Through our witness and deeds attract Catholic men to our Order.

Build the Domestic Church through service, support our parishes, clergy, and communities.

Incorporate principled fiscal responsibility for charitable giving.

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