Warriors to Lourdes

With support from the Knights of Columbus, more than 125 wounded or disabled troops and veterans, family members, chaplains and support staff joined other U.S. pilgrims in a visit to the Marian shrine of Lourdes, France, for an annual pilgrimage organized by the Archdiocese for Military Services, USA (AMS), May 14-19. The AMS pilgrimage coincided with the 56th International Military Pilgrimage (PMI), which included delegations from more than 40 countries.

The AMS pilgrimage attended the PMI events, as well as engaged in a number of other religious and spiritual activities, including Masses, the Stations of the Cross and times of reflection. Pilgrims also had the opportunity to bathe in the famous waters of Lourdes, which annually draw millions of the faithful, many of whom are seeking spiritual, physical or emotional healing.

The theme of this year’s PMI is “Servant of Christ, Servant of Peace.” Delegations attended from throughout Europe, as well as from North and South America, Asia, Africa and Australia. The PMI was inaugurated following World War II to foster “reconciliation, peace and healing.” It has grown to become a prayerful and festive occasion. In addition to Masses and other times of prayer, pilgrims were treated to an impressive display of military pageantry, including ceremonies with the color guards of the countries in attendance and performances by military bands. They were also given the opportunity to meet soldiers — many attired in colorful dress uniforms — from around the world.

Saint John Paul II National Shrine Filled With Pilgrims Following National Mass of Thanksgiving in Washington for New Pope Saints

A national celebration of the newly canonized St. John XXIII and St. John Paul II concluded with a procession of several hundred people from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to the Saint John Paul II National Shrine on Sunday, May 11.

The procession was led by an honor guard of more than 100 Fourth Degree Knights. Cardinal Donald Wuerl, archbishop of Washington, served as the principal celebrant and homilist at the Mass, which carried the blood relic of St. John Paul II in the procession back to its shrine. Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore had previously carried the relic into the basilica at the start of the Mass.

Once the procession reached the Saint John Paul II National Shrine, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò read a papal greeting commending the work of the shrine.

Grand Knight Checklist – June

Make plans for the transition of your council officers/chairmen on July 1.

Plan for your council’s participation in Knights of Columbus Family Week (Aug. 10-17). Begin preparing data for these reports, due over the next several months:

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  Columbian Award Application (#SP-7) 6/30
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  Annual Report - Knights of Columbus Round Table (#2630) 6/30
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  Food for Families Reimbursement Program Refund & Plaque Application (#10057) 6/30
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  Report of Officers Chosen (#185) 7/1
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  Service Program Personnel Report (#365) 8/1
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  Semiannual Council Audit Report (#1295) 8/15
A documentary on the life of the young Connecticut priest who founded the Knights of Columbus is now for sale on Amazon.com. Father Michael McGivney, produced by the Supreme Council, chronicles the life of the founder of the world’s largest Catholic family fraternal service organization.

Through archival footage and dramatic recreations, the gripping one-hour film gives an account of Father McGivney’s early life in a poor immigrant family, his efforts as young priest to serve his parishioners and to launch the Knights, and his untimely death from pneumonia at age 38.

From defending the persecuted Church to protecting widows and orphans, the documentary celebrates the triumphs and tribulations of a man who may one day become the first canonized American-born parish priest. In 2008, Pope Benedict XVI declared Father McGivney “venerable” in recognition of his “heroic virtue,” thus moving forward the cause for canonization.

“Armed With the Faith” Prayer Books Sent to Military Chaplains

U.S. military chaplains around the world have received updated copies of the Order’s pocket-sized “Armed With the Faith” prayer booklets for Catholics serving with the armed forces. The booklet, made in flip-top format with water and tear-proof paper, includes more than 70 prayers, explanations on praying the rosary, the sacrament of penance, Catholic teaching on subjects, and other materials. It also includes a collection of classic hymns, a list of patron saints for the military, and new Mass responses adopted in the United States in 2011. The Knights of Columbus has been producing and shipping editions of this booklet since 2004 and has made approximately 500,000 booklets available in that period.
During Knights of Columbus Family Week, August 10-17, encourage Knights and their families to choose the Holy Family as their model of interdependence, sharing and showing respect for each other.

Celebrate all aspects of the family, which is the foundation of society and of fundamental importance to the Knights of Columbus, by sponsoring council programs that allow families to enjoy each other’s company, to talk and to be active together.

**Engaged/Married Couples**

- Contact the Supreme Council’s Fraternal Services Department (203-752-4270) to order DVDs from the *Marriage: Unique for a Reason* series for showing in the parish or council.
- Invite a speaker to your council or parish to explain Natural Family Planning (NFP) and Natural Procreative Technologies (NaProTechnology).
- Hold a renewal of marriage vows ceremony and give participating couples “A Covenant Renewed” certificate (#2745, available in English, French and Spanish for 25 cents each).

**Parents**

- Invite a speaker to discuss issues for parents of different age groups of children and teens.
- Collect baby items or donations to help expectant parents at pregnancy care centers.

**Grandparents**

- Hold a memorial Mass for deceased Knights, including former council members and our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, who died on Aug. 14.
- Nursing home staff say that some patients never receive visitors — encourage Knights and family members to visit a convalescent home or veterans’ facility, even if they have to “adopt” a lonely resident as part of their family for the day.
- Make it a council and family project to repair, paint or clean the home or yard of an elderly person or a person in need.

**Children**

- Attract prospects to the council by getting their children involved in council activities.

**Other activities to consider**

- Hold a banquet to honor and present certificates to the “Family of the Month” (#1843) or “Family of the Year” (1843A) recipients. Both certificates are available in English, French and Spanish at a cost of 25 cents each.
- Sponsor a family retreat, rosary or Mass with children participating as altar servers and family members serving as ushers and lectors.
- Sponsor a family picnic featuring a cookout, sack race, egg toss, water balloon toss, three-legged race, obstacle course, face painting and other similar activities.
- Host family sports competitions (tug of war, volleyball, horseshoes, bocce, sailing, swimming, softball, bowling, etc.).
- Hold a family pizza party and social with music, dancing, and karaoke or a sing-a-long for younger children.

While the kids are having fun, talk to their dads about what the Knights of Columbus means to you and your family. Explain to them what makes you feel good about the Order and what it is about being a Knight that gives you and your family satisfaction. Offer them a membership document (Form 100) and ask them to join.

For more Family Week program activity ideas and supplies, visit [www.kofc.org/familyweek](http://www.kofc.org/familyweek).

**Pilgrims, from Page 1**

In his remarks, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson quoted Pope Francis at the recent canonization in which the Holy Father repeated Pope Benedict XVI’s words at the beatification of St. John Paul II:

“He opened to Christ the society, the culture, the political and economic systems, intervening with the strength of a giant — strength that came to him from God — a tendency which could seem irreversible. With his witness of faith, of love and of apostolic courage, accompanied by a great human drive, this exemplary son of the Polish nation helped Christians worldwide not to be afraid to call themselves Christians, to belong to the Church, to speak of the Gospel. In a word, he helped us not to be afraid of the truth, because the truth is the guarantee of freedom.”

Cardinal Wuerl thanked the supreme knight for his vision in making the Saint John Paul II National Shrine a reality and, in the Shrine’s chapel, presented a painting of St. John Paul II to the supreme knight, supreme chaplain, deputy supreme knight and several other supreme officers and directors, including the executive director of the shrine, Patrick Kelly.

The day’s ceremonies were internationally televised on EWTN, Salt and Light Television, Catholic Television of Boston, New Evangelization Television of Brooklyn, and Telecare of Rockville Center.
Taking Membership Recruitment One Step at a Time

Membership recruitment can be daunting and overwhelming. Trying to do everything at once through an across-the-board, all-encompassing effort can lead to frustration and little success. But, if you think of gaining recruiting success one piece at a time, it becomes manageable.

Recruiting is like that — if you try to recruit every potential member, you’re probably not going to have much success. For success, you need to focus on the areas that offer you the greatest potential.

Recruiting is more than just numbers and meeting quota; those are the by-products of successful recruitment, but they’re not the purpose of it. In 2012, we as an Order donated 70 million hours of service and more than $167 million in donations. Bringing new members into our service activities will help us to help more people in need.

Membership in the Knights offers a man the opportunity to grow in his own spirituality through faith-based programs our councils offer and association with other men of faith. When a man becomes a Knight, we’re offering him access to a top-rated insurance program to help him protect his family’s future.

The first step to recruiting is to put together a list of who you want to recruit. Do this in segments. Look at your jurisdiction/community and consider who you will most likely have the most success in recruiting.

Work with a pastor/priest who is open and friendly to the Order and who has had good experiences with the Knights of Columbus. These priests will be your best spokesmen. Directing your efforts and resources toward specific segments that have a very reasonable chance for success, rather than spreading your resources over your entire area — will begin a cycle of success that can spread in the future to potentials that will be harder to sell.

Here are some groups to consider:

• Newly married men: K of C Insurance may be especially important to them as they begin their own family.
• New fathers: The birth of one's first child can often cause a man to look beyond himself and want to begin leaving a legacy of service that his children can learn from and build on. It's also the time to plan for the financial security of the family though K of C Insurance products.
• “Empty-nesters”: With the kids out of the house and the after-school tasks and other activities associated with them gone, these men now have time they may wish to donate to your council's service programs.
• Retires: Now that the long work days are done, there’s time to dedicate to fulfilling the desire to help others.
• Men who have just moved into the area: Being new to the community, these men and their families will be looking to build relations with their neighbors, parishioners and community members. Membership in the Order offers them an opportunity to meet like-minded men and their families and to become involved in the parish/community.

Also, ask pastors who are supportive of the Order for a list of parishioners who they think might be open to joining the Knights. Encourage your members to look to their own families (fathers, sons, brothers, uncles, etc.) for potential members.

Will You Be a Star?

If your council earns Star Council, Double Star Council or Triple Star Council, in addition to the council plaque and VIP points, the grand knight, membership director and program director will earn the corresponding lapel pins to wear proudly. Visit kofc.org/star for more details.

Recruitment Resources

Suggested Recruitment Remarks (#10067): Finding potential new members for your council can be as simple as reaching out to the members of your parish. An announcement by your pastor or a fellow Knight at the end of each Mass on a given weekend or once a month is one of the best ways to encourage men to become Knights. This flyer includes an announcement that should be customized to reflect your council’s activities, as well as some suggestions on follow-up activities.

“24 Hours Can Change Your Life” (#10099): This flyer demonstrates how a man can make a difference in his community, serve his parish and grow in his faith by giving only 24 hours a year to the Knights of Columbus. It also discusses how he can protect his family with Knights of Columbus Insurance.

“Why You Should Become a Knight” (#10100): This flyer gives a quick overview of the Knights of Columbus, explaining the many volunteer and spiritual growth opportunities the organization offers, as well as the value of the Order’s insurance program. Visit kofc.org/membershipads to view Knights of Columbus commercials that focus on the Order’s legacy and good works.

All of these are a quick, exciting and informative way to encourage prospective members to join.

Exciting New Pin!

As a district deputy, if you attain Star District, in addition to the individualized plaque and 5,000 VIP points you will receive a lapel pin featuring a large star.

• Star Districts with one Star Council will receive the same lapel pin.
• Star Districts with two Star Councils will receive a lapel pin with two stars.
• Star Districts with three or more Star Councils will receive a lapel pin with three stars.

Also, if you attain All Star District, which includes an individualized plaque, 10,000 VIP points, and the All Star District jacket, you will receive a corresponding lapel pin with the number of councils that have achieved Star Council.

Council Audit

The Semiannual Council Audit Report (#1295) for the period ending June 30 is due at the Supreme Council by Aug. 15. Make sure the trustees complete the audit immediately at the conclusion of the fraternal year and send it to: Knights of Columbus, Council Accounts, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326. The report can be found at kofc.org/forms and in the Council Report Forms Booklet.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. This means that an applicant or member accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.
Supreme Knight Attends Poland State Convention

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson and his wife, Dorian, attended the 4th Poland State Convention which took place from May 9 to 11, 2014, at Gniew Castle in northern Poland. Situated approximately one hour south of the city of Gdańsk — the birthplace of the Solidarity movement — the medieval castle and surrounding town of Gniew hosted over 250 delegates, chaplains, wives and guests, including two representatives from Lithuania.

Supreme Knight Anderson and Mrs. Anderson met with the state officers and their wives, during which they discussed the future of the jurisdiction. Later, they were treated to a presentation of the Polish Winged Hussars, the elite medieval cavalry of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. Afterwards, delegates and guests gathered behind a Fourth Degree color corps and marched to the town parish of St. Nicolas, where Mass officially opened the State Convention.

Bishop Janusz Stepnowski of Lomża celebrated Mass, which was concelebrated by over 30 council chaplains. After Mass, a votum offering of a canonization medal from the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C., was presented to the local pastor and parishioners. The medal was placed on the church’s St. John Paul II altar.

Escorted back to the castle by a brass band, Fourth Degree Knights carried a portrait of Our Lady of Guadalupe and processed from the parish to the castle chapel. A formal banquet started with the Supreme Knight firing a cannon. After the meal, the State Service Program Awards and Family of the Year Award were presented.

In his remarks to Polish Knights, the Supreme Knight expressed his happiness with the development of the Order in Poland and challenged them to redouble their efforts in membership growth and programming. He explained that the Knights of Columbus have the obligation to be stewards of St. John Paul II’s legacy and encouraged Polish Knights to be followers of their fellow countrymen. By promoting the principles of charity, unity and fraternity, the Knights can build in Europe a strong foundation for freedom, democracy, justice and peace.

Pope John Paul II Institute Graduation

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson (far left) and Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore pose with the 2014 graduates of the John Paul II Institute. Archbishop Lori celebrated the graduation Mass on May 13. Supreme Knight Anderson also addressed the graduates. The Knights of Columbus has sponsored the Washington campus of the institute since its establishment in 1988. The institute is based in McGivney Hall on The Catholic University of America Campus. On the far right is Father Antonio Lopez, F.S.C.B., provost/dean for the institute.

Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court

Unanimously upholds “under God” in Pledge of Allegiance

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson’s statement regarding the decision in the Pledge of Allegiance case by the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts:

“At Gettysburg, President Lincoln reminded us that we were a ‘nation, under God.’ He followed in a distinguished tradition going back to the Declaration of Independence -- a tradition that has been enshrined in the words of the Pledge of Allegiance, and that inspired that son of Massachusetts, President John F. Kennedy, when he said in his inaugural address: ‘our rights come not from the generosity of the state, but from the hand of God.’ We applaud the court’s decision on this foundational principle of our country.”

Canadians March for Life

Nights of Columbus members and their families were among the more than 20,000 persons attending the annual March for Life in Ottawa. The event was held to show opposition to the application that would allow the chemical abortion pill RU-486 and to show support for the culture of life. Among those addressing the crowd was Supreme Advocate John Marrella.

Important Forms Due on June 30

Two important year-end forms are due at the Supreme Council office by June 30. First is the Columbian Award Application (#SP-7), which is a requirement for councils to qualify for the Star Council Award. Report at least four programs in each of the six Service Program categories (Church, Community, Council, Culture of Life, Family and Youth activities) to qualify. Or, as an alternative in any category, report participation in one of the Order’s featured programs (Church Activities, RSVP; Community Activities, Habitat for Humanity or Global Wheelchair Mission; Council Activities, Special Olympics; Culture of Life Activities, March for Life or Ultrasound Initiative; Family Activities, Food for Families; Youth Activities, Coats for Kids). Also, remember that sponsorship of a Columbian Squires Circle in good standing fulfills all four Youth Activity requirements. Second is the Food for Families Reimbursement Program Refund and Plaque Application (#10057), on which councils should outline their support of food pantries, food banks and soup kitchens. All forms can be accessed at kofc.org/forms.
Help Us Get the Word Out About What Our Knights Do

Every day throughout the Order, members of the Knights of Columbus are making a difference. Unfortunately, our good works are sometimes also our best kept secret. We want people throughout the countries where the Order is present to know about the hard work that Knights and their families do to make their communities better places. To help us with this endeavor, we are asking that you give us advance notice (at least one month) of upcoming significant charitable community service programs. These may include aid to senior citizens or families in need, programs for veterans, events with groups that serve people with intellectual disabilities, large blood drives, toy drives for needy children, or any number of unique programs that exemplify the charity and volunteerism that are the hallmarks of the Knights of Columbus.

As always, we encourage you to wear K of C apparel, take photographs and submit “Knights in Action” reports of your activities for publication. (To submit Knights in Action news, visit kofc.org/knightsinaction.)

We would like to produce a listing of upcoming events that we can pursue for possible promotion with local media and/or for use as a feature article in one of our publications. Please send a brief description of your upcoming event (one or two sentences describing what will take place, the date, the location and contact information) to knightline@kofc.org or call 203-752-4264. We look forward to hearing from you.

Through their recent candy drive for people with disabilities, St. Joseph the Worker Council 13099 of Colorado Springs raised $1,800 for the non-profit organization Will’s Hope. Will’s Hope provides teenagers and young adults with major disabilities a supportive atmosphere and opportunities to explore the natural world, ecosystems, Native Americans and wildlife. The council also hosted a “Soup Night” that served approximately 100 parishioners who participated in the Stations of the Cross.

St. Joseph Council 4599 in Smyrna, Ga., recently sponsored a Community Emergency Response Team Second Responders class, providing an opportunity for local citizens to gain knowledge about disaster preparedness and to be trained in basic disaster response skills. Additionally, brother Knight S.K. Sal Gullo was appointed as the regional area disaster coordinator. He is responsible for coordinating all Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training and the facilitation of the program for all K of C councils within the Archdioceses of Atlanta.

Earlier this year, for the first time in the Order’s history, a council was formed at a public college/university in New Jersey. Founded at Monmouth University, Council 15907 was made possible because of two and a half months of work by local Knights, including John Brandon, William Horton Jr. and the local district deputy.

Bend Council 1872 in Oregon, has recently completed two projects to promote their commitment to a culture of life. At the request of their chaplain, they have erected a “Memorial for the Unborn,” which now stands outside the front of their parish. Along with this reminder of the sacredness of life, the council raised $23,000 for the purchase of an ultrasound machine through the Order’s Ultrasound Initiative. Because of the generous donations made by a few individuals and the rest of the local parishioners, this not only allowed the council to purchase the ultrasound machine, but also provided funding for training and operation of the life-saving tool.

This past May, St. Matthew Council 14360 of Norwalk, Conn., undertook a major cleaning project at Notre Dame Convalescent Home. In the past, the council has helped with yard work and maintenance projects, and has made financial contributions from the council’s yearly fundraisers. Grand Knight George Ribellino said, “The focus of being a Knight is to not only help the Church but help the community. It’s those around us that ultimately need the help and support, and we as Knights are more than willing and excited to do that.”

The foundation of our Order, March 29, was officially declared “Knights of Columbus Founders’ Day” by the Premier of Nova Scotia thanks to Bedford Council 9404. A ceremony celebrating the 132nd anniversary of the Order, which over 300 people attended, was celebrated at St. Ignatius Catholic Church. This was followed by a fundraiser dinner which raised money for the annual Special Olympics Basketball Tournament.

In Granger, Ind., Father Stephen T. Badin Council 4263 recently made a donation of $200,000 to the “Behold, I Make All Things New” Capital Campaign. The money was earned from a building fund that the council began back when it was new in the 1950s. Over the past five years, an additional amount of nearly $100,000 has also been contributed elsewhere to assist local parishes, ultrasound initiatives and the needy.

Knights of Columbus from Corpus Christi Council 13125 and Knights from Saint Pius Parish of Mobile, Ala., worked together to fry and serve over 450 pounds of fresh catfish for their “One Faith, One Family” event. Severe weather threatened, but the sky opened up and the clouds cleared away for the entire duration of the fish fry. The rain started drizzling after the last few plates were served.

Hundred of children who attend St. Matthew’s Catholic Church in Winter Haven, Fla., took less than two minutes to gather 3,000 plastic eggs filled with candy and other prizes in an annual Easter egg hunt staged on the church grounds by Cypress Gardens Council 7091 on Easter Sunday. Before participating in the hunt, the boys and girls, ranging in age from 1 to 12, attended one of two Masses celebrated in the parish and adjoining church hall.

Bishop Eustace Assembly 652 of Camden, New Jersey, is helping to sponsor Jeff Grugan, who is completing a project of Eagle Scout rank. Jeff’s project is to build a memorial cairn outside of St. Vincent Pallotti Church. The purpose of the cairn is to honor all deceased members of St. Joseph the Worker Parish.
Protect Your Family With
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Fathers Plan, Fathers Protect

From the beginning, the Knights of Columbus has been a family-first organization. Father McGivney strove to find Catholic men who could come together to protect and support the families in their communities who needed it most — including their own.

Today, the mission remains the same. And, as we celebrate Fathers’ Day here in the United States, it’s a great time to evaluate how we’re doing.

As we approach the midway point of 2014, the Knights of Columbus has more than $94 billion of life insurance in force, covering the lives of hundreds of thousands of our members and their families.

Knights across North America continue to trust their Order to protect them and see to it that their loved ones are well taken care of once they’re gone.

And the numbers keep increasing. The year 2013 marked the 13th consecutive year of increased new business life insurance sales.

More and more members are preparing to leave behind legacies of protection for their loved ones.

But how are each of us doing on an individual level? How well protected are our families? Are we certain that the insurance that we have in place is enough to cover their needs? Is it enough to allow those left behind to remain in their homes, to attend college, to continue to live the lives they’re accustomed to? Would we even know how to begin calculating and projecting those needs?

There are a lot of moving pieces and parts that go into calculating just how much your life is worth in dollars and cents. You’re worth far more to your family than simply a number on a page, of course, but you do provide for them. And, if you’re no longer able to, you want to make sure that their lives are not further devastated by your absence.

Today, the mission remains the same. As we celebrate Fathers’ Day here in the United States, it’s a great time to evaluate how we’re doing.

These calculations and determinations are not ones that you need to make on your own. You have a dedicated, well-trained, professional brother Knight field agent who can help you identify what you need to do in order to adequately protect your family.

The Knights of Columbus provides members a comprehensive, complimentary needs analysis titled “Profiles & Forecaster,” a proven industry tool that will help you determine your needs.

Your agent will perform this custom analysis for you and your family absolutely free.

It’s a fraternal benefit that costs you nothing, but could tell you a lot. The Profiles & Forecaster analysis will help you identify surpluses and shortages, insurance and income replacement needs, final expenses and more.

How could you turn down a free comprehensive analysis from one of the “World’s Most Ethical Companies?” Why would you pass up on a complete review from North America’s most highly rated life insurer?

Helping your family to prepare for life without you is one of the most selfless actions you can take.

So, this Fathers’ Day, as your family shows you how much they love you and how much you mean to them, show them how much they mean to you. Make an appointment with your field agent for your custom analysis and begin to build an insurance portfolio that will guarantee their protection after you’re gone.

To find your agent, visit kofc.org/findagent.

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Youth Leader Responsibilities

There is no greater priority within the Knights of Columbus than ensuring the safety, security and protection of the children and young people who participate in our youth programs. Council leaders who are charged with selecting members to supervise youth activities must use their best judgment to select only those men who are fully aware of their responsibilities as youth leaders. These responsibilities include serving as a positive role model and recognizing that their public and private conduct can inspire and motivate young people, as well as scandalize and undermine young people’s faith. Only those members who have shown a clear commitment to living out the highest Christian ethical and moral standards and personal integrity in their day-to-day work and personal lives may be considered for selection as youth leaders.

The Knights of Columbus requires that members selected to be youth leaders fulfill all local diocesan safe environment/youth protection requirements for persons working with children and young people in the diocese. These requirements typically include completion of sexual abuse awareness training and a background check. Youth leaders must complete these diocesan requirements before they begin their service or within 30 days from the time they begin working with young people. Only members of the Knights of Columbus who have had the required diocesan training and completed the Order’s required background check should be working with children and young people. The Knights of Columbus strongly encourages all council officers and other fraternal leaders who supervise youth leaders, including grand knights, state deputies, and district deputies, to complete diocesan safe environment/youth protection requirements.

The Order is asking all youth leaders, and those that supervise youth leaders, to provide a copy of the certificate of completion they received (e.g. VIRTUS® training) as evidence that they have completed the required diocesan training. Beginning on July 1, 2014, all youth leaders, and those that supervise youth leaders, must scan and e-mail a copy of the diocesan certificate to youthleader@kofc.org. The e-mail subject line should contain the council or circle number and the youth leader’s name and membership number (e.g. Circle 560, John Doe, #8675309). Any questions regarding this request should be directed to Jason Porrello at (203) 752-4571 or jason.porrello@kofc.org.
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