



New Hampshire State Council Knights of Columbus

State Faith Director Annual Report



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I want to thank everyone who participated in the McGivney 2020 Rosary Program and help far exceed our goal of 2020 Rosaries by Founder's Day, March 29. As of the writing of this report we have recorded **4,147 ROSARIES** or **205%** of our goal and still going. I ask you to invite your families and parishioners to continue to participate throughout the year. "WELL DONE, MY GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT(S)". I want to thank everyone who joined us online for The Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour for his canonization which was opened to all your parishes.

I was saddened when we again could not have our Traveling Icon Program. Once our number restrictions on gathering in church are lifted, we will again begin the program with the icon of St. Michael The Archangel. I pray it will be as successful as the Icon of Our Lady Of Persecuted Christians was, with **FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE** parishioners participating in this program.

LEAVE NO NEIGHBOOR BEHIND became our mantra with COVID sweeping the world. Many of your Councils swung into action with food drives – 40 Cans For Lent. You helped deliver meals to the homebound and continued to sponsor blood drives. You called and knocked on doors of Brother Knights and neighbors to see if they needed anything. "WELL DONE, MY GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT(S)".

Camp Fatima Workday is scheduled for May 15th from 8:00am – 4:00pm which is a week earlier due to the change in Convention dates. We need everyone's help! Carpenters, electricians, plumbers, painters, woodsmen, inside cleaners and grounds cleaners. The camp director will provide a lunch for all. As always, if you participate on Workday, you can reserve a cabin for the Family Camporee September 3rd – 6th. Any Knight attending Workday can receive a 10% discount to send a child/grandchild to the camps. Camps Fatima and Bernadette are still in need of donations due to the camps being closed last, NO INCOME FOR THE YEAR and this year only 45% capacity allowed due to COVID restrictions. Thank you, Chairman Brother Knight Ron Metevier, for your all your time and effort in organizing this day.

Due to COVID we were unable to hold our Annual Men's Retreat. The good news is the retreat is scheduled for September 17th – 19th at Camp Bernadette on the beautiful shores of Lake Wentworth, Wolfeboro, NH. As always, our chef John McClure and his staff will provide us with a bounty of food, along with our Saturday Surf and Turf, that would equal a five-star restaurant. We all need our spiritual batteries recharged so please save the date, September 17th - 19th for this year's retreat.

I want to thank all the Councils and State Vocations Chairman, PSD Ed Mele who continue to support our men and women in formation through RSVP and the Christmas Gift Card Program. Many of us have read their thank you cards as they are so appreciative of our support. We need more vocations. We need to be out there talking to young boys and girls of our parishes about the religious life. The ideal ones to talk to are our altar servers. A recent survey of newly ordained priests indicated 75% served as an altar server and more 53% participated in a parish youth group. Please continue to pray for vocations.

We need many more councils to participate in the Keep Christ In Christmas Cards and Poster Contest programs as the numbers taking advantage of these two programs are decreasing. Thank you, Chairmen Brother Knights David Wilson and Tom Davis for all your hard work and dedication to these programs.

Several councils continued to hold various Rosary programs. I want to thank all your Chairman who have made these programs available to your parish and community. Let us not forget our prayer warriors on the front lines defending the speechless unborn on the sidewalks of the killing centers in Manchester, Greenland and Concord during the past 40 Days for Life and throughout the year. Special thanks to the members of the Magdalen College Council 15669 and their fellow students for the large number attending the midnight prayer hour beginning the Forty Days for Life in front of the Concord abortion mill. Thank you all who showed your religious beliefs in defending life by attending our February State Pro Life March in Concord.

My Brother Knights we all need to be warriors, to wage war and win the spiritual battle in our society. The battle we are facing is wounding our children and families, it is distorting the dignity of both women and men. This battle is often hidden, but the battle is real! The Into the Breach video series consists of 12 episodes giving us the tools and knowledge to become who we were born to be — men of charity, unity and fraternity. They deal with a different and timely topic

and are designed for easy understanding and for easy sharing for men of all ages. Every man who watches them will walk away with a better understanding of who they are and what it means to be a Catholic man and a Knight of Columbus. I strongly encourage ALL Councils to watch Into the Breach Series and invite ALL men you know as guests to watch with you. You may even get a few new members.

My brothers, now more than ever, we us Knights need to put on our armor and defend our faith, our religious beliefs and our religious freedom.

Vivat Jesus.

God Bless,

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