



# KNIGHTLINE

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NEWS FOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## Knights offer secured credit line for US dioceses

*\$100 million line of credit will help dioceses weather impact of the pandemic.*

The Knights of Columbus has announced a new program to assist dioceses with short-term financing as many dioceses and their parishes reel from the effects of the pandemic.

The Knights has established a \$100 million fund, with up to a \$1 million secured line of credit per Catholic diocese. The program will be available for 60 days beginning on Monday, March 30. [READ MORE](#)

## Knights urged to give blood

*We are asking brother Knights nationwide to consider donating blood given the nationwide shortage that has accompanied the COVID-19 pandemic.*

The Knights of Columbus pioneered national blood drives in the 1930s, and giving blood remains an important element of charitable service for many Knights.

During the current pandemic, blood donations are vitally needed, particularly from those with the O-negative blood type. [READ MORE](#)

## Reflection: Strong in the faith in difficult times

*In times of trial, Knights are called to stay rooted in the truth of the faith.*

*This reflection is on the first pillar of "Remaining rooted in the truth of the faith."*

The Gospel for this Fifth Sunday of Lent recounts the well-known story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. The story speaks to the heart of our first pillar as Knights in a moment of trial: A Knight remains rooted in the truth of the faith.

Confidence in the Resurrection of Jesus is central to everything we believe as followers of Our Lord. Without this core conviction, nothing we believe as Christians makes sense. Every Sunday we profess in the Creed that we believe in the Resurrection – a belief which changes everything. [READ MORE](#)

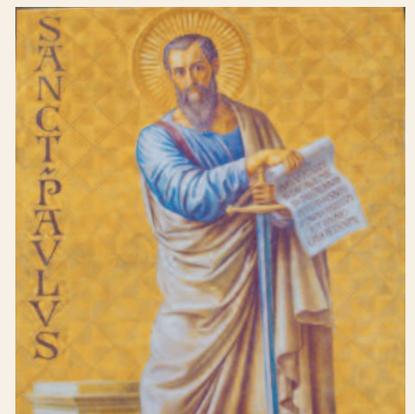
## Knights address safety during COVID-19 pandemic

Consistent with existing communication from the Supreme Council concerning cancellation and postponement of all council and state in-person programs and activities, the updates for specific council and state programs are as follows: [READ MORE](#)

## A resource to help you pray at home

Magnificat has offered Knights and all Catholics complimentary access to their magazine online to help people pray from home. Visit [www.magnificat.com/free](http://www.magnificat.com/free) or [www.magnifikid.com/free](http://www.magnifikid.com/free).

SHARE YOUR QUESTIONS, FEEDBACK AND STORY Share how you, your family or your council is helping strengthen people's faith and offering support during this time. Email [knightline@kofc.org](mailto:knightline@kofc.org).



## How to live like St. Joseph, even during isolation



*K of C's Into the Breach video series can help us live more like the foster father of Jesus*

As we face the trials of the COVID-19 pandemic, and as those with families work to ensure their safety, there's no better time to look to St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus.

St. Joseph led the Holy Family during many trials and there is much to learn from him. As their protector, provider and guide, he is the model of masculinity and for holiness for Catholics.

Here are some key takeaways from our new video series, *Into the Breach*, that can help us model our lives more like St. Joseph, even during quarantine.

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## Looking to Father McGivney during the COVID-19 pandemic

*As many of us continue to work remotely, it is good to know that the founder of the Knights of Columbus remains with us in spirit as we work from home.*

This Sunday, March 29, marks Founder's Day, when we remember the date in 1882 that the Connecticut legislature approved the charter of the newly formed Knights of Columbus. Though we are not able to join together in person to celebrate, we can be united in thought and prayer as we honor the Order's founder.

This may be a good time to consider what message Father McGivney has for us, who carry on the work he began 138 years ago, when he gathered a group of Catholic men in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven. Let's look briefly at four aspects of Father McGivney's life and legacy. [READ MORE](#)

## Knights organize blessing from sky during COVID-19

*Knights from Connecticut and New Jersey fly over the Diocese of Bridgeport to bless community during the coronavirus pandemic.*

Knights of Columbus members took to the skies to pray for the protection and healing of those in the Diocese of Bridgeport during the coronavirus pandemic.

The idea was hatched by Tom Monks, a member of St. Therese Lisieux Council 8013 in Trumbull, Conn., after his daughter Lydia showed him a video of an Italian priest piloting over Italy with the Blessed Sacrament.

He approached Father Brian Gannon, the pastor of St. Theresa Church and member of Council 8013, who loved the idea.

"Having seen the wonderful video of an Italian priest flying with Our Lady of Fatima and the Blessed Sacrament over Italy for divine intervention there, we knew this was from the Holy Spirit," Father Gannon wrote on the parish's website.

The "Blessing of the Diocese of Bridgeport from the Air" is one of the many initiatives Knights of Columbus members are providing for their communities in spiritual and charitable ways. [READ MORE](#)





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## From the Supreme Knight: Two resources to make this the most meaningful Lent



When I announced the Order's Building the Domestic Church initiative in 2015, no one imagined that five years later churches coast to coast would be closed, leaving Catholics unable to attend Mass.

The coronavirus pandemic is a crisis of unprecedented proportions. It is also an opportunity for Knights of Columbus to step into the breach and become the spiritual leaders that our families need in this hour, when the only church we can enter is our own domestic church.

The Order offers many wonderful resources through the Building the Domestic Church program. During these days of a Lent like no other, I want to highlight two programs – both which focus on the Stations of the Cross – that are tailor-made for this time. [READ MORE](#)

## In founder, Knights have model of faith in action

This century-old eulogy of our founder from a priest who knew him is as relevant today as it was 120 years ago. [READ MORE](#)

## More on the Way of the Cross: Praying with your family

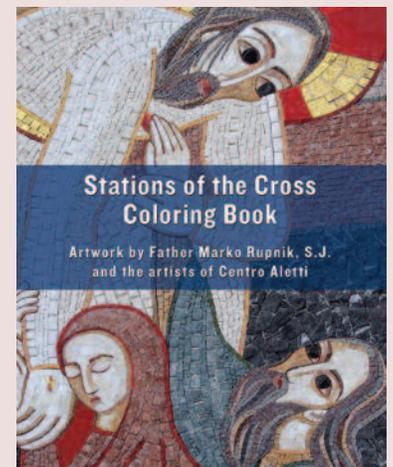
Extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures – and that's true also of Catholics who wish to keep up with their Lenten devotions in a time of social distancing. Here are some more quick ideas and resources for praying the Stations of the Cross at home.

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## Way of the Cross coloring book

The Knights of Columbus is offering a free, printable coloring book on the Way of the Cross as a gift for families and young children unable to leave their homes due to the coronavirus pandemic.

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## Reflection: Finding the grace to face every trial



*In the days ahead we have a choice to either deny Christ or to accept God's grace, confident that we together, as Knights, can face every trial.*

This coming weekend, the Mass readings will recount the story of Our Lord's Passion. It begins with his "triumphal" entry into Jerusalem, when the crowds are laying palm branches on the ground before him and hailing him with Hosannas as a beloved king. But it concludes with a very different scene – Our Lord's horrific death, after he was betrayed, humiliated and abandoned by even his closest friends.

In one sense, we are spectators of this story, watching what God was willing to do out of love for each one of us. We stand in awe of this sacrifice, made for no other reason than for love of us while we "were yet his enemies."

But we are more than spectators. [READ MORE](#)

### Knights of Columbus emphasizes core values as answer to pandemic

*'Leave No Neighbor Behind' effort based on K of C's founding principle of charity*

As communities around the world are confronting the COVID-19 pandemic, the Knights of Columbus is asking its vast volunteer network of members to help ensure that essential needs are met in communities from coast to coast.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson has urged Knights of Columbus across the country to donate blood and to come to the aid of their neighbors in communities nationwide as part of its new "Leave No Neighbor Behind" initiative. [READ MORE](#)

### Weekly webinars to keep you in the loop

The Supreme Council staff is acting quickly to provide necessary tools and guidance for your council to continue its mission of charity and service during the coronavirus pandemic. We instituted a series of weekly webinars, each Thursday at 8 p.m. EDT, to present timely information, share best practices and answer questions.

The next webinar will focus on *Leave No Neighbor Behind, The Knights of Columbus Guidebook for the Coronavirus Pandemic*. We'll also discuss how to hold council elections remotely, how to conduct exemplifications online, and how to best operate as a council during this time.

Register for the live webinar or watch archived presentations [here](#).

### Knights continue charity during COVID-19

*Knights are adapting their charitable outreach during coronavirus pandemic*



Knights from around the world are being called upon to continue assisting their communities in this time of crisis through the new "Leave No Neighbor Behind" initiative.

There are five types of service activities as part of the new initiative: support your brother Knights; support your parish; support your community; feed the hungry; and participate in blood drives. [READ MORE](#)

### Do you know a Knight who is not receiving *Knightline*?

All members should be on our mailing list for *Knightline*. Any Knights not receiving the newsletter should email [addresschange@kofc.org](mailto:addresschange@kofc.org) with an up-to-date email address, member number and council number.

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