



**Knights of Columbus**  
**Fr. McNelis Council 1481**  
**Time – Talent – Treasure Challenge**



**The Purpose** – The Knights of Columbus is a brotherhood that holds firmly to three core principles: *Charity, Unity, and Fraternity*. A quote by past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson states, “Whether at home or abroad, charity is our Order’s first principle and the basis for all we do as brother Knights.” We have all experienced, that by performing acts of charity, we bring about unity and fraternity to our council. When thinking about charity; however, we often think only of our treasures as a resource. We should never forget that our time and our talents are valuable resources that should never be overlooked. The *Faith in Action Program* provides a perfect framework for Knights to focus their efforts on how to become more involved in our Faith, our Community, our Family, and Life. As we become more involved in this program, we can find incredible opportunities to unite in performing great acts of charity. A general outline of the *Faith in Action Program* is provided below. The link to the website provides greater details.

**The Challenge** – The Knights of Columbus Chapter 1481 is receptive and open to supporting local, state, national, international, and individual needs or interests. These needs or interests can be recognized by Knights or members of our local community. Knights that recognize a specific need or interest are encouraged to bring forth a challenge to council members to perform acts of charity that will foster unity and fraternity while being consistent with the precepts of the Faith in Action Program. These challenges provide opportunities to the council membership for contributions of their time, talents, or treasures.

**The Process** – In order to propose a challenge to the council and membership, it is most appropriate and important to present the proposal to a council officer or attend an Officer’s Meeting. If the meeting is in virtual format, contact an officer for the meeting link. Presentation of the proposal will provide the officers with an opportunity to understand the exact parameters of the proposal, ask questions, and establish the proposal as an agenda item for an upcoming meeting of the general membership. The general membership must be given an opportunity to vote on the proposal. If the proposal is approved by the membership, it will be the responsibility of the presenter to bring the proposal to fruition.

Faith in Action Programs

<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/index.html>

**1. Faith**

- a. Spiritual Reflection
- b. Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)
- c. Building the Domestic Church Kiosks
- d. Holy Hour
- e. Into the Breach
- f. Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour
- g. Rosary Program
- h. Sacramental Gifts

**2. Community**

- a. Helping Hands
- b. Coats for Kids
- c. Global Wheelchair
- d. Habitat for Humanity
- e. Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
- f. Disaster Preparedness
- g. Free Throw Championship
- h. Soccer Challenge
- i. Leave No Neighbor Behind

**3. Family**

- a. Consecration to the Holy Family
- b. Food for Families
- c. Family Fully Alive
- d. Family of the Month/Year
- e. Family Prayer Night
- f. Family Week
- g. Good Friday Family Promotion
- h. Keep Christ in Christmas

**4. Life**

- a. Novena for Life
- b. March for Life
- c. Special Olympics
- d. Ultrasound
- e. Christian Refuge Relief
- f. Mass for People with Special Needs
- g. Pregnancy Support Center
- h. Silver Rose