

Columbian Award Program Reporting Guidelines

The following criteria must be met for programs to count towards Columbian Award program credits:

- Programs must be *organized by the council or involve significant participation by council members* to qualify. Program descriptions should reference how they meet these criteria.
- Programs must engage members by enhancing faith and spirituality, serving a charitable purpose, or a combination of the two. Program descriptions should reference how they meet these criteria.
- Councils must earn at least four (4) program credits in each of the Faith in Action categories: Faith, Family, Community, and Life. Refer to the [Faith in Action Guidebook](#) or visit kofc.org/faithinaction for more information on programs.
- Two program credits can be earned for programs meeting [Featured Program Minimum Requirements](#). All non-featured programs and programs not meeting minimum requirements earn 1 program credit.
- Donations alone do not qualify unless they result from the council's fundraising activities or are for a Faith in Action program activity (i.e., Ultrasound Initiative, Global Wheelchair Mission, etc.). If a donation is made for a non-Faith in Action program or no fundraising activities were carried out by the council, the council must also report non-monetary support to qualify.
- Participating or volunteering for standard liturgical functions generally does not qualify for program credit. Examples of non-qualifying activities include attending or serving at Mass or funerals, ushering, or participating as a "Eucharistic Minister", lector, choir member, etc.
- Programs taking place during *Cor*, such as Holy Hour, the Rosary Program, Men of the Word Bible Study, *Into the Breach*, etc., qualify for credit. However, *Cor* itself does not qualify for program credit.
- Refer to the sample [Sample Columbian Award Application](#) for an example of an acceptable form.

Fraternal Mission staff reserves the right to determine whether programs qualify for program credit based on these criteria.



Columbian Award Application

Due by June 30th

Review the Columbian Award Program Reporting Guidelines on page 1 before completing this form.

Council Number: 86573

Jurisdiction: Connecticut

20 23 - 20 24

FAITH PROGRAMS: RSVP, Into the Breach, Spiritual Reflection, Holy Hour, Pilgrim Icon Program, Building the Domestic Church Kiosk, Rosary Program, Sacramental Gifts

1. Program Name: RSVP

Featured Program Minimum Requirements met? ☒ YES ☐ NO

Program Description: Donated \$500 to seminarian John Q McKnight and offered prayers and letters of support.

Featured - yes Minimum Reg - yes

2. Program Name: Holy Hour

Featured Program Minimum Requirements met? ☐ YES ☒ NO

Program Description: Organized Eucharistic Adoration during a Holy Hour as a part of Cor.

Featured - yes Minimum Reg - No

3. Program Name: Pilgrim Icon

Featured Program Minimum Requirements met? ☐ YES ☒ NO

Program Description: Hosted the St. Joseph Icon for two special votive Masses

Featured - No

4. Program Name: _____

Featured Program Minimum Requirements met? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Program Description: _____

FAMILY PROGRAMS: Food for Families, Family of the Month/Year, Family Fully Alive, Family Prayer Night, Keep Christ in Christmas, Family Week, Consecration to the Holy Family, Good Friday Family Promotion

1. Program Name: Family of the Month

Featured Program Minimum Requirements met? ☒ YES ☐ NO

Program Description: Nominated and presented an award to a different family from the parish every month throughout the fraternal year

Featured - yes Minimum Reg - yes

2. Program Name: Family Prayer Night

Featured Program Minimum Requirements met? ☐ YES ☒ NO

Program Description: Hosted a family prayer night with 10 families, including 7 Knights

Featured - yes Minimum Reg - No

3. Program Name: Father-Daughter Dance

Featured Program Minimum Requirements met? ☐ YES ☒ NO

Program Description: Hosted a dance to celebrate the special bond between fathers and daughters. 30 Knights participated. We provided food and beverages for the event

Featured - No

4. Program Name: _____

Featured Program Minimum Requirements met? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Program Description: _____

Featured - No

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS: Coats for Kids, Global Wheelchair Mission, Habitat for Humanity, Disaster Preparedness, Free Throw Championship, Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, Soccer Challenge, Hockey Challenge, Helping Hands

1. Program Name: Coats for Kids Featured Program Minimum Requirements met? ☒ YES ☐ NO
 Program Description: Distributed coats to 200 students with the help of school staff and 30 Knights from our council and others in the district Featured - yes Minimum Reg - yes
2. Program Name: Wheelchair Sunday Featured Program Minimum Requirements met? ☒ YES ☐ NO
 Program Description: Participated in a Wheelchair Sunday event at St. Rita's with the help of 15 Knights. We also collected \$2,000 for the American Wheelchair Mission Featured - yes Minimum Reg - yes
3. Program Name: _____ Featured Program Minimum Requirements met? ☐ YES ☐ NO
 Program Description: _____
4. Program Name: _____ Featured Program Minimum Requirements met? ☐ YES ☐ NO
 Program Description: _____

LIFE PROGRAMS: Pregnancy Center Support/ASAP, March for Life, Special Olympics, Ultrasound Initiative, Christian Refugee Relief, Silver Rose, Mass for People with Special Needs, Novena for Life

1. Program Name: Pro-life Billboard Featured Program Minimum Requirements met? ☐ YES ☒ NO
 Program Description: Our council raised funds to erect a billboard to advertise for local PRC's Featured - No
2. Program Name: Novena for Life Featured Program Minimum Requirements met? ☐ YES ☒ NO
 Program Description: Participated in the USCCB 9 Days for Life Novena. 15 Knights and the wider community participated Featured - No
3. Program Name: March for Life Featured Program Minimum Requirements met? ☐ YES ☒ NO
 Program Description: 10 council members traveled to Washington D.C. for the National March. Featured - yes Minimum Reg - No
4. Program Name: Special Olympics Featured Program Minimum Requirements met? ☐ YES ☒ NO
 Program Description: Donated \$200 to Special Olympics Connecticut.

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Member Number

10/17/23

Date

This form must be submitted by the Grand Knight, Financial Secretary or Program Director.

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