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Cor – A Christ-Centered Brotherhood

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2024 Organizational Meeting-Evangelization and Faith Formation

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Who Am I?

- Knight for 28 years in Virginia, Maryland and South Carolina
- Husband of Gail (47 years)
- Father to Jason and Janelle
- Grandfather to Justin, Natalie, Jonathan and Daniel
- Retired Naval Flight Officer (F-4 Phantom/ F-14 Tomcat)
 - Systems Engineering Officer (F/A-18 Hornet)
- Retired again as a systems engineering manager
 - Primarily aviation systems but some other cool stuff, as well
 - Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory



Why Are We Here?

“Faith is strengthened when it is given to others! It is in commitment to the Church's universal mission that the new **EVANGELIZATION** of Christian peoples will find inspiration and support.”

Saint John Paul II
“Redemptoris Missio, 7 December 1990

- But WHO are we evangelization?
- For WHOM are we serving as Missionaries?

Catholic Men, it's time to reinvigorate our own Faith, to evangelize ourselves!

To reiterate our role as leaders in our families and in our Parishes

To defend our world under attack by Satan

To step Into the Breach!



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Why Cor?



What does every Catholic man need?

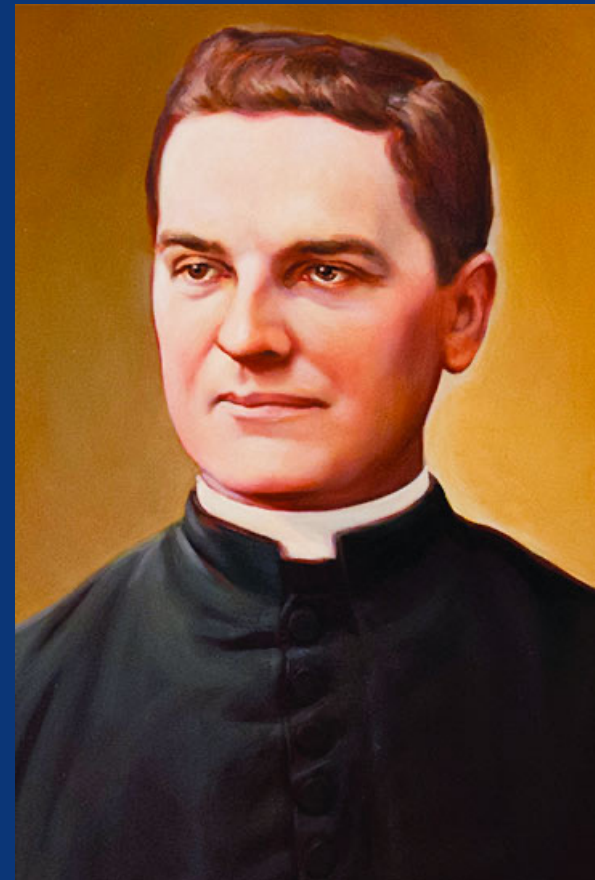


- Active and growing relationship with God
- Continued formation in faith & life of prayer
- Brotherhood that strengthens and sharpens holy men



Why Cor?

- First in Faith as in Charity
 - Back to our roots!
 - Blessed Michael McGivney's Vision
- At the end of the day, our goal is to bring men to Jesus Christ



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What is Cor?



Cor is

Christ centered brotherhood

Intentional and frequent time for:

- Prayer
- Formation
- Fraternity

Open to all men of the parish

In service of the Pastor & requires his permission

Complements and supports other men's ministries



Not a program – Not a meeting



Three Key Elements

Prayer

Through prayer we strengthen our relationship with God as disciples (followers) of Jesus Christ and grow in our knowledge of Him.

Formation

The aim of Catholic formation is to grow in faith and become like Christ, taking on his character and virtue, life of prayer, and his mission.

Fraternity

Cor brings men together as a band of brothers to strengthen and sharpen each other in friendship and fraternity.



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What is success?



How Do We Measure Success?

- Simply creating the space for men to encounter Christ
- Keeping Christ is at the center of everything
- Praying together, sharing life, building and strengthening friendships in Christ
- Having fun – men enjoy coming and invite others
- Pastor has endorsed and invited men to attend
- Engaged leadership and consistent communication
- *Cor* is being adopted and adapted by the culture of the parish

If Men keep coming back, we are succeeding!



Cor – Simple Success

Cor - Prayer Centered (60 – 90 min.)

1. Fraternity: Coffee and donuts with conversation.
2. Formation: 15 min. formation on how to pray – utilize CIS resources ie. *Prayer Time*
3. Prayer: Holy Hour or extended period of silent prayer.



Cor - Formation Centered Example (60 - 90 min.)

1. Fraternity: Coffee and donuts with short welcome
2. Formation: Into the Breach Video and small group discussion
3. Prayer: Rosary

Lead with Fraternity

Breaks the Ice, particularly with that first cup of coffee

It's who we are as Knights

Formation and Prayer is bound together by Fraternity

Introducing the theme of the Gathering



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Cor Resources and Content



Cor Resources

- ***Cor Webpage***
 - English-kofc.org/cor
 - Spanish-kofc.org/cor-es
 - French-kofc.org/cor-fr
- ***Cor Inbox***
 - cor@kofc.org
- ***Saint Michael Cor Webpage***
 - <https://corsaintmichaelsc.org>
- **Resources on webpage include but are not limited to:**
 - **Startup resources**
 - **Structures & Sample Timelines**
 - **Faith formation content**
 - **State & Council Leadership guides**
 - **Online Events & Training**
- **All *Cor* and Faith Formation resources can be ordered on Supplies Online.**

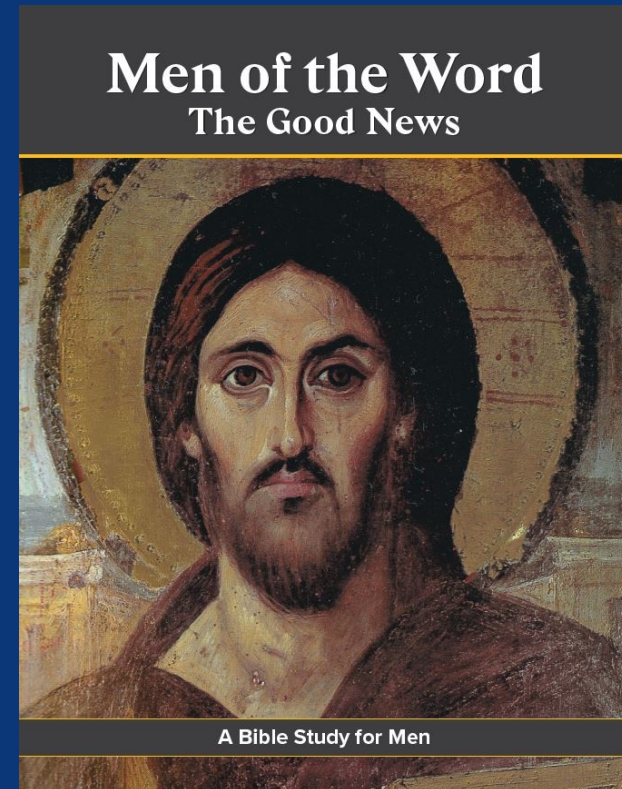
Great Catholic websites such as USCCB, Loyola University, Hallow, Formed and others



Faith Formation Content

- Everything available on Supplies Online:
 - How to pray the Rosary
 - Men of the Word
 - Patris Corde
 - Into the Breach
 - Holy Hour
 - Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge
 - Booklet and Devotionals
 - And much more!

[See KofC website for "Booklets and Devotionals"](#)



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***Support
from State EFF
Team***



Guidance to Councils/ Grand Knights

Grand Knights: Schedule a meeting with your Pastor in July

Does your Parish have an established Men's Ministry?

If so, work the Parish and the Ministry's leadership to integrate Cor into the ministry

If not, ask Father to designate Cor as a Parish Ministry

(and not as a KofC "program")



Cor Objective for 24-25

Establish Spanish Cor

Evangelization includes all Catholic men, even those who do not speak English

The Hispanic Community leads the growth of the Catholic Church in the United States

Particularly with regard to baptisms and marriages



Building Support from the State Level

District Deputies: Please choose a District EFF to work with the Councils

GKs, appoint an EFF Director

Share EFF Director Submission form QR code

Record council in Form 944

Communications

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Council EFF Director Submission Form



<http://s.alchemer.com/s3/Council-EFF-Director>



Knights and FORMED

- All State Deputies, State Chaplains, State EFF Directors, and Council EFF Directors will have free access to FORMED – Supreme will provide login directions for Council EFF Directors once appointed and submitted via the submission form.
- FORMED's award-winning content will now be available to support formation in *Cor*
- A new K of C Content Page on FORMED features recommended premium content



Setting Expectation-Annual Support

- From Supreme EFF Team
 - Quarterly Content Support
 - Emails
 - Online Events
 - Access to FORMED
 - For council EFF directors
 - For Supreme
 - Testimonials
 - Quarterly Update
 - Cor Inbox
 - cor@kofc.org
- From State EFF Team
 - Communicate with Council/ Parish EFFs as requested (State/ District EFFs) to assist in planning and implementation for your Cor ministry
 - Our best help is showing Council/ Parish EFFs “where to look” among the countless, excellent sources for prayer and formation media
 - Download media available for personal faith library
 - Contact Chris at:
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Backup

How are we going to bring men to Jesus Christ?

The same way Jesus brought men to himself:

1. Invitation (*John 1:39*)
2. Friendship (*John 15:12-15*)
3. Brotherhood (*Psalms 133:1*)
4. Shared Mission (*Acts of the Apostles 2:42*)



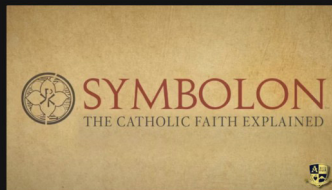
Knights of Columbus : Cor

The world needs courageous men to witness to Jesus Christ. An initiative of the Knights of Columbus, Cor seeks to refocus Catholic men on Jesus Christ and to form and strengthen them in faith and virtue through a brotherhood committed to prayer, formation, and fraternity. These incredible resources are intended to support formation in Cor. To learn more about Cor, visit kofc.org/cor

Share



The Search



Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained



Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist



Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession



Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well



Into the Breach



Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family

