



**Knights of
Columbus®**

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WHY ARE WE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBIS?

Knights of Columbus are men of FAITH. Our order was organized “...to form its members in Catholic faith and virtue.” (Charter, Constitution and Laws, Section 2, Subsection b.) “Formation” is the purpose that underlies everything we do as knights. We grow our faith by living our faith; by learning about it, by practicing it and by sharing the good news of salvation with others. This is EVANGELIZATION. We are called to be evangelizing disciples of Jesus in all we do.

**ATTRACT NEW MEMBERS TO YOUR COUNCIL? FIRE UP CURRENT MEMBERS?
GIVE THEM WHAT THEY WANT AND NEED**

Your council can re-energize its current members and attract new members by offering them what Catholic men want and so desperately need in our secular world – a way to better follow Jesus and better share his Good News with our brother knights, our families, our churches and our world.

OUR WORLD NEEDS US, NOW MORE THAN EVER

Our faith is in peril, especially in these increasingly secular times. Our culture is increasingly abandoning our Heavenly Father, who is the source and summit of all creation. We knights yearn for closeness with God. Our sinful world needs us to step up, steadfast against the forces of evil. I am pleased to report that we have a new tool to help us undertake this task.

INTRODUCING THE COR MEETING – HEART SPEAKS TO HEART

“Cor” is Latin for “heart.” The name derives from a quote of John Henry Cardinal Newman: Cor ad cor loquitor,” which means, “heart speaks to heart.” Cardinal Newman is talking about how God speaks to man, man to man, and man to God – all in context of the Eucharist.

The Cor meeting brings the men of the council and the broader church community together for an intentional time of 1) prayer, 2) formation and 3) fraternity. With support from your state Evangelization and Faith Formation team, your council can embark on this voluntary initiative and host Cor meetings locally. This is NOT another program. It is a new way to fundamentally revitalize ourselves and our brother knights as we prepare for our one, true purpose - to know, love and serve God now and for eternity.

God made us for this purpose. Everything else we do in life is secondary. The Cor Meeting can revolutionize your council (and yourself individually) as we engage together with our Heavenly Father to do His work on Earth.

Contact me for more information. VIVAT JESUS!