

KofC Faith in Action Program Summary

The Knights of Columbus provides guidance to councils for conducting over 32 *Faith in Action* programs grouped in four categories – Faith, Family, Community and Life. This document provides program summary information and describes Council 14573 participation. It includes many embedded links to provide quick access to detailed information for each program.

Resources provided by Supreme:

[Faith in Action Guidebook](#)

[Featured Programs](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Faith in Action Resources](#) (check each category tab for additional resources)

Document Organization:

The document includes sections for each of the four Faith In Action program categories: FAITH, FAMILY, LIFE and COMMUNITY. A summary and link to a Guide Sheet is provided for each program. The Guide Sheets include program requirements and detailed information for successful completion of the program.

Supreme allows councils to create their own programs that align within the framework of the four program categories. Council 14573 conducts a few of these programs unique to our parish and community. Those programs are listed below preceded by “Other:”

FAITH Programs

1. **RSVP** - Refund Support Vocation Program. Provide moral support, prayer and financial assistance to a seminarian. This is a featured program. [Guide Sheet](#)

Council 14573 Participation: The Council has historically provided financial support to at least one seminarian.

2. **Into the Breach** - Deepen men’s spirituality and formation to combat crisis of religious faith on our world. This is a featured program. [Guide Sheet](#)

Council 14573 Participation: Links to videos are sent via e-mail to Council members. More is required as described in the Guide Sheet.

3. **Pilgrim Icon Program** – Unite your community in a special act of prayer and devotion to the saints by hosting the pilgrim icon. [Guide Sheet](#)

Council 14573 Participation: Supreme sends Icons around the world for councils to host for one week. Typically, each council receives an Icon every other year. When received, a prayer service and rosary are held. An Icon prayer is recited at all morning masses through the week and the Icon is processed into the church at all weekend masses.

4. **Building the Domestic Church Kiosk** - Help strengthen the domestic church by providing exceptional religious education materials to all Catholics. [Guide Sheet](#)

Council 14573 Participation: None. A religious materials kiosk is currently in the church vestibule and is managed by another organization.

5. **Rosary Program** – Build faithful families and communities by praying the rosary. [Guide Sheet](#)

Council 14573 Participation: A Power Rosary is held each month prior to the membership meeting.

6. **Spiritual Reflection** - Create annual opportunities for prayer and reflection as a fraternity. This is a featured program. [Guide Sheet](#)

Council 14573 Participation: Many Knights support semi-annual CHRP retreats. Also, Knights are invited to an annual retreat held at Our Lady of Florida Spiritual Retreat Center in North Palm Beach.

7. **Holy Hour** - Encourage deep personal encounters with Christ. This is a featured program. [Guide Sheet](#)

Council 14573 Participation: Ascension conducts a weekly holy hour on Wednesdays at 5PM. The Council does not currently lead this program.

8. **Sacramental Gifts** – Support families during the most important events in the life of the domestic church: the sacraments. [Guide Sheet](#)

Council 14573 Participation: Prior to COVID, the Council led the ‘vocations cup’ program which offers a chalice, used to distribute the precious blood during Mass, to a parish family to pray for vocations for one week. We are on-hold to resume the program at this time.

9. **Other: All Souls Day Mass** – Hold a Mass of remembrance on All Souls Day.

Council 14573 Participation: The Council arranges the Mass with the Pastor. Names of all those deceased are read during the service. A candlelight procession is held for all those who lost loved ones.

FAMILY Programs

1. **Food for Families** – Help end hunger in communities across North America and around the globe. This is a featured program. [Guide Sheet](#)

Council 14573 Participation: Food is collected on the first Saturday/Sunday each month for distribution at Ascension Social Concerns. A 40 Cans for Lent pledge drive is also held between Ash Wednesday and Easter to bolster donations. Additional donations may be made through annual Scouting for Food and USPS Stamp Out Hunger food drives.

2. **Family of the Month/Year** – Promote and support the development of strong and vibrant families. This is a featured program. [Guide Sheet](#)

Council 14573 Participation: The Grand Knight consults with officers to select a Family of the Month and Year. Knight of the Month and Year are also selected.

3. **Keep Christ in Christmas** – Promote the true spirit of Christmas in our homes, schools, parishes and communities. [Guide Sheet](#)

Council 14573 Participation: Each Advent, a KCIC banner and nativity scene is setup on church grounds facing US-1. KCIC magnets are sold after Masses during Advent. The Council also sponsors a poster contest with Ascension Catholic School.

4. **Family Fully Alive** – A devotional guide to support growth of holy and loving families in the Church. This is a featured program. [Guide Sheet](#)

Council 14573 Participation: None at this time.

5. **Family Prayer Night** – Provide an opportunity for children to be exposed to people living their faith in a casual setting. This is a featured program. [Guide Sheet](#)

Council 14573 Participation: None at this time.

6. **Family Week** – Councils dedicate a special week of the year for their parish to recognize the vital importance of families. [Guide Sheet](#)

Council 14573 Participation: None at this time.

7. **Consecration to the Holy Family** – Create an event for families to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. [Guide Sheet](#)

Council 14573 Participation: None at this time.

8. **Good Friday Family Promotion** – Bring families into a more robust practice and better understanding of our Catholic faith and the Sacred Triduum. [Guide Sheet](#)

Council 14573 Participation: None at this time.

9. **Other: SK Chuck Mitchell Memorial Trunk or Treat** – Annual safe environment trick-or-treat event by the Knights House.

Council 14573 Participation: Holds a trick-or-treat party for area children to include games and food.

LIFE Programs

1. **March for Life** – Encourage others to choose life through public support of the pro-life cause. This is a featured program. [Guide Sheet](#)

Council 14573 Participation: The Knights demonstrate support for life on the 1st Sunday of each month at the corner of Wickham Road and Pineda Causeway. Additionally, the Knights attend an annual Life Chain along US-192 in the Fall.

2. **Special Olympics** – Celebrate the intrinsic worth and dignity of every single human being through the Special Olympics. This is a featured program. [Guide Sheet](#)

Council 14573 Participation: An annual Polar Plunge is held to raise money for Special Olympics. Additionally, Knights coordinates with Special Olympics Florida to provide labor for competitions.

3. **Ultrasound Initiative** – Save lives and help women choose life by giving them the opportunity to view their unborn children on ultrasound machines at pro-life pregnancy centers. This is a featured program. [Guide Sheet](#)

Council 14573 Participation: The Knights participate in an annual Laps for Life fundraiser at MCC. Proceeds from the event are used to fund new ultrasound machines for a selected pro-life pregnancy center in the Melbourne area.

4. **Aid and Support after Pregnancy (ASAP)** – Change hearts and minds about abortion by showing that we love both mother and child before and after birth. This is a featured program. [Handbook](#)

Council 14573 Participation: The Council conducts a Baby Bottle Boomerang to raise funds for local organizations that provide resources for women and children.

5. **Christian Refugee Relief** – Help save persecuted and at-risk Christians facing genocide all over the world, particularly in the Middle East. [Guide Sheet](#)

Council 14573 Participation: None at this time.

6. **Silver Rose** – Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage. [Guide Sheet](#)

Council 14573 Participation: None at this time.

7. **Mass for People with Special Needs** – Welcome individuals or families who might not normally feel comfortable participating in a regularly scheduled Mass. [Guide Sheet](#)

Council 14573 Participation: None at this time.

8. **Novena for Life** – Lead your community in nine days of prayer for the spiritual fight to establish a culture of life in our nation. [Guide Sheet](#)

Council 14573 Participation: None at this time.

9. **Other: Tootsie Roll Drive for Intellectual Disabilities** – Provide financial support to organizations that care for individuals with intellectual disabilities

Council 14573 Participation: Tootsie Roll Drives are held to raise funds for people with intellectual disabilities.

10. **Other: Pray for Life** – Pray outside an abortion clinic in Orlando for mothers to change their mind before proceeding with the procedure.

Council 14573 Participation: A group commutes to an abortion clinic in Orlando on the 2nd Saturday of each month. The group prays for mothers to reconsider their decision to proceed with an abortion.

COMMUNITY Programs

1. **Coats for Kids** – Provide warmth for deserving children during cold winter months. This is a featured program. [Guide Sheet](#)

Council 14573 Participation: A partner organization is selected each year to receive coats. After approval, coats are ordered from Supreme to be shipped for distribution.

2. **Global Wheelchair Mission** – Donate funds to the American Wheelchair Mission. This group purchases wheelchairs at a discounted price and distributes to a person in need of mobility. This is a featured program. [Guide Sheet](#)

Council 14573 Participation: The Knights conduct this fundraiser in the Fall.

3. **Habitat for Humanity** – Build homes for families in need. This is a featured program. [Guide Sheet](#)

Council 14573 Participation: The Council maintains contact with the local Habitat for Humanity organization. Council members have participated in builds located in South Brevard.

4. **Disaster Preparedness** – Prepare your community before disaster strikes. [Guide Sheet](#)

Council 14573 Participation: None at this time.

5. **Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest** – Encourage youth in your community to become citizens grounded in their faith through creative writing. [Guide Sheet](#)

Council 14573 Participation: Ascension Catholic School 8th graders are eligible to submit essays. Council members judge the submissions. A \$50 prize is given to the 1st place essay.

6. **Soccer Challenge** – Provide an athletic outlet for boys and girls and encourage the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition. [Guide Sheet](#)

Council 14573 Participation: The local competition is coordinated with Ascension Catholic School. The Council also supports District, Regional and State competitions at MCC.

7. **Free Throw Championship** – Provide an athletic outlet for boys and girls and encourage the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition. [Guide Sheet](#)

Council 14573 Participation: The local competition is coordinated with Ascension Catholic School. The Council also supports District, Regional and State competitions at MCC.

8. **Helping Hands (Daily Bread, Highway Cleanup)** – Assist those most in need as determined by each council. [Guide Sheet](#)

Council 14573 Participation: The Council supports two activities associated with this program: A monthly meal service at Daily Bread and a cleanup crew to maintain a section of US1 from Parkway Rd. to Lake Washington Rd.

9. **Other: Wonderful Wednesdays/Lenten Fish Frys** – Provide a fellowship opportunity for Ascension parishioners and the community. This is also the primary fundraiser for the Council.

Council 14573 Participation: Seasonally weekly meals on most Wednesdays with Fish Fry's on Fridays during Lent.

10. **Other: Parish Picnic** – Provide an annual fellowship opportunity for Ascension parishioners.

Council 14573 Participation: The Knights host the annual Parish Picnic at Wickham Park.

11. **Other: Support to Disabled South Vietnamese Veterans** – Provide financial support to disabled South Vietnamese veterans who fought alongside US service members.

Council 14573 Participation: A Sir Knight and spouse in the Ladies Auxiliary raise funds by selling authentic Vietnamese food. All proceeds are used to support the veterans.