

## **Welcome to the Michigan State Knights of Columbus web site Programs Area**

### **Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Program**

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Program has begun in our State. State Deputy Thomas A. Marcetti Sr. received a framed copy of an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe to bring back to Michigan from the Supreme Convention this past August. Since then, we have been blessed to receive 4 more framed images. Each of the 5 copies is now circulating through the State from District to District. Included with the image are Prayer booklets to be used for services at each Council or Parish. Prayer booklets (supply item 4963 7-11) are to remain with the Icon. The schedule for each Icon and Instructions about travel through your district is to the right of this article under Church.

To read more about this program, view the Icon, print a copy of the Prayer booklet for your pastor, or view a Holy Card (supply item 4753 8-11) , please click on the link below to Supreme's web site. If you wish to order extra Prayer booklets and Holy Cards, please order through Supreme.

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/service/church/marian/index.html>

#### **Notes:**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Program Reports are starting to trickle in. It is amazing to see the amount of activities done at each Council. At first glance, all Councils are strong when it comes to Church, Council, Community, and Family activities. Councils should review their Youth and Pro-Life activities to see if they can be stronger in those areas.

A Major Degree was held on Saturday, October 15, at Sacred Major Seminary in Detroit in honor of Archbishop Allen Vigneron. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first time this has happened here. A total of 47 men were welcomed into the Order, including 1 Priest and 18 Seminarians. A total of 97 men also took their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees.

A Major Degree was also held on Saturday, September 10, in the Saginaw Diocese in honor of Bishop Joseph Cistone. A total of 33 men were welcomed into the order and over 50 took their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees.

A Degree of this type, honoring the Bishop of the Diocese is also being planned in Lansing, Grand Rapids, Gaylord, Kalamazoo, and Marquette. Details will be distributed in each Diocese as they become available.

Several Knights and their family members provided transportation services to Clergy, Religious, and Lay Ministers who travelled to Detroit for a Vocations Seminar. Attendees were shuttled between Detroit Metropolitan Airport and the hotel at the Ren Cen in Downtown Detroit. I was fortunate to drive attendees from Honolulu, Omaha, Green Bay, and other locations. It was interesting to hear the young priests in my vehicle, (3, 5, and 7 years as a priest), passionately discuss the Church and their vision of the future and reconnect Catholics to the faith. A lay minister from Omaha said she knew my cousin

Jackie who is a nun in the Omaha Diocese. We had a very good conversation about my cousin. All participants did a great job which was appreciated by all attendees.

The annual Memorial Mass is at Sacred Heart Major Seminary on Sunday, November 13 at 10:00 a.m. See information on the sidebar to the right.

**Ultrasound Program:** The State continues to exceed with this program. We are now at 13 machines purchased or placed in operation with matching funds from Supreme and another 7 in the fundraising process. Please see the article on Ultrasounds under Right to Life on the sidebar to the right.

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