FAITH in Action

The Supreme Council has announced a new program model for K of C activities

A new program model, titled Faith in Action, will take effect as the umbrella for Knights of Columbus-related activities beginning with the 2018-2019 fraternal year. Faith in Action replaces Surge... with Service, which was introduced nearly 50 years ago.

“This model is an evolution of the Building the Domestic Church While Strengthening Our Parish initiative that was introduced in November 2015,” Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson wrote in a letter to state deputies April 6. Faith in Action, the supreme knight explained, “embodies a simplified overall program structure, featuring four instead of six categories.”

Developed by the Supreme Council’s Fraternal Mission department, the Faith in Action model carries the Order’s unchanged mission into the challenges of a changing world. It includes a strong call to action and focuses on programs in four categories: Faith, Family, Community and Life.

Some other key points regarding the updated program model are:

• Councils should appoint individual faith, family, community and life directors. They will no longer need to appoint a youth or council director, as the Youth and Council categories have been consolidated into the Community, Faith and Family categories.

• The new model reduces the requirements to earn the Columbian Award, which recognizes excellence in programming and charitable outreach, to completing four programs in each of the four categories. To earn the award, there is one required program in each category, designed to enrich the spiritual life of the council, family and community. These are: a Spiritual Reflection Program; Consecration to the Holy Family; Helping Hands, and a Novena for Life.

• All current Supreme Council priority programs — denoted in bold below — will continue. Nine new recommended programs will be introduced.

For additional information about the new Faith in Action program model, including answers to frequently asked questions, visit kofc.org/faithinaction.

**Faith**
- Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)
- Into the Breach
- Marian Icon Prayer Program
- Building the Domestic Church Kiosk
- Rosary Program
- Spiritual Reflection Program (new)
- Holy Hour (new)
- Sacramental Gifts (new)

**Family**
- Food for Families
- Family of the Month/Year
- Keep Christ in Christmas (Posada, Poster Contest, etc.)
- Family Fully Alive
- Family Week
- Consecration to the Holy Family
- Family Prayer Night (new)
- Good Friday Family Promotion (new)

**Community**
- Coats for Kids
- Global Wheelchair Mission
- Habitat for Humanity
- Disaster Preparedness
- Free Throw Championship
- Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
- Soccer Challenge
- Helping Hands (new)

**Life**
- Marches for Life
- Special Olympics
- Ultrasound Program
- Christian Refugee Relief
- Silver Rose
- Mass for People with Special Needs (new)
- Pregnancy Center Support (new)
- Novena for Life (new)