

# BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

## *While Strengthening Our Parish*



“The family as domestic church is central to the work of the new evangelization and to the future sustainability of our parishes.” ~ Supreme Knight Carl Anderson

### Your Council Action Plan

All councils are required to implement Domestic Church activities into their annual action plan. To do this, work with your pastor in organizing a combination of activities aimed at strengthening the bond between your council, parish and families.

### Domestic Church Activities

Any council that organizes at least **TWO activities from EACH of the four areas listed below** will receive a commemorative Holy Family icon.\* The icon signifies your council’s devotion to the Holy Family and your dedication to building the domestic church. Reporting information and forms will be available online at [kofc.org](http://kofc.org) beginning Sept. 1.

*\*Icon only available for councils in Canada and the United States.*

#### MEMBER ACTIVITIES



- Start a Men’s Holy Hour
- Organize a parish reflection of *Into the Breach* (#340)
- Sponsor a faith formation group for men utilizing Catholic Information Service resources ([kofc.org/cis](http://kofc.org/cis))

#### FAMILY ACTIVITIES



- Encourage families to participate in the Family Fully Alive program, referring them to *Building the Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive* (#10162)
- Encourage families to pray the *Consecration to the Holy Family* (#10371)
- Hold an Affirmation of Wedding Vows on Father’s Day
- Plan a Family Week Celebration for your parish

#### PARISH ACTIVITIES



- Host the *Holy Family Prayer Program* (#5050)
- Encourage participation in a family rosary program
- Promote Simple Suppers & Stations during Lent
- Join the Keep Christ in Christmas campaign
  - Sponsor a Christmas poster contest in your parish school
  - Conduct a *Journey to the Inn — An Advent Celebration* (#9898) at your parish

#### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



- Lead your parish community in **two** community service projects. Focus particularly on Knights of Columbus programs, such as Coats for Kids, Food for Families and similar activities.