

MARIAN ICON PRAYER

A Higher Purpose

Spread devotion to Our Lady through the Marian Icon Prayer Program. As the new Marian Icon pilgrimages through the jurisdiction, councils will host a prayer service at their parish.

Overview

The 2018-2019 Marian Icon Prayer Program presents the 18th Marian Icon sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Like its predecessors, the program features a unique Marian image. Each Knights of Columbus jurisdiction receives several Marian images, which serve as the centerpieces for prayer services conducted in churches and council meeting places throughout the Order for the duration of the initiative. Previous Orderwide Marian Prayer programs have gathered more than 16 million people together at 140,000 prayer services.

Chairman Role and Responsibilities

- Work with your pastor and the jurisdiction Marian Icon Prayer chairman to obtain their recommendations and to plan for the event.
- Identify council and parish members to fulfill the various roles required in the service.
- Order resources through Supplies Online, the supply ordering portal available on Officers Online.
- Promote the event!
- Ensure that the Icon is successfully received by your council and handed to the next council.
- Complete and submit all associated reporting forms to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission.

Action Steps

Planning:

1. Working with your pastor, obtain his permission and recommendations on conducting a Marian Icon Prayer Service.
2. Working with your jurisdiction Marian Icon Prayer chairman, coordinate when your council is scheduled to receive the Icon.
3. Identify council and parish members to fulfill the various roles required in the service.
4. If not enough booklets remain from previous services, order additional copies of the *Marian Icon Prayer Program Booklet* (#5050) and *Prayer Card* through Supplies Online, the supply ordering portal available on Officers Online.
5. Prior to the Marian Icon Prayer Service, use the sample press release as a model to create and distribute a tailored release to local media.
6. Build public interest for the event! Promote the Marian Icon Prayer Service in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts:
 - Prominently display promotional posters (which can be ordered through Supplies Online)
 - Bulletin announcements
 - Pulpit announcements
 - Posting on your council and parish website / social media pages



Action:

1. Representatives of your council should attend the prayer service at the council from which you will receive the Icon and bring it to your council or parish.
2. Hold your Marian Icon Prayer Service with the following guidelines in mind:
 - If possible, the choir leader should review the hymns with the congregation before the service
 - Advise the readers and congregation to recite the prayers at a moderate pace to ensure the service is truly reverent
3. At the close of the prayer service, formally present the Icon to the next host council. Also collect all *Marian Icon Prayer Program Booklets* (#5050), to be sent along with the Icon in the *Marian Icon Kit* to the next council.
4. After the service, the grand knight or council Marian Icon chairman should record information about the council's Marian Icon Prayer Service in the *Log Book* that accompanies the Icon.
5. To gain credit for your program, complete the associated reporting forms and submit them to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission. Remember to retain copies for your council records.