



MINNESOTA STATE COUNCIL



Dear Brother Knights of Columbus Chaplains and Brother Priests:

As many of you know, the Knights of Columbus has a long history of fostering devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary under her many titles.

The 2018-2019 Marian Prayer Program presents the 18th Marian image sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, this time of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. 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. Since its inception in 1979, the Knights of Columbus' Marian Prayer Program has held more than 166,900 local council and parish prayer services with some 20 million participants. This year, the prayer service is intended to raise awareness of the plight of Christians persecuted for their faith and to stand in prayerful solidarity with them.

The Marian Hour of Prayer consists of hymns, Liturgy of the Word, homily, Prayers of Intercession, Rosary, Litany of the Blessed Virgin, and concluding prayers. Please take time to lead the Marian Hour of Prayer for the Knights of Columbus and your parishioners. Everyone is invited to participate. Please say, "Yes," when asked to lead the Marian Hour of Prayer, with the attitude of the Blessed Mother: "I am the handmaid of the Lord." Luke 1:28

May God bless you for your help and support.

Rev. Jeffrey P. Horejsi

Yours in Christ,

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