

Minnesota Knights of Columbus State Chaplain's Report 2019-2020

At the start of the current 2019-2020 fraternal year, I assumed the role of State Chaplain from Fr. Jeff Horejsi (the "immediate past" State Chaplain). I remain grateful to Fr. Jeff for: (1) his years of service to the Minnesota State Council of the Knights of Columbus, (2) his mentorship of me (as the "immediate past" Associate State Chaplain), and (3) the many contributions his spiritual leadership has made to the Knights and their families of our State of Minnesota. As I have stepped into the role of Minnesota State Chaplain, Fr. Martin Shaffer has replaced me as the Associate State Chaplain for our Minnesota Council of the Knights of Columbus.

My activities as the State Chaplain in this past fraternal year (the 2019-2020 year) include:

- June 15, 2019: Priestly Ordination, Diocese of Saint Cloud, MN.
- June 16, 2019: Knights of Columbus Rosary for the Vigil Service of brother Knight Ken Becker at Staples, MN.
- June 28-30, 2019: MN Knights of Columbus State Officers Meeting in Bloomington, MN.
- July 13, 2019: 4th Degree Exemplification in Marshall, MN.
- July 21, 2019: 2:00pm Concelebration of the Mass with Bishop Sirba at the Knights of Columbus Chapel in Crow Wing State Park.
- July 24, 2019: 6:30pm Formal Installation Event for Officers of the Assumption Council Knights of Columbus in Cold Spring, MN.
- August 3-5, 2019: 137th Minnesota Officers' Preparation for the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention in Minneapolis, MN.
- August 6-8, 2019: 137th Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention in Minneapolis, MN.
- August 27, 2019: Knights of Columbus Council Member Night BBQ & State Chaplain Talk in St. Rosa, MN.
- September 28, 2019: MN Knights of Columbus State Officers Meeting in Lino Lakes, MN.
- October 5, 2019: Funeral Mass for Bishop John F. Kinney at Saint Mary's Cathedral in Saint Cloud, MN.
- October 19, 2019: Minnesota Ladies Auxiliary gathering in Faribault, MN.
- November 4, 2019: Knights Council #10052 Meeting during which State Deputy Marc Peters presented the Star Council award in Braham, MN.
- December 6-8, 2019: MN Knights of Columbus State Officers Midyear Meeting at the Airport Hotel in Bloomington, MN.
- January 30, 2020: Blessing of an Ultrasound Machine at the Pregnancy Resource Center in Park Rapids, MN, sponsored by the local Knights of Columbus council.
- March 13-15, 2020: MN Knights of Columbus State Officers Meeting at Breezy Point Resort near Brainerd, MN.

Other matters pertaining to the office of State Chaplain:

- During this 2019-2020 fraternal year, I have sent more than two dozen *Letters to Soldiers* including a Saint Michael Medal and prayer card. These letters are only sent out upon special request (typically by brother knights who read the newsletter).
- At a special request from a brother knight, I gave out 20 Saint Michael's Medals and prayer cards to be given out to a group of 20 youth-volunteers in gratitude for their extraordinary service.

- I wrote articles for the Minnesota Knights of Columbus Newsletter (for most, though not all, issues).