



## Illinois State Council Knights of Columbus

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**Fraternal Year 2018-2019**

### Building the Domestic Church

Dear Grand Knight,

The Supreme Program, "Building the Domestic Church" was first introduced in November, 2015 and has since evolved into an awesome program that will strengthen your Council not only with Programming, but also with additional opportunities for Charitable works and an increase in Membership.

"The family as domestic Church is central to both the work of the New Evangelization and to the future sustainability of our parishes — also the future sustainability of the Order," Supreme Knight Anderson has said. "But the Catholic family cannot perform this important mission on its own. The reason is simple: as Pope Paul VI observed, the family can only truly be a domestic Church when its daily life 'mirrors the various aspects of the entire Church.' And for this to become a reality the family must be more fully integrated into the sacramental life of the parish."

With the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year, Supreme is augmenting this awesome program by changing the Surge in Service program packet to "Faith In Action" — a new model for a new age. It is a simplified umbrella program that defines the roles and requirements of all Supreme Council recommended activates. It offers the guidance that Knights need to lead their families and parishes in quality faith-filled family programs.

Taking its inspiration from the Domestic Church program, which focuses on creating dynamic parish-based councils, this new model is divided into four program categories: Faith, Family, Community and Life. These categories represent the main priorities of our Order. The central goal is to strengthen our members and their families in the Catholic faith and to emphasize the important role that a devout and loyal family plays in modern society.

When "Building the Domestic Church" program was first introduced, I put together an outline and monthly supplements of the then current program. But with all things, change and evolution is the way that we grow and so has the "Building the Domestic Church" program. Following this introduction you will find the new outline for the revised program and supplemental material for July, 2018 through December, 2018 that can be included in your Council newsletter. But don't stop there; consider asking the pastors of the parishes you serve to include a copy of the monthly supplement as an insert in their bulletin.

I do this with my two parishes and the neighboring four parishes that are also involved with the Council I am Chaplain at in Breese, IL. You will also find these included on the Illinois State Council website (under the tab "Building the Domestic Church").

Thank you for your consideration and your implementation of this program that will have a substantial impact both on your Council and the parish(s) that you serve.

Vivat Jesus,

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