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## Louisiana State Council



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November 1, 2023

**\*\*\*GRAND KNIGHTS. PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR COUNCIL MEMBERS.\*\*\***

# Louisiana Report

## All Saints Day



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## Membership

Worthy Grand Knights,

The month of October is over and we only have 2 more months to achieve our 50% goal and so do you. Address your councils to promote Star council which will enhance your drive toward

membership. Remember that your state Deputy and State Membership Director are here to help you anyway we can. Just notify us and we will be at your membership drive for event that you are having to promote membership for your council. We as State members want to see you achieve Star Council and will help you anyway possible. Notify your DD when you are having a drive, and ask for his help. November is the month of thanksgiving and we want to Thank You for the efforts and work you have put into your council so far. Remember that you need to get your new members to see the degree and move them to your council out of the Prospect Tab. You will not get credit for bringing him in till this occurs. Many of you have members out there right now that could give you several members into your council.



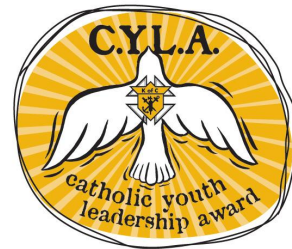
Again THANK YOU for what you do and what you will do in the future for your council, your state and Our Beloved Order.

## VIVAT JESUS

Russell Ruh  
State Membership Director

### CYLA. Catholic Youth Leadership Award

The CYLA process is going completely online this year. There will be no hardcopy form for students to fill out. The link to the new CYLA form on the website should be available by November 1.



### State Deputy Award Worksheet

The State Deputy Award Worksheet has been updated as of 10-10-2023. If you find any errors or have any questions about the data in this report, please let me know ASAP. The worksheet can be found [here](#).

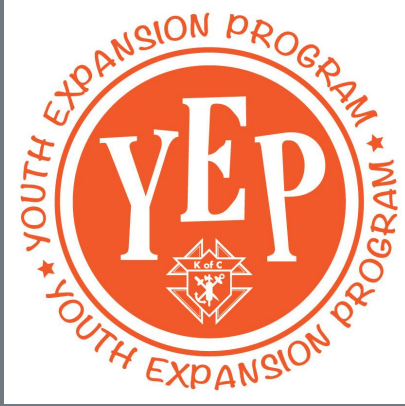
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### Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest; NEW THEME

The essay theme for 2023-2024 is: **How can the Church evangelize in the digital age?**  
The deadline for Councils to receive entries is November 15. Plan to publicize your Council Essay Contest in September and October. Use Parish Bulletins, Parish Websites, Council Websites, Facebook pages, etc. to publicize the contest.

### YEP. Youth Expansion Program

The YEP Quotas are now available. You can check your Council's YEP Quota [here](#). All YEP donations are due to the YEP Chairman, Joel Ocmand, by June 15, 2024. Please make your check out to Louisiana State



Council and put YEP in the memo line.  
Send checks to:  
Joel Ocmand  
273 West 2nd Street  
Reserve, LA 70084

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## Safe Environment Compliance

Is your Council Safe Environment Compliant? The Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director and Community Director are required to take Safe Environment training. To check if your Council is compliant, the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary should log in to Officers Online on the Supreme Website. Scroll down to the bottom third of the page and click on Reports. Run the Safe Environment Member Status report. Open the report and check to see if all required members are compliant. If the report does not show the four required roles, you need to re-appoint the missing positions.

To re-appoint any open position, go to Officers Online and update Form 365. Click [here](#) to go to the Fraternal Video Library. Scroll down to Forms, then click on Forms 185, 186, & 365 Online Submission Training.

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## Pilgrim Icon (St. Joseph)

There are currently two St. Joseph Icons that will travel around the State. The Icon comes complete with Prayer booklets. The schedule is as follows:  
Icon #1;

- New Orleans North/East – September & October
- New Orleans South/West – November & December
- Houma – January & February
- Baton Rouge – March & April

Icon #2;

- Lafayette – September & October
- Lake Charles – November & December
- Alexandria – January & February
- Shreveport – March & April

If your Council/District would like to host a Prayer Service with the Icon, please contact your Diocesan Administrator to get on the schedule. Once your Council hosts the Icon, please remember to fill out Form 10784 to report your participation.



## Soccer Challenge

If your Council conducted a Soccer Challenge, please fill out Form 10784 to report your Program. List the number of participants by age and gender.

The Diocesan winners will meet on Sunday, November 12 in Baton Rouge to compete in the State Soccer Challenge Finals.

Interested in helping conduct event.  
Contact Delmas Forbes, 225.939.2980

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## Pulse Immersion Retreats

### WHAT IS PULSE IMMERSION?

Pulse Immersion Retreats are Saturday retreats designed to educate and empower pro-life students with the basics to be leaders in their local communities. Through educational opportunities and hands-on activism, students will be empowered to carry the pro-life message back to their schools, churches, and peers.

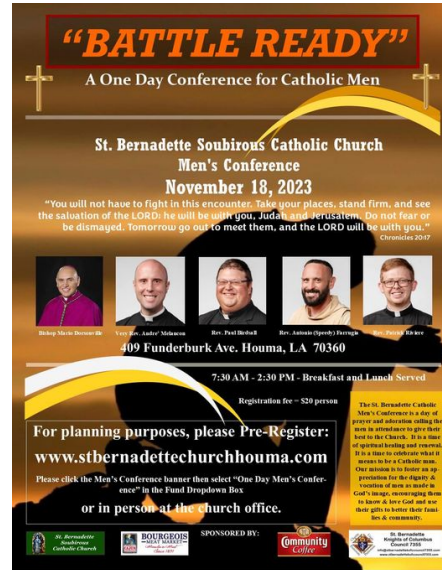
## FALL '23 PULSE IMMERSIONS

## Retreat/Spirituality Conferences

There are several Spirituality Conferences coming up in the next couple of months. These count as electives for the State Deputy Award.



Baton Rouge  
Fullness of Truth Conference  
“The Eucharist & the Spiritual Life”  
November 4-5, 2023  
Crown Plaza Hotel  
7:30 AM Saturday thru  
3:30PM Sunday  
Click [here](#) for more information.



Houma/Thibodaux  
St. Bernadette Men's Conference  
Saturday, November 18, 2023  
7:30AM – 2:30PM

## Into The Breach

The Knights of Columbus is excited to announce the release of its new *Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family* video series. This dynamic five-part series proclaims the truth and beauty of Catholic family life and seeks to inspire viewers to live it in the modern world. All five episodes can be viewed on the *Into the Breach* website at [kofc.org/missionofthefamily](http://kofc.org/missionofthefamily).

Each 12-minute episode of *Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family* focuses on a different aspect of Catholic marriage and family life and features expert interviews with well-known Catholic commentators, as well as the powerful personal story of a Catholic couple who has lived the theme of the episode in their own marriage. The series follows the Knights of Columbus' highly successful *Into the Breach* video series, which has been viewed nearly 1.5 million times.

Included among the series' prominent speakers are:

- Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly
- EWTN host Dr. Ray Guarendi
- Augustine Institute President Dr. Tim Gray
- Sister of Life Sr. Maris Stella
- Speaker and author Sarah Swafford
- Major League Baseball player Trevor William
- Former Major League Baseball player Mike Sweeney
- Former Major League Baseball player Darrell Miller

## Upcoming Deadlines

November 12 – State Soccer Challenge – Baton Rouge  
November 15 – Deadline for October Family of the Month Submission  
November 15 – Deadline for Students to Submit Essay Entries to Council  
December 1 – Deadline-Councils to Submit Form 10784 Soccer Participation

December 1-2 – DD Organizational Meeting  
December 5 – Deadline for Councils to Submit Winning Essays to DA's  
December 10 – Deadline-Students Submit Keep Christ Christmas Posters to Council  
December 15 – Deadline for November Family of the Month Submission  
December 31 – Deadline for DA's to Conduct Diocesan Gumbo Cook-Off  
December 31 – Deadline for Councils to Submit Winning Keep Christ in Christmas Posters to DA's  
December 31 – Deadline for Councils to Submit Form 10784 for Essay Participation  
January 4 – Deadline for DA's to submit Diocesan Gumbo Winners  
January 5 – Deadline for DA's to submit Essay Winners to State Chairman  
January 15 – Deadline for December Family of the Month Submission  
January 18 – Deadline for DA's to Submit Winning Keep Christ In Christmas Posters to State Chairman  
January 25 – Deadline for Students to Submit CYLA Applications to Councils  
January 27 – Grand Knights Day South – Prairieville  
January 28 – Grand Knights Day North - Alexandria



## Gumbo Cook Off

The Annual State Cook-Off has indeed been an enjoyable event by many throughout the state; however, many of our Brother Chefs share specialties of different varieties. To allow participation by a greater number of brothers, the menu for the cook-off has been changed often however this year the menu will remain the same. This year, Brothers will have the opportunity to share their best recipes for **Chicken & Sausage Gumbo**.

The Council & District level of competition has been eliminated. A council will be allowed to enter as many teams as desired into their respective Diocesan competition. All entry fees have also been eliminated.

Contact your Diocesan Administrator for dates & locations.

[Download your ENTRY FORM here..](#)



The 6th Annual KC State Corn Hole Tournament will be held Saturday, February 3, 2024, at St. Peter's Catholic School, Reserve. Click here for your [INFO/ENTRY FORM](#).

To enter on line, [CLICK HERE!](#)



## K.C. State Wide Retreat

- WHEN: Friday, Dinner @ 6:00pm thru Sunday late morning

- DATES: February 23-24-25, 2024
- WHERE: [Lumen Christi Retreat Center](#), 100 Lumen Christi Lane, Schriever, LA, 70395

This is a directed retreat led by Fr. Jamin David, State Chaplain. Ample time is provided for individual reflection. (This is NOT a silent retreat.)

Join with Brother Knights from around the state and enjoy fraternity, prayer, daily Mass and learn more about our faith. Bring your Rosary and take the opportunity to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. The atmosphere is relaxed, casual and prayerful.

All information is included in the registration form below, including a return address. Include a \$25 DEPOSIT to hold your space. Each individual is responsible for their registration and deposit.

Please note, everyone will need to bring their toiletries.

The cost is Onsite single - \$205.00, Onsite double - \$180.00, or Commuter - \$115.00.

The State Retreat Chairman is Don Ducote.

- [Info & App Form](#).....[CLICK HERE](#) to register online



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