

Pilgrim Icon Program

News Release

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Local Knights of Columbus to Sponsor Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service in Honor of St. Joseph

Contact: _____
Name, Phone Number and Email of Local Knights of Columbus

_____ - An icon of St. Joseph will be the centerpiece of a special prayer service
City, State/Province

at (_____) in (_____) on (_____) at (_____).
Name of Parish Town/City Date Time

The prayer service, flowing from the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis in 2021, and inspired by his apostolic letter *Patris Corde*, is sponsored by Knights of Columbus (_____)
Council Name and Number

to honor St. Joseph and pray for his intercession in preserving, cultivating and passing on the Catholic faith to future generations.

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly chose to entrust his service as Supreme Knight to St. Joseph and through this Pilgrim Icon Program, encourage Knights and their communities to "turn in prayer to St. Joseph, give thanks to God for the gift of fatherly example, and ask St. Joseph to be a father to us" as we seek to "grow in our own imitation of St. Joseph's quiet strength, integrity and fidelity."

In the first year of his pontificate, Pope Francis received the Order's Board of Directors in a private audience, during which the Holy Father said, "I commend all of you in a special way to the intercession of St. Joseph, the protector of the Holy Family of Nazareth, who is an admirable model of those manly virtues of quiet strength, integrity and fidelity which the Knights of Columbus are committed to preserving, cultivating and passing on to future generations of Catholic men."



