

A Higher Purpose

Help families place God and the Catholic faith at the center of their lives, year-round. Using the Family Fully Alive Booklet as a devotional guide, this program provides monthly themes, reflections, meditations, and group projects.

Overview

During his visit to the Philippines, Pope Francis cited the need for "holy and loving families to protect the beauty and truth of the family in God's plan and to be an example for other families" (Pope Francis, Address to Families at the Mall of Asia Arena, 2015). The Family Fully Alive monthly devotions are concrete ways that Knights of Columbus, in solidarity with Pope Francis, can support the growth of holy and loving families in the Church.

The Family Fully Alive Program asks families to invite God into their homes and cultivates each family as a miniature domestic church. To this end, the program provides monthly themes, scripture verses and activities. Through prayer and reflection, each family has the opportunity to grow in holiness together. This is a flexible program that can be started at any time of the year and continues year-round. Councils will order physical booklets to distribute or direct parish families to program resources on kofc.org, all available at no cost.

Chairman Role and Responsibilities

- Working with your pastor, obtain his permission and recommendations on promoting Family Fully Alive in your parish and community.
- Plan and carry out an awareness campaign for the Family Fully Alive Program in your parish and community.
- Complete and submit all associated reporting forms to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission.

Action Steps

- 1. Working with your pastor, obtain his permission and recommendations on promoting Family Fully Alive in your parish and community.
- 2. Order a good quantity of *Family Fully Alive Booklets* (#10162) through Supplies Online, the supply ordering portal available on Officers Online.
- 3. With your pastor's approval, place a portion of *Family Fully Alive Booklets* (#10162) in a prominent location in your parish hall or the vestibule / narthex of the Church.
- 4. Design an awareness campaign to promote the use of *Family Fully Alive Booklets* (#10162). Potential activities include:
 - Distribute Family Fully Alive Booklets (#10162) directly after Mass or catechism classes
 - Distribute Family Fully Alive Booklets (#10162) in conjunction with your council's Family Week Program
 - Host a quarterly Family Fully Alive Night, inviting all parish families participating in the program to come
 together in fellowship and community be sure to plan fun family games for everyone to participate in and
 include a prayer and meditation portion of each evening

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• If possible, encourage your pastor to touch upon aspects of the Family Fully Alive theme and meditations into one of his homilies each month

- Submit a post in your parish bulletin showcasing the Family Fully Alive project or theme for each month
- 5. Build public interest for the activities in your promotional campaign and the program overall! Promote Family Fully Alive in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts:
 - Prominently display promotional posters
 - Bulletin announcements
 - Pulpit announcements
 - Posting on your council and parish website/ social media pages
- 6. To gain credit for your program, complete the associated reporting forms and submit them to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission. Remember to retain copies for your council records.