

## PILGRIM ICON PROGRAM INSTRUCTIONS

**December 12, 2021**

1. It is each District Deputy's responsibility to pick up the St. Joseph Icon and program materials from the previously assigned District. Each District Deputy is responsible for providing the Icon and program materials to the Councils in the District hosting prayer services. Please refer to the Icon schedule for District assignments and dates assigned.
2. Program materials include the following items:
  - a) Large black portfolio with the St. Joseph Icon. (In addition, an easel is provided for displaying the Icon).
  - b) Black case that contains the Service instructions, prayer books and St. Joseph Holy Cards.
3. Knights should serve as ushers to distribute prayer books and seat guests. At the end of the prayer service, the ushers should collect all prayer books and give a holy card to each person as they leave. When you receive the materials, if you are low on Marian Holy Cards, let us know and we will get more to you. Please don't wait until the holy cards are totally gone to call or email.
4. Prior to the beginning of the prayer service, it is suggested that the Grand Knight welcome all who are attending the prayer service and give a brief history. The Marian Icon Program began in 1979. Each Knights of Columbus Jurisdiction received Marian images to be the centerpiece of prayer services in churches and councils throughout the Order. In 2018, the State of Indiana received two Marian images that are traveled through 38 Districts across the state from November 18, 2018 through June 30, 2020. The current Icon Program is in the 19th Prayer Program sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The first program in 1979 honored our Blessed Mother under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Since then, the Blessed Mother has been honored under several of her titles, with the latest as Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. Our current Icon Program features St. Joseph holding the child Jesus...what a blessing to have the patron of our Church as our travelling icon. We have two travelling images that will begin December 12, 2021 and continue to August 31, 2022.
5. Please invite your Fourth Degree Color Corps to participate in the prayer services. The Color Corps should escort the Priest/Deacon, Grand Knight (and other dignitaries) at the beginning of the prayer service. At the end of the prayer service, two Color Corps members should stand next to the Image and assist anyone who wishes to come forward to venerate the St. Joseph and the child Jesus image.
6. If you have any questions, please contact Larry Kunkel at [life@indianakofc.org](mailto:life@indianakofc.org) or voice/text at 3172234892.