

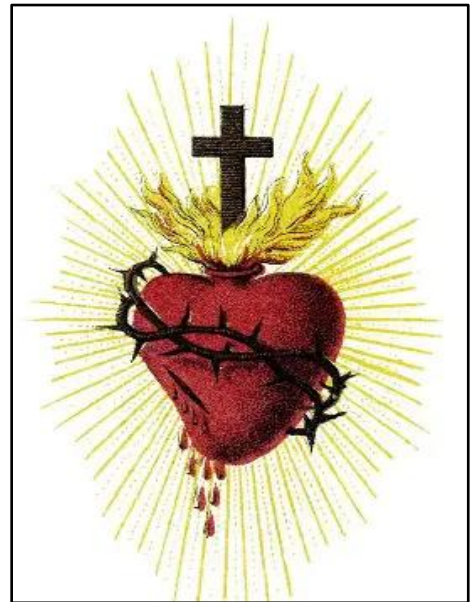


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From the desk of your state EFF/COR director:

Worthy Brother Knights, greetings! We're coming off the 125th Anniversary Convention and it was awesome! Mass was held at the historic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, the seat of the Diocese of Fort Wayne, with His Eminence Bishop Kevin C Rhodes presiding over the liturgical celebration. The church was breathtakingly beautiful. Built in 1860, it has some of the most gorgeous stained-glass windows that I have personally ever seen and I've been to more than a few churches in my day! Large wooden carvings imported from Germany, depicting the Stations of the Cross lined the walls. For those lucky enough to have been able to attend, it provided a grand space befitting a Bishop's seat. And His Eminence Bishop Rhodes didn't disappoint! His inspirational message from the pulpit, telling all the knights and attendees, "Too remain forever young in the faith" has stayed with me ever since. I hope all of you may be able to attend at least one of our conventions during your commitment to the Knights. It's an experience that will stick with you forever.

With that said, the latest news from Supreme is that EFF/COR, which up to this point has been a suggestion, will become a mandatory program in your councils starting on July 1st! They have been prepping us for a couple of years for this by providing training materials and producing online content like the video series "Into the Breach" and father John Riccardo's "The Rescue Project" as start-up content to bring Evangelization Faith Formation (COR) and its benefits to your councils. Faith grounded on the foundations of prayer, fellowship, fraternity, and an ever-deepening understanding of the rich theology that is our Catholic faith will bring us through our sojourn on this earth and shepherd us into our next.



Future newsletters (about every two weeks) will include step-by-step instructions to follow to get EFF/COR started in your councils, including news from our COR meetings: with the successful results we've had and the content used. EFF/COR is not restricted to any particular formation type. The minimum requirements for an EFF/COR meeting is that it can't be a substitute for your business or social meetings. It must take place at least once a month and begin and end with prayer. That's it! The rest is up to your EFF/COR leader and the council. I highly recommend you take this new program and use it to build, strengthen, and reenergize your parishes and councils.

Here at St. Thomas Council #1347, we have been running ours with the blessing and support of Father Ben Ross, our parish priest. Our meeting is open to all, and has been very well attended by members of

the congregation. It has provided a platform which promotes the Knights and has enabled us to recruit new members, as well as, reactivating inactive members.

How do you get started?

STEP #1 IDENTIFY A SUITABLE EFF/COR DIRECTOR (*Remember, they don't have to be a biblical scholar or a paradigm of prayer*):

The ideal candidate will be an enthusiastic Knight and active member of your local parish. They will also have a desire to contribute to building up the kingdom of God in himself and others.

All you'll need to do is implement all steps by July 1st and EFF/COR will be up and running in your Council (stay tuned for more steps in each newsletter)! Plenty of materials are available from Supreme, and your Indiana EFF/COR team has more that are in the process of being produced. These will be made available on the EFF/COR State website or by direct request from your EFF/COR director. This will include not only videos but also content from past meetings that were successful in terms of popularity and attendance. Myself and the rest of your Indiana EFF/COR team will always be available via email, text, or phone to answer questions and provide support. Don't be afraid to reach out! VIVAT JESUS....