



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### District of Columbia State Council

To: Nicholas Shields, State Deputy

From: Terence Fitzgerald, Evangelization & Faith Formation Director

Date: April 12, 2026

Re: 2025-2026 Fraternal Year report

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#### **Cor focus**

The EFF Director focused exclusively on Cor. With the SD's leadership and the input of other State officials and staff, the EFF implemented an updated FY2024-2025 Cor implementation plan that centered on communication with and provision of Cor resources to council leaders. The EFF Director attended a Cor training weekend at Supreme that focused on the expansion of a State's Cor team to include new members.

#### **Cor communication**

The EFF presented on Cor at each full State meeting; procured Cor pamphlets for distribution at these meetings; spoke of his experience at the Supreme training and at Cor in his own council; offered to meet DDs, GKs, pastors, or anyone interested in starting Cor; and provided content for the State Deputy's monthly newsletter. Both the State Deputy and State Chaplain communicated earnestly and vigorously on Cor as well.

#### **Cor implementation**

As of today, nine Councils have acted on Cor: 353 Keane, 433 Potomac, 3877 Bishop Byrne, 4944 Immaculate Conception, 9542 CUA, 11496 Blessed Tansi, 13242 GW, 15795 San Oscar Romero, and 17611 Divine Mercy. This means 43% of our 21 active councils have engaged with Cor to some degree—this is a very good rate. The continued lack of integration of Cor reporting at Supreme level means it is difficult to provide accurate data on which councils have appointed EFF Directors, reported on their Cor activities, established Cor within their parishes, or other insights.

## **Cor reflections**

The Supreme Knight established Cor as an effort to address the “...modern crisis of isolation that comes from ruptured relationships” and as a place in which men can “...grow in friendship with God and one another” and can satisfy their hunger for “...spiritual community”<sup>1</sup>.

The EFF’s initial insights suggest that Cor can succeed only if (i) a pastor is an enthusiastic supporter who sees its wider value to evangelization in his parish, (ii) a GK or other council leader is similarly enthusiastic and sees its value to the council, to the parish, and to the wider group of men, (iii) both the pastor and the council genuinely and openly welcome all men to the gatherings.

While satisfied with the apparent Cor uptake in the outgoing fraternal year, the EFF Director wants to encourage (i) adoption of Cor by more councils and (ii) sharing of best practices & success stories between councils. Cor’s intentional focus on faith formation—quite different from the more traditional focus on service events—is both a hindrance to uptake and a rationale for it.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/knightline/2024/november/spreading-the-word-about-cor.html>