



[Attention all Parish Captains for the Ct Catholic Men's Conference]

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[Ken,]

As we are at the very beginning of promoting this exciting new program model, Faith in Action, there are going to be plenty of opportunities for clarification about our new programs and intentions. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to clear up any confusion. We definitely would like to see KofC councils promoting and attending Catholic Men's Conferences.

Scott Read, on copy, is the Sr. Director for Programs and Brand Management, and Faith in Action and all associated programs fall under his guidance and direction. Scott and I just concluded a conversation where he confirmed that council efforts to bring members/parish men to a Catholic Men's Conference does fall under the intention of the Day of Reflection requirement. He will be reviewing those guidelines with his staff to ensure that they share that information during all future calls.

The promotional materials for the program are sufficiently broad enough so as to encourage councils to promote day-long faith events, like the Connecticut Men's Conference. The council does not need to be the sole-organizer of such an event. **In order to receive credit they would need to sponsor/organize/collaborate as a group to attend these events together as a group of brother Knights and a broader group of men in their parish.** If their parish already is organizing a group, they should be encouraged to join in those efforts through participation and promotion of the conference. If their parish is not already sending a group then it would be worthwhile for the council to appoint a chairperson and organize parish attendance.

I should make a special note here that **participation** is the key part of this activity, and the intention behind the requirement. Financially sponsorship alone does not qualify as a KofC program, rather the goal is that Knights of Columbus gather together as Catholic men for deeper reflection and prayer, fostering a true experience of Christian fraternity and solidarity.

I am very enthusiastic about our partnership on this program in our home state of Connecticut. I hope that the answer above will provide some clarity to you and your parish captains in your continued promotion of the CT Men's conference.

In Christ,
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