

**Knights of Columbus Alberta-Northwest Territories
Formation Program-April-2020
When the Son of Man comes in His glory and all the angels with Him...
Final Judgement, (Mt. 25, 31)**

Opening Prayer

Lord, teach us to pray:
“Our Father...”

The Reading

(To be read by the Leader)

For me it boils down to relationships. If I feel I have a relationship with an individual, be it the Grand Knight, the Membership/Program or the Pancake director we will be able to work together. Relationships take time and they take work. We need to be intentional in involving Father in what we are doing and when we are doing it. “Father, the pancake breakfast begins after the 9:00 Mass. Would you have a few minutes to say grace, welcome the folks and have a bite with us?” Simple ask. Hopefully a good experience for all. I as a pastor feel included, needed and invited. I am going to appreciate the opportunity for an informal few words with my parishioners. I know, easier said than done. It is easier said than done but if you don’t do the outreach, he simply will not feel like part of the program and that will not benefit anyone. Brothers, your pastor will likely be around for five or six years. Start laying the groundwork now. It will bear good fruit. If he is already in year four, it is not too late to start planting good seeds so that when he goes to his next parish, he will be looking forward to collaborating with his new K of C council.

Brothers, it said, and I believe it to be true, that sixty-five percent of a program should be in the planning, twenty-five percent in the implementation and ten percent in the evaluation. Why do I say this? Brothers you can have the best Faith in Action programs in creation, the best men for the job, and a community that is hungry for what the Knights have to offer. But if you have not laid the groundwork and done the initial planning prior to looking for permission and or direction, you will be disappointed. When someone or a committee comes to me and it is evident that they have given good thought and study to what they are proposing, I will want to be supportive. Why? Because I sense that they have done their homework and are not wasting their time, or mine.

The Reflection

(To be read by the Leader)

So, the message here. When it is time to approach your pastor for permission etc. have your homework done and present it to him in a situation where he can give it proper attention, not as he is greeting people after Mass on Sunday morning. It may be convenient for you, but you can bet it is not for him. It does not need to be all figured out, there needs to be room for his input, but it needs to be fleshed out enough so that your pastor is not thinking that you are presenting him with more work than it is worth.

As I work my way through the different elements of our Faith in Action program, the prerequisite for all endeavors prior to going to your pastor for his blessing and support is that you have spent adequate time researching what you want to accomplish. This is the most important element. If I know you have researched to the best of your ability, I want to support you. So, in the upcoming months, when I say book an appointment with your pastor to discuss this program, this literally assumes, that you have the leadership and homework/research done already. **Book an appointment with your pastor. Translation. I have researched the project. I have a plan with proposed, but flexible dates in mind to implement.**

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Meditation Period

(The Leader now invites the members to spend a few moments in silent reflection, as the above text is not meant to be a ready-made answer but a starter for personal reflection on the theme.)

Fraternal Sharing

(The leader now invites the members to share with their Brother Knights any relevant thoughts that came to them during the meditation period.)

Closing Prayer

(Recited by all)

Let us pray:

“Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen