



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

In Service to Our Parishes.

THE PARISH ROUND TABLE:
GUIDED BY FAITH.
COMMITTED TO SERVICE.

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PARISH ROUND TABLE INITIATIVE

For over a century, Knights of Columbus has been dedicated to serving the Catholic Church. To date, our members have volunteered millions of hours, and raised billions of dollars, for worthy causes. Numbering over 1.7 million members worldwide, Knights have served their faith and each other in times of need. In fact, whether locally or globally, the influence our members have had on society as a whole has been extraordinary.

Given that one of our greatest commitments as Knights is to serve the Church and all she stands for, Knights of Columbus created the Parish Round Table Program—an easy and effective way for member Knights to better serve their individual parishes. As such, by supporting the program and forming Parish Round Tables, Knights of Columbus councils not only assist individual parishes, but their communities as well.



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A Parish Round Table's main purpose is to help the parish priest, however necessary.



Parish Round Tables function as a valuable resource, providing the manpower necessary to help parishes achieve their goals.

DEFINING A PARISH ROUND TABLE AND ITS PURPOSE

Because not every parish has its own Knights of Columbus council, the Parish Round Table Program was developed as a way of establishing a Knights of Columbus presence in every parish, a goal that we hope will be actively supported by each council and every Knight.

A Parish Round Table is comprised solely of Knights. All members of the Knights of Columbus, regardless of council affiliation, are members of their parish's Parish Round Table. There are no regular meetings, no additional dues, or elected officials. The only position is an appointed coordinator whose job it is to communicate with the parish priest, receive his direction, and manage the efforts of the Parish Round Table.

With the approval of the parish priest, a Parish Round Table can serve a parish in any number of ways. However, the ultimate aspiration of any Parish Round Table remains the same: *to serve as needed and when needed by the parish priest.*



THE DIFFERENCE A PARISH ROUND TABLE CAN MAKE

There are many benefits in establishing a Parish Round Table for the parish, its priest, and member Knights. Having a Knights of Columbus Parish Round Table creates a unique and effective support structure within the parish. Whether it's fundraising for a new roof, or actively participating in the parish's ministry, devoted Knights serve as invaluable resources for realizing the needs of the parish.

The benefits of a Parish Round Table for local councils and its members are also evident. Through personal service to our respective parishes, the Order is able to truly fulfill its commitment to serving the Catholic Church, as well as our communities. And, as Knights, being active in our own parishes helps strengthen our personal faith and often helps create a better place for our families to grow theirs.