



In Solidarity



To our Brother Knights in the Archdiocese of St. Louis

As you are no doubt aware, the St. Louis Archdiocese has announced the start of the *All Things New* initiative. This is a program of renewal expected to impact the archdiocese for the next 75 years. As this process unfolds, we as Knights of Columbus will be a supportive participant. Please start by visiting and responding to the [Disciple Maker Index](https://allthingsnew.archstl.org) survey, available on the website <https://allthingsnew.archstl.org>.

Quoting from the overview on the motivation behind the *All Things New* initiative:

“This process will enable ministries to meet people where they are - spiritually and geographically - while remaining constant in our mission and rooted in faith.”

As Catholic men and as Knights, these key points have special significance for us:

- Being a ministry that meets people where they are
- Being constant in our mission
- Being rooted in faith



Let's briefly reflect on each of these.

Being rooted in faith. There are many ways that we can support our pastors and parishes, but we do best by immersing ourselves in the sacramental life of the church. In doing so, we become open and responsive to God's grace. As Knights, let us renew our commitment to reconciliation through confession, attendance at Mass, and seeking God's will in our chosen vocation. All good things will flow from participation in the sacramental life of the Church.

Being constant in our mission. The programs of the Knights of Columbus cover many aspects of faith, family and community life. They are our 'tools of good works'. This is a time for us to renew our commitment to these programs within our councils and as men in our parishes and communities. Our programs are an effective way for us to 'live our faith' and evangelize by example.

Being a ministry that meets people where they are. The Knights of Columbus are uniquely positioned to *meet men where they are* and to be role models that draw these men deeper into the life of the church and their parish. It is inspiring to be part of a group of men of solid Catholic faith and strong family values, men who support each other with fraternal bonds and a united commitment to charitable service. By *evangelizing from within*, the Knights will serve as a catalyst in many ways to support the *All Things New* initiative. Now is an exciting time to be a Catholic and a Knight of Columbus.

St. Louis Chapter of the Knights of Columbus

The mission of the St. Louis Chapter is to be a resource and support for the councils, assemblies and auxiliaries in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, and to serve as a liaison for the Knights of Columbus to the offices of the Archdiocese.

The activities of the St. Louis Chapter

- Assist State and local officers with diocesan-wide communications about programs and events
- Assist councils in the development of Vocations programs
- Assist councils in the development of Faith Formation and Catholic Education programs
- Schedule Icon and Silver Rose services and an annual Pilgrimage
- Organize ceremonial degree teams for 'live' exemplifications

The St. Louis Chapter serves as a liaison with the Offices of the St. Louis Archdiocese by

- Exchanging information in quarterly meetings at the Cardinal Rigali Center
- Organizing special projects that serve particular goals of the Archdiocese.
- Publicizing the good works of the councils, assemblies and auxiliaries



Bob Vornberg
Diocesan Chairman

Please join the Chapter by appointing a delegate from your Council!

St. Louis Chapter Meeting - January 24, 2022 - Cardinal Rigali Center

Vocations was the theme of the meeting of the St. Louis Chapter at the Cardinal Rigali Center on January 24. Three speakers shared their experience and ideas on how the Knights can develop effective vocations support programs in their councils and parishes.



Geoff Waldron is president of the Serra Club of the St. Charles Deanery and a 4th Degree Knight. Geoff made a presentation about Serra Club, its history and programs, and how the Knights and Serra Club can work together. Several Knights in attendance are active in the local Serra Clubs, including Bob Helmsing, District Governor of Serra. For more information about Serra vocations programs, visit

Serrapark.org

Or contact Diocesan Chairman [Bob Vornberg](#)



Jim Pomeroy - Fr. Ed Voltz - Geoff Waldron



Jim Pomeroy is Vocations Chairman of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Council 11382 and a 4th Degree Knight. Jim described the programs underway at the Seton Regional School in St. Charles. Recently students from the 5th to 8th grades at Seton wrote letters to the four seminarians from SEAS at Kenrick-Glennon. Other programs underway include establishing a 'wall of fame' to honor alumni who have gone on to the priesthood or religious life and scheduling of visits by the seminarians to the school.



Father Edward Voltz is chaplain for campus ministry at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, part-time chaplain of Duchesne High School, St. Charles, and associate vocation director for the St. Charles area, in residence at St. Peter Parish. Father Voltz recalled people and events that were part of his journey to the priesthood, and he talked about his current students and their conversion stories. Father thanked the Knights for their charitable support of the student retreats and emphasized the importance for the Knights to be well-formed Catholics and role models.

A Vocations Chairman in Every Council

All councils are encouraged to appoint a vocations chairman as part of their Faith activities program and to work to foster prayerful support for vocations in their councils and parishes.



Prayer for Vocations

*Heavenly Father,
Grant young men the grace and courage to respond generously to your call to the priesthood.
May they joyfully give their lives so that all your people can receive your holy Word and Sacraments.
Bless your priests and their labors with abundant fruitfulness.
Be their comfort, be their joy, be their strength.
Help them live according to your will.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Savior and High Priest.
Amen.*