

GUIDELINES FOR THE FAMILY HOUR OF PRAYER/ICON OF THE HOLY FAMILY

FOR DISTRICT DEPUTIES

The success of our Marian Prayer Program/Icon of the Holy Family will greatly depend on how the program is promoted and supported in all the council in your District. Each family is an “assembly of believers that together participate in the work of God. By using the Scripture term ‘domestic church,’ we emphasize that the family is not simply a social concept, but rather a state of life established by God.” (Quoted from the Q&A on our Supreme website.) Praying together as a family should be an anchor for this program – and the prayers to the Holy Family Icon is an excellent starting point.

After receiving the Icon Schedule, please contact the councils in your district and encourage them to take advantage of the visit of the Icon. Please relay any request for help to the State Family Director (aurel@dwellingplace.ca or Cell # 1 250 756 8859) only if you are unable to handle it locally.

FOR GRAND KNIGHTS AND/OR FINANCIAL SECRETARIES

1. The Icon Schedule will be (posted/published on our State website at www.kofcbc.org.)
2. You will also receive an emailed version of the schedules. Please pick out your schedule and print it for future reference.
3. After receiving the schedule, request a meeting with your priest/pastor to help plan for prayer services or masses. If your council has a Family or Church Director, it would be a good time to get them involved. It is strongly recommended to involve the whole parish in the prayer programs.
4. A week or more before the Icon comes to your council, please phone the Grand Knight of the council who presently has it. (As per schedule.)
5. Arrange and confirm the plans for a smooth turnover of the Icon.
6. ***Towards the end of your schedule, contact the Grand Knight of the next council – if he has not as yet contacted you.***
7. Re-package the Icon and Prayer Cards/Booklets for transfer to receiving Council.
8. Send a brief report by email to the State Family Director at aurel@dwellingplace.ca including among other things the following: a) number of services or prayer meetings held by or through your council; and b) who were involved by category, i.e., Knights, families, CWL or other groups, parish and others; suggestions on how to make the program more effective and meaningful.
9. **PLEASE COMMUNICATE ANY PROBLEMS THAT MAY COME UP IMMEDIATELY TO THE STATE FAMILY DIRECTOR AT 1-250-756-8859.**

SHIPPING & HANDLING

Icons 1, 3, and 4 are packaged for shipping in a box designed to handle shipping by bus or by FedEx. Icon # 2 does not have an outer box but is quite secure if handled with care. I will deliver this personally to the Grand Knight of the Saanich Peninsula Council. This is the Icon for Vancouver Island (including Powell River) and the lower mainland. The prayer cards and booklets were shipped directly to certain District Deputies last year. Sadly, none has come back in the nice satchels they were in. Our State Warden will

ship both the Icon and the newly printed Prayer Cards and booklets with the icons. Please ensure that these are turned over to the next council. Realistically, your council can keep one or two copies. You can also order these from Supreme at Fraternal Mission. Alternatively, these can be downloaded from the Supreme website.

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