



Arizona State Council
Knights of Columbus
Phoenix, Arizona

MEDIA ADVISORY
ARIZONA ROSARY CELEBRATION
MARKS 46TH YEAR

Arizona Knights sponsor statewide event expected to attract thousands of participants in Tucson and Phoenix

For over 45 years, the Diocese of Phoenix has been host to one of the largest annual public Rosary celebrations in the United States. The Diocese of Tucson joined the celebration tradition 11 years ago establishing the Arizona Rosary Celebration as a statewide event. This major celebration in honor of Mary, mother of Jesus Christ, is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and is assisted by many groups and organizations. The event has always been open to the public with admission free.

Last year, recognizing the need to protect the health and safety of thousands of faithful Catholics young and old who attend the celebration each year, the Knights, in cooperation with the Bishops of Tucson and Phoenix, held the event through an online broadcast. This year, the Arizona Rosary Celebration returns live and in person.

Tucson Celebration

When: Saturday, October 16, 2021, Starting at 10:00 a.m.
Where: Saint Augustine Cathedral, 192 S. Stone Avenue
President: Most Rev. Edward. J. Weisenburger, Bishop of Tucson

Phoenix Celebration

When: Sunday, October 17, 2020, Starting at 2:00 p.m.
Where: Phoenix Convention Center, 33 S. 3rd Street, South Building, Halls F & G
President: Most Rev. Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix

Guest Speaker: Rev. Wilfred Raymond, C.S.C., President, Holy Cross Family Ministries.

Special: Physical distancing, mask wearing, hand sanitization, are recommended. The media is welcome to attend. Please notify the contact below if the media is attending to ensure they are met and guided inside. Camera crews are asked to arrive no later than 30 minutes prior to event's start time at either venue.

Format: Entrance procession, Knights of Columbus Honor Guard, Rosary leaders, clergy, Bishops Weisenburger in Tucson and Olmsted and Nevares in Phoenix. There will be opening remarks from the respective Bishops, followed by the message from the Guest Speaker, Fr. Raymond. Recitation of the Holy Rosary will follow and will include Exposition of the Most Blessed Eucharist. The Rosary will conclude and be followed by Benediction and a recessional procession.

The Knights of Columbus is the largest family fraternal service organization with over 2 million members in 11 countries including the United States and Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, Asia, Poland, the Ukraine, and France. Last year, the Knights of Columbus donated \$187 million to charities, and its members donated 77 million man-hours on charitable projects.

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