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Faith

Project Title

Epiphany Home Blessing

Total Council Members

37

Date Project Conducted

01/04/2026

Members

6

Non-Members

4

Total Participants

10

Hours

16

Total Volunteer Hours

24

Planning Cost

25

Planning Time

8

Members Recruited

0

Donations

0

Program Description Documentation

In order to enhance the quality of faith in the parish families, Council 11606 decided to promote the tradition of the families blessing their homes with the tradition of saying prayers as a family while inscribing the main entrance to the home with the inscription 20+C+M+B+26 using chalk, representing the year 2026 and the three magi who visited Jesus at his birth; Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.

The Council procured the chalk and provided the parish with the explanation and instructions for blessing their home.

We recruited the pastor to bless the chalk during mass, and he went further and not only explain the tradition during his homily, but used Jubilee Holy Water he recently received from a parishioner's trip to the Holyland to bless the chalk. Father explained that the marking of the door was akin the Israelites marking their doorposts with **the lamb's blood** inviting God's protection into their homes, ensuring their safety on the first Passover.

The Knights along with family members distributed the chalk after Mass and many of the Parishioners commented they never heard of the tradition while others stated they participated in

the past at other locations and were glad to see the parish participating this year. The Pastor was not only glad to participate but requested the Knights carry on the tradition in future years.

The benefits of this tradition include:

1. Blessing and Protection: The chalk is a sacramental, symbolizing God's blessing and protection upon the home and its inhabitants.
2. Faith Formation: It is an opportunity for families to come together in prayer and deepen their faith.
3. Evangelization: The marked door serves as a witness to the Christian faith to neighbors and passersby.
4. Reminder of Christ's Presence: The chalk mark reminds residents that Christ is present in their homes and lives.
5. Unity with the Church: Participating in this tradition connects individuals and families to the universal Church and its liturgical calendar.
6. Continuity with Tradition: It is a way to maintain a connection with ancient Christian practices and customs.
7. Prayer for Blessings: The ritual includes prayers for blessings on the home, family, and all who enter.

Respectfully submitted,
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