

The Knights of Columbus has inaugurated its 18<sup>th</sup> Marian prayer program which features a pilgrim image titled Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. The image depicts the Blessed Mother with recent Christians martyrs, including one of the six Mexican Knights of Columbus martyrs. The blessed images will serve as centerpieces of a new Marian prayer program, bringing greater awareness to the ongoing plight of Christians in the Middle East.

Wyoming will have two icons travelling across the State, one in the northern half and one in the southern half. It will be up to each council to designate a coordinator responsible for the icon. The coordinator will make the arrangements to receive the icon from the council proceeding them, shown in the route schedule below, arranging for the prayer service in their parish(s) and then, after the prayer service, making the arrangements to get the icon to the next council succeeding them as shown below. Also, the coordinator will need to complete the log that accompanies the icon.

It is very important that the schedule is followed as the goal is to have it completed in time for our state convention in April. If your council can accomplish the prayer service for the parishes in your jurisdictions ahead of schedule please feel free to contact the succeeding council and pass it on.

Southern Route		Northern Route	
Oct 1-Nov 4	Casper	Nov 5-18	Riverton
Nov 1-Nov 11	Douglas	Nov 19 - 25	Lander
Nov 13-18	Wheatland	Nov 27-Dec 2	Pinedale
Nov 20-Dec 2	Torrington	Dec 4-Dec 16	Jackson
Dec 4-16	Pine Bluffs	Dec 18-30	Thayne
Dec 18-Jan 13	Cheyenne	Dec 31-Jan 6	Thermopolis
Jan 15-27	Laramie	Jan 8-20	Cody
Jan 29-Feb 3	Saratoga	Jan 22-Feb 3	Powell
Feb 5-10	Rawlins	Feb 5-10	Greybull
Feb 12-27	Rock Springs	Feb 12-21	Worland
Mar 1-10	Green River	Feb 22-Mar 3	Sheridan
Mar 12-19	Fort Bridger	Mar 5-17	Buffalo
Mar 21-31	Evanston	Mar 19-31	Gillette
April 2-14	Kemmerer	Apr 2-15	Newcastle

The Icon itself is fairly large but It will fit in an SUV good. It may not fit in a compact car. Please do not transport it in the back of a pickup.

Accompanying the icon will be prayer books and prayer cards. Please make sure that the prayer books are passed on with the icon. DO NOT retain any of the books as we need to make sure that the participants of the succeeding prayer services have proper quantities. The prayer **cards** passed out to the parishioners attending the prayer service can be kept by them.

It is my understanding that the prayer service takes about an hour. Please coordinate with your parish Priest and plan ahead so that you can get the announcement in your parish bulletins if necessary.

Upon receipt of the Icon, note the way it was packed and make sure that it is sent to the next council, packed correctly so as not to damage it during transport.



# PRAYER FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

O God of all the nations,  
the One God who is and was and always will be,  
in your providence you willed that your Church  
be united to the suffering of your Son.

Look with mercy on your servants  
who are persecuted for their faith in you.

Grant them perseverance and courage  
to be worthy imitators of Christ.

Bring your wisdom upon leaders of nations  
to work for peace among all peoples.

May your Spirit open conversion  
for those who contradict your will,  
that we may live in harmony.

Give us the grace to be united in truth and freedom,  
and to always seek your will in our lives.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians, pray for us.*

KNIGHTS OF  COLUMBUS

*Prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori, Supreme Chaplain*