



Suggestions on How to Prepare For a Catholic Man Night

- 1. Enlist key men, usually from the Men's Club, Knight of Columbus, Deacon, Catholic Men's Fellowship (CMF) Small Parish Group or two or three men that are willing to coordinate the Catholic Man Night program.**
- 2. Set a Friday night date, reserve the room/location that will hold approximately 100 men and notify the Catholic Men's Fellowship Catholic Man Night board chairman. At this time both the Small Group Leaders chairman and Catholic Man Night chairman is Mark Violand. Contact him by email mvioland2@neo.rr.com**
- 3. The Catholic Men's Fellowship's Catholic Man Night team will work close with the coordinators to set the time and schedule, when to send notices to parishes, media (both print and audio), etc. The contacts and sample documents for these areas are in place.**
- 4. Enlist the Knights of Columbus, Holy Name Society, CMF Men's Group, etc., to prepare the food and beverages; (and possibly to absorb the cost). A 50/50 raffle and/or free will offering will be used to help pay for the food and beverages. Please note; no alcoholic beverages are to be served at any official Catholic Men's Fellowship sponsored event.**
- 5. All extra monies taken in after all the bills have been paid is to be turned over to the Catholic Men's Fellowship treasurer. This money will be earmarked for any future use at the Parish of the event coordinators that would benefit Catholic Men's Fellowship in the Diocese of Youngstown.**
- 6. The Purpose of Catholic Man Night is to help men better know Jesus and imitate Him in their daily lives. See catholicmannight.com for help regarding topics. Please instruct the speaker of this purpose so they know the Catholic Men's Fellowship mission and goals and agree to tailor their presentation to those goals.**
- 7. The evening typically start with prayer and music and Liturgy of the Hours or Vespers (evening prayer). Typically lead by a Deacon.**

8. Following the prayers and song the men will enjoy the food and beverages prepared for them.
 - a. Please invite the CMF Board President and CMF Small Group Leaders Chairman to give a short presentation.
9. The speaker will give a talk for approximately 30 minutes, allow for question and answer time and table discussion.
10. The men should receive a book (or other “take home” gift) at the end of the evening to be provided by Catholic Men’s Fellowship.
11. Please fill out to the best of your ability the CMF Man Night database and forward to the current Catholic Man Night chairman, Mark Violand.
12. The goals for these events are:
 - #1- having the men become the spiritual leaders of their families,
 - #2- becoming engaged or more engaged in their parish and other service ministries, and
 - #3- to see the men participate in and attend our Catholic Men’s Fellowship conferences.

A free raffle ticket for “door prizes” can be also given and the prizes might include a “study bible”, a Matthew Kelly or similar authored book, and even some positive “gag” gifts; (eg., a go to the front of the confession line ticket).

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