



GLCMC Parish Captain Tasks

Below are tasks we have found to be best practices for Parish Captains to successfully promote the Conference and gather men from your parish to attend with you. **Please try to follow these tasks as best you can.**

All the materials referred to are available on the **Parish Captains** page of our website.
thetalk.org/parish-captains

A. Meet with your Pastor – Between the Middle of August and Labor Day

- I. Provide date of Men's Conference – November 21, 2026 – NIU Holmes Student Center.
- II. Ask if he received Fr. Max Striedl's invitation; if not, obtain a copy to pass along.
- III. Provide the Pastor with the script for the pulpit announcement and solicit his support.
- IV. If the Pastor is not willing to provide pulpit support, obtain a commitment for the date(s) to make an announcement yourself at all Sunday Masses.
- V. Solicit the Pastor's support to set a goal for attendance by parish members and purchase a block of tickets in advance. (This will provide the incentive to more proactively invite male parishioners to attend the conference. At the same time, it will help underwrite Conference expenses early.)
- VI. Ask that information about the GLCMC be included in **Flocknote** or parish **emails and social media** posts/reposts.
- VII. Ask who is responsible for the slides presented on your narthex flatscreen (if you have one) and email the **HD Screen Slide 2026** to them to be included in the rotation.
- VIII. Solicit support to hang posters, *hand out* brochures and palm cards, invite male parishioners to attend, and provide tickets and/or registration after Masses.

B. Bulletin Announcements

- I. Know your parish's process and timing for submitting **bulletin artwork and announcements** well before they are to begin. Submit bulletin artwork and announcements weekly starting after Labor Day. Your parish bulletin editor may wish to use artwork, announcements, or both, depending on available space. The Parish Captain materials include three different bulletin announcements. Please change them up every couple of weeks until the Conference. Meet or talk with the appropriate person to schedule the bulletin announcements.

- C. Recruit volunteers to help you *hand out* Conference brochures and palm cards to invite male parishioners to attend the Conference after all Masses. **This is by far the best and most successful way to recruit men to attend!****
- I.** Plan how you will staff and schedule volunteers for after Masses and make every effort to hand out literature and solicit registrations before October 22 (when the early bird discount ends) and for the remaining weekends leading up to the conference. **This is a crucial step in getting men from your parish to attend!**
 - II.** The palm cards (business-sized) make it easy to invite the men of your parish as they exit after Mass. *“You are invited to our annual Catholic men’s conference in November! Come and bring your friends!”* as you hand them the card.
- D.** Ask for a few minutes of time at your next **parish men’s group meeting** (Knights, TMIY, Men of St. Joseph, Exodus 90, Fraternus, and others) **to invite them, hand out materials, and get them fired up to attend!**
- E.** **Like & Follow us on Facebook** (facebook.com/GLCMC94) **and X** (@GLCMC94), **then share our messages on your feed** with your network of family and friends and in any Catholic groups to which you are subscribed. **This is critically important in spreading the word and bringing new registrations!**
- F.** **Forward our emails** as a reminder to your friends to register.
- G. (Optional)** Solicit commitment for a list of names and phone numbers of all male members of the Parish and use volunteers to phone male parishioners.
- H. (Optional)** Send out the **Press Release** provided on the [website](#) to your local newspapers.

QUESTIONS?

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