

On Higher Ground

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This week, Knights of Columbus and their families from jurisdictions around the world are gathered in Denver for the 144th Supreme Convention, which kicks off this evening with the Supreme Knight's Awards Session. The Order has played an important role in Colorado's civic growth and ecclesial development for more than a century, and this is the fourth time Denver has hosted the convention. Visit kofc.org/convention throughout the week to follow key moments, including tomorrow's opening Mass and the opening business session, which will feature Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly's annual report.



Joshua Zielinski, a member of Ave Maria Council 7880 in Parker, Colo., his wife, Sarah, and their children venerate the relics of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Denver on Sunday, Aug. 2. The Knights recently brought the relics from France for a

multi-city U.S. tour, including Denver, where they will be present throughout the 144th Supreme Convention. (Photo by Paul Haring)

Tune in to the 144th Supreme Convention

Follow the convention's major events — including tomorrow's opening Mass, the Annual Report of the Supreme Knight, and the States Dinner — via livestream on the Knights of Columbus website and social media. Follow coverage from Catholic media outlets — including EWTN TV (English and Spanish), EWTN Radio, CatholicTV, Salt + Light TV, Relevant Radio's *The Drew Mariani Show*, and *The Katie McGrady Show* on SiriusXM's The Catholic Channel — for broadcasts of major events and additional coverage.

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Colorado Gov. Henry A. Buchtel signs a bill making Columbus Day a state holiday on April 1, 1907. Also pictured is then-State Deputy John H. Reddin (back row, third from right), along with several members of Denver Council 539 and Knights serving in the state Senate. (Knights of Columbus Multimedia Archives)

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Denver's rapid rise in the mid-19th century from a collection of mining camps to a city renowned for its urban charm and outdoor beauty is emblematic of the American West. The city also boasts a deeply Catholic history intertwined with that of the Knights of Columbus, which established the first council west of the Mississippi River in Denver in 1900. The setting, with its tangible reminders of the beauty of God's creation, provides an inspiring backdrop for this year's Supreme Convention.

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Colorado State Deputy Marc Solome visits the Marisol Health mobile pregnancy clinic in Denver.

Pro-life in Denver

Marisol Health, a ministry of Catholic Charities of Denver, offers holistic healthcare to women in northern Colorado, including professional counseling, family support services and free pregnancy testing. Since opening its doors in 2016, the organization has received significant support from Denver Knights, who recently helped equip Marisol's mobile pregnancy clinic with an ultrasound machine through the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative.

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The Importance of Giving Thanks

Gratitude, when nurtured by faith, strengthens relationships, builds happier families and prepares the way for heaven, where “we will spend all eternity giving God thanks and praise with unimaginable joy,” writes Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori in his recent *Columbia* column. “When we are grateful for our faith, we will try to deepen it and spread it. When we are grateful for God’s blessings, we will share them with others.”

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