



Catholic Order of Foresters

St. Catherine of Siena, COF Court 2514
Ft. Thomas, KY

"What is Catholic Order of Foresters?"

We are a Catholic life insurance company supporting our Catholic community through fraternal outreach of spiritual, social, and community service projects, and helping members achieve financial security.

"How does St. Catherine benefit from Catholic Order of Foresters?"

By partnering with St. Catherine, the Catholic Order of Foresters (COF) sponsors activities for the student members that promote spiritual, social, and charitable growth. Whether it is an ice cream social or a food drive for local pantries, our youth members experience their Faith in a wonderful way. Consider it a "club" to belong to that promotes social fun in a safe environment, spiritually encourages them to live out their Faith, and encourages them to help others.

"Who pays for these activities?"

Having regular activities for your children does cost money. COF will help promote and financially support the activity. At approved COF events, the youth members (ages 0-21) will sign an attendance page. COF will subsidize the event with \$4 per name on the sheet. This adds up quickly and allows the youth members to have these events without a financial burden on the parish.

"This money can add up quickly, what can we spend it on?"

You are correct, it will add up quickly. The money is to be used on the youth. As long as it is social, spiritual, or charitable... this money may be used accordingly. COF does have constitution and bi-laws that we should review before spending, but this will help to discourage abuse.

"What are the "Benefits of Belonging?"

As members of the Catholic Order of Foresters, our members receive free/no cost benefits including extensive scholarship program. Your COF agent will get you a list of all the benefits.

"Please tell me more about the scholarships."

COF has scholarship for Kindergarten through 12th grade. Each year our student members can apply to win a T.A.P. (Tuition Assistance Program) or R.E.A.P. (Religious Education Assistance Program) scholarship for K-12th. If you win, this money will be paid to St. Catherine to be used towards your child's tuition or CCD fees. We have had many, many winners at St. Catherine already.

As a junior in high school our student members can apply for the **COF four-year College Scholarship** or the **One Time Educational Award**. Ask your COF agent for further details and the applications.

"Who should join the Catholic Order of Foresters?"

Obviously we would like to have each child join COF. The scholarship opportunities alone are a good reason to join. However, as they become members, they quickly will realize the many benefits of belonging to this Catholic Organization. Incidentally, even younger children can join and benefit St. Catherine.

We also would like the parents and/or grandparents to join. St. Catherine earns additional money for every membership. Basically we would hope each family member will consider joining as a way to increase St. Catherine's opportunities.

“I heard that NCC has the Catholic Order of Foresters.”

That is correct. In fact, most feeder schools have COF established in their parishes. If you are already members of COF, please let us know. As members of COF in your parish, your child can still participate in the NCC - COF activities. This is very important. Your child can participate in their parish and in their school. Again, please let us know your child is already a member.

“How do we join the Catholic Order of Foresters?”

For the students and youth ages 0-21, we invite you to join through the Pathways Program. As mentioned earlier, COF offers financial security to our families. The Pathways Program allows your child to become a member and have a small life insurance policy also. The cost is an annual premium of \$25. When you sign your child up through the Pathways Program, COF donates \$25 directly to St. Catherine in your child's name. The form is attached to this webpage.

For the parents or other adults, click on the email address for our COF agent Tom Kaelin. Tom will be able to share the many different ways for an adult to become a member.

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