

Diocese of San Diego

GUIDELINES FOR COLOR CORPS FOURTH DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PROCESSION

The Color Corps precedes the liturgical procession to form an honor guard in the center aisle.

1. It is recommended that an instrumental prelude accompany the entrance of the Knights.
2. The liturgical procession then passes through the honor guard.

The Color Corps closes ranks behind the liturgical procession and proceeds to their reserved pews at the rear of the Church.

COMMUNION

The Knights do not function as a Color Corps during the celebration of the Eucharist, but join the assembly in that “full, conscious, and active participation demanded by the very nature of the liturgy.” (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, #14.)

1. The Color Corps will be the last to receive Communion at the front and center of the liturgical assembly.
2. So that the Knights might have the option of receiving Communion in the hand and from the cup as well, if they wish, it is recommended that they approach Communion without gloves and chapeau. (“Holy Communion has a more complete form as a sign when it is received under both kinds.” General Instruction on the Roman Missal, #240.)

RECESSION

Following the response to the dismissal of the assembly, “Thanks be to God,” the Color Corps forms an honor guard for the recession.

1. Weather permitting, the Knights proceed directly to the outside of the main entrance where this formation takes place.
2. Weather not permitting, the Knights form an honor guard in the center aisle, closing ranks behind the liturgical procession and following it out of the church.