



**DIocese OF HARRISBURG**  
**GUIDELINES**  
**FOR THE LITURGICAL PARTICIPATION**  
**BY THE FOURTH DEGREE COLOR CORPS OF THE**  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



The Knights of Columbus are a great support to the life of the Church in our parishes, schools, diocese, and nation. Their service and dedication is of tremendous value and is an important witness to all the faithful. In addition to their generosity and hard work, the presence of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Color Corps brings a distinctive spirit of nobility and dignity to special ceremonies and events. Their service and participation is greatly appreciated.

The following guidelines are offered to assist with the participation of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Color Corps in liturgical celebrations in the Diocese of Harrisburg.

- GUIDELINE 1** The Color Corps may take part in liturgical functions only with the advance invitation or permission (preferably several days prior) from the pastor or priest in charge of the ceremony.
- GUIDELINE 2** At liturgical celebrations, the Color Corps may either lead the procession into the church and precede the procession out of church. They walk in front of the incense, cross, and candles or the Color Corps may already be in position in the center aisle before the entrance procession begins. Once the celebrant passes through the Corps, they return to their seats via the center aisle. At the start of the closing song, the Color Corps may assemble in the center aisle. After the celebrant has passed through the Corps, they follow the procession out of the church. Swords may not be presented at these times. Swords must remain in their scabbards at all times while inside the church.
- GUIDELINE 3** During the Mass, the members of the Color Corps should be seated in an appropriate place in accordance with the directives of the priest in charge of the ceremony. Full liturgical participation, as members of the assembly, is always expected.
- GUIDELINE 4** During the Eucharistic Prayer, the Color Corps will refrain from activity, movement, or external display which differs from the assembly. For example: swords or chapeaux are not to be presented during the consecration.
- GUIDELINE 5** The chapeaux may be worn as the Color Corps escorts the entrance and exit processions. At all other times during the liturgical celebration, the chapeaux are not to be worn.

Questions regarding these guidelines should be directed to the Diocesan Office of Worship.

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