

Dear Kolping Members,

1000 members in our 100th year! That's our goal!

As the Cincinnati Catholic Kolping Society approaches its 100-year celebration, we have set a bold goal: to reach 1000 members by September 2024. With our current membership, the Society's Board believes we can achieve this milestone with your support. We invite you to extend a warm invitation to friends, spouses, adult children, and past members to join our society this year. For those who have renewed their 2024 membership, thank you! If you have yet to renew, please submit your membership fee and consider sponsoring and submitting your spouse's or adult children's application with your renewal. The Kolping Membership application is attached.

Founded in 1924 by a group of German immigrants who met at the Cincinnati Zoo on German Day, our society has evolved and grown significantly. From the initial 16 members, we now stand at approximately 600, fostering various subgroups, events, and activities. Our rich history includes the purchase of the initial Kolping House at 1523 Republic Street in Cincinnati; a turning point for our Society's history marked by the dedication of our first home on August 3rd, 1930. Over the years, we acquired properties like the Grove on Winton Road in 1953 and, in 1981, 57.8 acres on Mill Road, where our Kolping home resides today. Responding to the growing needs and the dreams for what our Society can become, the Kolping Center was built in 1991 by many of our members to enable our opportunity for growth.

As we approach our centennial year, we embark on a drive to expand membership to 1000, recognizing the dedication and leadership of our predecessors to get us to where we are today. We encourage each of you, our members, to enlist your family and friends to join for the first time. Additionally, we are asking you to invite past members to rejoin and contribute further to our legacy. The Cincinnati Catholic Kolping Society has recently started new subgroups like the Bourbon Club, Women's Klub, and The Journeymen to enhance diversity and interests within our community. These and other new exciting programs will provide avenues for our members, new and old, to fulfill Fr. Kolping's Vision; "To promote the development of the individual, the family, and friendship in a way that is relevant to our times." Exciting events are planned for the centennial celebration, including a grand 100 Year anniversary celebration and concerts in The Grove. These endeavors aim to promote our society, strengthen bonds, and attract new members. Your collective efforts are crucial in reaching the 1000-member milestone and ensuring our society flourishes for generations to come.

Let us together, with your effort, make this seemingly improbable goal possible!

Here's to our next 100 years!

Sincerely,

John Mueller

President

Cincinnati Kolping Society