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Pope Praises Knights for Integrity and Loyalty



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During an Oct. 10 audience in Rome, Pope Francis met with Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and the board of directors and praised the Knights for their support of the Church and their charitable works. In his remarks to the Knights, the Holy Father said: “On this occasion I also wish to express my gratitude for the unfailing support which your Order has always given to the works of the Holy See. This support finds particular expression in the *Vicarius Christi* Fund, which is an eloquent sign of your solidarity with the Successor of Peter in his concern for the universal Church, but it is also seen in the daily prayers, sacrifices and apostolic works of so many Knights in their local councils, their parishes and their communities. May prayer, witness to the faith, and concern for our brothers and sisters in need always be the pillars supporting your work both individually and corporately. In fidelity to the vision of the Venerable Father Michael McGivney, may you continue to seek new ways of being a leaven of the Gospel and a force for the spiritual renewal of society.” Supreme Knight Carl Anderson also presented the pope with a \$1.6 million donation representing the annual proceeds from the Order’s *Vicarious Christi* Fund. The fund was established in 1981, with its earnings annually presented to the pope for his personal charities and causes.

Grand Knight Checklist – November

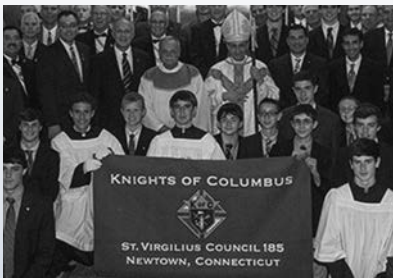
- Remember these upcoming dates:
 - **January 1** – Council Per Capita and Catholic Advertising Assessments levied by the Supreme Council based on total membership minus honorary, honorary life and disability members.
 - **January 1** – Culture of Life fund assessment levied by the Supreme Council based on total membership minus honorary, honorary life and disability members.
 - **January 31** – Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) due.
 - **January 31** – Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics (#4583), Free Throw Championship Participation Form (FT-1) and Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest Participation Form (#4001) all due.
- Review how your council will participate in the annual Coats for Kids and Food for Families initiatives.
- Finalize your plans on how your council will observe the Christmas season through sponsoring a Posada event, “Celebrate Christmas” event and/or a “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest.
- Begin collecting your council’s data for the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) due after the start of the new year.
- Make sure your council is on the path to earning the Star Council Award.

Knights of Columbus Present Gift of \$100K to Newtown Parish

The Knights of Columbus donated \$100,000 to St. Rose of Lima Catholic Parish in Newtown, Conn., to support ongoing parish programs related to last December's elementary school shooting.

Supreme Knight Anderson presented the gift following a 6:30 p.m. Mass at St. Rose on Monday, Sept. 30. Bridgeport Bishop Frank Caggiano was the principal celebrant and homilist. The supreme knight and Msgr. Robert Weiss, pastor of St. Rose, also made remarks at a brief ceremony following Mass.

The Newtown elementary school shooting gripped the nation and the world as the small community mourned the loss of area residents, including 20 children, following the tragic Dec. 14



Knights and Squires from St. Rose of Lima Church in Newtown, Conn., pose with Bishop Frank J. Caggiano of the Diocese of Bridgeport, Monsignor Robert Weiss and Supreme Knight Carl Anderson.

shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

"In the 24-hour news cycle, we often read or see the news, are affected for a time, and then quickly move on," said Anderson. "But the people of Newtown could not simply 'move on,' and our gift and award are meant to acknowledge that the work of Msgr. Weiss and the St. Rose of Lima community continues."

He said Msgr. Weiss, in particular, continues to assist the families that lost loved ones and helps with many practical matters, including community projects and donations.

The funding donation follows the presentation at the Knights' annual international convention of the

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Supreme Knight Addresses College Conference



Addressing more than 120 college Knights from over 60 campuses across North America, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson gave thanks for "the service that [they] have done for the Knights and the Church" and challenged them to give a "sincere gift of self" as the Good Samaritan did.

Speaking of Pope Francis, the supreme knight said that the Holy Father has provided us with a powerful witness of this self-sacrifice.

"Don't let anybody ever minimize the contribution you can make," he told them. "You are not the future of the Church, you are the Church now. . . . If you give God permission to enter into your life and make a difference, you will not be disappointed."

Also addressing the gathering was New York Times columnist and bestselling author of *Bad Religion*, Ross Douthat, who spoke on the current state of religion in America. The challenge, he told the Knights, is to show that the Christian faith can be "compelling, fresh, new and even revolutionary."

In a modern culture where many are spiritual "but don't find Christian answers plausible," he challenged those gathered to show that Christianity "isn't just true in an intellectual sense," but that it can be lived and lead to human flourishing.

Knights of Columbus to Provide Prosthetics to Boston Marathon Bombing Amputees

Funding will help amputees acquire prosthetic care not covered by insurance

The Knights of Columbus Stand With Boston Program provides assistance for people who lost limbs in April's Boston Marathon bombings. It is the latest in a series of Knights' initiatives to help provide mobility for individuals in the United States and abroad.

Those who lost limbs in the Boston bombing and could benefit from additional prosthetic treatment — beyond that covered by insurance or other programs — were invited to apply to have the Knights cover the cost of an additional or higher-quality prosthesis in order to help the amputees regain as much mobility as possible.

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Boston Marathon bombing victim Heather Abbott learns how to use her running prosthesis at the Challenged Athletes Foundation running clinic on October 6. The Knights of Columbus funded the prosthesis as part of their Stand With Boston Program.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. This means that an applicant or member accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.

Learning to Be Leaders

Gathering in New Haven, Conn., for the 2013 College Council Conference, more than 120 Knights from over 60 campuses across North America were challenged to provide an authentic Christian witness on their campus communities.

After hearing from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and New York Times columnist and author of *Bad Religion* Ross Douthat on Friday evening, Knights spent the weekend reflecting on their mission and purpose on their campus communities.

Louis Barbour, vice president for Membership Growth, spoke about continuing the legacy of the Order's founder, Father Michael McGivney. "The Knights of Columbus is a lifetime commitment of service and family," he told them. "If only our councils knew what a difference they make! Each of you now is already making a difference."

He encouraged them to make the right choices in these critical years of their lives and to continue their dedication to service.

Father Robert Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D., president of the Magis Center of Reason and Faith, spoke on virtue, human freedom and the spirituality ingrained in every person. You have a desire for "perfect and unconditional truth, love, goodness, beauty and home," he told those present.

He challenged them to seek these things out and to take the task seriously, warning that college Knights "need to be ready to engage in a spiritual battle."

Father Spitzer told them to always maintain a spiritual regimen, to root themselves in prayer and to find spiritually committed friends.

In breakout sessions, conference attendees explored the topics of membership recruitment, engagement and retention; best practices in council management; and excellence in charity and fraternity, honing their leadership skills and preparing them to better serve their councils and communities.

Michael Brewer, head of the College Council Program, reflected on the significance of being called "Knights" and the Order's core principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. "Acts of charity bring us closer to God," he noted, "because we see Christ in the poor."

"Are we fundamentally men of charity, men of self-gift and mercy to



More than 120 college Knights from over 60 campuses across North America came to New Haven, Conn., for the 2013 conference.

others?" Brewer questioned them. "Our faith is not just something we do on the weekends at Mass. We are not 'weekend warriors' for Christ."

Following the afternoon's session, the conference attendees had the opportunity to visit the nearby Knights of Columbus Museum and then gather at St. Mary's Church for the celebration of Mass. Father John Allen, O.P., served as the principal celebrant for Saturday's vigil Mass.

Director of Chaplains and Spiritual Development Father Jonathan Kalisch, O.P., was the homilist.

In his homily, Father Kalisch made a call to action to the college Knights to reach out to those who don't attend Mass, who quit, who are complacent and indifferent. "You're fighting the good fight of faith," he said. "All of that takes audacity and courage. You and I are like our military brothers in the spiritual realm," fighting the good fight.

Sunday morning's closing session began with the praying of the rosary and then a series of speakers during breakfast.

Father Kalisch related his experience on how he first came to join the Order when he was a student at Georgetown University and how his experience with the Knights, and especially with the college council chaplains, helped him realize his own vocation. He urged the gathered college Knights to invite others on their campuses to join, just as he had been invited.

"It's never too late to invite someone back to the faith," he said.

In his remarks, Deputy Supreme Knight Dennis Savoie also related his story of how he came to join the Knights of Columbus. With it he also offered three reasons why college Knights should continue their membership in the Order after they graduate: access to a top-rated insurance program, the chance to belong to a great fraternity through which you can enjoy the friendship of like-minded men, and the opportunity that membership provides to live your faith on a day-to-day basis.

"Stay connected to the Knights of Columbus," he said. "And invite your Catholic brothers to join us." The deputy supreme knight also said the Supreme Council would be rolling out some new initiatives in the coming months to allow college Knights to stay better connected to the Order after they leave school.

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organization's new Caritas Awards "for exemplary works of charity," the first of which was awarded to Msgr. Weiss.

Conferring the awards at the convention in San Antonio in August, Anderson paraphrased Pope Francis, explaining that "Monsignor was able 'to sympathize with the brokenness of others without losing his own strength and identity,' which was no easy task under these circumstances."

Anderson explained that the award goes to the heart of the Knights' mission: "to come to the aid of neighbors and friends in their hour of need."

Also receiving a Caritas Award at the Knights' convention was Newtown's St. Virgilius Council 185, which was represented by Grand Knight Timothy Haas. The Newtown Knights quickly got involved in assisting the parish and community in the days following the school tragedy.

Their first priority was spiritual as the council established a program that asked people to pray a minimum of three Hail Marys on behalf of the victims and their families, the first responders and teachers, and the Newtown community. With the help of the Knights' websites, the efforts spread and more than 105,000 people signed up, offering a total of more than 3.25 million prayers.

How Your Council Can Achieve Star Council Status



Here's a checklist for you and your fellow council leaders to follow to ensure that your council earns the highest recognition a Knights of Columbus council can obtain: the Star Council Award.

— Submit the forms required to earn Star Council status (Note: These forms are available online at kofc.org/forms):

- Service Program Personnel Report (#365). This form was due on Aug. 1, 2013, but will still be accepted and counted toward Star Council Status.
- Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728). Due Jan. 31, 2014.
- Columbian Award Application (#SP-7). Due by June 30, 2014.

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The official unveiling of the initiative was made by Knights of Columbus Supreme Advocate John Marrella at the Challenged Athletes Foundation Reception at the NIKETOWN store on Oct. 5, 2013. The first prosthesis delivered through this program, a leg designed for sports, was presented to one of the survivors at that event.

The following day, volunteers who are members of the Knights of Columbus at Harvard and other area colleges assisted at the Challenged Athletes Foundation's Leg Amputee Running and Mobility Clinic at Harvard University.

"Medical coverage often has its limits," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, "but we want to help bridge that with this charitable program so that those who lost a limb in the bombing can recover even greater mobility."

Supreme Knight Anderson added: "Following the example of the Good Samaritan, the Knights of Columbus has always sought to help those in need. What happened in Boston was a terrible reminder of the reality of evil in the world, but by responding with care for those who

were hurt, we can show that the power of love is stronger than hatred or evil."

In implementing the program and reviewing applications, the Knights of Columbus will consult with a panel of experts in the field of prosthetics and rehabilitation. The panel will include representatives from several prosthetics-related organizations: the Challenged Athletes Foundation; Project Medishare; and Össur, a state-of-the-art prosthetics manufacturing company.

The Knights of Columbus has a long history of assisting those with mobility issues. The K of C has provided more than 40,000 wheelchairs to individuals throughout the United States as well as worldwide, from Afghanistan to Vietnam. And in the wake of the devastating 2010 earthquake in Haiti, the Knights of Columbus committed \$1.5 million and launched the "Healing Haiti's Children" initiative together with Project Medishare. Össur and the Challenged Athletes Foundation also assisted with the program in Haiti, which has so far helped hundreds of Haitian children with prosthetic and rehabilitation care.



Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative Now in All 50 States

In less than five years the Order's Ultrasound Initiative has enabled the placement of ultrasound machines in pregnancy care centers (PCCs) in Canada, Jamaica and all 50 states. Several jurisdictions, including Texas, Missouri, Michigan and California, have placed over two dozen machines in PCCs in their states. In total, over 388 ultrasound machines valued at about \$20 million have been placed in PCCs to help save lives every day.

Many executive directors of pregnancy care centers around the country, after receiving ultrasound machines through the Ultrasound Initiative, sent thank you notes with comments like these:

"Being able to have a visual image of the life they are carrying makes all the difference in the world."

"We started offering free ultrasounds to anyone with a positive pregnancy test. The ultrasounds have already made a difference in 52 pregnancies!"

"The ultrasound you helped provide has been a blessing to hundreds of babies!"

"Women who were on the edge of abortion heard their baby's heartbeat,

or saw it on the screen, and immediately changed their mind. Whew and praise God!"

Through the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative, when a local and/or state council raises funds for at least 50 percent of the cost of a machine for a qualified PCC, the Supreme Council office provides a matching grant from the Order's Culture of Life Fund for the remaining cost of the machine.

Ultrasound Initiative information, including required forms, is available at kofc.org/ultrasound.

As an additional incentive for councils to participate in the Ultrasound Initiative, if your council is awarded a matching grant, it will have fulfilled all four of the Culture of Life Activities requirements for the Columbian Award.

Contact the Supreme Council's Culture of Life, Marriage and Family Values Office at 203-752-4403 with any Ultrasound Initiative questions you may have.



Michigan Knights Dedicate 25th Ultrasound Machine

During this past summer the state of Michigan received its 25th ultrasound machine donation from statewide Knights of Columbus units. The latest recipient was the Mother and Unborn Baby Care Clinic in Southfield.

Bishop Gallagher Council 2569 in Royal Oak coordinated the ultrasound machine project with five other area councils, two Fourth Degree assemblies and two parishes, according to Financial Secretary Dan Remeika. "We had to come up with a local 50 percent match for the cost of the new machine, which totaled \$24,475. Combined with the \$24,475 contribution of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council in New Haven, Conn., the total cost of the machine was \$48,950."

According to Michelle Schmidt, client services director at the facility, this new machine will make a huge difference for the 1,000 clients seen by her clinic every year. "The images from this new machine are much



larger, and we can now show a vascular image of the blood flowing from mother to child. When our first mom and dad saw their child for the first time, you couldn't wipe the smiles off their faces! When abortion-minded women come to us to verify their pregnancies before 12 weeks, their minds verify what their hearts already know."

Peter Riccardo, executive director of Mother and Unborn Baby Care, said, "We saved 95 lives in 2012, and so far this year, we've saved 73. Since our program opened here in Southfield, we've serviced 28,000 clients. We rely on private donations for our support, and we've been in this location at 24500 Southfield Rd. since 2009. Before that, we were in an older facility in a strip mall. This ultrasound is a state-of-the-art machine, and a needed replacement, as the older machine was starting to break down. We are truly grateful to the Knights for all of their support."

Membership Recruitment

Offer the Gift of Knights of Columbus Membership

Give the gift of Knights of Columbus membership to qualified men this coming Christmas. Use your council-sponsored holiday celebrations to tell qualified men about the Order and ask them to join.

At your tree or crèche-lighting ceremony (Dec. 3), distribute Knights of Columbus promotional materials, *Columbia* magazine, council newsletters and other items of interest to nonmembers.

Sponsor a reception, an evening of caroling or a similar event after your ceremony. Invite nonmembers to this event. Have K of C promotional flyers and posters on hand. Also, show one of the Order's promotional videos.

If your council is planning a Christmas social or similar activity, set a date and time for the event well in advance to ensure a positive turnout from your council and family members. Recruit volunteers to help set up for the event, run activities, serve food, clean up, etc. Along with your council families, invite your pastor and other members of your parish and the Catholic community.

Partner with your parish in sponsoring a Christmas event. Invite all parishioners to attend, and ask them to bring an unwrapped new toy as part of a drive to provide gifts to needy children. Ask the pastor or your council chaplain to announce the event at Masses and in the parish bulletin.

Plan entertainment for both adults and children. Invite the families

of council members and prospects alike. Contests, raffles, Christmas carols and holiday videos are just the type of things to keep your guests entertained.

To get prospects and their families interested in the Order, display materials and items that show your council's history and the various types of projects you conduct. Have plenty of recruitment flyers and other information on hand. Also, have a supply of Membership Documents (#100) available for interested prospects. You should also ask your field agent to be on hand at the event, and solicit his advice on planning and recruiting.

In addition to members and prospects, invite former members, inactive members and their families. Ask for assistance from the financial secretary, past grand knights and trustees in collecting information about these former members and the circumstances of their leaving the Order. Review the list to determine which former members still live in your area and invite them to your celebration.

Finally, invite all prospects to attend a council volunteer effort — such as an evening of working in a soup kitchen, collecting toys for needy children, cleaning the church, sponsoring a Coats for Kids event or holding a Food for Families drive — to show prospects firsthand what the Knights of Columbus does for the Church and community.

For information on membership recruitment go to kofc.org/membership.

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- Plan a series of charitable/service activities throughout the year. This will allow your council time to conduct these activities and prevent you from having to scramble at the end of the fraternal year to meet the requirements for earning the service portion of the Star Council Award. Always remember to invite potential members to your council's service programs to show them firsthand what the Knights do and to encourage them to consider joining. Look at the Columbian Award Application (#SP-7) for details on earning that award and fulfilling the service program portion of the Star Council Award.
- To ensure that your council meets the membership quota part of the award, set a schedule of holding one First Degree exemplification each month and focus on the Order's initiative for each council to recruit at least one member per month. Think

outside the box when looking for qualified men to join. Keep in mind family members, co-workers, fellow parishioners, RCIA candidates, and members of other service/civic organizations who may be qualified for membership.

- Your Knights of Columbus Insurance agent can also help you with recruitment efforts, so utilize his expertise. In turn, to help him and ensure that your council earns the insurance quota portion of the Star Council Award, assist your agent in holding a series of Fraternal Benefits Nights to help educate your members and their families about the Knights of Columbus Insurance products.

Don't wait to start working toward earning the Star Council Award. Start now to meet the requirements for the award, set a plan, follow through with it, and you'll achieve your goals and the prestigious award by the June 30 deadline.

Short Takes

Nine-Year-Olds Now Invited to Participate in K of C Free Throw Championship

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship has been providing a safe, positive environment for kids of all faiths for more than 40 years. This year, the program is expanding to include 9-year-old boys and girls. The contest is easy to conduct, requiring only a few Knights, access to a hoop, and some minor paperwork. The Free Throw Championship Kit (#FT-KIT) is available online (Microsoft Internet Explorer Web browser only; Chrome and Firefox are not compatible at this time) at kofc.org/forms. The kit has enough materials to support 75 participants. The kit can also be ordered by calling 203-752-4016. Use the posters included to advertise the contest beforehand. Try to preregister contestants prior to the event to get an idea of how many kids will participate. Local winners can move up the ladder to district, regional and state-level contests, with the highest-scoring state winner receiving our new International Championship Crystal Trophy.



Special Olympics Report

The Knights of Columbus has always had a close relationship with Special Olympics. To further track local councils' involvement, make sure that your council completes the Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics (#4584) and submits it to the Supreme Council Office by Jan. 31, 2014, with copies to the state deputy, district deputy and council's files. This form is available at kofc.org/forms.

Fraternal Survey: Tells Our Story of Service Best

Councils, assemblies and circles must complete the 2013 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) and submit it to the Supreme Council office by Jan. 31, 2014. This form can be filed electronically by going to kofc.org/forms, or the hard copy from the Council Reports Forms Booklet (#1436) can be mailed in.



Protect Your Family with Knights of Columbus Insurance

Long Term Care

Do you know someone who has lived beyond age 80? Are there any 90-year-olds in your circle of friends and family? How about anyone who has reached the “century mark”? The odds are increasing that you know someone who has been fortunate to have longevity on their side. Many workers hope to retire at age 65, and enjoy a long, healthy retirement.

However, this scenario requires planning in case you (or your spouse) require long-term care (LTC) in the future. As the costs for care continue to rise, it is important that you take steps to minimize the financial risk associated with extended care and relieve the burden of uncertainty for yourself and your loved ones.

November is Long-Term Care Awareness Month, and it is the perfect opportunity to discuss this issue with friends and family. Speak to anyone with a loved one who receives or has received care. Ask about the cost of care in your area.

Did you know that more than half of the LTC insurance claims filed in 2012 paid for at home care, while the rest covered assisted living or nursing home costs? The Knights of Columbus offers plans that can cover care at a facility, at home or both.

Contact your field agent who can show you how an LTC plan from the Knights of Columbus can protect your retirement and plans for the future.



The Value of the GPO

Seven years ago, when a new member joined one of his assigned councils, Field Agent David Chicola did what any Knights of Columbus agent would do: He went out to visit the new Knight and his family. At that time, he sold the new Knight policies on his wife and four children. He reviewed their needs and added family life insurance that included individual policies for each of the new member's children. At that time, the new Knight's then-3-year-old son was an average little boy, running around and playing.

Unfortunately, that changed a time later when the boy was stricken with Swine Flu. After spending almost a year in an intensive care unit, the boy was finally able to return home following numerous surgeries to relieve fluid building up in his lungs and a kidney replacement. While

their son will potentially face problems with his lungs and other major organs throughout his life, he will, at the very least, be able to purchase insurance thanks to the Guaranteed Purchase Option (GPO) rider on his Knights of Columbus policy. Having this rider on the contract allows for the purchase of additional life insurance at given ages or life events, without proof of insurability. In many ways, it is ideal to include on policies purchased for children. “I cannot tell you how it makes me feel knowing what we did for this family and their son for the rest of his life,” Chicola said.

For more information on Knights of Columbus Insurance products visit kofc.org/insurance.



The Gift of Warmth

Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids

If your council has yet to place your Coats for Kids order, there is still time to do so.

- By placing your order now, you'll be guaranteed to have coats on hand by wintertime. Each order of 12 brand-new winter coats costs \$220 for U.S. orders, and \$245 for orders made outside of the U.S. (Shipping price is included with each.)
- Work with local schools, service agencies and your parish to let people know about your distribution and to get an idea of how many coats are needed.
- Hold your distribution at a spot (a school, a public building, a parish) that is easily accessible to people.
- Let the local media know ahead of time about your event and invite them to cover it.
- Invite potential Knights to your event so they can see firsthand the good work your council does.



Visit kofc.org/coats for more information on how your council can participate, and download a Coats for Kids order form at kofc.org/forms.

Service Programs

Active Councils Are Successful Councils

It's a very simple formula: The more active your council is with charitable initiatives in the parish and community, the more people will see and appreciate the good works the Order performs and the easier it will be to recruit qualified Catholic men into your council. It's a circular process that benefits the new member, council, parish and community.

Has your council conducted an outstanding activity like these?

If so, we'd like to hear about it. Please send information on your project (including the when, where, what, who, why and how of the activity) and photos to knightline@kofc.org. If you have any questions about sending in photos, call us at 203-752-4264. In addition, if you think your council has an event or program that is an outstanding example of one of the six "Surge ... with Service" categories — Church, Family, Culture of Life, Youth, Community or Council — let us know. We would like to produce a listing of upcoming events that we can pursue for possible promotion with local media and/or for use as a feature article in one of our publications. Please send a brief description of your upcoming event (one or two sentences about the project) with the date, location and contact information to knightline@kofc.org or call 203-752-4264.

The charity of councils often extends past local neighborhoods and parishes, as demonstrated recently by Our Lady of the Incarnation Assembly and Our Lady of the Incarnate Word Council 15199, both of Rio Rancho, N.M. When the Village of Magdalena, 125 miles away, lost their sole drinking water well, assembly and council united to collect and deliver bottled water to the affected community.



In Germany, Knights and a local youth group came together as Grand Knight Rey Ginete and senior Knight Bill Heiges, troop chaplain, of Rhein-Main Council 10292 recognized Boy Scouts from Wiesbaden Troop 107 for their volunteer service during a recent community pancake breakfast.

Knights of Cardinal Glennon Council #4613 in Kansas City, Mo., participated in a baby bottle campaign at two local parishes, raising \$2,686.47 for the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative. Knights, wives and parishioners were able to say to those who participated and contributed, "When you see a newborn baby go by, you know you may have saved a life!"

In Camas, Wash., the Knights of Pope John Paul II Assembly are continuing a three-year-old tradition of remaining active in their parish by taking turns to serve at a Mass. There are seven Sir Knights certified

as extraordinary ministers, seven as ushers and two as readers.

To show appreciation to the youth serving within their parish, Rev. Patrick F. Pindar Council 3962 held their annual Altar Server Appreciation Dinner at their hall



in Ramsey, N.J. In his comments, Grand Knight Damato said, "It is important to recognize the effort that the children of St. Paul parish put in to learn the role of serving at Mass and the dedication you exhibit by being at each Mass, every weekend, in support of our mutual Catholic faith."

Cardinal Glennon Council 4613 in Kansas City, Mo., collected two bags of aluminum pop tops for the local Ronald McDonald House. It took over a year to collect the tabs, but the Knights' efforts will pay off by helping to provide a place for patients and their families to stay while being treated at the local Children's Mercy hospital.



For the fifth year, Knights of Council 6456 in Conroe, Texas, assisted with a local Right to Life dinner. Dr. Joe Morrison, a Knight, is president of the Montgomery Right to Life chapter, which is the largest in the state. Over 350 meals of prime rib, baked potatoes and vegetables were cooked and served for the event.



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