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FROM THE DESK OF THE OREGON STATE DEPUTY

Dear Brother Knights and Families

I trust everyone had a very safe and a very enjoyable summer. As we enter the second quarter of this Fraternal Year, let us all keep in mind, as well as in our prayers, those who feel they have not fulfilled their goals, for the sick and distressed, for all of our military who are serving in harm's way, and those who lost their lives ten years ago on that fateful September 11th. God bless and grant them peace.



Patrick Rice

Well, as summer draws to a close, we need to again turn our focus back to membership and our state goals. They are a little more detailed and the curve is steep, plus we have a deficit of 41 members to make up from last year - but with your help, we can make up those numbers if we all continue to work together.

Congratulations to all Brothers who brought in a new member during July, August, or September. These men will receive the Pope John Paul II medallion. Councils, keep in mind that if you reach your membership goal by December 31st, you will get one membership jacket and if you have 200% achieved by the end of this fraternal year you will receive an Icon as well.

October is a great time of year to provide a kick start towards achieving your membership goals.

First—Plan for your council to recruit during the entire month and continue throughout the remainder of this Fraternal Year.

Then—Plan now for an open house. Occasionally, you will find men of the parish, as well as their wives, who are interested in learning about the Knights. Request the support of your D.D. and Insurance agent and have them attend.

Finally—Schedule a first Degree now for your meeting in November or directly after your open house.

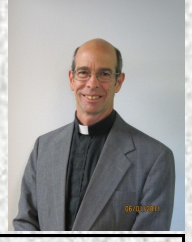
Planning these activities will help you to be successful.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE OREGON STATE CHAPLAIN

My Dear Brother Knights and Families

As your State Chaplain I want you to know that I'm big on prayer. That is a key component of any strong Catholic and any good Knight. As a priest, of course, I have to be a man of prayer or my ministry is going to be pretty blah because I'm doing it on my power, not on God's power. But a strong prayer life isn't just for priests, it's for everyone. The more we are people of prayer, the more we are connected to God, and the more we are connected to God the more we can change the world. God doesn't need wimps, he needs strong prayerful disciples to change the world. Prayer makes us strong disciples.



Fr. Don Gutmann

Here's some simple ways to consider enhancing your prayer life:

***Short silent one-liners:** I do these all through the day, just little prayers like "Thank you Jesus" when I catch a green traffic light on Hwy 99W. Or a "Guide me Jesus" when I have a difficult meeting to attend. "Give me the right words Jesus", "Holy Spirit, give me some wisdom here"... You get the idea, just lots of little mini prayers all through the day. God hears every one of those prayers.

***Daily Mass:** You may not be able to get to Mass every day by a long shot, but maybe once a week attend weekday Mass and get that extra boost of the Eucharist mid-week.

***15 minutes of Prime Time:** When I was in college a friend got me started on this and it changed my life. Try to spend 15 minutes of prime time (not when you're all drowsy and just want to go to sleep) every day talking to and listening to God. Just talk to God in your own words, like you would a friend. Tell the Lord what you're feeling, your worries, your concerns for your family. And spend some time thanking Him for the blessings you've received that day too. Give God prime time and you'll get prime results!

***Rosary:** A time-proven Catholic classic. Pull out those beads and pray your way around the loop. Good stuff!

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Your State Officers for July 2011 to June 2012

State Deputy.....	Patrick Rice.....	Council 6602.....	Newberg
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State Advocate.....	Sidney Thiel.....	Council 9137.....	Sherwood
State Warden.....	Francis Mohr.....	Council 849.....	Baker City

(State Deputy's Report Continued)

Good luck to all of our councils as you will find your hard work will pay off. I hope that our state will be ordering a lot of coats and Icons. These awards will be presented at the Summer meeting next July.

Yours in Christ,

Patrick L Rice
Oregon State Deputy
Knights of Columbus



Directors' Reports

Church Director's Report

As we enter Fall, our thoughts most likely will turn to Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and finally New Year. This can and should be a very busy time of year for all our members. The Keep Christ In Christmas campaign should be well under way. Degree work should be considered. Also, take time to remember the widows of our Knights who may not have enough support for daily needs. This is where we, as Knights, can shine. Giving of ourselves together is the joining of Unity with Fraternity through the use of Charity in giving of our time. Are you able to sit in a chair? Then you are able to play games with or read to those who are in need of companionship. We as Knights have a responsibility to support our councils, our membership and our widows as well. This is the Christian thing to do! Make a special "Date Night" the night you offer to help others for an evening. The glow you receive will warm you throughout the year.

Thomas E. Karl
Church Director

COUNCIL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

For those who do not know me, I am your new State Council Director for this Fraternal Year. I thank my predecessor, Dick Paradis, for his many years of service to this position and for forwarding me information I needed to be able to take the baton and run with it. I think everyone would agree he did a fantastic job – thanks Brother Dick! In addition to being the Council Director I am also the Grand Knight for "Our Lady of the Valley", Council 3591 located in Tigard.

I've been receiving many activity reports and I am busily keeping track of the activities and hours reported. Congratulations to all of you who have put in many hours of hard work to keep our councils active, interesting and relevant! It shows your dedication to keeping this great organization of ours alive and well as we do Christ's work. Fr. McGivney would be proud. Without council activities our drive to maintain a tight and cohesive fraternal organization would dwindle and eventually cease to exist. What a shame that would be. So please keep up the outstanding work and keep those activity reports coming!

Steve Kemp Council Director
kempsteve@yahoo.com

(State Chaplain's Report Continued)



***Bible Reflection:** Also good stuff. Open up the Bible, perhaps especially the Gospels and just take a short passage and think about it a bit. Ask yourself, how does this apply to me? How can I put this into practice in my own life?

Prayer is powerful stuff. It connects us all with God's power, God's love and God's goodness. I want more of that, and I bet you do too. Prayerful Knights make much better fathers, better husbands and better disciples of Jesus. Find a way to enhance your prayer life this next month and you will soon continue it throughout your life.

God bless you all!
Fr. Don
Oregon State Chaplain

THOUGHTS for VOCATIONS RSVP

School has started for our children, grandchildren and, for some of us, our great-grandchildren. Let us not forget those who are returning to school to become priests to help us spiritually. Last year ten Councils were able to support 31 Seminarians and one Novitiate. We have approximately 90 Councils and Assemblies in the state. We have over 100 Seminarians at Mt Angel alone. I am asking each Council and Assembly to sponsor one Seminarian, give \$500 to respond to the devotion of our Seminarians. The RSVP Program is also open to Novices and Temporary Deacons.

To assist in identifying Seminarians who are in need, please e-mail Msgr. Paperini's assistant Tamara Swanson (tamara.swanson@myangel.edu). She will send you a Seminarian's name and contact data.

Don't forget to write to your sponsored Seminarian. Try to invite him to your meeting, if possible. He would make a great Knight, if he has not already joined.

What is your parish doing for Priesthood Sunday, which is October 30, 2011? Write a letter of appreciation to the priests who have served your parish. Invite a Seminarian to speak to your parish as to why he elected to serve you. Give out vocational prayer cards at Mass. Respond to our Archbishop's request when he asks us to FORM A PARISH VOCATION COMMITTEE.

We have had requests to help a potential Seminarian and a novice who would like to enter a Seminary and Convent. They have debts incurred from previous schooling and because of this they are prevented entrance. Neither the State nor Supreme offers grants to pay this expense. It would be up to individual Councils to help pay this expense. If any Council would like to pursue this, please contact me at gvennes@yahoo.com.

Remember, "NO ONE IS BORN A PRIEST."

Vivat Jesus
Dr. George Vennes
State Chairman for Vocation and Decency
gvennes@yahoo.com

Councils Working For The Good of Others

A state-of-the-art ultrasound facility was dedicated in the Rogue Valley Pregnancy Center in Medford, Oregon this year. The fund raising efforts, spear-headed by the Knights of Columbus, Ashland Council #13407, aided by



local, state and national Knights of Columbus funding, provided some \$39,000 to the center for the machine and the facility.



Over one hundred supporters attended the event with an address by David Denton,

Oregon State Secretary of the Knights, who described the new unit as part of the Knights' overall ongoing commitment "to protect the unborn of the Rogue River Valley". Ultrasound imagery has proven to be a very effective help for young couples to recognize both the reality and sanctity of life in the womb, and will now be available for the over one thousand clients yearly who use the clinic.

The ribbon was cut by Father Sean Weeks, Pastor of Our Lady of the Mountain Parish, whose council is largely responsible for pursuing the overall venture to completion. Many of those present were from other Christian communities as well as those who were Catholic. If people were unaware of the Knights' previous efforts toward this event, they will now recognize them as an important part of Christian efforts in the future.

(Article submitted by Oregon Knights State Council Public Affairs)

We will not be remembered by our words, but by our kind deeds.

Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath.

Another Council Working Hard

Council #849 Assist St. Theresa Parish, in Halfway, OR

It was Saturday, August 20th, the hottest day on record for Baker County --- 96 degrees!! Six KC members headed down Highway 86 to join parishioners from St. Theresa Mission Parish in Halfway, OR to help construct an addition to the church that was designated for parish meetings, youth and adult religious education sessions and parish fellowship.



Definitely the traditional western, small community hospitality is still alive! The women parishioners were there also, with lunch, water, soda and served a great meal Saturday evening under the pines with home-prepared dishes, salads, desserts and some fine thirst quenching liquids. The Knights stayed with different parishioners that evening and were also treated to a nice breakfast. The goal to accomplish an enclosed room that weekend just lacked some roof sheeting on one side.

The parishioners in Halfway were grateful for the Knights' help. "Their expression was most sincere --- you could feel & taste their gratitude" said Grand Knight Francis Mohr. "There is the Gospel of Jesus curing 10 individuals with leprosy and only one came to thank Him. *For us Knights, for this weekend activity, there were 10 plus words and/or gestures of appreciation!*" Definitely a KC weekend work project that will always be remembered.

Did I read that sign right?

**On a repair shop door:
WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING. (PLEASE KNOCK HARD ON THE DOOR - THE BELL DOESN'T WORK)**

**Notice in health food shop window:
CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS**

“Keep Christ in CHRISTmas” State Program (Highway Billboards)

It's time to start reserving highway billboards for Keep Christ in Christmas display. As you plan for this fraternal year, please consider our State “Keep Christ in Christmas” Highway Billboard Program. In the previous two years there was an increased number of Councils participating. In the year '08, 16 of 75 Councils, i.e. 21% participated; in '09 that increased to 24 or 31% participation. Last year it dropped to 18 councils, i.e. 23% involvement. **Can we regain or increase by 10% or better this year??**

It costs between \$350 – \$475 per billboard, depending which billboard company I can find to use. As a non-profit organization we qualify for a reduced rate. It also means we need to keep “juggling” for billboard space. Some private companies/advertising firms are offering to pay 2 – 3 times as much. I'm also pushing for billboard posting in November. This is available at a slightly lower rate.

As Chairman of this State Activity, my goal is to advocate “involvement” versus a plea to sponsor the full amount of billboard expense. The increase percentage we experienced the past few years is an outward sign of our fraternal virtue of “Unity.” Together, we – **all councils** – can continue to keep the State of Oregon as one of the top states in the US evangelizing this KCIC message along interstates and highways billboards. We may only be sponsoring 9-12 billboards, but that's evangelizing to many.

Contributions by councils range from partial to ‘total billboard expenses’. As a reference, last year one council contributed \$375, five gave \$350, one gave \$300, three contributed \$200, one gave \$150, five contributed \$100 and two gave \$50 – 75. If we expand on this model, we **CAN** reach our goal. Together we can reach our goal.

I hope you agree with the importance of “evangelizing” this KCIC message utilizing billboards along Interstates and by-ways. Highway billboards are an opportunity for **high public exposure** both for this Christmas message and for the Knights of Columbus organization. The view on the billboard is the Nativity scene (Joseph, Mary and the Christ Child) with the phrase “**Keep Christ in Christmas**”, along with **10 inch bold letters** at the bottom indicating the sponsor as “**Oregon Knights of Columbus.**”

Don't hesitate to call me – (541) 523-6245, with any questions. Please mail the **COMMITMENT NOTICE** -- and hopefully a check!! --- to our State Secretary, Dave Denton, 41597 Madrone Street, Springfield, Oregon 97478. Thank you for your timely attention and assistance with this State Activity.

*******COMMITMENT NOTICE*******

Fraternally yours, **Francis**
Francis Mohr, Chairman
“Keep Christ in CHRISTmas” Program

Council Name: _____ No. _____ Date: _____

Enclosed is: _____ **OR** we pledge \$ _____

Officer's Name: _____ Position: _____

Oregon Councils Win Supreme Awards (Reported by General Program Director Rich Paris)

Holy Trinity Beaverton Council #14802 performed an outstanding feat by obtaining Double Star Council for the second year in a row. An Exemplary Oregon Council.

Congratulations to our Star Council Winners:

Newberg #6602
Sherwood #9137

Kudos to our McGivney (membership) Award winners:

McMinnville #1623
Gervais #5842
St. Anne Portland #7729
Seaside #8355
Lincoln City #9529
La Pine #9932
Central Point #11258
Sheridan #11962

Kudos to our Founders (insurance) Award winners:

Baker City #849
St Joseph Salem #1748
Corvallis #1785
Milwaukie #3378
Beaverton #6266
Dallas #8129
Cedar Mills #12656
St Joseph the Worker Portland #13700

Our Councils winning the Columbian (activities) Award are:

Baker City #849
Astoria #1307
McMinnville #1623
Hillsboro #1634
Pendleton #1673
Corvallis #1785
Bend #1872
Tillamook #2171
Oregon City #2325
Beaverton #6266
Newport #7246
Dallas #8129
Seaside #8355
Milwaukie #9257
Queen of Peace Salem #9263
Sheridan #11962

Family of the Month (Form 1993) is due each month on the 15th. Ten (10) Councils participated in July. Is your Council participating?

Congratulations to the Family of William & Sandy MacPherson of Coos Council 1261 for being one of Supreme's Family of the Month for July.

Things to think about in nominating your Council Family are:

- Has the family made significant contributions to the Church, community and/or council?
 - Does the family enjoy one another?
 - Does the family share experiences?
 - Does the family communicate openly and honestly?
 - Does the family pray and attend Mass together?
 - Does the family spend time together interacting instead of in front of the TV set?
- Remember, your Family of the Month may be the next Oregon Family of the Year. Nominate them and send the form in. They may receive a beautiful Holy Family gift from Supreme.

Soccer Challenge

Your Council winners are now advancing onto the District Level. Please contact your District Deputy for the time and place in October. The State Level location in November is being finalized.

Local Council Places 5th in International Community Activity Award

Congratulations to **Coos Council 1261 in North Bend** for placing 5th in the International Community Activity Award from Supreme. Their Christmas Food Basket project is one of the finest Knights' projects in Oregon. The Order's “Surge ... with Service” program encourages Knights to respond to the needs of their local parish, their communities, their council, their families, the unborn and young people. Does your Council have a single project worth noting? Please fill out the Service Program Award, form #STSP. You may be pleasantly surprised where it will take you.





INSURANCE CORNER

The laws and rules of our Order, as well as state (provincial) laws, specify that the Knights of Columbus may accept insurance applications only from Knights of Columbus members. As a member, you may apply for insurance on yourself, your wife and your dependent, minor children.

The Order's Board of Directors has taken action, though, to assure that a brother Knight's widow maintains the right to purchase additional insurance for a limited time. This can be of great benefit and comfort to those we leave behind.

This "right to apply" is available only to the widows of an insured member. If a member has not availed himself of our top-rated life insurance program or purchased at least an annuity or long-term care policy, this benefit is not available to his widow.

If the member was an insured member, his widow has the right to apply for additional insurance on her and on the lives of the member's minor children. This right can be exercised for up to one year following the Order's receipt of proof of the insured's death.

Know two things: First, I'll assist your widow and children in any way possible if you should die, both with your Knights of Columbus insurance and any other life insurance you may have. Second, I'll provide them with my best professional advice and service, to assure that they continue to have adequate insurance protection.

As a professional agent and a brother Knight, I have no greater responsibility.

I'm at 541-563-2662 or jim.walton@kofc.org. Call me.

Fraternally,
Jim Walton
Field Agent

Our State Deputy, Patrick Rice, met with Archbishop Vlazny on Saturday September 10th during a lunchtime meeting. The Archbishop started off thanking his Knights for their continued support of the Gospel of life. He also thanked the Knights in Oregon for their support for Vocations in the Archdiocese.

He let us know of a real need in the State where the Knights, with little effort, can make a huge difference.

From the Office For People with Disabilities, Director- Dorothy Coughlin: Here in the state of Oregon we have families who have a special needs child. They have very little relief from their daily schedules and are in need of spiritual assistance beyond what the Special Olympics can offer. She said that throughout Oregon, families can come to a three day long camp provided at a cost of \$478 per family, but some just can't afford that cost. That's where Knights get involved, by councils or an individual Knight sending money. These special needs families can get much needed relief.

The Archbishop said that the program that is being run with the assistance of the Archdiocese of Portland is overseen by Father David in Cornelius. The camp is in Turner Oregon, so you know that your donations stay local.

Archbishop Vlazny recently attended the World Youth Day and was recharged by the youth and their enthusiasm. He asked us to pray for the youth in Oregon that they grow spiritually in Christ.

In his final message he recommended a good book called "You Cat" (Youth Catechism). He said it is hard to put down.

Thank you Archbishop for your leadership and guidance --

Patrick L Rice

Oregon State Deputy
Knights of Columbus



Michael Miller, PGK and now Trustee at McMinnville Council 1623, was a participant of the 2011 Multiple Sclerosis Bike Ride. Here is some of the information from the website: The 2011 Bike MS Five River Ride, presented by Point B, Inc., was a two-day fundraising bike ride that benefits over 7,200 people with multiple sclerosis that the National MS Society, Oregon Chapter, serves each year.

This highly regarded ride brought out over 800 cyclists, 200 volunteers and countless supporters and spectators.

The 2011 Five River Ride, was held on August 6 + 7, started at Mt. Hood Community College and finished on Thunder Island of the Columbia Gorge. The Ride was created by a diverse group of last year's riders, of varying skill levels and interests. With Rider Village at Mt. Hood Community College, Bike MS is fully supported with catered meals, rest stops and camping areas. Funds raised support vital programs and services for over 7,200 people affected by MS, and their families, in Oregon and SW Washington.

An Important Lesson - The Cleaning Lady.

During my second month of college, our professor gave us a pop quiz. I was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions until I read the last one:

"What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?"

Surely this was some kind of joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50's, but how would I know her name?

I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank. Just before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our quiz grade.



"Absolutely," said the professor.. "In your careers, you will meet many people. All are significant. They deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say "Hello."

I've never forgotten that lesson. I also learned her name was Dorothy.



Canby Council 3484

A group of Vietnam veterans had been planning a Vietnam Memorial for Canby for the last ten years. As Knights of Columbus, we had been trying to participate in a civic event within the city. Council 3484 included the veterans' wish for a memorial at our annual Crab Dinner fund raiser. Our efforts helped them reach the finish line and get the funds needed to complete the memorial.



On August 6th, there was a dedication ceremony. Included was the 234th Army National Guard Band along with several military groups from the state. Their keynote speaker was Oregon Army National Guard, Brigadier General David Eneyart. Canby Mayor Randy Carson, Fire Dept. Chaplain and other city dignitaries participated together with the Canby High School Band.



Our most colorful group of twenty-nine (29) Sir Knights were present to help celebrate the event.



Knights and Churches Step it Up for Life in Eugene and Springfield



Baby Saved During 40 Days for Life in Portland

The Councils in Eugene and Springfield along with the local Catholic parishes, are fighting hard to stop Planned Parenthood from building a large abortion center on the western edge of Springfield near Eugene. In June the Knights from the councils in the area attended a hearing in the Springfield City Hall, but the agenda was changed and discussion on the abortion center was not allowed. More recently, the councils have been leading petition drives at churches and have collected thousands of signatures. We are asking all councils and families to support the Archbishop and oppose Planned Parenthood in the entire state. Please stand in solidarity with the precious prenatal children and pray and contact mayor and contractors. [See www.kofc-or.org/prolife.htm.]

Other Pro Life News

Please remember that October is the Right to Life Month for the Catholic Church in America and many activities are occurring in the area. In Portland there will be a special vigil to start 40 Days for Life. Please come to Life Change Christian Center very near Emmanuel Hospital at 3635 N. Williams Ave, Portland Oregon, on Saturday, September 24, 2011 from 1 to 3 PM. We are urging all Councils to be involved with 40 Days for Life by participating in vigils and helping vigil leaders sign up volunteers. Please visit 40DaysForLife.com/location and scroll down to Oregon to find the location in your area. Knights are also asked to participate in Life Chains in your area. Please visit lifechain.net and scroll down on left side to Oregon. Please note that Portland's life chain is on October 30, 2011 and not on October 2, 2011.



Proposed Site in Springfield, OR

God Blessings to All,

Bill and Cathy Diss
Pro-Life Couple

Oregon Council: Knights of Columbus
503-334-6183



Pray for the Sick and Distressed

Past State Deputy Dennis White

Donna Gay

Wife of former Vice Supreme Master James Gay

Past State Deputy Bill Kast and his wife Joy

Kathleen Flake

Wife of Past State Deputy George A. Flake

Past State Deputy Kim Oev

Marilyn Bousquet

Wife of Past State Deputy Paul Bousquet

PFN Bob Anderson

Council 1594 Medford and Assembly 0905

John Wolf, Pete Dibala's father in-law

Council 5416 Silverton

GK Steve Lindbeck

Council 3735 East Portland

Sir Knight, Rev. Ed McTighe

Council 6266 Beaverton and Assembly 3219

Sir Knight Nick L. Galash

Council 678 Portland and Assembly 899

May our prayers help to speed the recovery and help to alleviate the suffering of those sick or in distress. This we ask in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Please direct your prayer requests to:

**Andrew "Andy" Robinson Jr.
State Health/Welfare/Prayer Chairman**

**Email: robinson@opusnet.com
Phone: 503-543-2338**



**Supreme's Families
of the Month for**

July 2011

William & Sandy MacPherson

Council 1261—North Bend

They received one of the 100 Holy Family gifts given by the Supreme office in a random drawing each month.. Councils using the Family of the Month booklet (#1993) provided to each council in its annual "Surge . . . with Service" kit are placed in the random drawing each month at Supreme.

Oregon Councils participating in April 2011 were:
1261*, 1307, 1430, 1623, 1634, 1785, 1872, 6602, 7246, 9263

*Denotes selected winners for the month.



IN MEMORIAM



Let us keep in mind and offer prayers to all those Brother Knights and/or members of Knights' families who have gone before us.

Elaine Uhlenhake

Wife of Marv Uhlenhake of
Council 7246, Newport

Phil Roberts

Brother of Leslie Clemmer, wife of Immediate
Past State Deputy Wayne Clemmer

Brother Emilio Moure

Supreme Secretary and Past State Deputy of California

PGK Jim Hassler

Council 2939 Roseburg

Truman D Tibbits

Council 2439 Sublimity

Jeffrey Rauscher

Norm and Carol Rauscher's son
Norm is the brother of Ray Rauscher
Council 2439 Sublimity

Bruce Bilodeau

Transferred to Camas, Washington Knights

Sir Knight Jim O'Donnell

Council 9257 Milwaukie and Assembly 2251

Sir Knight Francis Ryan

Council 7246 Newport and Assembly 0903

Douglas R. Anderson

Council 8129 Dallas

Robert "Bob" Kristan

Council 3818 Lake Oswego

Clay Elton Oglesby Jr. (CJ)

Stepson of Scott Stalcup
Council 3818 Lake Oswego

Peter Baehr

Council 7246 Newport

Sir Knight Pierre Inghels

Council 1872 Bend and Assembly 0908

**Eternal Rest
Grant Unto Them**

**O Lord
And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon
Them**





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Article by Steve Purves DD18 (regarding assisting the handicapped in the archdiocese)

Over the Labor Day weekend the Archdiocese held their annual Hispanic retreat for Families with Children with Disabilities in the St. Alexander Parish in Cornelius. Annually they hold two retreats for these families — one for families that speak English and one for families that speak Spanish. This year at the Hispanic retreat they had 130 people and 8 new families. This is a wonderful weekend of prayer and peace for these families as they come together to support each other and share their stories and love for their children and each other. The Archdiocese ministry for the handicapped focuses on bringing these children and their families to the Eucharist and the truth of the Catholic Church.

As with prior years they were not able to collect enough money to cover the cost and are turning to the Knights for help. They are several thousand dollars short. If each council could send just \$100.00 dollars that would meet their need. Hopefully we can adjust our budgets to support this ministry with an annual donation. If you can help please send your check to: Saint Alexander Church, Attn Fr. David Schiferl, PO Box 644, Cornelius, OR 97113.

