

Pulpit announcement:

Thank you Father, for this opportunity to tell you about the Knights of Columbus and what our local council - the (Name of Council) Council # (_____) does here in our parish and community.

In 1882 Father Michael McGivney started the Knights of Columbus to uplift his parish in New Haven. His vision was for councils to put programs of faith into action that would protect families and build a better world. This is why we gave you the prayer card for his Canonization as you entered Mass.

Knights of Columbus membership offers countless opportunities for Catholic men – and their families – to live and grow in faith. Through our support of critical societal needs, we Knights have the opportunity to leave a positive and lasting impact in our communities and around the world. Respected and proud to call ourselves Knights, the nearly 2 million members donated over 75 million hours of their time to charitable service and nearly \$200 million to important causes around the globe just last year.

Here in the (Council Name) Council we donated over (\$11,000) and provided more than (5,500) volunteer hours helping those in need.

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic service organization for adult men. The Knights serve communities on a local and global scale through many activities including coat drives for kids, Special Olympics, disaster preparedness and relief, and assisting people who are persecuted. We are everyday people helping people every day. Whether it's aiding the less fortunate, local volunteering, networking with others of shared values and beliefs, or participating in fun, family-inclusive events, the Knights of Columbus welcome and value Catholic men seeking community and ways to put their faith into action.

Often times we hear that people are too busy with family and work to help out. This is really not the case! We don't want you to leave your family to participate in a charitable program, we want you to lead your family in charitable action. What I have found was that just an hour here or an hour there could make a big difference to people in need, while putting our common faith into action.

Today, we have a great opportunity for you to take a test drive, so to speak. With just your email address we will be happy to send you information about charitable outreach projects.

Please take a moment to fill out the card in the pew and hand it to one of our Knight Ambassadors at the doors on your way out of Mass. No obligation! We will only send some information once a week. Or if you want to join now it is very simple go to KofC.org/joinus and fill out the information and put in our council #_____ where asked, and simple as that, you are in.

Then if you want to be a council member, we will help you do that quickly. Everyone that joins during our drive will be entered into a drawing for a (Raffle Prize i.e., gift card or gear).

Again, thank you Father for allowing me this opportunity to tell our story of faith and charity.