

WHY ESTABLISH A COUNCIL?

- 1** The Knights of Columbus is an organization dedicated to serving the Church through support of pastors and their parishes.
- 2** The members of a Knights of Columbus council are a group of men who will become the pastor's "go-to guys" for the parish's needs.
- 3** A Knights of Columbus council is not a ministry that calls upon the pastor's time or attention, rather it is a group of dedicated laymen that he can depend on.
- 4** A council is a venue for men in the parish to become better Catholics through service to their Church and community, and involvement in many of the other initiatives the Knights of Columbus offers.
- 5** A Knights of Columbus council in a parish is the gateway to an international organization of more than 1.9 million members.

A WORD FROM SUPREME KNIGHT CARL A. ANDERSON

HOW CAN WE HELP?

The Knights of Columbus was founded by a parish priest in 1882, and we continue to do our best work in a parish community, in close cooperation with the pastor. While serving as the strong right arm of the parish priest, Knights answer the call of both St. John Paul II and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI to participate in "a charity that evangelizes." Being a member of the Knights of Columbus allows a man to strengthen his own faith while serving others.

From our organization's founding by Father Michael McGivney, the Knights has maintained a close affiliation with parish life. We have grown with the help of priests who recognize the Knights of Columbus as a solid and faithful organization for their parishioners to join. We are working to strengthen the bonds of cooperation between priests and Knights to achieve Father McGivney's vision of a council in every parish and we look forward to working with you as we strive to increase the life of faith, hope and love among Catholic men and their families through "a charity that evangelizes."

I often hear that our K of C councils are known for asking "How can we help, Father?" It is my great hope that we will have the opportunity to work with you within your parish and the larger community.



A Charity That Evangelizes



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A KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL
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A CHARITY THAT EVANGELIZES: PARISH-BASED KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCILS

A goal of every Knights of Columbus council is to help the parish priest in every way possible. A Knights of Columbus council is a valuable resource to the pastor that can provide the manpower necessary to help a parish achieve its goals.

A KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL CAN BE THE DIFFERENCE

There are many benefits in establishing a K of C council for the parish community as a whole, its pastor, and for the men who may decide to become members of that council. Having a Knights of Columbus council creates a unique support structure within a parish. Whether it's fundraising for a new roof, actively participating in parish ministry, or helping with maintenance around the parish, devoted Knights serve as valuable resources for realizing the parish's needs.

The benefits of a council also go beyond service to the parish. Membership in the Knights of Columbus, among other things, gives the opportunity for men to offer personal service to their community. As a member of the Knights of Columbus being active in his parish helps a man to strengthen his personal faith while creating a better place for him and his family to grow in faith. The Knights of Columbus also offers a highly-rated insurance program to help protect the future of Catholic families.



“A Knights of Columbus Council is a blessing for a parish. Dedicated to the growth of the Church and its good deeds, involved in social and ecclesial charitable activities, building fraternity and unity, participating in the sacramental life of the parish, they contribute immensely to the building up of a vibrant parish community. They are not only essential pillars of the parish, they are also the hands, the eyes and the heart with which Christ is made present in our midst. Being involved with the Knights, witnessing their faith, their generosity, their hard work and their self-sacrifice is for me a source of strength and hope, a motive of praise and gratitude. ‘My soul magnifies the Lord’ for He is doing great things through and by the Knights.”

BISHOP NOËL SIMARD



“I have become convinced that being a Knight can really help a man to be a good Catholic. I think the Knights help a man articulate his faith and to be proud to be seen as a Catholic gentleman. Being a Knight encourages a man to be active in his parish and community. The Knights support the Church, and every priest should know they can call on their Knights, especially when they are brother Knights.”

FR. DONALD GRZYMSKI, OFM CONV.



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL GUIDED BY FAITH. COMMITTED TO SERVICE.

Since its founding by a parish priest — Father Michael McGivney in 1882 — the Knights of Columbus has been dedicated to serving the Catholic Church. To date, its members have volunteered millions of hours and raised billions of dollars for worthy causes. With more than 1.9 million members worldwide, Knights have served their faith, communities and each other in times of need. Whether locally or globally, the influence that the organization's members have had on society as a whole has been extraordinary.

Father McGivney's vision of a Knights of Columbus presence in every parish stemmed from his belief that local councils can achieve great things for the Church. In addition to creating an organization where Catholic men could grow their faith and help each other in times of need, Father McGivney saw an opportunity to help parishes prosper through service by Knights in the areas of faith, community, family, youth and fellowship.