

Way of the Cross

By Carl Weiss, Council 10894, Springfield NE

Thank you to all the State Delegates at the Nebraska Knights of Columbus Convention in Kearney on April 28, 2013, for your vote of confidence on the "Way of the Cross" project for the Holy Family Shrine in Gretna. This project will be a testament of Jesus' journey that saves us from our sins. The hope of the Shrine is that the Way of the Cross will not be merely a tourist attraction, but more importantly become a destination, a pilgrimage for faithful travelers.

With the Knights of Columbus financial help, at least 28 life-size bronze figures of the 14 Stations of the Cross will be created and installed at the Shrine. More will be added if funds are available.

The First Station of the Cross, "Jesus being condemned to death", was on display at the State Convention. (View this First Station of the Cross in the photo gallery from the Convention by going to <http://nebraskakofc.org> and clicking on the link to view the photos. Then go to page 6 in the photo gallery and find photos 164 and 165. Click on the small images for a larger view.)

The next step is to send these clay figures to a mold maker, then on to the foundry to go through a wax process, and then into bronze statues - the final product. This can't be done until funds are available.

\$28 per Knight will accomplish the goal.

I don't want one dollar being diverted from any of the other projects that your councils do during the year, but if each member of the Knights of Columbus in Nebraska would write one check for \$28.00, this project would be paid for. That works out to \$5.60 per Knight annually over a 5 year time frame. If all the funds were collected now, this project could be finished in about 3 ½ years. If not, the project will be delayed.

**Please prayerfully consider a tax deductible donation
in thanksgiving for our Lord's Passion and Death.**

**Send it to: The Holy Family Shrine, "Way of the Cross"
PO Box 507, Gretna, NE 68028-7942**

Over 30,000 people annually visit the Shrine. Those numbers will only grow with time. The "Way of the Cross" will be experienced for generations to come. It will provide faithful travelers a strengthening of faith and give homage to Jesus for His passion and death suffered for us.

For more information please contact; The Holy Family Shrine at www.hfsgretna.com • (402) 332-4565

Thank you all for answering the call.

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The Holy family Shrine has started the process of adding a life-size walking Stations of the Cross. The first figure has been completed. This figure is Jesus kneeling and praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. A blessing of the figure by Archbishop Emeritus Elden F. Curtiss was held on March 28, 2013.

The figure (below) is now on display in the Visitor Center. It will be installed outside once a site is prepared.



Other figures will be added as funds permit. This project will add another place where our guests can come and enjoy the peace of their Lord.

Donations for this project can be sent to:

Holy Family Shrine

Attn: WOC

PO Box 507

Gretna, NE 68028

Expect more details to be announced as the project moves forward.