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Front Cover: Detail, painting of Sacred Heart of Jesus from a side altar in the Basilica dei Santi Dodici Apostoli, Rome, by an unknown 19th-century artist.  
Opposite: *Photo by Michael Collopy*

# 2023 Annual Report *of the* Supreme Knight

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It's a pleasure to celebrate another great year. We had a year of faith in action — and heroic charity. My brother Knights, thank you for everything you did and everyone you served!

We stepped up in so many ways — all 2 million Knights of Columbus. We donated \$185 million to charity and devoted 49 million hours to volunteer service. We protected Catholic families with a record \$121 billion of life insurance in force. And around the world, we rose to meet the biggest challenges — from saving unborn children to supporting the people of Ukraine.

I'm grateful to God for the way he has worked among us and through us, and as we look back at the past year, I am confident Father McGivney is proud of us.

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# First in Faith

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Our actions reflect the best of our history. And they spring from the truth we hold in our hearts. As Knights, what we do reflects who we are. We are faithful Catholics — and disciples of Jesus Christ. We carry on a tradition that was planted in this land more than 450 years ago.

The first Catholic settlement in the future United States was established right here, in Florida, in 1565. And the first person to step ashore was a Catholic chaplain — Father Francisco Lopez. Many have called him America’s “first parish priest.” To this day, the city of St. Augustine is a testament to the Catholic Church’s enduring influence on this continent.

Three centuries later, another parish priest extended that influence. In 1882, while serving an immigrant parish in New Haven, Connecticut, Father Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus. He gave us one mission — to follow Christ. And he called us to fulfill it through faith and charity. For Father McGivney and the first Knights, faith and charity went hand in hand. They knew that spiritual poverty and material poverty both diminish human dignity — and both demand a strong response.

Our forefathers met this challenge by keeping families together. They helped men grow in virtue and they helped parents raise their children in the faith. And they cared for families when disaster struck, especially when young fathers died. Father McGivney and the first Knights proved that faith and charity grow together. For as Christ himself commanded us, “you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart ... soul ... mind, and ... strength” and “you shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Mk 12:30-31). In these words, we hear the call of the Knights of Columbus. Our fidelity to this mission has taken us from a small group of men in a parish basement to a global Catholic brotherhood. And today, our mission is more urgent than ever.

Times have changed. The culture is growing more hostile to our faith. And the two institutions that are most essential to human flourishing — the family and the Church — are facing mounting threats. In these difficult times, so much depends on our commitment to our mission. Will we be credible witnesses to a living faith? Will ours be a charity that evangelizes? Will we stand for the truth without apology and without counting the cost? Our answer is the same as Father McGivney’s: Yes! We will point the world to Jesus Christ. He is the light that shines in the darkness. And he will shine through the Knights of Columbus.

The challenges we face are many and serious. In this new era, forming Catholic men must be our top priority. I have said it before and I will say it again: If we get the man right, we get everything right — the marriage, the family, the parish, the community. We need men who say “yes” to their God-given vocation. And we know what happens when men respond in faith.

A first-class relic of Blessed Michael McGivney is offered for veneration in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Keller, Texas, in March. The relic toured three dioceses during the pilgrimage organized by General Agent Chris Stark. *Photo by Shannon Faulk*









Consider St. Juan Diego. We are preparing for the 500th anniversary of Our Lady's apparition to him on Tepeyac Hill. In December 1531, she entrusted the message of her son's love to a humble layman. St. Juan Diego's "yes" set in motion the greatest conversion of the New World.

For more than 20 years, the Order has been consecrated to Mary under her title Our Lady of Guadalupe. And earlier this year, the Board of Directors made a pilgrimage to her shrine in Mexico City. There, kneeling before the tilma, I re-consecrated the Order to Santa María de Guadalupe. And today, I ask the delegates here assembled to stand and join me in once again saying "yes" to Our Lady's message of God's redemptive love.

Last year, I announced a new initiative focused on prayer, formation and fraternity. It's called *Cor*. And I believe it's one of our most important initiatives ever.

*Cor* will be a game changer. The name is Latin for heart. And it reflects the reality that faith and fraternity are the heart of who we are. *Cor* is designed for Catholic men. It provides much-needed fellowship, drawing us closer together. As Scripture says, and as every Knight knows, "a three-ply cord is not easily broken" (Eccl 4:12). And *Cor* will deepen our relationship with Christ, making it easier to profess and defend what we believe.

*Cor* is very practical, and proving very effective. It's already helping men be better husbands, fathers and Catholics. And it's also turning non-Knights into new Knights, because *Cor* is open to any Catholic man in the parish.

Young Catholic men, in particular, are hungry for faith and fraternity. *Cor* gives them what they're looking for. And it opens their eyes to everything we offer.

After a very successful pilot program in 21 jurisdictions, we're preparing to roll *Cor* out to the entire Order. Every Knight and every Catholic man, of any age, can find value in *Cor*. I encourage you to



Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly delivers remarks before reconsecrating the Order to Our Lady of Guadalupe at the basilica named in her honor in Mexico City, Feb. 3. Looking on is Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori and Past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, who originally consecrated the Order to the Virgin of Guadalupe 20 years earlier to the day. Photo by Stephen Feiler

make it a priority and invite the men of your parish. We have many resources to help you launch *Cor*.

To that end, we're introducing our first-ever Bible Study designed specifically for Catholic men. It's called "Men of the Word" and when it comes to deepening our faith, nothing is more effective than the Word of God. This Bible Study will bring Scripture alive and it has the power to transform our lives.

We're also preparing to debut a new video series on marriage, family and fatherhood. It follows the model of *Into the Breach*, which has been viewed nearly 1.5 million times. You'll find powerful testimonies and practical advice for living the faith as a family.

I'm excited about this new series. Vanessa and I have three young daughters. Nothing matters more to us than raising them with a love for the faith. The same is true for so many Catholic families. And it's an urgent need in the Church.

A recent poll found that only a third of Catholic parents care if their children keep the faith (Pew Research Center, January 2023, "Parenting in America Today"). Think about that — only a third of parents care if their kids stay Catholic. This is one reason why so many young people have drifted away from the faith. But it doesn't have to be this way.



With state chaplains assembled on the steps of St. Mary's Church, Archbishop Lori incenses the Blessed Sacrament following a eucharistic procession through the streets of New Haven, June 9. *Photo by Tamino Petelinšek*

A relationship with Christ is the greatest gift we can offer to the next generation. The Knights of Columbus has a duty to help parents grow in their faith and pass it on to their children. Our new video series will help. These new initiatives will further strengthen us in our Catholic faith. And they'll complement the already robust offerings of our Catholic Information Service which is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. Since 1948, CIS has helped millions of Catholics deepen their understanding of the faith.

We embrace this mission in many ways. On the day I was installed as Supreme Knight, I urged all of us to become Knights of the Eucharist. We are leading sponsors of the National Eucharistic Revival in the United States. As part of this effort, councils across

the country have held eucharistic processions. And just two months ago, the supreme officers and state deputies joined a special procession that began at St. Mary's, the birthplace of the Order. Archbishop William Lori, our supreme chaplain, led the way. Together, we brought Christ to the streets of New Haven — just as Father McGivney did before us.

This is not the first procession to start at St. Mary's. Nor will it be the last. Next May, one of the Revival's four cross-country processions will start at the tomb of Blessed Michael McGivney, America's Parish Priest. It will culminate in Indianapolis, where the National Eucharistic Congress will take place next July. I encourage every Knight to embrace the Revival and deepen his faith in our Eucharistic Lord.



# First in Charity

Reaching new depths of faith will take us to new heights of charity. Father McGivney showed us the way. His love for Christ led him to care for widows and orphans. More recently, we had the extraordinary witness of St. Teresa of Calcutta.

Like Father McGivney, her charity sprang from her love of Christ. I often think of one story that's told about her.

Mother Teresa was caring for a leper in his final hours. As he was dying in her arms, she asked if she could tell him about Jesus. He was silent for a moment. Then he asked her: "Is this Jesus like you?" She responded: "No. But I am trying to be like him." The dying man replied: "Then I want to be a Christian."

Mother Teresa shows us that faith leads to charity — and charity leads to faith.

Last year, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Mother Teresa's death, we produced a documentary celebrating her life. The film premiered at the Vatican, and I was honored to present a copy to Pope Francis. The Holy Father thanked us for our efforts to bring Mother Teresa's heroic witness to a new generation.

*Mother Teresa: No Greater Love* has played in more than 1,000 theaters — from North and South America to Europe and beyond. It aired nationwide on PBS and EWTN, and next month it will air on ABC. The response has been tremendous. The film was the most popular faith documentary of 2022. And it was the second most popular documentary of any kind. Mother Teresa is inspiring the world all over again!

Like St. Teresa of Calcutta, the Knights are committed to lives of service. And last year, in countless ways, we channeled our faith into charity.



Pope Francis greeted Missionaries of Charity and a delegation of the Knights of Columbus Aug. 31, prior to the world premiere of *Mother Teresa: No Greater Love* at the Filmoteca Vaticana. Photo by Vatican Media





Above left: Pope Francis kisses the hand of an Indigenous leader during a meeting with First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities in Maskwacis, Alberta. The Supreme Council provided financial support and local Knights stepped up in various roles of assistance during the Holy Father's penitential pilgrimage to Canada last year. *CNS Photo/Vatican Media* • Right: Participants pray during a Mass celebrating the 10-year anniversary of the canonization of St. Kateri Tekakwitha at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine on Oct. 21. *Photo by Matthew Barrick*

In the Middle East, we continue to aid persecuted Christians. Without our work, some of the most ancient Christian communities might have disappeared forever. But they're still here, and since 2014, we've provided more than \$33 million to help them build for the future.

Closer to home, we continue to stand with Catholics in Indigenous communities. At the Saint John Paul II National Shrine, we celebrated the 10-year anniversary of Kateri Tekakwitha's canonization. John Paul II beatified her and renewed the Church's commitment to Indigenous communities.

Pope Francis has continued this work in a personal way. Last summer, we helped the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops welcome the Holy Father to Canada, in order to foster healing and reconciliation with Indigenous people. This historic journey was broadcast throughout Canada by our friends at Salt + Light Media. Through our Native Solidarity initiative, the Knights of Columbus will continue to walk in faith with our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

We reach out to others in a spirit of love. And with the pandemic over, we redoubled our support for the least fortunate. This year marks the 20th anniversary of our wheelchair initiative. We started in 2003 by helping landmine victims in Afghanistan. And last year, in partnership with the Global Wheelchair Mission, we gave the gift of mobility to more than 10,000 people. All told, in the past two decades, we've given more than 127,000 wheelchairs to those in need.

We also gave more than \$5.3 million in the wake of natural disasters in the past year. That includes our response to Hurricane Ian, the deadliest storm to strike Florida in a century. We also responded to Hurricane Fiona, the most destructive in Canadian history. To this day, in the wake of disaster, our brother Knights are on the ground, helping families and communities recover.

During the past year, we helped our priests and seminarians with more than \$3.7 million in scholarships and support. It shows our enduring commitment to being the strong right arm of the Catholic Church.

With that same strength, we teamed up with disabled athletes from around the world. In the last five years alone, brother Knights have contributed over \$21 million to Special Olympics. And at competitions from coast to coast, we were there, with helping hands and encouraging words.

Finally, there's Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids. We launched Coats for Kids in 2009 with a simple goal: to give children the gift of warmth in the coldest months. And this winter, we'll reach a historic milestone. We will distribute our one-millionth coat to a child in need.

When it comes to charity, we do much more than just donate money and goods. The time we give is even more meaningful.





Members of Blessed Noël Pinot Council 16722 in Angers, France, serve breakfast to a man experiencing homelessness. Inspired by a saying of St. Vincent de Paul — “the poor are your masters” — the Knights bring breakfast to homeless people every Saturday at dawn. *Photo by Arnaud Bouthéon*

• Members of St. Demetrius Council 17293 in Ivano-Frankivsk, including council chaplain Father Andriy Rehner, unpack a generator for the local parish. Knights have donated 200 generators to help power parishes across Ukraine. *Photo by Andrey Gorb*

In Virginia, brother Knights didn’t just buy wheelchairs for veterans. They delivered them in person. At one VA facility, they showed up with 20 wheelchairs for disabled heroes.

In Puebla, Mexico, Knights bring blankets and food to the homeless of their city every month. And in Angers, France, Knights do something similar. Before the sun rises, they take to the streets to give food to the homeless.

When Hurricane Ian hit Florida, men from St. Katharine Drexel Council 14212 packed their vans, drove across the state, and set up shop at a flooded gas station. In three hours, these Knights gave away 300 meals and jugs of water, and 250 rosaries.

And in the Philippines, Knights took disaster response to a new level. They gave food and clothes to flood victims, while planting new trees in devastated areas. Filipino Knights are rebuilding what Pope Francis has called “our common home.”

There are so many other acts of service I could name. To every brother Knight who volunteered last year: Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ.

One charitable effort deserves special mention. I speak, of course, about our support for Ukraine. Last year, within 36 hours of Russia’s invasion, we established the Ukraine Solidarity Fund. We called on councils to host fundraisers and rallied others to support this worthy cause. Eighteen months later,

we have raised over \$21 million. I cannot think of another time when so many gave so much, so fast. And it reminds me of the words of St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans: “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good” (Rom 12:21).

In a very real sense, our support for Ukraine started in Poland. While our Ukrainian brothers are on the frontlines of war, our Polish brothers are right beside them, on the frontlines of charity. Since the beginning of the war, they have run Mercy Centers for Ukrainian refugees — mostly women and children. They offer food and water, as well as counseling and spiritual care. And through our K of C Charity Convoys, Polish Knights have delivered truckloads of relief supplies directly into Ukraine, into the middle of a war zone.



President Andrzej Duda of Poland receives the Caritas Award from Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly in recognition of the Polish people’s selfless care for millions of Ukrainian refugees. *Photo by Jakub Szymczuk/KPRP*





During a visit to Ukraine last December, Supreme Knight Kelly joined Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk of Kyiv-Halyč, right, and Archbishop Mieczysław Mokrzycki of Lviv to review modular housing for displaced families sponsored by the Order's Ukraine Solidarity Fund.  
*Photo by Marcin Jorńczyk*

I traveled to Poland in December, where I met with President Andrzej Duda. I presented him, and his nation, with our Caritas Award. It recognizes extraordinary works of charity for the sake of others. That's certainly true of the Polish people, and it's especially true of our Polish Knights.

We are joined today by our state deputy from Poland, Krzysztof Zuba, as well as our new Supreme Warden, Andrzej Anasiak, the first-ever Supreme Officer from Europe. We are also grateful to welcome the Ukraine delegation led by State Deputy Yuriy Maletskiy. Our brother Knights from Ukraine and Poland are a sterling example of "first in faith and charity."

After my trip to Poland, I traveled into Ukraine itself. I wish every Knight could see what I saw. It was Advent. Normally, there would have been Christmas lights. But not last year. Russian missiles had taken out much of Ukraine's power grid. The electricity that was left was needed for hospitals and humanitarian relief.

Everywhere I went, I met with families who had lost their belongings, their homes and, yes, their loved ones. But I also saw something else — something profound. Despite all they've been through, the Ukrainian people still have hope — the hope that springs from faith. Amid the darkness of war, the Catholic Church is a ray of light.

I traveled with the leaders of both the Roman Catholic Church and the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. We visited parishes, convents and seminaries that have opened their doors to refugees. And to this day, I am struck by the words of Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk. Reflecting on Russian atrocities, His Beatitude spoke of the duty to cultivate love. For as he said, "hatred gives birth to criminals, but love gives birth to heroes."

My friends, Ukraine is becoming a nation of heroes. And we are joined by two of them today — Archbishop Mieczysław Mokrzycki of Lviv and Bishop Mykhaylo Bubny of Odessa. Your Excellencies, thank you for being courageous shepherds!





Alongside Archbishop Mokrzycki, Supreme Knight Kelly serves soup at a shelter operated by the Albertine Brothers in Lviv, Ukraine, Dec. 6. Photo by Tamino Petelinšek

While in Ukraine, I spoke with many refugees. Their courage was striking. And I will always remember meeting a mother and her two daughters, one of whom was paralyzed. They cried as they described the violence they left behind. And they thanked the Knights for helping them find a path forward. Without that refugee center, they would have been on the streets. They might not have survived the brutal winter. But they did survive. Because they had a roof over their heads, food in their stomachs, and faith in their hearts.

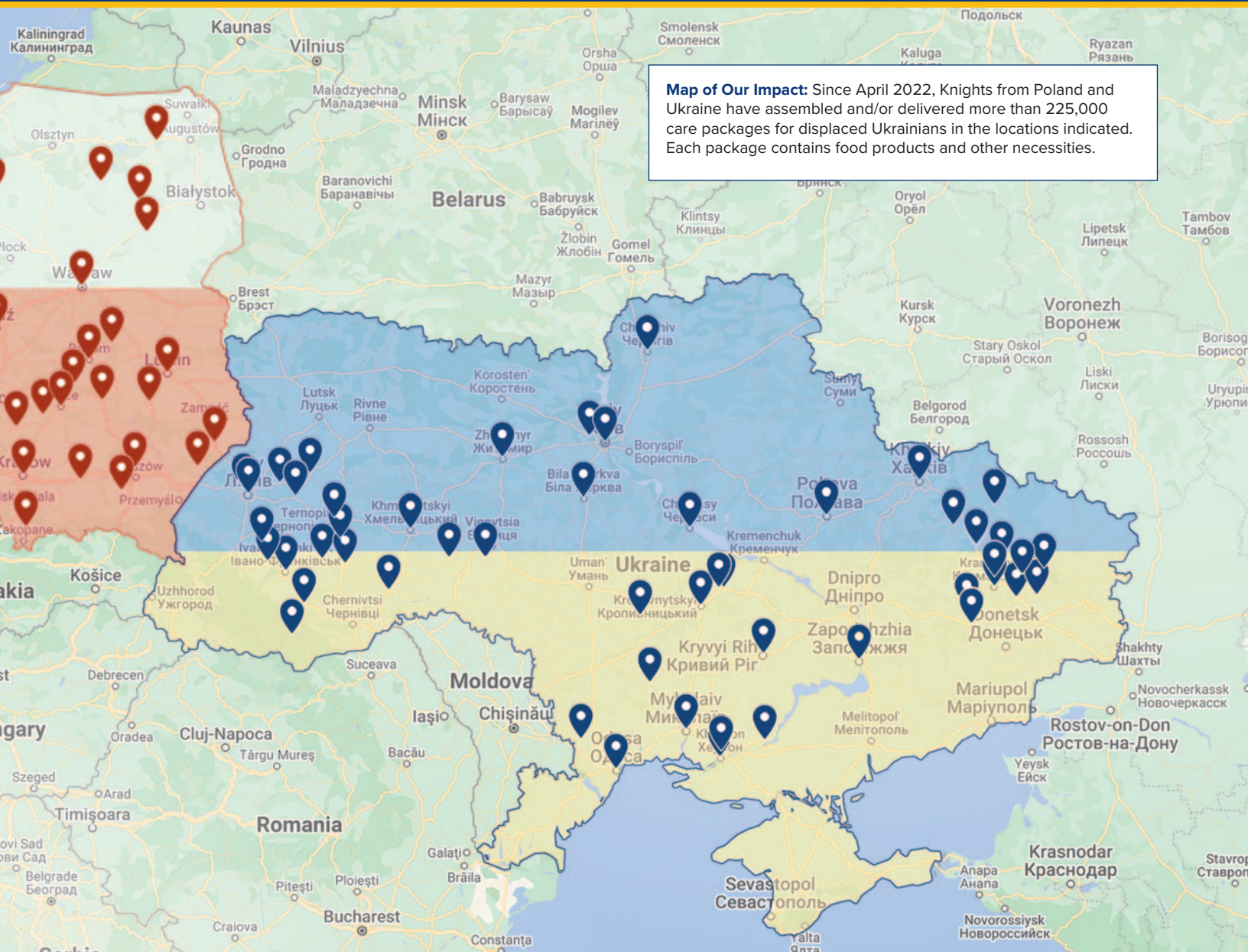
On behalf of the entire Order, I made a promise to that family and every refugee I met: You are not alone. We are with you. And the Knights of Columbus is not going anywhere!

Our support for the Ukrainian people takes many forms. That includes a partnership with the Pontes Foundation to protect Ukrainian women and girls from human trafficking. This crisis is real — and it's global. Worldwide, more than 27 million people are victims of human trafficking. When I became Supreme Knight, we launched an effort to confront this evil. And I am grateful that the recent movie, *Sound of Freedom*, has drawn greater attention to it. The Knights of Columbus is fighting human trafficking for a simple reason. As Catholic men, we protect vulnerable women and children. Every human being is made in God's image. And no human being should ever be sold.

Beyond Ukraine, we're tackling this crisis in the Philippines. In partnership with the Arise Foundation, Filipino Knights are working with religious sisters to help young women and girls recognize this danger. They're also building a national network to support victims. I would especially like to thank our Supreme Director Emeritus from the Philippines, Justice Jose Reyes, for his strong leadership. I am proud of our efforts to end human trafficking — a pervasive evil that lurks just beneath the surface.







Above left: Major Archbishop Shevchuk greets the supreme knight after a Divine Liturgy in Lviv, Dec. 6. *Photo by Tamino Petelinšek* • Above center: Since the first days of the war in Ukraine, K of C Charity Convoys have brought food, water and other essentials into Ukraine. *Photo by Vitaliy Voetsa* • Above right: Ukraine State Deputy Youriy Maletskiy participates in a wheelchair and care package distribution in Brody, a city in the Lviv region. *Photo by Andrey Gorb*



# Patriotism & Faithful Citizenship

Our principle of charity compels us to serve the most vulnerable. And our principle of patriotism leads us to serve our countries.

Since our founding, brother Knights have fought to defend freedom wherever we live. We've stood strong to uphold foundational principles like human dignity and religious freedom. And we've advanced equal justice — regardless of race, religion or nationality.

Our love of country compels us to be faithful citizens — of whatever country we call home. And our work is far from done. In the United States, the anti-Catholic bigotry of the 19th and early-20th centuries has returned with a vengeance. Some 60 years after the election of John F. Kennedy, our first Catholic president and a brother Knight, we are once again being intimidated and excluded. Our religious liberty is under threat. And our deepest beliefs are being labeled “hate speech.”

Let me be clear: There is nothing hateful about the sanctity of marriage, the reality of biological sex, or the humanity of the unborn child. And the Knights of Columbus will never apologize for defending the truth!

We stand for the truth because it's right — even when it leads to ridicule and scorn.

Like all of you, I was shocked to see a professional baseball team honor an anti-Catholic hate group that masquerades as nuns. They mock Our Lord and Our Lady in the foulest ways. And they insult the courageous women religious who have dedicated their lives to prayer and service. I can think of no more blatant example of the new anti-Catholic bigotry.



A military color guard leads a procession during the Warriors to Lourdes pilgrimage in May. Photo by Tamino Petelinšek





Above left: In 1904, to help counter anti-Catholic bigotry, the Knights of Columbus presented an oversized check to establish a Chair of American History at The Catholic University of America. *Knights of Columbus Multimedia Archives* • Above right: Professor Kevin Walsh, a Fourth Degree Knight, speaks at his installation as the first Knights of Columbus Professor of Law and the Catholic Tradition, a newly-endowed chair at CUA's Columbus School of Law. *Photo by Nick Crettier*

We are joined today by members of the Missionaries of Charity, the Sisters of Life, the Nashville Dominicans and the Sisters of the Company of the Savior. We are also very honored to welcome the Secretary General of Vatican City, Sister Raffaella Petrini of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. To every sister who's with us today — thank you for standing taller than those who mock you! We love you!

We've long defended our fundamental right to practice our beliefs and participate in society. That was true a century ago, when we fought the Ku Klux Klan and the Know-Nothings. As part of that effort, we endowed a Chair of American History at The Catholic University of America.

And a hundred years later, we've endowed a new chair at CUA's Columbus School of Law: Brother Knight Kevin Walsh is now the Knights of Columbus Professor of Law and the Catholic Tradition. This distinguished scholar is already making important contributions to the defense of our religious liberty.

Such efforts spring from our commitment to patriotism. And that same spirit moves us to support the men and women of the Armed Forces. Whether it's our military prayer book or Warriors to Lourdes, we stand with those in uniform. As a veteran myself, I know firsthand

the stress and difficulties of military life. I also know the life-saving difference that a Catholic chaplain can make. That's why I'm proud of our continued partnership with the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. With our support, the Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program has trained 63 military chaplains.

For more than 17 years, our outreach to the military has been the passion of one man in particular. He served three decades in the Marine Corps, including four tours in Vietnam. And since 2006, he's served as our Advisor for Military and Veterans Affairs. Col. Chuck Gallina is preparing to retire later this year. Colonel, we thank you and we salute you!



As advisor for military and veterans affairs for the Knights of Columbus, Col. Chuck Gallina has led the Warriors to Lourdes pilgrimage from its inception in 2014. *Photo by Tamino Petelinšek*



# Insurance & Investments

We stand with our troops because they keep our families safe. Yet as Catholic men, we all have a duty to protect families. Father McGivney built the Knights around this truth. And he charged us with caring for widows and orphans through our life insurance program. When the first Knights pooled their money for mutual aid, they put their faith into action. So do we, and we've taken our founding vision into bold new territory.

We've been a *Fortune* 1000® company for 14 years in a row. We continue to earn superior ratings from AM Best (A+) and Standard & Poor's (AA+). And for the second year in a row, *Forbes* has recognized us as one of America's best life insurance companies. For us, being first in faith and charity also means being first in Catholic finance.

We answer God's call to protect families and care for mothers and children. And we help families secure their financial future. Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors empowers Catholics to invest in line with our faith. We started offering our investment services to Catholic institutions in 2015, and two years ago we made our mutual funds available to members and non-members alike. Today, we manage more than \$2.3 billion for Catholic families, religious communities and dioceses.

It's clear that Catholics want to carry their faith into their finances. And the same is true of their charitable giving. Generous individuals and families have now entrusted more than \$100 million to the Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund. KCCF donor-advised funds help you support the charitable causes that matter to you — while fully upholding the Catholic faith. Last year alone, donors to the Charitable Fund distributed nearly \$21 million to worthy charities.



David St. Hilaire, a field agent with the Swanson Agency in Nebraska, visits with a K of C family about their insurance needs.

There is much more I could say about the faith foundation of our business. But this year, I want to do something different. I want to describe the faithful men who personify our business. Behind

every purchase of a life insurance policy, and every sale of an investment product, is a brother Knight. We have nearly a thousand agents who strive every day to be first in faith and charity. This isn't just their job. It's their calling.

A recent story reminded me of this. One of our agents came to the job late in his career. He was tired of business as usual and he wanted to put his faith into action. It wasn't long before he got the worst kind of call. A brother Knight had died, and his grieving widow was desperate for help. The agent rushed to her house. She didn't know how to process her husband's K of C insurance policy, so he did it for her. Then she told him that her husband had four policies with other companies. She didn't know what to do, or where to start.

Our agent spent the rest of the day calling those companies and completing the paperwork. He lifted a burden from her shoulders and carried it himself. This agent is here with us today. Bob Gordon, thank you for embodying the best of the Knights of Columbus.



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# Membership

Our insurance program is thriving because it's built on faith. The same is true of our membership — and last year's growth was strong.

We now have more than 2,084,000 Knights around the world in 16,672 councils. And I'm pleased to report that we've hit a major milestone. More than 100,000 men have joined the Knights through online membership. We're reaching a new generation. And we're setting the stage for a new era of impact.

Why do we continue to grow? Why, at a time when the Catholic Church faces serious demographic challenges, is the Order expanding year after year?

I believe the reason is simple. In this age of mediocrity, the Knights of Columbus invites men to greatness: to sacrifice themselves for the good of others; to commit to a higher call with a band of brothers; and to stand strong in the breach, side by side, instead of being swept away by the culture, one at a time.

We're seeing with *Cor* that faith is drawing more men to the Knights. And we'll continue to grow our

membership so long as we grow together as husbands, fathers and Catholic men.

Every Knight is committed to this mission. And our College Knights deserve special mention. I joined the Knights at Marquette University when I was 19. Back then, it wasn't that hard to be a Catholic on campus. But it's far more difficult now. That's why our nearly 300 College Councils are so important. And at this very hour, a delegation of College Knights is in Lisbon attending the opening Mass of World Youth Day.

College Knights are making a deliberate decision to embrace the faith together. And their witness on campus is especially needed in this day and age. The U.S. Surgeon General recently reported that we are living through an epidemic of loneliness and isolation. I submit that the Order offers a cure. In this time of loneliness, we offer fraternity. In this era of isolation, we extend the hand of friendship. And in a world that offers apathy and anger, we invite men to lives of meaning and mission.

Every day, our brother Knights do just that. And our defense of life is especially inspiring.



Father Vincent Curran gives a presentation on lectio divina, the prayerful reading of Scripture, to members of San Salvador Council 1 at a *Cor* session in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn. Photo by Paul Haring



# Pro-Life

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It's been 13 months since *Roe v. Wade* was overturned. From the moment the *Dobbs* decision came down, we've stepped up with leadership and resolve.

In the last year, Knights delivered countless boxes of supplies to pregnancy centers and maternity homes. And we've now donated 1,745 ultrasound machines. Each one makes it easier for moms to choose life.

At our last convention, I announced a major new pro-life initiative called ASAP — Aid and Support After Pregnancy. We set an initial target of \$5 million going entirely to pregnancy centers and maternity homes. We didn't meet that goal. We exceeded it — by more than \$1 million!

Last January, we gathered for the 50th annual March for Life. But it was the first March for Life in post-*Roe* America. Knights from across the country traveled to Washington, D.C., for this historic moment.

That morning, we co-hosted the first-ever Life Fest with the Sisters of Life. This new rally for high school

and college students drew more than 4,000 young people.

We are grateful for our long-running partnership with the Sisters of Life. And few have done more for unborn children and their mothers than their founding Superior General. Tonight, we will joyfully present the Order's highest honor, the Gaudium et Spes Award, to our very dear friend, Mother Agnes Mary Donovan, S.V.

Together with Sisters of Life, thousands of Knights joined the national March for Life. Thousands more joined state marches throughout the year. And from France to the Philippines, from Canada to South Korea, we marched for life around the world.

Our goal is the same with every march: Win more hearts, change more minds, and enshrine the right to life in the laws of the land. I'd like to acknowledge the outstanding leadership of the March for Life president, Jeanne Mancini — we stand with you, and we will march with you until abortion is unthinkable!



Members of the Board of Directors gather outside the U.S. Supreme Court Jan. 20 during the 50th Annual March for Life, the first since *Roe v. Wade* was overturned. Photo by Matthew Barrick





Young people from across the nation gathered for Life Fest before the 50th annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. This new event was co-sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Sisters of Life. Among the speakers were Sister Mary Casey O'Connor, S.V., and her twin sister, Casey Gunning, a Special Olympics athlete. *Above left and center: Photos by Matthew Barrick; Above right: Photo by Spirit Juice Studios*

Now that *Roe* has been overturned, some fear that the pro-life movement is losing steam. But the opposite is true.

As I marched with my brother Knights, I felt a renewed sense of hope. It came, in large part, from the people who filled the streets in every direction. Our movement is young and passionate and filled with energy. And we have justice on our side. My hope hasn't dimmed since then. In fact, it's grown even stronger.

Since the end of *Roe*, nearly half of our states have taken new steps to protect life. And as I stand before you today, 14 states have ended abortion altogether — and more are on the way! We've supported this progress at every step. And we've fought attempts to endanger more babies and their mothers.

Despite our victories, we've suffered some hard losses. But we need to remember: The fight for life is far from over. Life will be on the ballot in many states over the next two years. This November, Ohio will vote on whether to put the so-called right to abortion into its constitution. Radical activists are already pouring millions of dollars into this battle. They think it will be the beginning of the end of the pro-life movement.

We will prove them wrong. Think back to where we were just a few years ago. The powers that be said *Roe* was settled law. They said it would never be overturned. But the pro-life movement kept the faith. And we carried the day. And the Knights of Columbus will continue to fight — until the right to life is fully restored!



# Conclusion

For 141 years, by God's grace, we have risen to meet the biggest challenges. Our hearts are filled with gratitude and we make our own the ancient prayer of the Church: "Not to us, Lord, not to us, but to your name give the glory" (cf. Psalm 115). And with God's help, we will continue to lead the way in faith and charity.

Father McGivney did exactly that. He empowered Catholic men to achieve great things, growing together in love of God and love of neighbor. And it all began in the basement of a church in Connecticut. That church has always been our spiritual home. It's the resting place of our Founder. And its ties to the Order are only growing stronger. Just last month, the Archbishop of Hartford merged St. Mary's with New Haven's seven other churches to form a city-wide parish. It's the first in the world named after our Founder. Archbishop Blair, on behalf of all your brother Knights, thank you for making St. Mary's Church part of the new Blessed Michael McGivney Parish!

Father McGivney was ahead of his time. And the last three popes have all recognized it. St. John Paul II said that his vision "remains as relevant as ever in the changed circumstances of today's Church and society" (Papal Message to the 121st Supreme Convention, Washington, D.C., July 25, 2003).

Pope Benedict XVI spoke of "the remarkable accomplishment of that exemplary American priest" (Homily at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, April 19, 2008). And he confirmed Father McGivney's heroic virtue, putting him on the path to beatification.

I reflected on this last January at Pope Benedict's funeral. I was there with the supreme officers to bid farewell to this extraordinary servant of the Church. And we were far from the only ones. For three days, from early morning until late at night, hundreds of thousands waited for hours to enter St. Peter's Basilica. They came to pay their respects to a pope who described himself as "a humble worker in the vineyard of the Lord."

Supreme Knight Kelly and Archbishop Lori pay their respects to the late Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI at the Vatican, Jan 3.  
*Photo by Tamino Petelinšek*







Pope Francis receives Supreme Knight Kelly and Archbishop Lori in a private audience at the Vatican, April 20. *Photo by Vatican Media*

Today, the Knights of Columbus thanks and honors that great and holy man — Pope Benedict XVI.

Pope Benedict advanced our Founder's cause, declaring him Venerable. And Pope Francis named him Blessed, describing Father McGivney as "an outstanding witness of Christian solidarity and fraternal assistance" (Decree of Beatification, Oct. 31, 2020). We will always be grateful to Pope Francis for bringing our Founder one step closer to canonization.

Archbishop Lori and I personally thanked the Holy Father in a meeting earlier this year. The Pope once again expressed his esteem for Father McGivney. And he told us just how much he appreciates the Knights of Columbus.

We spoke at length about our work, including our new *Cor* initiative. We also discussed our charity, especially our support for Ukrainian refugees. Pope Francis was

grateful for everything we're doing. And he called on the Knights of Columbus to continue advancing the Church's mission.

This is a challenge we gladly accept. We will continue to take up the mission of evangelization — in our hearts and in our communities. And we will continue our mission of charity — a charity that evangelizes.

When Father McGivney created the Order, he called us to this life of service. Catholic men rallied to the cause in his time. And in our time, we will inspire a new generation of men on a mission — first in faith and charity.

*Vivat Jesus!*







## SECRETARIAT OF STATE

From the Vatican, 24 July 2023

N. 607.193

Dear Mr. Kelly,

His Holiness Pope Francis was pleased to learn that from 1 to 3 August, the 141<sup>st</sup> Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus will be held in Orlando, Florida. He has asked me to convey his cordial best wishes to all assembled, together with the assurance of his closeness in prayer.

His Holiness willingly takes this opportunity to express once again his deep appreciation for the commitment shown by the Knights to the Church's apostolic mission of bearing witness to the Gospel of God's closeness, mercy and tender love for his people. Indeed, this "style of God" is embodied in the countless acts of service to families, the poor and those in need that the Knights of Columbus carry out through their local Councils and also on the national and international levels. Such works of mercy, both corporal and spiritual, demonstrate your Order's steadfast dedication to the principles of faith, fraternity and charity, which were evident in the life of your Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, and which have since inspired generations of Knights.

At a time when we are witnessing the effects of war and conflict, the solidarity and practical assistance the Knights have offered to our suffering brothers and sisters in Ukraine and in other regions of the world testify to the evangelical love of neighbor that is the hallmark of Christ's disciples (cf. *Mt* 22:39; *Jn* 13:34-35). In providing food, medicine and other forms of humanitarian relief to refugees and the internally displaced, especially women and children, the Knights have evidenced a steadfast determination to help build a new society based on serving others (cf. *Fratelli Tutti*, 229). His Holiness is grateful for the contributions made by the Knights of Columbus to promote paths of healing and reconciliation, peace and fraternal coexistence.



It is in this spirit of Christian solidarity that the Church universal is currently undertaking a synodal journey, listening together to the Holy Spirit and discerning new and creative ways to proclaim the joy of the Gospel. In this regard, His Holiness is pleased that your Order has emphasized the shared responsibility that exists between clergy and laity in advancing the mission of the Church. For “in all the baptized ... the sanctifying power of the Spirit is at work, impelling us to evangelization” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 119). In responding to this baptismal calling, the Knights of Columbus, together with Bishops, priests and deacons, have sought to exemplify in visible ways the Church’s communion in charity and so further the spread of God’s kingdom. His Holiness moreover encourages the Knights to be a leaven within society, for “all of us are called to offer others an explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord” (*ibid*, 121). In this way, the social fabric can be renewed and through the example given by the Knights, our brothers and sisters can encounter the love of Christ that has the power to transform hearts and lives.

In harmony with Blessed Michael McGivney’s vision, the Knights of Columbus have also been concerned to accompany men in their Christian vocation, especially as husbands and fathers, and to support the Church’s efforts to build strong Catholic families. For this reason, His Holiness appreciates initiatives of your Order such as *Cor*, which enable Catholic men to build a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation and fraternity. This is all the more necessary today amid the distractions of everyday life and a culture frequently indifferent to the reality of faith. Indeed, a strong and vital relationship with our Lord not only leads to personal sanctification, but is also essential for the healthy development of family life, marked by mutual love, respect and trust. In turn, healthy families are able to foster the growth of individuals in maturity, the cultivation of community values and the moral progress of society as a whole (cf. *Amoris Laetitia*, 52).



His Holiness renews his gratitude for the tradition of unfailing devotion your Order has shown to the Successor of Peter and its generous cooperation in his universal apostolic ministry. He likewise offers heartfelt thanks for the constancy of the Knights of Columbus in defending the sanctity of human life and religious liberty, as well as for their prayerful and charitable solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Middle East. He implores the Knights and their families to pray for a lasting peace in that region and throughout the world.

With these sentiments, and commending the deliberations of the 141<sup>st</sup> Supreme Convention to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, the Holy Father assures all the Knights and their families of a remembrance in his prayers and cordially imparts his Blessing as a pledge of joy and peace in the Lord.

Please accept my own prayerful good wishes for this occasion.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pietro Card. Parolin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pietro Cardinal Parolin  
*Secretary of State*

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# CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS\* 2022

## CHURCH

### VATICAN

Vicarius Christi Fund (Pope Francis' personal charities)	\$	1,600,000
Dicastery for Communications		
Mobile TV Van		1,115,000
Papal Mass broadcasts		201,000
Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development		
(Canonization Cause of Venerable Francis-Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận)		20,000
Elemosineria Apostolica (Office of Papal Charities)		10,000
Fabbrica di San Pietro (restoration projects)		125,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,071,000</b>

### NATIONAL CONFERENCES OF BISHOPS

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops		
St. François de Laval Fund	\$	34,754
Papal Visit		582,675
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops		
Committee on Religious Liberty		360,100
Diocesan Development Program for Natural Family Planning		200,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,177,529</b>

### DIOCESES ❖ PARISHES ❖ CLERGY

Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA	\$	25,000
Archdiocese of Caceres, Philippines		10,000
Archdiocese of Hartford, Conn.		25,000
Archdiocese of New York		200,000
Archdiocese of Mwanza		42,000
Associated Catholic Charities, Timonium, Md.		100,000
Clergy Support		107,260
Diocese of San Diego		15,000
Eparchy of Saint Maron Brooklyn, N.Y.		15,000
Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem – Pacem in Terris Fund		120,000
Military Ordinate of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario		39,995
St. Mary's Church, New Haven, Conn.		
Stipend for daily Masses for deceased members, wives and Columbian Squires		4,600
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>703,855</b>

### OTHER RELIGIOUS

Catholic Athletes for Christ, Alexandria, Va.	\$	25,000
Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious (CMSWR), Washington, D.C.		145,000
Fondazione International Forum		20,000
Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, Bronx, N.Y.		10,000
Institute on Religious Life, Libertyville, Ill.		25,000
Little Sisters of the Poor, Enfield, Conn.		60,000
Napa Institute, Napa, Calif.		10,000
National Association of Hispanic Priests (ANSH), Lubbock, Texas		10,000
Path to Peace Foundation, New York, N.Y.		25,000
Sacred Heart Home, Inc., Hyattsville, Md.		25,000
Saint Luke Institute, Silver Springs, Md.		25,000
Sisters of Life, Suffern, N.Y.		31,225
St. Cecilia Congregation, Nashville, Tenn.		100,000
St. Dominic's Priory, Washington, D.C.		18,000
St. Michael Center for Spiritual Renewal, Rockville, Md.		250,000
Valley of Our Lady Monastery, Inc., Prairie du Sac, Wis.		15,000
Other religious-based organizations		47,946
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>842,171</b>
<b>TOTAL CHURCH GRANTS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,794,555</b>



# PROGRAMS

## MARIAN DEVOTION

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.		
General Support	\$	125,500
Luke E. Hart Fund		65,000
La Leche Shrine, St. Augustine, Fla.		10,000
Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Crosse, Wis.		75,000
Warriors to Lourdes – International Military Pilgrimage		839,611
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,115,111</b>

## FAMILY LIFE

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops		
Office for Family and Life	\$	218,970
Family Institute of Connecticut, Hartford, Conn.		150,000
Family Institute of Connecticut Action, Hartford, Conn.		25,000
John Paul II Shrine and Institute, Inc., Washington, D.C.		
Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family		2,425,000
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops		
Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage		451,680
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,270,650</b>

## PRO-LIFE

Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kan.	\$	450,000
Archdiocese of Louisville, Ky.		200,000
Be Not Afraid, Huntersville, N.C.		65,000
California Catholic Conference, Inc., Sacramento, Calif.		500,000
Campaign Life Coalition, Toronto, Ont. – March for Life, Canada		19,998
Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, London, Ontario		47,994
Human Life Foundation, New York, N.Y.		15,000
Knights of Columbus councils		
Reimbursements for Ultrasound Initiative		2,694,929
Reimbursements for ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) Program		73,300
March for Life Education and Defense Fund, Washington, D.C.		775,000
March for Life Action, Washington, D.C.		50,000
National Catholic Bioethics Center, Philadelphia, Pa.		150,000
National Life Center, Woodbury, N.J.		75,000
Pasos por la Vida AC March for Life, Mexico		25,430
Right to Life, Michigan, Grand Rapids, Mich.		200,000
Other pro-life based organizations		92,407
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,434,058</b>

# CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS\* 2022

## VOCATIONS

Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA – Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program	\$	200,000
Bishop Thomas V. Daily Scholarships		32,457
Pontifical Canadian College, Rome – Father Michael J. McGivney Fund		20,214
Pontifical Filipino College, Rome		194,754
Father Michael J. McGivney Vocations Scholarship Fund		98,774
Philippine Scholarships – Father McGivney Fund for Advanced Studies for Priests from the Philippines at the Pontifical Filipino College, Rome		48,000
Pontifical North American College, Rome		28,000
Scholarships – Count Enrico P. Galeazzi Fund		185,000
Casa Santa Maria Library and General Support		200,051
Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)		757,492
St. Joseph Society of the Sacred Heart (The Josephites), Baltimore		50,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,814,742</b>

## EVANGELIZATION

Archdiocese of Hartford, Conn.	\$	35,000
Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA <i>Armed with the Faith</i> military prayer books		102,474
Archdiocese of New York		75,000
Catholic Information Center, Washington, D.C.		205,000
Ethics and Public Policy Center, Washington, D.C.		200,000
Foundation for the Promotion of Evangelization and Catechesis, Bridgeport, Conn.		200,000
National Eucharistic Congress, Washington, D.C.		250,000
Saint John Paul II National Shrine, Washington, D.C.		5,717,097
Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation, Toronto		194,225
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>6,978,796</b>

**TOTAL PROGRAMS GRANTS \$ 18,613,357**

**TOTAL CHURCH AND PROGRAMS GRANTS \$ 24,407,912**



# COMMUNITY, EDUCATIONAL & CULTURAL

## COMMUNITY PROJECTS

American Wheelchair Mission, Henderson, Nev.	\$	300,000
Associazione SosteniAmoci Onlus, Rome		95,266
Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, Washington, D.C.		300,000
Canadian Wheelchair Foundation, Surrey, B.C.		24,584
Catholic Near East Welfare Association, New York, N.Y.		50,000
Persecuted Christians Fund		
Iraq		589,105
Syria		100,000
Africa		225,000
Other		25,000
Christopher Fund		
Supreme Council Matching Funds		30,966
Beneficiaries of Matching Funds		19,898
Connecticut Foodshare, Wallingford, Conn.		25,000
Disaster Relief – Floods, Hurricanes, Tornadoes, Typhoons, Wildfires and Other		
United States		381,617
Canada		54,079
Dominican Republic		29,800
Philippines		160,000
South Asia		25,568
Food for Families Program		627,857
Habitat for Humanity of Greater New Haven, Conn.		50,000
Knights of Columbus Charities USA, Inc., New Haven, Conn. – General support		100,133
Life is Sacred, Gallup, N.M.		10,000
National Catholic Partnership on Disability, Washington, D.C.		150,000
National Center on Sexual Exploitation, Washington, D.C.		150,000
Ukraine Humanitarian Aid		11,215,736
Special Olympics North America		109,783
St. Catherine Center for Special Needs, Inc., Fairfield, Conn.		35,000
Other community-based organizations		117,132
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>15,001,524</b>

## EDUCATIONAL

Academy of Our Lady of Mercy, Milford, Conn.		
New Haven Catholic High Schools Fund	\$	9,000
Albertus Magnus College, Hamden, Conn.		8,000
Archdiocese of Lviv		14,500
Foundation for the Advancement of Catholic Schools, Hartford, Conn.		8,500
Instituto Superior de Estudio Guadalupanos		84,000
Magis Center of Reason and Faith, Garden Grove, Calif.		75,000
Mater Salvatoris College Preparatory School, Stamford, Conn.		25,000
Notre Dame High School, West Haven, Conn.		
New Haven Catholic High Schools Fund		9,000
Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, Vatican City		10,755
Pontifical Ecclesiastical Academy, Rome		99,634
Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family, Washington, D.C.		
Fellowships		213,000
Terrence T. Lescoe Scholarship Fund		6,000
Pontifical Institute for Mediaeval Studies, Toronto		4,043
Sacred Heart Academy, Hamden, Conn.		
New Haven Catholic High Schools Fund		9,000
St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers, N.Y.		10,000
The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.		
Bicentennial of the U.S. Hierarchy Fund		110,000
Endowed Chair of Law and the Catholic Tradition		500,000
Other educational-based organizations		11,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,206,432</b>

# CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS\* 2022

## CULTURAL

Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy, Washington, D.C.	\$	50,000
Knights of Columbus Museum, New Haven, Conn.		2,770,627
National Committee for Religious Freedom, Norge, Va.		30,000
Polish Dominican Museum, Kraków, Poland		50,000
Religious Freedom Institute, Washington, D.C.		410,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,310,627</b>

## TOTAL COMMUNITY/EDUCATIONAL/ CULTURAL GRANTS

**\$ 19,518,583**

## YOUTH

Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation, New York, N.Y.	\$	100,000
Coats for Kids Program		1,612,598
Rome Youth Centers – Italian Welfare Fund		276,433
Other youth-based organizations		2,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,991,531</b>
<b>TOTAL YOUTH GRANTS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,991,531</b>

## COUNCIL

Anthony Labela Scholarship Fund	\$	12,750
Arthur F. and Anna Battista Scholarship Fund		33,301
Bishop Greco Fellowship Fund		2,500
Frank L. Goularte Scholarship Fund		9,000
Francis P. Matthews and John E. Swift Educational Trust Fund		110,359
John W. McDevitt (Fourth Degree) Scholarship Fund		124,875
Member Fraternal Benefits Program		579,336
Mexico Scholarships		9,500
Percy Johnson Scholarships		23,250
Philippines Scholarships		18,000
Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family Fellowships		13,000
Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholarships		126,590
Puerto Rico Scholarships		5,500
Virgil C. and Ann L. Dechant Scholarship Fund		27,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,094,961</b>
<b>TOTAL COUNCIL GRANTS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,094,961</b>



<b>TOTAL SUPREME COUNCIL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>\$47,012,987</b>
<b>TOTAL STATE/LOCAL UNITS CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>\$138,100,398</b>
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>\$185,113,385</b>
<b>TOTAL HOURS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE</b>	<b>49,855,597</b>
<b>SUPREME COUNCIL PUBLICATION (COLUMBIA)</b>	<b>\$7,771,228</b>
<b>TOTAL FRATERNAL COSTS</b>	<b>\$82,325,771</b>

# CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS 2022

## VOCATION ENDOWMENT AND EDUCATION FUNDS

VOCATION ENDOWMENT FUNDS	CORPUS	2022 DONATIONS	CUMULATIVE DONATIONS
<b>U.S. (in US \$)</b>			
Bishop Thomas V. Daily Vocations Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,275,000	\$ 23,750	\$ 1,382,000
Count Enrico P. Galeazzi Fund for Pontifical North American College in Rome	4,000,000	185,000	5,865,216
Father McGivney Fund for Advanced Studies for Priests in Puerto Rico	125,000	-	163,363
Father Michael J. McGivney Fund for Advanced Studies by Priests from the Philippines	1,000,000	48,000	1,011,023
Father Michael J. McGivney Vocations Scholarship Fund	5,000,000	86,250	6,097,309
Knights of Columbus Vocations Fund & Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)	4,000,000	737,352	17,817,272
Our Lady of Guadalupe Fund — Advanced Studies for Priests from México (Pontifical Mexican College in Rome)	700,000	-	1,110,703
<b>TOTAL VOCATION ENDOWMENT FUNDS – U.S.</b>	<b>\$16,100,000</b>	<b>\$1,080,352</b>	<b>\$33,446,886</b>
<b>Canada (In Canadian \$)</b>			
Bishop Thomas V. Daily Vocations Scholarship Fund	\$ 225,000	\$ 11,250	\$ 216,250
Father Michael J. McGivney Vocations Scholarship Fund (Canada)	800,000	16,250	844,775
Father Michael J. McGivney Fund for Advanced Studies for Priests in Canada (Pontifical Canadian College in Rome)	480,485	27,173	1,140,245
Knights of Columbus Vocations Fund (Canada) & Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)	453,756	26,600	839,918
<b>TOTAL VOCATION ENDOWMENT FUNDS – CANADIAN</b>	<b>\$ 1,959,241</b>	<b>\$ 81,273</b>	<b>\$ 3,041,188</b>
EDUCATION FUNDS	CORPUS	2022 DONATIONS	CUMULATIVE DONATIONS
<b>U.S. (in US \$)</b>			
Albertus Magnus College Fund	\$ 150,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 394,059
Arthur F. and Anna Battista Scholarship Fund	1,584,495	33,301	1,716,033
Bicentennial of the U.S. Hierarchy Fund	2,000,000	110,000	4,217,619
Bishop Charles P. Greco Graduate Fellowship Trust	105,000	2,500	76,582
Estate of Anthony La Bella Fund	199,587	12,750	323,750
Estate of Percy Johnson Scholarship Fund	353,200	23,250	778,500
Father McGivney Memorial Fund for New Initiatives in Catholic Education	1,000,000	-	2,799,444
Fourth Degree Pro Deo and Pro Patria Scholarship Fund	2,925,709	85,500	8,578,126
Francis P. Matthews and John E. Swift Educational Trust Fund	126,431	110,359	7,055,284
Frank L. Goularte Scholarship Fund	268,525	9,000	174,750
John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family Fellowship Fund	3,289,879	13,000	250,850
John W. McDevitt (Fourth Degree) Scholarship Fund	3,124,804	124,875	3,880,875
Mexico Scholarships	-	9,500	198,291
New Haven Area Catholic High Schools Fund	500,000	27,000	985,348
Philippines Scholarships	-	18,000	402,830
Puerto Rico Scholarships	-	5,500	202,500
South Korea Scholarships	-	-	6,000
Terrence T. Lescoe Scholarship Fund	225,394	6,000	34,000
Virgil C. and Ann Dechant Scholarship Fund	522,538	27,000	439,143
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION FUNDS – U.S.</b>	<b>\$ 16,375,562</b>	<b>\$ 625,535</b>	<b>\$ 32,513,984</b>
<b>Canada (In Canadian \$)</b>			
Fourth Degree Pro Deo and Pro Patria (Canada) Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 54,000	\$ 1,786,751
Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies Fund	250,000	5,435	282,827
<b>TOTAL EDUCATION FUNDS – CANADIAN</b>	<b>\$ 1,250,000</b>	<b>\$ 59,435</b>	<b>\$ 2,069,578</b>



## MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS

FUND	CORPUS	2022 DONATIONS	CUMULATIVE DONATIONS
<b>U.S. (in US \$)</b>			
Christopher Fund	\$ 22,703,295	\$ -	\$ 18,616,722
Saint John Paul II National Shrine Fund	5,465,072	-	-
Fourth Degree Fund for Religious Liberties	1,000,000	329,350	2,033,035
General Charity Fund	2,767,953	-	332,480
Historic Sites Fund	20,221	-	3,820,283
Italian Welfare Fund	70,341	-	35,151,780
Luke E. Hart Memorial Fund for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception	1,000,000	65,000	2,385,900
Military Vicariate Fund	900,000	-	2,859,547
Pacem in Terris Fund	2,000,000	120,000	2,580,000
United in Charity Fund	14,860,420	20,280,609	98,559,436
Vicarius Christi Fund	25,000,000	1,600,000	67,215,000
<b>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS – U.S.</b>	<b>\$75,787,302</b>	<b>\$22,394,959</b>	<b>\$233,619,183</b>
<b>Canada (In Canadian \$)</b>			
Catholic Initiatives in Canada Fund	\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ 316,800
Christopher Fund	3,444,153	\$39,236	3,353,044
Saint Francois de Laval Fund	1,000,000	41,247	1,999,624
Saint John Paul II National Shrine Fund	533,428	-	-
United in Charity Fund	1,110,954	1,152,493	3,065,935
<b>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS – CANADIAN</b>	<b>\$ 6,238,535</b>	<b>\$ 1,236,190</b>	<b>\$ 8,820,100</b>

<b>FUND CORPUS – U.S.</b>	<b>\$108,262,864</b>
<b>FUND CORPUS – CANADIAN</b>	<b>\$9,447,776</b>

<b>CURRENT YEAR DONATIONS – U.S.</b>	<b>\$24,100,846</b>
<b>CURRENT YEAR DONATIONS – CANADIAN</b>	<b>\$1,376,898</b>

<b>TOTAL CUMULATIVE DONATIONS – U.S.</b>	<b>\$299,580,053</b>
<b>TOTAL CUMULATIVE DONATIONS – CANADIAN</b>	<b>\$13,930,866</b>

# FINANCIAL & FRATERNAL HIGHLIGHTS

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

### SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS (IN MILLIONS, EXPRESSED IN US \$)

For the year ended Dec. 31  
**2022**

For the year ended Dec. 31  
**2021**

Premiums and fees	\$1,377	\$1,356
Net investment income	1,100	1,108
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>2,477</u></b>	<b><u>2,464</u></b>
Death and other benefits	895	919
Increase in benefit reserves	872	907
Commissions and expenses	399	373
<b>TOTAL BENEFITS AND EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>2,166</u></b>	<b><u>2,199</u></b>
<b>GAINS BEFORE REFUNDS TO MEMBERS</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>265</b>
Refunds to members	210	195
<b>NET GAIN FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>70</b>
Net realized capital gains	48	60
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b><u>\$149</u></b>	<b><u>\$130</u></b>

### SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL POSITION (IN MILLIONS, EXPRESSED IN US \$)

As of Dec. 31  
**2022**

As of Dec. 31  
**2021**

Bonds	\$23,888	\$23,449
Contract loans	1,112	1,104
Common and preferred stocks	1,271	1,445
Other invested assets	1,446	1,331
Other assets	1,644	1,509
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$29,361</u></b>	<b><u>\$28,838</u></b>
Benefit reserves	\$25,427	\$24,865
Member refunds payable	208	195
Other liabilities	545	585
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES EXCEPT AVR</b>	<b><u>26,180</u></b>	<b><u>25,645</u></b>
Asset valuation reserve (AVR)	443	542
Surplus	2,738	2,651
<b>TOTAL SURPLUS AND AVR</b>	<b><u>3,181</u></b>	<b><u>3,193</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS</b>	<b><u>\$29,361</u></b>	<b><u>\$28,838</u></b>

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DEC. 31

**2022**

**2021**

New Life Insurance issued (in millions, in US \$)	\$7,309	\$7,573
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### AS OF DEC. 31

**2022**

**2021**

Insurance certificates in force (in thousands)	1,737	1,755
Life insurance in force (in millions, in US \$)	\$121,025	\$119,533
Persistency Rate	96.7%	96.8%
Solvency Ratio (assets to liabilities including AVR)	110.3%	110.1%
Surplus Ratio (surplus and AVR to total liabilities except AVR)	12.2%	12.5%

## FRATERNAL HIGHLIGHTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED DEC. 31

**2022**

**2021**

Charitable Contributions (in US \$)	\$185,113,385	\$153,954,192
Hours of Service	49,855,597	47,780,339

### AS OF JUNE 30

**2023**

**2022**

Number of Councils	16,672	16,467
Membership	2,084,191	2,042,387



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AT A GLANCE

## Insurance

- New life insurance issued: \$7.3B
- Annualized premiums from life insurance sales: \$161M
- New life certificates: 42,647
- Certificates in force: 1,736,880
- Agents: 1,004
- Standard & Poor's rating: AA+
- A.M. Best rating: A+ (Superior)
- FORTUNE® 1000 list rank: 912
- Members who keep their policies: 97%
- Net income: \$149M
- Surplus: \$2.7B

## Culture of Life

- Ultrasound machines: 1,745
- Value of machines: \$83M
- ASAP donations: \$6,070,484
- ASAP Pregnancy Resource Centers & Maternity Homes supported: 1,225
- ASAP councils & assemblies participating: 2,125

## Charity

- Total donations: \$185M
- Total volunteer hours: 49.9M
- Persecuted Christians Fund: \$1M (\$33.1M since 2014)
- Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids: 180,912
- Food drives: \$11M
- Special Olympics: \$4.1M
- Habitat for Humanity: \$726,447
- Wheelchairs: 10,600 (127,181 since 2003)
- Blood donors: 359,415
- Scholarships: \$7.7M from councils

## Investments

- Total assets: \$29.4B
- Amount invested daily: \$11.6M (2022)
- Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors clients: 970
- *ChurchLoan* portfolio: \$93.6M

## Fourth Degree

- Sir Knights: 369,604
- Assemblies: 3,635
- Service hours for veterans: 695,879
- Military Chaplains AMS Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program: \$200,000 (\$2.4M since 2012)

## Church

- Vicarius Christi Fund donation: \$1.6M (in 2022)
- Vicarius Christi Fund cumulative total: \$67.2M (since 1982)
- RSVP donations: \$3.7M (in 2022)
- RSVP cumulative total: \$93.9M
- Total K of C units participating in RSVP: 2,737

## Membership

- Total members: 2,084,191
- Total councils: 16,672
- College Knights: 36,660
- College Councils: 299
- eMembers: 30,348 for 2022-2023 (107,898 since inception)
- eMembers moved to councils: 17,862 for 2022-2023 (62,994 since inception)

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