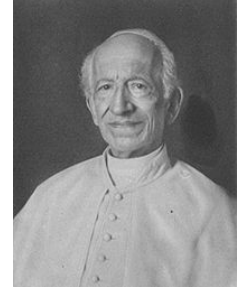


## Knights of Columbus' relationship with the Holy See from 1882 to Present

### Leo XIII (1878-1903)

- 1895 – Archbishop (later Cardinal) Francesco Satolli, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, gives the Order a “warm approbation and apostolic blessing.”
- 1903 – K of C expresses mourning at the death of the first pope of the Order's existence by wearing purple ribbon.



### St. Pius X (1903-14)

- 1903 – Knights among first pilgrim audience of Pope Pius X; first to greet a newly elected pontiff with American Flag.
- 1903 – Early in his pontificate, Pope Pius sends a letter of encouragement to the K of C, read by Cardinal Gibbons at the 1904 Supreme Convention.
- 1905 – Pope sends blessing to Knights at Supreme Convention
  - 1907 – K of C sends cablegram of solidarity and support to pope concerning Church in France.
  - 1907 – Pope meets with delegation of Knights in Sala Clementia.
  - 1910 – K of C plans the “largest pilgrimage which ever left America for Rome;” meet with pope.
  - 1910 – Knights defend papal involvement in science by printing special edition of James J. Walsh's book, *The Popes and Science*.
  - 1912-16 – Archbishop (later Cardinal) Giovanni Bonzano, Apostolic Delegate to the United States attends Supreme Convention, with papal blessing for the Order.
  - 1912 – Past Supreme Knight Edward Hearn is honored by the pope with the title of Knight of St. Gregory.
  - 1914 – Order collects and donates to Pope Pius



X's project for first scientific, scholastic, and paleographic revision of Latin Bible since St. Jerome.

- 1914 – Pope commends Order for the support and funding of The Catholic University of America and sends his apostolic blessing.

## Benedict XV (1914-22)

- 1914 – Massachusetts State Council sends message of congratulations to Pope Benedict XV; pope responds with an apostolic blessing.
- 1917 – Pope offers his apostolic blessing in response to Order’s message of support and solidarity.
- 1920 – Pope offers Mass in the Vatican gardens for a delegation of Knights visiting Europe; requests K of C’s help in establishing playgrounds for the children of Rome.



## Pius XI (1922-39)

- 1924 – Knights of Columbus establish and staff Roman playgrounds.
- 1926 – Papal encyclical, *Iniquis Afflictisque*, praises K of C for their good works during the Mexican government’s persecution of Catholics:

A word of very special praise is due those Catholic organizations, which during all these trying times have stood like soldiers side to side with the clergy.[...] First of all We mention the Knights of Columbus, an organization which is found in all the states of the Republic and which fortunately is made up of active and industrious members who, because of their practical lives and open profession of the Faith, as well as by their zeal in assisting the Church, have brought great honor upon themselves.

- The K of C sends 500,000 lire to Holy Father for relieving the distress of the Church in Mexico.



- 1927 – Archbishop (later Cardinal) Pietro Fumasoni Biondi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, addresses the Supreme Convention in Oregon, citing the pope’s notice of the “fraternal charity.”
- 1930 – Supreme Knight Martin Carmody urges support of Pope Pius XI’s call for Catholic Action.
- 1932 – Pope Pius XI characterizes the work of the K of C as expressing in fullest measure the spirit and purpose of Catholic Action.
- 1936 – Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli, (later Pope Pius XII) visits Supreme Council headquarters in New Haven, Conn.
- 1938 – Archbishop (later Cardinal Secretary of State) Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to United States, praises the K of C’s campaign against communism.
- 1939 – Chapel at St. Peter’s Oratory, a K of C Roman playground, is enlarged through funding from the Order.

### Pius XII (1939-58)

- 1942 – K of C donates a portion of the Valle Giulia (K of C Roman Playground) to Holy See for construction of Church of St. Eugene in honor of 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of consecration of Pius XII to the episcopacy.
- 1956 – Order completes the Vatican Film Library at St. Louis University, to preserve in microfilm selected manuscripts of the Vatican Library in the event of war or destruction.



### Blessed John XXIII (1958-63)

- 1959 – Knights of Columbus contributes \$250,000 to Pius XII Memorial Library at St. Louis University for rooms housing the Vatican Film Library and for conferences.



- 1959 – Pope John XXIII becomes the first pope to visit a K of C Roman playground.
- 1961 – Board of Directors meets in Vatican Library with Cardinal Eugène Tisserant in attendance as the pope's representative.
- 1964 – K of C provides volunteers for Vatican Pavilion at New York World's Fair.

### Paul VI (1963-78)

- 1965 – K of C donates property of St. Peter's Oratory (Roman playground) to the Holy See for the site of a new papal audience hall.
- 1966 – Order donates short wave transmitter for Vatican Radio.
- 1968 – New Oratory of St. Peter (playground) is blessed.
- 1969 – Knights reprint booklet based on the encyclical *Humanae Vitae*.
- 1977 – Board of Directors approves proposal to collaborate with the Pontifical Commission for Social Communications in televising special programs from the Holy See throughout the world.
- 1978 – Order agrees to underwrite the creation of the Vatican Film Library.
- 1978 – K of C assists with Vatican project, *Radio Veritas*.



## John Paul I (1978)

- 1978 – Supreme Knight Virgil Dechant’s audience with Pope John Paul I, the new pope’s first visit with a layman.



## John Paul II (1978-2005)

- 1978 – Order begins satellite uplink program for televised events from the Vatican.
- 1979 – Order underwrites filming of pope’s pastoral visit to the United States.
- 1979 – Knights receive a lay papal audience.
- 1982 – Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, Vatican Secretary of State, is Pope John Paul II’s personal envoy to 100th Supreme Convention in Hartford, Conn.
- 1981 – Order provides funding for gathering of scholars at an international colloquium, the Common Christian Roots of the European Nations.
- 1981 – Order funds the construction in the grottoes of St. Peter’s Basilica.
- 1983 – Vicarius Christi Foundation, for papal charities is established.
- 1983 – Knights assist San Lorenzo International Youth Center, for young pilgrims.
- 1985 – K of C provides Centro Televisivo Vaticano (CTV) a mobile television production studio and a grant to update the equipment.



- 1985 – Knights fund the renovation of the façade of St. Peter’s Basilica.
- 1987 – Knights donate \$250,000 to U.S. bishops’ conference to defray the expenses of the papal visit.
- During the September visit, members of the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors were granted a special audience.
- 1989 – *Pope John II to the Church in America* is published by the Order in

collaboration with the Cambridge Center for Faith and Culture.

- 1992 – Pope beatifies 25 Mexican martyrs, including six who were priest-members of the Order, the first Knights of Columbus to be beatified.
- 1992 – Order funds computerization of operations at the Congregation for the Causes of Saints.
- 1992 – K of C provides funding for the Pontifical School of Theology in Krakow, Poland, for training of priests in Eastern Europe.
- 1993 – Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St. Peter’s repaired with K of C funding.
- 1995 – Order co-hosts, with the Diocese of Brooklyn, the Holy Father’s Mass at Aqueduct Racetrack during his pastoral visit.
- 1996 – K of C publishes special study guide for encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*.

- 1997 – Pope receives the supreme officers in audience for his 50<sup>th</sup> year anniversary as a priest.
- 1998 – North American Campus of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and the Family is established in Washington, D.C with K of C funding.
- 1999 – Knights fund the restoration of the Maderno Atrium at St. Peter’s Basilica for the opening of the Holy Year door.
- 1999 – Holy Father receives the Board of Directors in audience.
- 2000 – Pope canonizes 25 Mexican martyrs, including six who were priest-members of the Order (cf. 1992).
- 2003 – Pope names Supreme Knight Anderson as a consultant to the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace, the only American among 10 new appointees.



### Benedict XVI (2005 -)

- 2005 – Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and Supreme Chaplain Bishop William Lori meet with Pope Benedict XVI shortly after his election.



- 2005 – Supreme Knight attends Vatican Synod on the Eucharist – the only American layperson in attendance.
- 2006 – Pope appoints Supreme Knight Anderson as consultant for the Pontifical Council for Social Communications.
- 2007 – Pope appoints the Supreme Knight and Mrs. Anderson to Pontifical Council for the Family.
- 2007 – Vatican Secretary of

State Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone receives the Order’s *Gaudium et Spes* Award and attends the 125<sup>th</sup> annual convention in Nashville, Tenn.