

Squires at World Youth Day

World Youth Day (WYD) brought more than 223,000 pilgrims from across the world together in Sydney, Australia. Among the representatives from the United States were Squires Carlos Chavez and Fritz Laguna, charter members of **Father Mateo Sheedy Circle 4938 in San Jose, Calif.**, who made the journey with Chief Counselor David Cadena, his wife Linda, and counselor Joe Talaugon. This group was part of a larger teen group from Most Holy Trinity Church.

The group traveled to Auckland, New Zealand, and then Sidney, Australia, for the



Carlos Chavez and Fritz Laguna display a World Youth Day souvenir upon their arrival home.

event. In total, they spent 16 days on their journey.

"My experience throughout the week of World Youth Day was both unforgettable and inspiring," said Laguna.

"The Papal arrival was another big event since it was

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Corps d'Elite Award Winners

For the 2007-2008 fraternal year, we are proud to recognize the following 56 circles from 21 jurisdictions who have qualified for the Corps d'Elite Award, the highest honor a circle can obtain. The award recognizes outstanding achievement in all areas of circle operations, including programming, recruitment and circle administration. Award winners are listed below. All of these circles are to be commended for their hard work and dedication. *(Asterisks denote circles that have won at least two years in a row.)*

ALBERTA

4759 St. Albert*

CALIFORNIA

4938 San Jose

4974 Oceanside*

5001 Laguna Niguel*

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Recycling program helps the environment, funds circle

Squires are called to serve and be loyal not only to their parents and family, friends and circle, and Church and faith, but to their community and the planet as well.

Some activities can successfully fulfill these intentions by providing a service that is beneficial to all.

The Miraculous Medal Circle 4624 of Columbus, Ohio, is one circle that has been able

Circle 4624



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to accomplish this since 2000 with its aluminum can recycling program. This can collection serves as the primary source of funding for the circle, which includes funding to participate in many state circle activities and the state circle convention, as well as helps support the parish and local charities. It has also helped pay for campouts, trips to hockey games and refreshments



From left to right: Charles Forrest, Anthony Forrest, Joshua DeJesus (chief squire), Alex Esparza (state marshall squire), Tommy Petrushka (state bursar squire), Jonathan Nash, and Mike Jacobs (counselor).

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at meetings, reducing the need for monetary assistance from parents.

Each month, a special trailer bearing the Squires emblem and circle number is stationed at the church or another convenient, visible location. Families of the Squires and parishioners bring the cans on the first Sunday of the month. Cans are also collected at community businesses or during parish events, such as the church festival. To help spread the word, advertisements are placed in the parish bulletins and announcements are made following Masses. Once that month's collection is ready, counselor Mike Jacobs drives the cans to the recycling plant.

In 2007, nearly \$1,600 was raised through the circle's recycling efforts. Some of this money was given as a scholarship to David Eddy, a former Squire of Circle 4624 and their chief counselor for two years, when he left for college. Other funds were donated to Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Church.

So far in 2008, according to Jacobs, more than \$917 has been raised, which includes \$62 earned during the parish's one day festival. Some of this money has been used to fund the circle's weekend camp out and their attendance at the Ohio State Circle Convention.

"This year, the Squires donated \$225 to purchase gas cards, which were used as items in the parish's silent auction," said Jacobs.

The Squires also use the money to purchase refreshments for after they complete a service project, such as cleaning the yard of a handicapped Knight or visiting a retirement home.

According to the Aluminum Association, in 2003, 54 billion cans were recycled, which saved

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COLORADO

2798 Security

FLORIDA

3877 Miami*

5078 Parrish*

GEORGIA

5092 Flowery Branch*

ILLINOIS

2895 Evansville*

4682 O'Fallon*

KANSAS

2257 Ellis*

LUZON

1320 Brixton Hills, QC

2970 Gapan N. Ecija

3059 Plaridel*

3066 Cavite*

3320 Cavite*

3655 Valenzuela*

3702 Bulacan*

3767 Meycauayan,

Bulacan*

3925 Meycauayan

4055 Isabela

4056 Metro Manila

4154 Calumpit*

4206 Malabon, MM

4567 Bauko, MT

Province

4863 Calumpit*

MICHIGAN

801 Detroit

MISSOURI

4893 Chesterfield*

MINDANAO

1646 South Catabato*

3962 Ipil, Zamboanga

4840 Magallanes,

Agusan

4931 San Miguel,

Surigao

5008 Butuan City*

NEBRASKA

4892 Bellevue

NEVADA

4992 Henderson

NEW YORK

546 Bay Shore*

547 Hicksville

4411 Astoria*

NORTH CAROLINA

4713 Mocksville*

OHIO

3329 Delphos*

ONTARIO

1385 McGregor*

2041 Brampton

4071 Bolton

TEXAS

3028 Sugar Land*

3296 San Antonio*

3516 El Paso

4039 Alice*

4089 Humble*

4286 San Antonio

5141 Pearsall

VERMONT

4590 Milton*

VIRGINIA

3009 Manassas*

3992 Fairfax Station*

5069 Richmond*

VISAYAS

2953 Cabatuan*

4838 Bacolod

Questions or comments should be directed to: Columbian Squires, Knights of Columbus, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326, or contact William O'Brien, Squires Program Coordinator, at (203) 752-4403, by fax at (203) 752-4108 or via e-mail william.obrien@kofc.org.

the energy equivalent of 15 million barrels of crude oil, roughly the amount of gas consumed in America in one day. In 60 days, a recycled can is turned into a

new can, and this process can be repeated again and again.

To "Spotlight" the good work of your circle, send an e-mail to Rudolph.Sturk@kofc.org.

SQUIRES IN ACTION



Ascension Circle 4893 in Chesterfield, Mo., participated in an event they called "Christmas Miracle." Ten Squires made a Christmas visit to Sunrise Assisted Living in Chesterfield to spread Christmas cheer to all the residents by handing out cards, candy canes and holding a piano concert with a performing ballerina.

St. Padre Pio Circle 4992 in Henderson, Nev., sponsored a food drive to benefit Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada. Squires collected 27 boxes of non-perishable food items.

Squires from Fr. Leo Anctil Circle 5211 in Coventry, R.I., participated in their sponsoring council's fundraiser for people with



intellectual disabilities. This was the first charitable activity for the circle, which was established in April 2008. Seven Squires spent 28 total hours in front of a local Wal-Mart and raised \$810.25, which helped their sponsoring council, Msgr. Peter Blessing Council 5273, double the amount of money collected in the previous year. Squires, including Derek Smith pictured above, offered Tootsie Rolls to those who made donations.

Fifteen Squires from Rodrigo "Ed" Velez Circle 546 in Bay Shore, N.Y., participated in the Relay for Life to help raise money to find a cure for cancer at an event held in June at Bay Shore High School track. The Squires were among 19 teams from the Bay Shore area, and the circle raised \$4,500. The circle also donated their time to help set up for the event, which featured bands, games and a 50/50 raffle.



Squires from San Miguel Arkanghel Circle 4931 in San Miguel, Mindanao, and the Knights of Holy Trinity Council 9063 held a family day celebration to share the spirit of Columbianism among members and their families. More than 50 people attended the event. Those in attendance enjoyed lunch and games, following remarks from the district deputy and the chaplain.

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the real kick off of WYD," he added. "Seeing the Pope in person rather than seeing him on TV was one of the greatest things that happened to me because it is seeing the Holy Father, and seeing a part of God."

The Pope offered an inspirational message to all during the Mass at Randwick Racecourse.

"Being 'sealed with the Spirit' means not being afraid to stand up for Christ, letting the truth of the Gospel permeate the way we see, think and act, as we work for the triumph of the civilization of love," Pope Benedict explained.

At the end of the Mass, Pope Benedict announced that the next international celebration of WYD will take place in Madrid, Spain, in 2011.



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 1** Semiannual Circle Audit Report (Form #247) Due
- Sept. 1** Labor Day (U.S. and Canada)
- Sept. 11** World Day of Prayer for Peace
- Oct. 1-31** Respect Life Month

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 E-mail _____

TOP JURISDICTION CIRCLES

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	4783	Indio	2(tie)	NH	4897 Londonderry	1
FL	4847	Jacksonville	4	NY	4714 Monroe	11
IL	5180	Chicago	2	NC	5194 Denver	2
IN	4895	Portage	1	OH	1854 Coldwater	1(tie)
KS	4217	Conway Springs	10		4655 Cincinnati	1(tie)
KY	4884	Hawesville	2		4891 Columbus	1(tie)
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	4522	Sison	10	RI	5211 Coventry	1
	4055	Isabela	4	TX	4748 Plano	9
	4744	Tanay Rizal	1		4039 Alice	3
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