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Rome's Mayor Giovanni Alemanno, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, Umberto Broccoli, Superintendent of Culture for the City of Rome, and Assessor Gasperini look at plans for the future development of the site.

## CITY OF ROME BREAKS GROUND ON PLAZA NAMED FOR THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

*Memorial  
Recognizes Order's  
Charitable Work in  
Rome*

In recognition of a near century of service and dedication to the people of Rome, the City of Rome began construction Dec. 6 on a square to honor the Knights of Columbus.

The groundbreaking ceremony on the "Largo Cavalieri di Colombo" took place at 1 p.m. at the corner of Viale delle Terme di

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## Vatican Secretary of State Thanks Knights of Columbus for Work in Rome

Speaking at a concert celebrating the groundbreaking for the new "Largo Cavalieri di Colombo" in Rome, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone thanked the Knights of Columbus for the more than 90 years of service the Order has given to the City of Rome and the Vatican. Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson and Rome's Mayor Giovanni Alemanno were among the attendees, and both also delivered remarks on the Knights' long-standing relationship with Rome.

"I wish to express my gratitude to Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson and fellow Knights for the invitation to this concert in this historical Basilica, linked to the memory of Saint Francis of Assisi and one of the most ancient Marian places in Rome, on the occasion of the naming of a Square, in this City, Cavalieri di Colombo," said Cardinal Bertone. "Thus, we are united for such a particular circumstance, which wants to be a demonstration of the

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## Pope Benedict XVI Receives Supreme Knight

Pope Benedict XVI received Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson in a private audience at the Vatican Dec. 7. On behalf of the 1.8 million members of the Knights of Columbus, the supreme knight presented the pope with a gift of \$1.6 million, representing this year's earnings from the Order's Vicarius Christi Fund, which was established in 1981. Over the years, the fund has provided \$49.6 million for the pope's personal charities and causes. In addition to the donation, the pontiff also received a report on the Order's various initiatives from Supreme Knight Anderson during the audience.



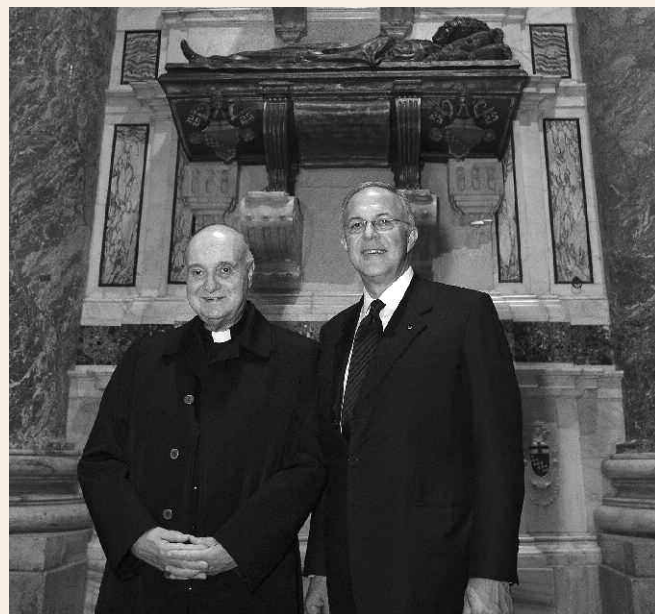
# KNIGHTS MOURN PASSING OF CARDINAL JOHN FOLEY



Cardinal John Foley died on Dec. 11. He was a member of Our Lady of Lourdes Council 4546 in Philadelphia. He joined the Knights in 1984 and was also a regular attendee of the annual Supreme Convention, giving the keynote address at the States Dinner in Quebec City in 2008. Upon learning of Cardinal Foley's passing, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson issued the following statement:

"Cardinal John Foley was both a member of — and a great friend to — the Knights of Columbus and his presence among us will indeed be missed. His Eminence was always an excellent example of Christian witness. With my brother knights, I witnessed this first hand during the years in which Cardinal Foley served as President of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, where he worked tirelessly to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. In his capacity as president, we were honored to be able to work closely with him, sponsoring many of the initiatives and annual broadcasts of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications. It was an honor to be able assist him for so many years in bringing the message of the Gospel from the pope and the Vatican to the world. Both as President of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, and later as Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Cardinal Foley provided us with an excellent example of what it means to be a tireless worker for the Lord. Though his presence among us will be missed, his memory will be cherished for many years to come."

# 500-Year-Old Monument at St. Peter's Basilica rededicated following Knights of Columbus Sponsored Restoration



CNS photo/Paul Haring

The funerary monument of Pope Innocent VIII (Giovanni Battista Cybo, 1484-1492) in St. Peter's Basilica was rededicated on Dec. 5 following a restoration undertaken with the support of the of Knights of Columbus. Cardinal Angelo Comastri, head of the office that cares for St. Peter's Basilica, and Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, stand in front of the restored funeral monument of Pope Innocent VIII.

*From the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Order in Puerto Rico to the Coats for Kids and Food for Families initiatives, 2011 was filled with examples of the Knights of Columbus living up to the belief that being a follower of Christ means living lives of charity and brotherly love, of helping those in need, of being "our brother's keeper." Check out the highlights with a timeline that starts below.*

## A Look at 2011

### JANUARY



Pope Benedict XVI announced Jan. 14 that **Pope John Paul II would be beatified** on May 1 after issuing a decree that a French nun's recovery from Parkinson's disease was miraculous.

Knights in Puerto Rico celebrated the **100th anniversary of the Order's establishment** there on Jan. 13.



**Sargent Shriver died Jan. 18 at the age of 95.** He was the founder of the Peace Corps, Special Olympics co-founder with his wife, Eunice, and a Knights of Columbus member.

The Order also mourns the **death of Judge John M. Roll**, of Council 10441 a victim of the Jan. 8 shooting in Tucson, Ariz.

The results of a Knights of Columbus-Marist poll, released on the 50th anniversary (Jan. 20) of President John F. Kennedy's inauguration, finds that **Americans overwhelmingly believe that key themes from President Kennedy's inaugural speech are still important in America today.**



### FEBRUARY

Through Headline Bistro, the Order launched a program for members of the JP11 Generation to **submit messages on why they are thankful for Pope John Paul II.** These entries were delivered to the late pope's tomb in Rome during the week of his beatification.

Knights and their families were among the **200,000 participants in the 38th annual March for Life** in Washington, D.C.



MEMBERSHIP IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. This means that an applicant or member accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.

# Christmas in New Haven Knights of Columbus Museum Christmas Tree Festival

More than 496 Connecticut students (kindergarten through fifth grade) from 24 schools took part in the Knights of Columbus Museum's annual Christmas Tree Festival. Each school was assigned a tree to decorate. With help from museum staff and volunteers from the Knights of Columbus international headquarters, students decorated the trees with ornaments they created in class. Winning schools received gift certificates for educational products. Each school also received a certificate recognizing its tree's uniqueness.

## Spreading the Light of Christ

Staff of the Supreme Council headquarters in New Haven, joined Knights of Columbus units throughout the world in illuminating a Christmas tree as part of the Order's tree and Nativity scene lighting initiative on Dec. 6. Father John Grace, O.S.A., director of chaplain programs and development, blessed the tree, and Deputy Supreme Knight Dennis Savoie offered remarks on the season to attendees. The event also included Christmas carols sung by performers in Victorian-era garb.

## Nativity scene placed on historic New Haven Green

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council placed a crèche on New Haven's Green and conducted a blessing ceremony on Dec. 1 in conjunction with the city's Christmas tree lighting. The figures in the scene are resin versions of a wooden crèche made by Mexican sculptor Agustin Parra that was presented to the Vatican from the Mexican state of Jalisco in 2007.

## Creche exhibit opens at Knights Museum

The Knights of Columbus Museum's seventh annual crèche exhibit opened Nov. 15, featuring Nativity scenes crafted by artists throughout Africa. The more than 100 pieces, mostly from African countries in the west and northeast, will be on display until Feb. 5. A few crèches, were carved in relief from black serpentine stone by Bernard T. Sakarombe, a Zimbabwean artist.

## Encourage Renewal of Marriage Vows

Families are the base that the Knights of Columbus rests on, and the vow of marriage exchanged between a man and a woman in love is the foundation for each family.

That's why more and more councils are including an annual marriage vow renewal program in their family programming. Such programs offer couples a chance to remind themselves of their sacred commitment to each other and their place in God's plan.

Ask your council chaplain to help plan a marriage vow renewal program for your council or perhaps the entire parish. It can take the form of a Mass or prayer service that offers married couples a chance to renew their vows. Councils and assemblies might also want to consider sponsoring an annual or semiannual spiritual retreat for married couples.

The Supreme Council offers "A Covenant Renewed" certificate (#2745) to couples renewing their marriage vows. This certificate, suitable for framing, makes a nice commemorative gift and is available for 25 cents from the Supply Department. Please use Requisition Form (#1) when ordering

## MARCH

### FEBRUARY

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson addressed the **Legatus 2011 Annual Summit, Feb. 3-5**, on the need to demonstrate an authentic witness to what it means to be a follower of Christ.



The **first meeting of state chaplains is held in New Haven**, and is attended by chaplains (including five bishops) from 58 jurisdictions.

Throughout March, **Knights in the Philippines participated in "Walk for Life" events** to support the culture of life and in opposition to the Reproductive Health Bill, a measure that seeks to promote contraceptives.

More than a year after an earthquake devastated Haiti, the Order, Project Medishare, Ossur and Challenged Athletes Foundation unveiled a **state-of-the-art prosthetics and orthotics laboratory in Port-au-Prince**.



A **tour of relics from the Knights of Columbus Mexican Martyrs** was held in Orange County, Calif., to highlight the commitment of those Catholics and Knights who endured persecution during the turbulent civil war period in Mexico during the 1920s and 30s.



The Order responded to the earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan on March 11 by setting up a **fund to collect donations for the victims of the disaster**.

Caracalla and Via Antonina. Mayor Giovanni Alemanno of Rome officiated, and other dignitaries, including Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, attended.

Msgr. Roger Roensch, director of the bishops' office for United States Visitors to the Vatican, gave a blessing to mark the groundbreaking ceremony.

Later that day, at 6 p.m. a concert was held in the Church of Santa Maria in Aracoeli adjacent to the Campidoglio, featuring the Gospel Choir of St. Thomas More Church in Washington, D.C., in honor of the groundbreaking.

The Knights have been active in a variety of charitable roles in Rome for more than 90 years. Following the Knights' service to U.S. troops in Rome in World War I, Pope Benedict XV in 1920 invited the Knights to stay in the city, and to develop playgrounds for the city's youth, who had few open spaces for exercise in the post-war years. The Knights did so, and continue to manage and maintain athletic fields, which are free to the young people of Rome.

The work at the playgrounds continued even during World War II, when the United States and Italy were at war. During the war, food delivery to the people of Rome from the Vatican was often coordinated from a K of C athletic field. After the war, a Knights' athletic field became a distribution point for food to the children of Rome, who suffered food shortages.

The K of C has also supported the Eternal City in other ways, promoting its cultural and artistic heritage through restorations of Vatican and civic artworks and monuments, and the sponsoring of many renovation projects at St. Peter's Basilica — including the restoration of the façade in the 1980s. The Knights has also sponsored a number of Vatican communications initiatives, including several satellite broadcasts each year, and most recently the co-sponsoring with Sony of the Vatican's acquisition of a mobile high definition television studio.

"The Knights of Columbus is honored to have been able to serve the people of Rome, its local Church, and the Vatican for nearly a century," said Supreme Knight Anderson. "The friendship between the Knights of Columbus and the City of Rome has overcome the difficulties of distance, language, custom and even war, precisely because it has been based on the virtue so often extolled by Pope Benedict XVI — charity. We hope that this square will be a reminder of the transformative power of Christian charity."

# First Exemplification of the Patriotic Degree in Poland



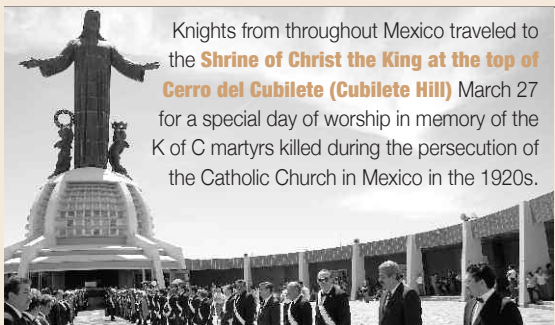
Former Supreme Master Joseph P. Schultz (left) and Supreme Master Dennis J. Stoddard (right) stand with Poland State Deputy and Master of the Patriotic Degree in Poland Krzysztof Orzechowski following the Order's first Patriotic Degree exemplification in Poland Nov. 11. Orzechowski holds a display case showing the Fourth Degree pins of every jurisdiction in the Order and the dates on which the degree was inaugurated in those countries.

The Knights of Columbus in Poland held its first Patriotic Degree exemplification Nov. 11, coinciding with Poland's Independence Day. Held at the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Kraków-Łagiewniki, 24 candidates took part in the degree, which is also known as the Fourth Degree of the Order. Among those in attendance were Supreme Master Dennis J. Stoddard, Poland State Deputy and Master of the Patriotic Degree in Poland Krzysztof Orzechowski, Former Supreme Master Joseph P. Schultz and Cardinal Franciszek Macharski of Kraków, archbishop emeritus, who celebrated Mass before the event.

## MARCH



**Founder's Day (March 29) observances** are held throughout the Order, include a Mass celebrated at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, and a wreath laying by the supreme officers at the grave (shown) of James Mullen the first supreme knight.



Knights from throughout Mexico traveled to the **Shrine of Christ the King at the top of Cerro del Cubilete (Cubilete Hill)** March 27 for a special day of worship in memory of the K of C martyrs killed during the persecution of the Catholic Church in Mexico in the 1920s.

## APRIL



Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson delivered a speech April 7 titled **"Making God's Work Our Own: The Importance of President John F. Kennedy's Inaugural Address 50 Years Later."**

More than 400 dignitaries, Knights, seminarians, and members of the public were on hand to hear the supreme knight's comments on President Kennedy's memorable speech.

On April 16, Supreme Knight Anderson presented members of **Council 15094 at Dartmouth College with their council charter.**

The Supreme Council donated a total of **\$30,000 from the Order's disaster relief fund to help assist victims of tornadoes and storms in southern and Midwestern parts of the United States.** Local councils also provided assistance and donations in these areas.



On April 27, Supreme Chaplain William E. Lori delivered the keynote address at the seventh annual **National Catholic Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C.**

In late April, Knights of Columbus tops **\$80 billion of life insurance in force.**



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recognition for your commitment and your love towards the great City of Rome, center of Catholicism and seat of the Successor of Peter.”

“I am happy to convey the felicitations of the Holy Father Benedict XVI, who has asked me to mention that his venerated predecessor Benedict XV was (the one) to invite the Knights of Columbus to establish themselves in Rome in 1920,” the cardinal continued. “Since then, the initiatives of your Order have successfully continued in the Eternal City, followed with a great and rewarding friendship.”

The concert was held in the Church of Santa Maria in Aracoeli adjacent to the Campidoglio, and featured the Gospel Choir of St. Thomas More Church in Washington, D.C., in honor of the groundbreaking. The square was dedicated to the Knights of Columbus in recognition of its charitable works on behalf of the people of Rome.



Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and Rome's Mayor Giovanni Alemanno listen to Cardinal Bertone's words of appreciation regarding the charitable efforts of the Knights of Columbus in Rome.

# Go Where Your Prospects Are Hold a Recruitment Drive

It makes sense to look for new members in the place you're most likely to find them — your parish. One efficient and proven way to do this is to hold a recruitment drive at your parish. Here are five steps to success for your event.

## 1. The Preparation Phase

Pick a target weekend and get permission from the pastor.

Advertise the drive in the parish bulletin.

Get your pastor/chaplain on board as a membership recruitment assistant.

Order all of your recruiting materials from the Supreme Council Supply Department (allow 4-5 weeks for shipping and receiving.)

Organize your members for the drive weekend.

Contact your council's field agent to get his assistance.

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## 2. The Execution Phase

Arrange for a membership recruitment announcement to be made during Mass.

Have members positioned at the doors of the Church, outside the Church, and in the parking lot, to obtain prospects' names and telephone numbers.

Have brother Knights on hand after Mass to answer any questions and obtain additional information from prospects.

## 3. The Follow-Up Phase

Within 48 HOURS, council members must contact every prospect identified in the execution phase.

Inform prospects of the date, time and location of the informational seminar, and invite families to attend as well.

## 4. The Orientation Phase

Have plenty of recruitment brochures on hand to distribute.

Have the pastor offer words about the Order and its mission in the parish.

Inform the recruits of the benefits of membership, council activities, etc.

Assist in completing Membership Document (#100).

Inform candidates of the date, time and location of the First Degree.

## 5. The First Degree

Schedule a First Degree exemplification no more than two weeks after the information seminar.

Call candidates to remind them of the date, time, and location, and offer to provide transportation.

Present new members the “Be Not Afraid” certificate (#268) available from the Supreme Council Supply Department.

Explain to new members the Shining Armor Award Program and distribute the Qualification Card (#4292).



## MAY

May 1, representatives of the Order, including Supreme Knight Anderson and Supreme Chaplain Bishop Lori attended the **beatification ceremony for Pope John Paul II in Rome.**

A K of C/Marist Poll is released that showed **Americans overwhelmingly said they admire Pope John Paul II,** remember much of his pontificate, and agreed that he is worthy of beatification.



Supreme Knight Anderson, on May 9, addressed **graduates of the John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family** at following the commencement Mass at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

On May 12, **Knights and other pro-life supporters from throughout Canada gathered in Ottawa for the annual March for Life.** Deputy Supreme Knight Dennis Savoie, supreme directors Robert Cayea and Yves Duceppe, and Vice President for Public Policy Patrick Kelly, were among the 15,000 people who attended the event.

## JUNE

On June 13, the United States Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal of a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the Pledge of Allegiance, **ending a seven-year battle involving two separate cases.** The Order, represented by the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, played a key role in defending the constitutionality of the words “under God” in the Pledge as a “defendant intervenor” in both cases.

For the 2010, the **Order set records for \$154 million in donations and 70 million service hours.**



For the 36th consecutive year, A.M. Best Company gave the Knights of Columbus its **highest financial strength rating, A++ (Superior).**

The Knights of Columbus **moved up 29 places on Fortune's annual ranking of America's 1,000 largest companies.** The 2011 list ranked the Knights of Columbus at 900.

## Looking for Answers? Go to the Officers' Desk Reference

Council officers regularly face a wide variety of challenges in their roles as leaders of our Order. To assist council officers in these situations and to help them address other frequently recurring issues, the Supreme Advocate's Office has developed an online tool called the *Officers' Desk Reference*. This reference guide is located under the password-protected Officer's Online section of [kofc.org](http://kofc.org). The *Officers' Desk Reference* contains helpful guidance on a wide range of frequently asked questions such as the proper use of the Order's trademarked name and emblem, guidance concerning member use of social communications, council tax issues, and much, much more. Please take some time to review this resource and to become familiar with it – doing so will pay dividends for you and your council. The content of the *Officers' Desk Reference* is frequently updated, so check back often for new or updated information.

## Get Ready for the 39th Annual March for Life — Jan. 23

The 2012 March for Life will be held Monday, Jan. 23, 2012, in Washington, D.C. The march, which commemorates the anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision on Jan. 22, 1973 that legalized abortion, is being held on Jan. 23 because the traditional date falls on a weekend. Other 2012 demonstrations will be held in San Francisco (Jan. 21), the Philippines (March 24) and in Ottawa (May 10). All Knights and their families, particularly those in these areas, are urged to join the events. Knights who cannot go to Washington should participate in local or state pro-life demonstrations. To assist your culture of life activities, the Supreme Council offers a variety of materials (all of which are free of charge when ordered in reasonable quantities; there is only a shipping charge). See the supply catalog (#1264) for a

complete listing or visit "Culture of Life" at [kofc.org/service](http://kofc.org/service). For details on the 39th Annual March for Life, call 202-543-3377 or visit [march-forlife.org](http://march-forlife.org).

## Fraternal Survey: The Measure of Our Success

During 2010, the Knights of Columbus contributed nearly \$155 million and more than 70 million volunteer hours to benevolent causes. The fact is that the K of C did even more. Just 78 percent of councils, assemblies and circles completed the 2010 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) and returned it to the Supreme Council office. The Supreme Council cannot report what it doesn't know, and it can't extrapolate the accomplishments of the 22 percent of its units that didn't answer the survey last year. The deadline for returning the 2011 survey form (found at [kofc.org/forms](http://kofc.org/forms) or in the Council Report Forms Booklet [#1436]) is Jan. 31, 2012. This year, each district deputy is especially encouraged to make sure that each council in his district files a fraternal survey to ensure the highest possible reporting percentage.

## 'Be Not Afraid!' Membership Campaign

As a way to thank recruiters and honor the beatification of Blessed John Paul II, the Knights of Columbus is continuing the "Be Not Afraid!" membership campaign. Here are the campaign incentives:

As begun on July 1, 2011, recruiters that bring in at least one new member per month receive a Blessed John Paul II Medallion for that month.

These additional incentives began on Dec. 1, 2011 and will run through the end of the campaign on June 29, 2012 at Noon (EDT).

Recruiters who bring in a minimum of four new

members will receive a large specially struck Blessed John Paul II medallion with a display stand. When a council recruits a minimum of six new members during the "Be Not Afraid" Membership Campaign their council chaplain will receive a specially struck Blessed John Paul II medallion with display stand.

A new member degree certificate (#268) is available from the Supply Department to present to new members that have taken their First Degree in honor of the Beatification of Blessed John Paul II.

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Program

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Program began August 3 at the 129th Supreme Convention in Denver. This program features an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, along with prayer books and prayer cards available in English, French, Spanish and Polish. A highlight of the program will be a Guadalupe Celebration, to be held August 5, 2012, at the Los Angeles Coliseum. To learn more about this celebration, visit [guadalupecelebration.com](http://guadalupecelebration.com).

Our Lady of Guadalupe, as patroness of the Americas, has special significance to the Knights of Columbus. When the Order sponsored a tour of a relic of St. Juan Diego's tilma in 2003, Our Lady of Guadalupe's role as mother of all in the Americas became very clear. In city after city, tens of thousands of people came to venerate Our Lady of Guadalupe. Likewise, at the Guadalupe Festival sponsored by the Knights of Columbus in 2009 in Phoenix, more than 20,000 people came to venerate and celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe. It is our hope that this prayer program will continue to expand devotion to Our Lady and the evangelization of the Americas.

## JULY

The Order mourned the passing of **Supreme Secretary Emilio Moure** on July 23 after his battle with cancer.



A total of **1,078 councils** achieved **Star Council status** for the 2010-11 fraternal year with 348 reaching Double Star status.

## AUGUST

Supreme Knight Anderson announced the **Knights of Columbus Disaster Response Program**, assistance to AIDS orphans in Africa, and a new military chaplains scholarship initiatives during the 129th Supreme Convention in Denver held Aug. 2-4.

The winner of the **K of C-sponsored essay contest for Catholic** high school students held in recognition of the 50th anniversary of President Kennedy's inaugural address — Edward Vogel of Connecticut — is recognized at the Supreme Convention awards session.

A new **Marian Prayer Program dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe** was launched at the Supreme Convention and will continue through to the Guadalupe celebration to be held immediately prior to the 2012 Supreme Convention in Anaheim, Calif.

Supreme Knight Anderson announces the **Order's purchase of the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, D.C.**,

with the intention of establishing a center and Shrine of Blessed John Paul II.

The Order hosts — with the Sisters of Life — **the Love and Life Centre, an official catechesis and youth festival site** for English-speaking pilgrims at



## SEPTEMBER

World Youth Day 2011 in Madrid, Aug. 16-21. One hundred and forty Knights from 69 schools throughout the U.S., Puerto Rico, Canada and the Dominican Republic, attend the **annual Knights of Columbus College Conference** (Sept. 30-Oct. 2).



# Help Us Get the Word Out About What Our Knights Do

Every day, throughout the Order, members of the Knights of Columbus are making a difference. Unfortunately, our good works are sometimes also our best-kept secret. We want people throughout the countries where the Order is present to know about the hard work that Knights and their families do to make their communities better places. To help us with this endeavor, we are asking that you give us advance notice (at least one month) of upcoming, significant charitable community service programs. These may include aid to senior citizens or families in need, programs for veterans, events with groups that serve people with intellectual disabilities,

large blood drives, toy drives for needy children, or any number of unique programs that exemplify the charity and volunteerism that are the hallmarks of the Knights of Columbus.

As always, we encourage you to wear K of C apparel, take photographs and submit "Knights in Action" reports of your activities for publication. (To submit Knights in Action news, visit [kofc.org/knightsinaction](http://kofc.org/knightsinaction).)

Meanwhile, if you think your event or program could merit a service program award in one of the six "Surge ... with Service" categories — Church, Family, Pro-Life, Youth, Community or Council — don't wait until

the annual call for entries to let us know. We would like to produce a listing of upcoming events that we can pursue for possible promotion with local media and/or for use as a feature article in one of our publications. Please send a brief description of your upcoming event (one or two sentences describing it, the date, the location and contact information) to [knightline@kofc.org](mailto:knightline@kofc.org) or call 203-752-4264. We look forward to hearing from you.

## Honor Our Founder on March 29

The Knights of Columbus began in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, in 1882, when Father Michael J. McGivney called together a small group of pioneering Catholic laymen, and founded a society designed to provide financial assistance for widows and orphans of members.

March 29 marks the 130th anniversary of the Order receiving its charter from the state of Connecticut. The anniversary of the realization of Father McGivney's dream is a cause for celebration. Here are just a few Founder's Day events your council can sponsor to celebrate the founding of our Order as well as the institution of your council:

- Hold a Founder's Day reception for your parish and community.
- Conduct an open house and give out information on the Order.
- Show The Life and Legacy of Father McGivney to members, families and guests.

This production documents the life of our Order's founder. Also show the Experience of a Lifetime production, which illustrates the dynamic organization the Order has grown into since its founding.

• Prepare a council history display featuring old photos and written records. For displays, the Supreme Council Supply Department offers an 8.5-by-11-inch reproduction of original portraits of the Order's incorporators (#4346). This item can be ordered from the Supreme Council Supply Department.

- Publish and distribute a council history to all council members.
- Ask your local and state/provincial governments to issue a proclamation declaring March 29 as Knights of Columbus Founder's Day.

• Send press releases on your celebration to the local media and invite them to cover the event.

• Recognize your council's founders — your charter members — by presenting them with Charter Member Certificates (#1456, English; #1456F, French; #1456S, Spanish). These vertical certificates are 8.5 by 11 inches and can be purchased from the Supreme Council Supply Department for 25 cents each.

• Founder's Day activities are the perfect forum for asking eligible Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus. Tie in your anniversary celebrations with membership activities. (Go to [www.kofc.org/membership](http://www.kofc.org/membership) for recruitment ideas.)

For more ideas on celebrating Founder's Day see the "For Officers" section of our Web site at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org).

### OCTOBER

Oct. 17-21, the Order and Project Medishare, sponsored **Team Zaryen's tour of the United States, during which members conducted amputee soccer clinics** for wounded American service members and also school children in Connecticut. Along with the clinics, the tour highlighted the team members' skills and abilities.



### NOVEMBER

Supreme Chaplain Bishop Lori addressed the **U.S. House of Representatives subcommittee on the Constitution the subject of religious liberty**. Bishop Lori represented the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops as the chair of that group's committee for religious liberty.

For the first time **state deputies and state chaplains gathered together for a mid-year meeting** (Nov. 17-20) in Nashville to discuss membership growth, spiritual development and service programs.

The Order announced a focusing on the teachings of popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI.



### DECEMBER

Check out information on the Vicarius Christi Fund, Christmas events from New Haven, and the dedication of a square in Rome in this issue.





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## *Keep This Resolution: Meet With Your Agent*

**H**appy New Year! Those of us in the marketing, agency and customer service areas of the Supreme Council office wish you and yours only the best in 2012. Here's hoping that your membership in the Knights of Columbus continues to bring you countless blessings.

Speaking of the new year, have you taken part in the ritual of preparing "resolutions" for yourself? It seems traditional that many people spend this time of year looking back at flaws that they see in themselves and making plans — no, resolutions — to correct them.

It may be that you consider yourself overweight; or that you don't spend enough time in the gym; or that you haven't read as many books as you would like. January is usually the time when you endeavor to change all of things that you may not like

### **Thomas P. Smith Jr.**

Executive Vice President  
(Agencies and Marketing)



about yourself.

It is not my place to recommend one more area of review, but forgive me for going ahead anyway: your financial future.

Are you ready for retirement? Will you have enough money to live on? Are you protected from the disaster that a long-term illness can bring? If you were suddenly or unexpectedly out of the picture, could your family survive? What if you were injured or became ill and could no longer work? Have you adequately prepared for your wife's future? Your children's?

The one thing we can never change is the relentless march of time. Consider that this new year — in addition to a time of celebration and reflection on 2011 — is the mark of another year gone...and you're another year older. If you have been putting off a discussion with a qualified adviser about your finances, I recommend another resolution: Resolve to do just that, and soon.

An appointment with your Knights of Columbus insurance representative is painless. We value your time, so we won't waste it. Consider meeting with him. And Happy New Year!