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## Knights Welcome Pope Francis for First U.S. Visit

The Knights of Columbus, in honor of Pope Francis' first apostolic journey to the United States, was there to graciously welcome him as he made his way through Washington, D.C., New York City and Philadelphia, Sept. 22-27.

A week before the pope arrived in the nation's capital, the Knights of Columbus released a poll showing that the Holy Father enjoys a high level of popularity among Americans in general and U.S. Catholics in particular. Thousands of enthusiastic people, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, greeted him at his public events and Masses.

During his six days in the United States, Pope Francis visited the White House, spoke to a joint session of Congress and delivered an address to the United Nations General Assembly.

The Holy Father's U.S. visit coincided with the 2015 World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. This year marked the first time the international event was conducted in the United States. The international meeting, held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, featured speakers from many countries and addressed a variety of issues affecting family life today, focusing particularly on the theme "Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive."

The Supreme Council prepared a number of displays for the meeting which highlighted the benefits of membership and the Order's insurance program. The displays also focused on many K of C initiatives, such as Building the Domestic Church, Fathers for Good, the Father McGivney Guild and various other programs. Also featured were displays for the Saint John Paul II National Shrine and the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for



Studies on Marriage and Family, both sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus printed 350,000 copies of the 24-page Mass program that were distributed to those attending the closing papal Mass on Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia. The Order also provided 350 volunteers as ushers, security personnel and Communion assistants. The altar, backdrop and other liturgical settings for the Mass were designed by James Lenahan, a graduate of the Notre Dame School of Architecture, who is a member of Illini Council 2782 in Champaign, Ill.

During the Mass, an original musical piece by Peter Latona was performed. A member of Potomac Council 433 in Washington, D.C., Latona is the music director for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. His musical arrangements were also performed at papal liturgies in New York and Philadelphia.

Prior to the closing papal Mass, Knights served as volunteers at other events throughout the pope's visit. Members of the Patriotic Degree provided an honor guard Sept. 23 for the canonization

Mass for Junípero Serra, the 18th-century California missionary, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. There, members of the Order also distributed 30,000 copies of a booklet on newly canonized saint. The booklet, which was printed in both English and Spanish, included an address given by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson at a conference titled "Fra Junípero Serra: Apostle to California and Witness to Sanctity."

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## Grand Knight Checklist – October & November

- Confirm your council's July assessments have been paid  
*Failure to pay the assessments prior to Oct. 10 will result in suspension of the council. A suspended council may not be seated at their state convention, nor are its members eligible to be delegates to the Supreme Convention. Please note: The incentive credit for Star Councils and the amount due or credited was listed on the Sept. 1 statement.*
- Review how your council will participate in the annual Coats for Kids and Food for Families programs
- Start planning your council's Christmas activities, including an Advent Celebration for the community and involvement in the Orderwide Keep Christ in Christmas initiative
- Begin collecting data for the *Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity* (#1728)
- Make sure your council is on the path to earning the Star Council Award

# Knights of Columbus Aids Persecuted Christians

In September, the Knights of Columbus financed a month's supply of food for more than 13,500 Christian families in the Middle East. These families — now living in Erbil, Iraqi Kurdistan, and the surrounding areas — had fled from their homes in Mosul and Nineveh to escape persecution, torture and enslavement.

The food assistance was part of an ongoing program organized by the Chaldean Melkite Archdiocese of Erbil, Iraqi Kurdistan, which has continued to house refugees since the persecution escalated in the summer of 2014. Each month different organizations provide the displaced families a month's supply of food items, including rice, sugar, cooking oil, tomato sauce, beans, pasta, cheese, tins of fish and meat, powdered milk and tea. Archbishop Bashar Warda of Erbil then directs a group of local volunteers to arrange for the packaging and delivery of the food to the families in need.

The monthly donation of the food items — which totaled \$810,000 — is only a small part of the Knights' multimillion dollar initiative to aid displaced Christian families and other persecuted religious minorities in the Middle East. It followed a commitment made by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson at the Supreme Convention in Philadelphia, Aug. 4. There, he announced that the Knights of Columbus would continue, and even redouble, its efforts on behalf of Christians in Iraq and the surrounding area.

"Christians in the Middle East face persecution and extinction simply for their belief in the one who taught us to love one another," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "Despite the genocidal persecution against them, they have continued to be an inspiration to the power of their faith, and to the love of God and neighbor. They need our solidarity and support, and we are pleased to help provide it."

The Knights of Columbus has since aired a TV commercial which brought the plight of the Iraqi Christians to national attention. It features Father Douglas Bazi, an Iraqi priest who was tortured and nearly killed by extremists. Father Bazi now runs a refugee camp near Erbil.

In the commercial, he notes that "genocide is an easy word compared to what is happening to my people." He then begs viewers to "pray for my people, help my people and save my people," adding, "I believe you can."

HOW TO HELP: Offer a donation through [christiansatrisk.org](http://christiansatrisk.org). Or, send checks or money orders payable to Knights of Columbus Charities at P.O. Box 1966, New Haven, CT 06509-1966. The memo portion should indicate that the check is for the Christian Refugee Relief Fund.

One hundred percent of all donations to the fund directly supports humanitarian assistance and raising awareness of persecuted Christians and other religious minorities. Donations to the Christian Refugee Fund are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

You may also support the Christians Refugee Fund by ordering 5-inch olive wood crosses (\$5 each, minimum order of 10), crafted by Christians in the Holy Land. The crosses may be sold in your community, for a suggested donation of \$10, with the net proceeds of the sale given to the Christian Refugee Relief Fund. For more information, please contact please contact the Supply Department at 203-752-4214 or [supply@kofc.org](mailto:supply@kofc.org).



*Chaldean Archbishop Bashar Warda of Erbil, Iraqi Kurdistan, with supplies provided by the Knights of Columbus.*

## Papal Visit FROM PAGE 1

The supreme knight attended a number of papal events in the city, including a Knight of Columbus-sponsored luncheon for several hundred U.S. bishops at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. He also visited with Pope Francis at the residence of the Apostolic Nuncio and Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations.

Later, following the pope's U.N. address and visit to the World Trade Center memorial site, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson provided commentary to Fox News, explaining that the Holy Father's essential message is that "every human life has dignity and deserves to develop in its fullness, economically, spiritually."

On Friday, Sept. 25, at the papal Mass in New York's Madison Square Garden, 60 Knights served as ushers. Following the Mass, an exclusive screening of the trailer for the Knights of Columbus documentary on Pope Francis was aired.



*Pope Francis reaches out to Catholic school student Omodei Ojo of Brooklyn, N. Y., as he is greeted by children at John F. Kennedy International Airport, Sept. 24.*

CNS PHOTO/ CRAIG RUTTLE, POOL



## Sponsor a Community Rosary Service



Invite brother Knights, their families and local parishes to join together in prayer through the 5th Sunday Rosary Program, designed to bring the community together for regular Marian devotions. Begun in August, the program will continue on every fifth Sunday throughout the fraternal year. Councils who did not participate in August are encouraged to sponsor an event on the next fifth Sunday, Nov. 29, the first Sunday of Advent. Visit [kofc.org/5thsunday](http://kofc.org/5thsunday) for more information and to order the *5th Sunday Rosary Kit* (SR-KIT).

Any council that participates in this program for the fifth Sundays of the fraternal year (occurring August, November, January and May) will have fulfilled all four Church Activity requirements for the Columbian Award. In addition to reporting these services on the Columbian Award application, don't forget to send in the *5th Sunday Rosary Program Report Form* (#10243) after each of your council's rosary services.



## Help Build a Culture of Life

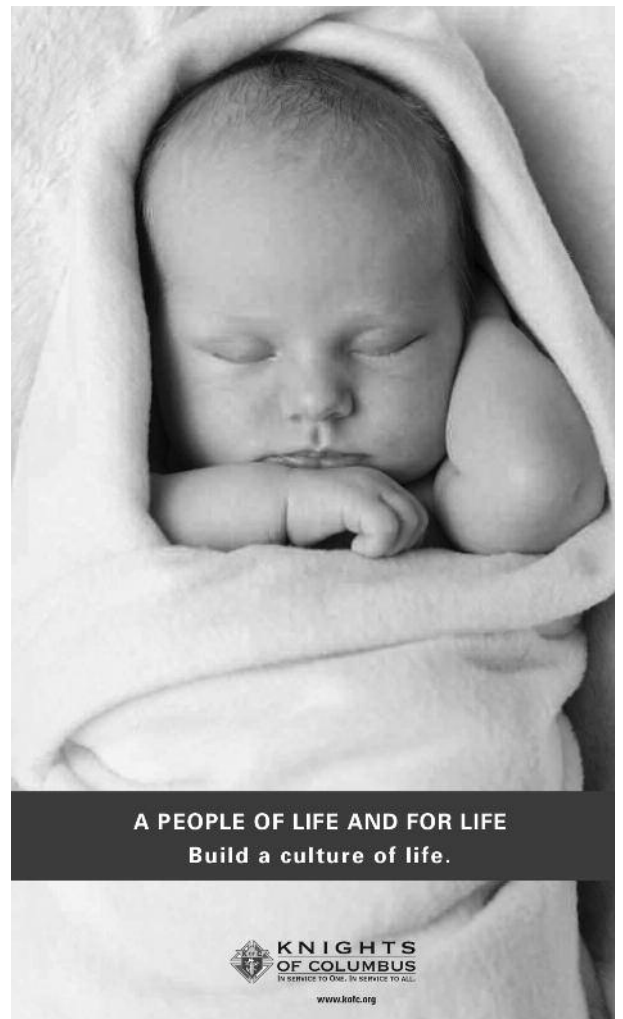
The annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., will be held on Friday, Jan. 22, 2016, in observance of the 43rd anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision following *Roe v. Wade*. Encourage your family, brother Knights and fellow parishioners to participate in this peaceful demonstration, expected to be the largest pro-life event in the world. For more information, call 202-234-3300 or visit [marchforlife.org](http://marchforlife.org).

Knights are encouraged to join in other national, regional, state/provincial or local marches, or other public demonstrations, to continue building a culture of life. These events include:

- The 12th annual Walk for Life-West Coast, Jan. 23, at the Civic Center Plaza in San Francisco. For information, visit [walkforlifewc.com](http://walkforlifewc.com).
- OneLife LA, Jan. 23, at Olvera St. in Los Angeles. The OneLife LA march will end at Grand Park, with family-friendly entertainment, food, live music, community exhibits and inspirational speakers. For further details, visit [onelifela.org](http://onelifela.org).
- Pro-life marches in various locations in the Philippines, usually held during the month of March. Check with state or local councils for locations and exact dates.
- The National March for Life, May 12, in Ottawa. For information on the National March in Ottawa, as well as times and locations of provincial marches in Canada, please visit [campaignlifecoalition.com](http://campaignlifecoalition.com).

Sponsoring or participating in a qualifying March for Life event fulfills all four of the Culture of Life activities requirements for the Columbian Award. To meet the requirements, councils must involve a minimum of 100 Knights, family members, parishioners, students and/or other supporters in a local, regional or national March for Life event. The details of the activities must be clearly marked on *Columbian Award Application* (#SP7).

Councils may order *Defend Life* signs (#9341) by sending an email to [william.obrien@kofc.org](mailto:william.obrien@kofc.org). Please include your name, address, council number, telephone number and the exact number of signs needed. Signs are available in English, French or Spanish; please specify the language preferred.



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Build a culture of life.







## Schedule Your Soccer Challenge Today

There is still time to participate in the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge. If you act fast, there is still time to order the *Soccer Challenge Kit* (#SC-KIT), which contains rulebooks, entry forms, advertisement materials, and certificates for up to 75 participants. When ordering, please specify the number of kits required and the date by which you need to receive the kit.

Remember to arrange your council's event calendar to allow for winner participation in the district, region or state events. Contact your district deputy regarding the dates of district-level events, and have your challenge take place before they begin. Should your district not hold a soccer challenge, then your council winner may proceed directly to regionals. In smaller jurisdictions, participants may skip right to state contests, which are usually held in November. Your state program director can provide details on regional and state competition dates and locations.

For general questions about the contest, please contact Ed Wezenski (203-752-4703 or [edward.wezenski@kofc.org](mailto:edward.wezenski@kofc.org)) or visit [kofc.org/service](http://kofc.org/service).



## Stand up for Religious Freedom

The Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest helps young people explore their faith and learn the importance of religious freedom. An excellent project for schools and home-educated students alike, the essay contest is easily adapted into an academic curriculum.

Before explaining contest requirements to teachers, be sure to order the *Essay Contest Kit* (EA-Kit), which contains materials for up to 75 participants. Teachers may then review the materials and assign the subject to their students. In November, pick up the finished essays, which judges chosen from your council should then grade in the areas of content, grammar and style. Winners may move on to regional and state levels. For further information on the higher levels of competition, contact Ed Wezenski (203-752-4703 or [edward.wezenski@kofc.org](mailto:edward.wezenski@kofc.org)) or visit [kofc.org/essay](http://kofc.org/essay).

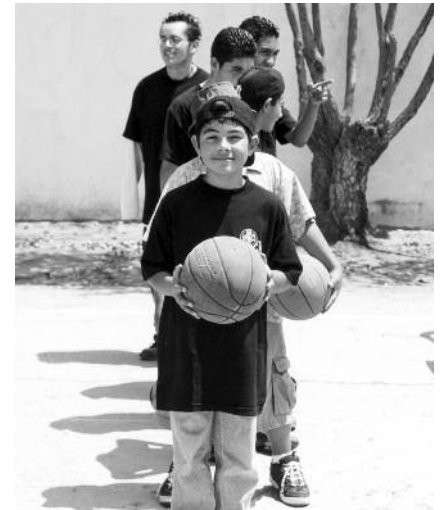


## Sportsmanship, Fellowship and Fun

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship, the Order's longest running youth program, allows participants to compete at council, district, regional and state events. To make this year's program memorable for all participants, consider involving local NBA, WNBA or college basketball teams. Contact their local public relations coordinator to determine whether you can hold your championship's final round shootout at halftime of a game, use donated merchandise as prizes, or have a meet and greet with the players.

Order the *Free Throw Kit* (#FT-KIT), arrange for gym space and select Knights to serve as judges/scorekeepers well before you schedule your council contest in January. Also, remember to keep on hand a supply of *Membership Documents* (#100) and Knights of Columbus informational brochures for Catholics dads attending the events.

For further information, contact Ed Wezenski (203-752-4703 or [edward.wezenski@kofc.org](mailto:edward.wezenski@kofc.org)).



## Protect Young People Through a Safe Environment

The Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program is administered by the Department of Fraternal Services, working in partnership with Praesidium.

### *Who is Praesidium?*

Praesidium is an international leader in abuse risk management based in Arlington, Texas, started more than two decades ago in response to requests from youth-serving organizations.

With over 20 years of research and experience in working with more than 4,000 organizations that serve youth and adults, Praesidium knows who is at risk, which types of programs and activities have higher risks, and where and under what circumstances incidents and false allegations are most likely to occur.

### *Why has the Knights of Columbus decided to partner with Praesidium?*

The Knights of Columbus Board of Directors elected to partner with Praesidium after more than a year of careful study, review and analysis. They knew Praesidium could provide excellent guidance on how to enhance the Order's existing safe environment program.

Praesidium enjoys an outstanding international reputation for its expertise in assisting large youth-serving organizations to maintain the highest standards for the protection of young people and for the comprehensive scope of its products and services.

For more information, please visit [website.praesidiuminc.com](http://website.praesidiuminc.com).

# Providing Support, Serving With Love

Through their support of food banks and food pantries, Knights and their families enter into the loving service of charity that Father McGivney envisioned for the Knights of Columbus.

Continue this tradition of support by planning a food drive in your local area. To guarantee a successful drive, be sure to:

- Contact a local food pantry or soup kitchen, ensuring they will be able to receive the food and determining if there are specific items that they need.
- Choose a location. Whether you wish to hold the drive at a local parish, store or other community location, be sure to obtain the proper permissions (from either the appropriate government department, business owner or pastor).
- Get permission to display flyers/posters around your parish, community and stores to advertise the event. These posters should include the time and location of the drive.
- Ask nearby stores for empty boxes in which the donations can be collected. When collecting monetary donations, make sure to have a secure receptacle in your collection area for cash and checks.

When planning your event, keep in mind that drives held at parishes are conducted somewhat differently than those at public locations. For drives held in front of stores, Knights can easily pass out flyers (with details of the organizations which will be receiving the food) to shoppers as they enter the store. While passing them out, ask the shoppers to purchase extra food which can be placed in the collection boxes on their way out.

If you are running the event at your parish, flyers should be given well in advance of the drive, so that parishioners have plenty of time to collect the needed items. Also, ask your pastor to make an announcement about the event, or get permission to have a council officer make an announcement before or after each Mass. A written announcement might also be included in the parish bulletin. In the announcement, ask parishioners to bring nonperishable food items to the parish drive and provide a few details on who the drive will benefit.



In order to encourage increased outreach to food banks, food pantries and soup kitchens, the Knights of Columbus continues to offer financial rebates to councils that donate food or money. The Supreme Council will again refund \$100 for every \$500 or 1,000 pounds of food donated, up to a maximum refund of \$500 per council per fraternal year. Indicated contributions of food and/or money should be cumulative for the fraternal year.

A Food for Families program may count as fulfilling all four of the Community Activities requirements for the Columbian Award. In order to qualify, councils must complete and submit the *Columbian Award Application* (SP-7). For more information, visit the “Community” section of [kofc.org/service](http://kofc.org/service).

## How to Conduct an Open House

Following up your October church drive with an open house provides an opportunity to further introduce your council and the Order to prospects and their families. Appoint a committee to organize the open house, which serves to explain your council’s volunteer service programs, social and fraternal activities, and membership benefits.

Follow these steps to organize the event:

1. Set a date, time and location (preferably your council’s meeting place).
2. Publicize the event through local newspapers, church bulletins, community websites, radio, cable television and the distribution of promotional materials. Materials should be ordered through [knightsgear.com](http://knightsgear.com) at least two weeks in advance.
3. Compile a list of prospective members. This list should include the prospects from your church drive, as well as new potential members.
4. Send open house invitations to prospects and their wives. Follow up with each prospect by phone, confirming he is available to attend the event. Don’t forget to also invite your council’s chaplain and insurance agent to the event.
5. Arrange for a display of council scrapbooks, awards, programs, activities, etc.
6. Assign a recruiter to each attending prospect. The recruiter should act as his host throughout the event.

During the open house, have a welcome committee greet guests. The chaplain should then offer a blessing or a few words about the spiritual benefits of the Knights of Columbus. Next, introduce your officers and members to the prospects, asking the grand knight or membership director to explain council aims and organization. Your council’s agent should then briefly discuss the benefits of Knights of Columbus Insurance.

Promotional films, available at [kofc.org](http://kofc.org), may be shown to highlight the work of the Order. Follow the film with a question and answer session, concluding with refreshments or a light buffet. As the open house concludes, have host-recruiters help interested attendees fill out a *Membership Document* (#100) and inform prospects of the Admission Degree date.

# Order Your Supplies Today

Don't forget that Knights of Columbus apparel, accessories, books, religious and liturgical items, flags and a variety of other products are available online at Knights Gear. This webstore covers all Knights of Columbus-related gift, clothing and electronic needs. Featured brands include Adidas, Nike, Cutter & Buck, and Columbia. In addition, items can be personalized with council or assembly names. Visit [knightsgear.com](http://knightsgear.com) to see the full selection of items.

To order Knights Gear products through your council's account, please visit [kofc.org](http://kofc.org). After signing into Officers Online, click on the Knights Gear logo.

Items mentioned in this newsletter that are not available on Knights Gear may be ordered by faxing 800-266-6340 or by mailing a *Requisition Form* (#1) to the Knights of Columbus Supply Department at P.O. Box 1670, New Haven, CT 06507. To avoid duplicate orders, please do not mail in a hard copy of your order if you have already faxed it in or submitted it online.



## Active Councils Are Successful Councils

If you think your council has an event or program that is an outstanding example of one of the six "Surge ... with Service" categories — Church, Family, Culture of Life, Youth, Community or Council — we can pursue for possible promotion with local media and/or feature in one of our publications, please send information on your project (including the when, where, what, who, why and how of the activity) and photos to [knightline@kofc.org](mailto:knightline@kofc.org). If you have any questions about sending in photos, call 203-752-4264.

Our Lady of Lourdes Council 4500 in Springfield, Pa., and Cardinal Dougherty Assembly in Philadelphia came to the aid of a visiting parish priest by donating \$1,500 for the purchase of a used car.

This past year, Iowa Great Lakes Council 5043 in Spirit Lake has raised and donated more than \$18,000 to help community, parish and family needs. The council raises the funds through various events, including their Soup and Pie Supper. Council members also provides assistance to local pregnancy care centers and organizations serving persons with intellectual disabilities. Additionally, donations have been provided to the Spirit Lake High School Robotics Program, members of which have been involved with projects at the council's parish. The council also actively assists the Water Women and the Medical Mission in Haiti.



St. Benedict's Council 1225 in Florence, Colo., joined members of the Patriotic Degree in entering a pro-life float in a local parade. The float gave the council members an opportunity to show their dedicated support of the unborn.

Members of Sacred Heart Council 6596 in Edson, Alberta, hosted an Irish Stew Supper, raising \$1,000 for the Holy Redeemer High School football team. The funds will be used to help purchase new football helmets.

Assumption-Keene Council 14032 in Ontario held their 10th annual "Adopt-A-Road Cleanup." The entire parish family was a part of the effort, with a record number of 47 volunteers joining for the daylong event. Together, the group cleaned a 6-mile stretch of roadway, removing 48 bags of garbage and 19 bags of recyclables.



James Smidt, deputy grand knight of St. Anthony of Padua Council 10569 in Winnipeg, Manitoba, participated in a polar plunge to raise awareness of the Law Enforcement Torch Run, which is held in support of Special Olympics Manitoba. Council 10569 donated \$1,000 to Smidt's "Team Flintstones," which earned a total of \$4,000 during the event.

Hot Springs Centennial Assembly in Bienville, Ark., recently held a Patriotic Degree Exemplification, where Knights celebrated four generations from the Anderle family concurrently serving as Fourth Degree Knights. Leroy Anderle, a member of Father Albert Assembly in Windthorst, Texas, was present as his grandson, Zachary Anderle, received the honor of becoming a Fourth Degree Knight. Zachary and his father, Ron, are both active members of St. Benedict Assembly in Charleston, Ark.



Martinsburg (W.V.) Council 1169 presented Promise House Family Resource Center, an initiative supported by Catholic Charities West Virginia, a check for more than \$500. The funds were raised through the council's regular Lenten Soup Stations, held at St. Joseph Catholic Church.





# Protect Your Family With Knights of Columbus Insurance

## Insurance for Young Knights

Protecting our families from financial ruin is not just a task for the oldest among us. Whether they are 18 or 81, all Knights should be thinking about how they can and should protect the ones they love.

But young Knights are different. Their needs are different. Their priorities are different. Their preferences are different. Their budgets are different.

That's why we've designed our Young Adult Insurance program for Knights and their spouses, ages 18-29. The program maximizes flexibility, convenience and affordability to enable young brother Knights, and their spouses, to get the coverage they need. Through it, members can receive an annual renewable term life insurance policy that will help protect their families and their futures.\*

Many of you may think you're simply too young for life insurance, but you're not. Here's why:

### 1. You've got debt.

Maybe you have student loans. Maybe you're paying off your car. Maybe you have some credit card debt.

Not all debts are forgiven when you die. Depending on the type of debt, the state you live in, and whether or not the loan is cosigned, your family could be responsible for that money. And, even if you don't have any debt, what about funeral costs and final expenses?

### 2. You want to protect the ones you love.

You don't want your family to be saddled with your debt if something happens to you. So why not make sure they won't be? It's easy. It's affordable. It's what Knights do.

### 3. You're on a budget.

Young Adult Insurance is affordable. How affordable? Very affordable. The amount you pay is based on your age and medical condition, but you could get \$25,000 of coverage for as little as \$1 a week.

### 4. Your time is valuable.

Young Adult Insurance is quick and easy. It's an annual, renewable term insurance product that you reevaluate and renew every year. It's designed with Knights ages 18 through 29 in mind, to maximize affordability and flexibility.

### 5. You're a Knight.

Our founder, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, started the Knights to protect Catholic families from financial devastation. Ever since, we've gone on to issue more than \$99 billion of life insurance to members and their families. They trust us with this important task.

As a Knight, you've got a dedicated agent — a brother Knight — to help you. Why not begin that relationship today?

### 6. You're Catholic.

There's an advantage to buying Catholic. You get the comfort of knowing that your money is going to a charitable organization that stands resolutely behind the Church and conducts its business in an unapologetically Catholic way, with strict rules on ethics and investments.

### 7. You won't live forever.

We will all meet our end — hopefully not soon, of course! But what if it comes sooner than you expect? What will happen to those you love? Would you protect them if you could?

So what are you waiting for? Visit [kofc.org/youngadultins](http://kofc.org/youngadultins) today to request a personalized quote and more information. Or, you can contact your agent to get started. Find him at [kofc.org/findagent](http://kofc.org/findagent).

*\*Eligibility is based on age, medical condition and other factors. The Young Adult Insurance Program is not yet available in California. Spouses, while eligible for insurance through the program, are not able to request a quote online. They can apply directly through their Knights of Columbus agent.*

## A Symbol of Christian Hope

In the Middle East, where followers of Christ have lived for nearly 2,000 years, men, women and children are being persecuted and tortured simply because they are Christian. The Christian population has fallen drastically, with thousands having escaped to nearby cities to avoid forced conversion or martyrdom.

Through the Christian Refugee Relief Fund, the Knights of Columbus has already delivered more than \$4 million in housing and medical care to assist our brothers and sisters in the Middle East.

Your council can, and should, join this cause. To show your support, order 5-inch olive wood crosses (\$5 each, minimum order of 10), crafted by Christians in the Holy Land. The crosses may be sold in your community, for a suggested donation of \$10, with the net proceeds of the sale given to the Christian Refugee Relief Fund. Be advised that this donation from sale proceeds is not tax-deductible. Knights wishing to give a tax-deductible contribution to the Christian Refugee Relief Fund should

visit [christiansatrisk.org](http://christiansatrisk.org). Also, councils that sell 50 or more crosses fulfill two service criteria under the Church Activities section of the Columbian Award.

These crosses serve as a daily reminder to pray for our suffering brothers and sisters in the faith. The sale of each cross also strengthens our ability to provide financial support to persecuted Christians and raises consciousness of their tragic plight in the greater community. We encourage councils to hold a special Mass or prayer service for the refugees, inviting those members of the community who have purchased crosses to bring them to the prayer service for a special blessing. These blessings show unity with our brothers and sisters in the Middle East, and they help to highlight their plight. Please work with your grand knight and parish to arrange these services.

For specific details on ordering the crosses, please contact the Supply Department at 203-752-4214 or [supply@kofc.org](mailto:supply@kofc.org).

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