



# THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Catholic men dedicated to serving and protecting their families, their church and their country.**

- The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal benefit society that was founded by the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, and some of his parishioners at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut. It was officially chartered on March 29, 1882. Its principles are Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.
- The Knights of Columbus has grown from several members in one council to more than 14,000 councils and 1.8 million members throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Cuba, Guatemala, Guam and Saipan. During the past decade the Knights of Columbus has donated nearly \$1.5 billion to charity and 683 million hours of volunteer service in support of charitable initiatives.
- **Our Lady of Service Council #6257 is the Knights of Columbus Council at Holy Trinity Parish.** We have over 100 registered members who try to live up to the principles of our Order. We conduct around 20 programs each year for the benefit of the church, the community, our council, our families, pro-life causes, and our youth. We meet at 7:30 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, in the overflow, to pray the Holy Rosary. Our meeting starts at 8:00 p.m.
- The Order has helped many families obtain economic security and stability through its life insurance, annuity and long-term care programs, and has contributed time and energy worldwide to service in communities.

## **HAS ANYONE INVITED YOU TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?**

*Membership is open to men 18 years of age and up who are practicing Catholics in union with the Holy See. This means that they accept the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspire to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and are in good standing with the Catholic Church.*

### **The precepts of the Catholic Church are as follows.**

- To attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation and to rest from servile labor.
- To confess our sins at least once a year.
- To receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter Season.
- To observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence.
- To help provide for the needs of the Church.

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