



— BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH —
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To Whom It May Concern:


The Knights of Columbus are looking for Catholic men to assume leadership positions to support and protect the traditions of our faith. Jeff Schumacher who recently completed his term of Grand Knight for the Blessed Sacrament Parish Council has asked me to write a general letter in support of the Knights' program.

The Knights of Columbus, founded by Father Michael J. McGivney in 1882, has become the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization, bound together by the ideal of Christopher Columbus who brought Christianity to the Americas. As defenders of their country, their families and their faith, the Knights have extensive programs for evangelization, Catholic education, civic involvement and aid to the sick, disabled and needy. They support their parishes, community, youth and family. The Knights also offer quality insurance, long term care, college savings and scholarships, widowed support, business networking and retirement funding opportunities to its members, along with many other fraternal benefits.

A year ago I met with Jeff Schumacher and agreed to the establishment of a council at Blessed Sacrament. Three months later, the Council of Jesus 13606 was born and now it has over 70 members. Under Jeff's leadership, the council has had raffle sales, held holiday celebrations, promoted Eucharistic adoration, assisted parish cleaning and painting projects and provided volunteers for our annual auction dinner, St. Patrick's dinner, and Medieval Faire. Jeff's efforts were recognized recently when he was designated Washington State's 2004-5 Knight of the Year.

I urge you to consider joining the 1.6 million Catholic men worldwide who have affiliated with the Knights of Columbus. I believe that doing so will make a difference in your life and will greatly benefit the greater Catholic community.

Sincerely in Christ,


Fr. Daniel Syverstad, O.P.
Parish Administrator