

## Are We There Yet?

Are we there yet? Parents hear the question at least 100 times during every vacation trip. The question for you is: Are you there yet? Has your council fully engaged in the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney? Are you fully committed to the first principle of our Order—Charity? Does your giving extend outside of your immediate Council or parish? So far this year we are doing fairly well in our Charitable giving, but we are not there yet. Many Councils have gone well beyond the minimum requirements, and we applaud them for their dedication and hard work. Certainly many of our Knights have had a rough year with the devastation of Ike and other natural and economic disasters. In response we have had an outpouring of help which was desperately needed and greatly appreciated. Unfortunately a number of our Councils have not yet fully embraced the true spirit of giving of self.

In these times of economic uncertainty we are needed now more than ever. Ask yourself, “Why did YOU join the Knights of Columbus?” Was it to go to a meeting once a month? I don’t think so. You probably joined for the same reason as most of us, to serve others and to give something back to your Church, Diocese and Community. Is your council fully committed to this vision? Are you only willing to do just what is necessary to get by? Does your council fund items that only benefit your immediate council/parish? Pope Benedict has stated that CHARITY is equal to the EURCHRIST and EVANGELIZATION! And Jesus asks “Who is your neighbor?”

If we are true Knights of Columbus then we will willingly accept the responsibility to live Charity. I ask you to take a new look into your hearts and realistically assess what you have done to meet your Charity goal. Have your actions fully embraced the first principle of our order? Then pray on it and reassess the matter. If you find you are coming up short there is still plenty of time to act. Now is the time to show who we are as Knights of Columbus! If you are a real leader in your Council, take action! Make certain that your council is actually practicing true Charity. **ARE YOU THERE YET? Your Bishop is counting on YOU!!**