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Charity is the first principle of our order. Everything we do as Knights of Columbus should be grounded in this principle. The way we treat each other; the way we treat our families; the way we deal with our co-workers; all should be treated with Charity in our hearts. But charity is also about giving from the heart, not because we are required to, not to receive praise or rewards, but because that is who we are as Knights of Columbus. As Knights we are in solidarity with our Bishops. The Bishop of each of the 15 Dioceses of Texas have asked the Knights of their Diocese to support a particular project. These projects vary by Diocese, however in each case the Bishop is relying on the Knights to fund this endeavor, so that he has one less thing to worry about. How can we say NO to our Bishop, especially when the cost is less than 3 pennies per day. Surely in an organization that is so rich with talent and ideas we can find ways to raise 3 pennies a day per member to support our Bishops. This past year 5 Dioceses met or exceeded the amount necessary to fully fund their Bishops project. Great job. We also had 62 Districts who found it in their hearts to fully support the program. Almost 60% or 412 of our Councils also said, "This is who we are as Knights of Columbus, we do stand in solidarity with our Bishops!!" Fantastic!!!! But my Brother Knights each Council needs to look deeper in their hearts and find ways to provide the full funding necessary. I challenge each of you to do what is necessary to fully fund your Bishops request. Hold an additional fund raiser, get all members of your council involved. As individual members in our order you must challenge your councils to fully embrace the First Principle of our Great Order and to be part of the team! This is not just a job for the Grand Knight or other elected leaders of your council, YOU can create the energy and enthusiasm necessary to make it happen!!!

DO YOUR PART TO FUND YOUR BISHOPS PROGRAM.