

IF NOT.....WHY NOT????

So you're driving down the road feeling really good about yourself - and proudly displaying your new Knights of Columbus License plate - telling the world that you're a Catholic and that yes you do believe that we are "One Nation Under God". Then a driver cuts you off and you refrain from giving the old hand salute - just one more benefit to having a Knights of Columbus License Plate which you put off for so long. You thought that it would be too hard to do and that you had to wait till your old plate expired, but a fellow Brother Knight told you just how simple it is to apply for one. He also told you that you could do it at anytime during the year on a pro-rated basis. Wow, why didn't you do it sooner, you ask yourself? Procrastination!!! Yes we are all guilty of it at some time or another.

Besides feeling really good about yourself, what is the real purpose of the Knights of Columbus License plate? You pay the State of Texas \$30.00 which provides you with this great advertisement for our order and our Faith. But here is the really good part; the State of Texas returns \$22.00 to the State Charities Board, so the actual cost of all your feeling good about yourself is only \$8.00!! But what does the Charities Board do with the \$22.00, you ask? We have just recently sent out a total of \$15,000 to our Bishops to help defray the cost of our infirmed priests. To say that this is a very worth while cause and that our Bishops are grateful would be a severe understatement.

To quote Bishop Vann of the Fort Worth Diocese, "Thank you very much for the gift to support infirmed priests. I am very grateful for the commitment of the Brother Knights throughout Texas. One of the strengths of our diocese is the priests who dedicate their lives to serving God and our parishes. It is vital that we continue to grow our funds to provide medical and long-term care for them. Thank you again for this gift. May God bless you and the Brother Knights throughout Texas".

Currently less than 1% of our Knights in Texas are supporting this program. Are you one of them??? **IF NOT, WHY NOT?????** Be proud to proclaim you are a Catholic and a Knight of Columbus and support our infirmed priests. There is no excuse not to!!!