

Start the New Year Right..Budget to support your Bishop!

“He who gives when asked has waited too long”
Marcus Annaeus Seneca BC 3-65 AD. Born 3 years prior to Our Lord and lived 32 years after his death. Old Marcus got it.

Yes my Brother Knights, Charity is the first principle of our order. Everything we do as Knights of Columbus must 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. (Chart below) 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 these worth while projects. In addition your support will allow us to fund Special Olympics, educational grants, disaster relief, and other requests that are beyond the capability of an individual council.

As a leader of your Council it is your responsibility to insure that you include an amount in your Councils Budget, (which you should be preparing now) that will set the funding for your Charity program. Without this commitment your Council will be scrambling at the end of the year to “find the funds.” You have the ability to achieve new heights for your council. You hold the Key to success.

Last year 423 of our councils in Texas met or exceeded the expectations and fully supported their Bishop. Every Council in Texas should be proud to

proclaim that they are in full solidarity with their Bishop. Will you take the lead and bring your Council to achieve a new level of fully fulfilling the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney?

Then put the Bishops programs from page 58 in the Programs Manual