

SUPPORTING VOCATIONS IN PRAYER & ACTION

One of the priorities of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, was to **further the cause of vocations for young men**. Ever since, the Knights of Columbus have been concerned with vocations and have developed several programs to further the pursuit of vocations.

One of the foremost programs is the **"Refund Support Vocations Program."** During 2004, 18 Arkansas councils contributed \$12,000 directly to 24 seminarians. Overall throughout the order during 2004, 2,533 councils contributed \$2,505,085 in support of 4,239 seminarians and 140 other religious orders.

Arkansas also has local programs to promote the vocations cause. A video titled **"The Vocation of the Priesthood"** was distributed to Arkansas Catholic high schools last year. St. Benedict's Parish in Subiaco has held a **"Vocation Day"** for the past several years for which one council has been a major supporter by supplying all the meals involved. Another Knight has developed a **"Vocation Seminar"** program for high school students which has helped four students from his parish make a decision to be seminarians within the past 5 years. The program is available to any parish desiring to implement it.

The Knights have accepted the responsibility to promote and sponsor vocations as a fulfillment of the vision of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney. At the 2005 state convention, the Knights approved a resolution to establish a **Seminarian Education Trust Fund** for the Diocese of Little Rock which will be funded from insurance policies' proceeds, gifts from wills, etc., with the interest from the Trust Fund to be used for the education of Little Rock Diocese seminarians.

For further information on these programs, and how we can help with vocations,

Please call our vocations chairman

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