



State Deputy

Develop a plan to achieve success

By Dave Helmstetter
State Deputy

One of the many highlights experienced by the Ohio delegation during the 130th annual Supreme Convention in Anaheim occurred during the Supreme Knight's opening address.

Heard by a worldwide audience thanks to EWTN and several Catholic radio networks, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson recognized Ohio for its financial donations to charity during this past year. Ohio stood 10th, along with Quebec, Texas, California, Michigan, Illinois, Florida, New Jersey and New York.

While this fact points to the larger jurisdictions in our Order, this recognition also shows the power we as Knights in Ohio have in bringing positive actions to our society, communities and parishes. As Ohio Knights, we do many good works through supporting programs like Measure Up, Matching Funds, Pennies for Heaven and the annual Ohio Charity Campaign.

In all of these charitable endeavors, many Ohio councils develop a plan, work on a strategy, and then most of all put the plan into action with positive results.

This is what **ALL** Ohio councils need to do when approaching membership for the new fraternal year. Proper planning and execution leads to positive results.

State Membership Director Ken Gardner is calling for all councils to create a membership plan. A good plan is like a road map: it shows a final destination

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New statewide fundraiser will increase Catholic literacy, help local council causes

Ohio Knights soon will have a new opportunity to raise funds for their councils through participation in the **Read & Raise** magazine subscription program that focuses on key Catholic publications.

"This is a new and unprecedented partnership with some of America's best known publications, allowing us to offer excellent Catholic reading materials," said State Deputy Dave Helmstetter in

announcing the venture. "It's a way for our councils to raise needed funds while sharing the Word of God and our Catholic faith with fellow members, their family and friends."

The web-based program is scheduled to launch in mid-October. By selling primarily year-long subscriptions, councils will make 20% on each subscription. This means a council could receive between

\$4 and \$9 for each subscription sold. The Ohio State Council also will earn another 20% for operating and future program use. Publishers have guaranteed that subscription prices will be lower than are available anywhere else.

"Complete details will be provided to councils via mailings in the near future to council grand knights," Helmstetter

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Where do our Pennies for Heaven go?

Vocations directors explain how they spend 'Pennies' contributions

By Ken Girt, State Secretary
Pennies for Heaven Chairman

Each fraternal year our Ohio Knights of Columbus councils, assemblies and Squires circles accept Pennies for Heaven contributions and forward them to the Ohio State Council for distribution to the six diocesan vocations directors, which is done during the Summer Tour Programs.

So how are these contributions spent in each diocese? We asked that question to Ohio's six diocesan vocations directors. Following are their comments:

Toledo Diocese: "I would like to say that all of our seminarians in the Diocese of Toledo have benefitted from your generous gift. Some more specific items that these

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State Warden Bob Byers (left) and State General Program Director Larry Droesch wave flags as "Beautiful Ohio" is sung at Supreme Convention States Dinner. See Supreme Convention coverage on Page 3.

1.67%

That's the percentage of Ohio Knights who actually did much recruiting during the 2011-2012 fraternal year

By Ken (Ohio Jones) Gardner, State Membership Director

I recently received from Supreme Council the Very Important Proposers (VIP) list of recruiters in Ohio for the 2011-2012 fraternal year. This is the list Supreme uses to track membership recruitment efforts throughout the Order.

As a test engineer, I enjoy crunching numbers and seeing what statistics I can pull from the data. Looking at the list, I learned that 987 members in Ohio recruited at least one new member this past fraternal year. They brought a total of 1,677 men into our Order. Six brought in 10 or more; another 41 brought in five or more, and 280 Knights brought in more than one member. All of these recruiters were successful in finding the treasure of new members. One thing they all had in common was that they **ASKED SOMEONE TO JOIN!**

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By Fr. Ron Williams
State Chaplain

Brother Knights and Ladies, I would like to share with you some excerpts from our Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori's speech given in Rome last June 28 on the subject of Religious Liberty:

"The Church exists to teach and worship and to see to the salvation of her members. But it is precisely what the Church believes and teaches, precisely our belief in the transcendent dignity of every human being, that prompts the Catholic Church, and many churches -- to serve the common good. This is an ancient, foundational and abiding instinct in Catholic social teaching.

"Serving the common good is a difficult task that includes promoting a wide range of human goods. However, the common good is not a utilitarian 'greatest good for the greatest number' calculation. That type of calculus almost always excludes minorities and the vulnerable. Instead, the Church always advocates that social policies be formulated so as to promote the common good of all.

"The common good should not be conceived in a way that excludes individuals, as the philosophical theory called utilitarianism tends to do. Nor should the common good be conceived of in a way that excludes groups -- especially groups formed to promote those good things that are necessary for human flourishing. And so a wise version of the common good will protect families, churches, and other institutions that stand as a buffer between the power of the state and the conscience of the individual.

"Thus, without abandoning its legitimate role in seeing to the health and safety of its citizens, our form of government is obliged -- legally and morally -- to recognize the freedom of religion of individuals but also the freedom of religion for religious institutions that serve not only their own members but indeed the common good of society. In a word, protecting the rights and human dignity of individuals and serving the common good through a network of organized charities and schools are a

State Chaplain's Message

In an address, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop Lori said '... All of this has been falsely portrayed by some as a fight over contraception -- as part of a war on women. It is not. It is a struggle to preserve a fundamental First Amendment freedom, namely the exercise of religion free of governmental interference'

deeply engrained part of the Church's mission, not a sideline, not a secular business component, and not an optional extra. The Church serves those in need not because they are Catholic but because we are. The Church has done this from the beginning even when her members suffered persecution at the hands of Roman Emperors.

The HHS Mandate

"Historically, the United States federal government has accommodated churches that seek to serve the wider society in accord with the faith that inspired such service. It has refrained, by and large, from entangling itself in the internal life of the Church. Let the Catholic Church -- and all churches -- serve the common good according their own teaching and inspiration. That is, until now.

"Last August, nearly a year ago, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, published its Preventive Services Rule (commonly known as the HHS Mandate). Because of this rule, many -- perhaps most -- religious employers would be required to provide through their employee benefits plans procedures and pharmaceuticals that the religious employers have judged to be immoral.

"But that's not the worst of it. Embedded in the HHS mandate is an extremely narrow definition of religion put there as a litmus test to determine which religious organizations are "religious enough" -- by the government's definition -- to deserve an exemption from providing services contrary to their teachings. Only those organizations that hire their own, serve their own, and exist primarily to inculcate their own doctrine qualify for this exemption. If a religious body hires people of other faiths and serves people of other faiths, or none, with an eye toward serving the common good of society, the federal government is now saying, such a religious body isn't "religious enough" to follow its own teachings. Let me add that this attempt to define religious organizations comes on the heels of the Hosanna-Tabor case in which the U.S. government's Department

of Justice said that a church had no more rights in choosing who its ministers would be than would a labor union or a social club had in hiring employees. The government's view was unanimously rejected by the Supreme Court.

"Thus, the Administration is drawing lines where we, the sponsors of religious works, don't draw lines ourselves. The government's attempt to tell the Church which of our institutions seem religious to the state is itself profoundly offensive and entangles the government in the internal life of religious institutions. **Unless we stop it now, this narrow, governmental definition of what a church is will likely spread throughout our nation's laws and policies.** And the real point of this definition is not just who is exempt from the HHS rule but reduces the ways the religious community can influence the culture. Either we stay in the sacristy or else we violate our consciences. This is not a good menu from which to choose!

"Of course, all this has been falsely portrayed by some as a fight about contraception -- as part of a war on women. It is not. It is a struggle to preserve a fundamental First Amendment Freedom,

namely the exercise of religion free of governmental interference. It is about the federal government's decision to breach the wall of separation, to come into the Church's territory, and to force the Church's hand regarding its teaching on faith and morals as these are lived out not only in the sanctuary but also in the Church's institutions of service and in the private and professional lives of the Church's members.

"A further indication that this is not a struggle about contraception is that the Catholic Church is joined by other church communities that do not share the Church's teaching regarding contraception. What these religious communities do understand very clearly is that once the federal government can force the Catholic Church to choose between its teachings on abortifacients, sterilization, and contraception on the one hand, and the charitable and educational services it will offer on the other hand -- then the door has been opened for the government to force any church on any issue, without a rational explanation, let alone a compelling interest to violate its teachings.

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Supreme Convention 2012

Knights are united in cause for religious freedom



Most Rev. Tod Brown, Bishop of Orange, Calif. (center), makes his way to the altar to celebrate the Opening Mass of the Supreme Convention.

Convention Notes . . .

Cardinal Dolan salutes the Knights for their devotion to traditional marriage

“To anyone who claims the Church is lackluster; to anyone who thinks the Church has lost the dare given us by Jesus to ‘cast out to the deep’; to anyone who doubts the solidarity between God’s people and His priests and bishops; to anyone who contends that Catholics are beaten down by constant attacks on faith, the Church, our values, and our God-given freedom of religion I say, ‘Let them come to the Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus!’”

Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, used those remarks to illustrate his love and respect for the Knights of Columbus as he gave the keynote speech at the States Dinner of the Supreme Convention.

Cardinal Dolan’s principal topic was Marriage.

“Against all odds, we still believe that, when a man and woman vow that they’ll love and honor each other, ‘for better or worse, in sickness and in health, for richer or poorer, until death do us part’, they really do mean it,” he said. “I want to salute marriage . . . and it would be tough to find anyone who has done more to defend, strengthen and promote marriage than you, Knights of Columbus, and your cherished wives and families.

“So, Brother Knights and wives, I thank you for being such metaphors of God’s love, and I exhort you, please, to continue, now, more than ever, to be so.”

There were 34 people from Ohio attending the convention. Those conventioners gathered for the traditional Ohio Dinner at Knott’s Berry Farm, where they enjoyed a buffet dinner and a segment of “Hollywood Squares” for entertainment, where state officers were the “squares” and State Deputy Dave Helmstetter and his wife, Cinda, were the “contestants”, with State Secretary Ken Girt as master of ceremonies Ohio’s State Chaplain, Fr. Ron Williams, was in the long procession to the altar for the Opening Mass, along with more than 100 priests, 80 bishops and 12 cardinals Also in the procession was Ohio Fourth Degree District I Master George Bodajlio, among an estimated 150 Sir Knights in ceremonial regalia. It was the 37th Supreme Convention that Bodajlio and his wife, Donna, have attended Ohio’s delegates included State Deputy Dave Helmstetter; Immediate Past State Deputy Paul Upman; Frank Butwin, of Perrysburg; Daniel Weir, of New Washington; Thomas Peterson, of Cleveland; James Sieber, of Canton; Tim Mangan, of Xenia; Dwayne Lord, of Marysville; Joseph Solomon, of Toronto, and Jonathan Pearson, of Fairfax.

More than 60,000 Knights and others gathered at the Los Angeles Coliseum on Sunday, Aug. 5 as the Knights of Columbus partnered with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles to stage

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The calls for religious freedom came from everyone at the 2012 Annual Supreme Council Convention.

From the Opening Mass homily of Most Rev. Tod Brown, Bishop of Orange (Calif.) to the convention greetings of Pope Benedict XVI the words of States Dinner keynote speaker Archbishop Timothy Dolan of New York the Annual Report of Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson and the comments of other convention speakers, the message was loud and clear.

“Proclaim Liberty Throughout All The Land” was the theme of the 130th annual international K of C gathering, held in Anaheim, Calif., on Aug. 5-7.

“We face a growing secularism, attacks on the value and gift of human life, attempts to redefine traditional marriage and serious curtailment of our religious rights,” Bishop Brown said at the Opening Mass on Tuesday morning. “Certainly, there is a clear and demanding need today for the New Evangelization called for by Blessed John Paul II and now Pope Benedict XVI. I am confident that the members of our Order will be in the front ranks of the evangelizers. The success of the New Evangelization will depend on our laity and their involvement.”

“At a time when concerted efforts are being made to redefine and restrict the exercise of the right to religious freedom, the Knights of Columbus have worked tirelessly to help the Catholic community recognize and respond to the unprecedented gravity of these new threats to the Church’s liberty and public moral witness,” Vatican Secretary of State Tarcisio Cardinal Bertone wrote on behalf of Pope Benedict XVI. “. . . The demands of the new evangelization and the defense of the Church’s freedom in our day call for an engaged, articulate and well-informed

Catholic laity”

“I thank you, Brother Knights, for 130 years of vibrant, salt-of-the-earth-light-to-the-world Catholic witness,” said Cardinal Dolan at the States Dinner. “Thank you for proclaiming liberty for all.”

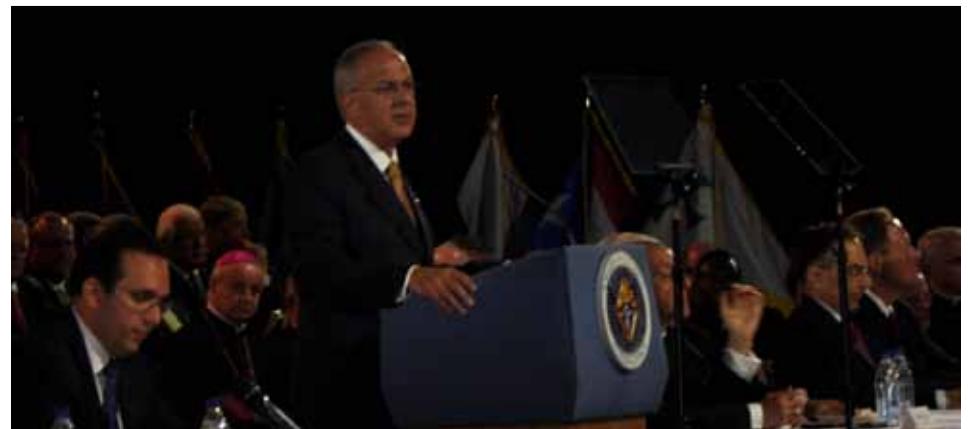
Supreme Knight Anderson was the most emphatic as he covered the past year of Knights of Columbus activity in his Annual Report.

“In short, the history of Catholics in the United States is a history of working for religious freedom. And the work of the Knights of Columbus on behalf of religious freedom is a key part of that history,” Anderson told the convention. “First Amendment religious freedom is not something we chose to care about last week, or last year. It is something that has been part of the Catholic experience and the Knights of Columbus experience in America from the very beginning. And where our First Amendment freedom is threatened, we will defend it vigorously.”

“Nearly 20 years ago, Blessed John Paul II visited the United States and aised the issue of the importance of protecting our First Amendment rights to free exercise of religion.” Anderson continued. “Speaking in 1995 in Baltimore, he said these words, quoted by our Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William Lori, at his installation as Archbishop of Baltimore in May of this year:

“The challenge facing you, dear friends, is to increase people’s awareness of the importance for society of religious freedom against those who would take religion out of the public domain and establish secularism as America’s official faith. And it is vitally necessary for the very survival of the American experience, to transmit to the next generation the precious legacy of religious freedom and

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Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson addresses the convention.



Ohio's Supreme Convention delegates – (top row, from left), Immediate Past State Deputy Paul Upman, Dwayne Lord, Tom Peterson, James Sieber, Daniel Weir, Joe Solomon, Jonathan Pearson, Tim Mangan, Frank Butwin; (front row, from left), State Deputy Dave Helmstetter, State Chaplain Fr. Ron Williams (who was not a delegate).

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the Guadalupe Celebration. It was billed as the most significant religious event at the Los Angeles Coliseum since Pope John Paul II celebrates Mass there in 1987. The gathering featured a message of faith, charity and unity in the mother of Jesus, who appeared nearly 500 years ago to a Mexican peasant, Juan Diego, who is now a saint. Featured speakers included Archbishop Jose Gomez of Los Angeles, the leader of the largest U.S. archdiocese, and Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. Both Anderson and Archbishop Gomez have dedicated their leadership to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

At the Opening Mass and States Dinner, there were approximately 80 bishops, 11 cardinals and more than 100 priests. They were escorted to the altar by a Fourth Degree Honor Guard of more than 150 Sir Knights It was just 10 years ago that the Supreme Convention was last held in Anaheim Orange Diocese Bishop Tod Brown, who celebrated the Opening Mass, celebrated his 40th Anniversary as a priest this year Most Rev. Luis Antonio Tagle, Archbishop of Manila, was a States Dinner speaker and remembered how he grew up as a Columbian Squire, which was one of the influences of his decision to enter the seminary. "My belonging to the group brought me closer to the Church and to the call to mission. So I stand before you as one who has been formed, guided and inspired by the ideals and spirit of the Knights of Columbus.

New Ohio State Council program offers rebates

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said. "Council leadership should review the information and promote the program with its membership. There's great potential for every council to be very successful financially with this innovative program."

The program works like this:

- Members of your council publicize the program by providing access to the **Read & Raise** website (www.readandshare.org) as well as sharing brochures and literature on the publications offered.
- When visiting the website, Knights, family members, parishioners and friends select your council number from a drop-down menu, select their magazines and purchase with a credit or debit card.
- Councils will be able check the website to see how much your council has made. Checks will be distributed annually to councils on dollars earned through the program.

A sampling of some of the publications which will be made available include the *St. Anthony Messenger*, a monthly family-oriented Catholic magazine; the *National Catholic Register*, which includes news and feature articles on Catholic topics; the *Catholic Digest*, which contains meaningful ways to connect faith with everyday life; *Living Faith*, a booklet of brief daily devotions and reflections; and *Liquorian*, a general interest Catholic magazine.

For further information, go to the Read & Raise website, www.readandraise.org.

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the convictions which sustain it."

Anderson continued, "Today we look back and we are amazed at what foresight he had. No one in 1995 could have predicted that Catholics today would find their First Amendment right to religious freedom under assault, not just from a few intolerant atheists, but now from our own government, most recently in the so-called HHS (Health and Human Services) mandate. Today, Blessed John Paul II's words ring true and with renewed urgency."

Anderson warned that "what is at stake in our current defense of religious freedom is the right of every Catholic to practice our faith freely. It is the right of Catholics not to be forced to participate in actions that violate our conscience. It is the right of Catholic employers – including the Knights of Columbus – not to be forced to pay for or be complicit with procedures and prescriptions that are morally wrong. But it is more.

"What is at stake is the future of religious liberty in the United States and the right of every individual to practice his faith freely.

"We have seen these two grave threats to our religious freedom in the past year. The first lost in the U.S. Supreme Court, the second is unpopular in the court of public opinion. The HHS mandate may well be reversed or modified. But there could be future threats.

"Catholic voters have the power to transform our politics. Faithful citizens can build a new politics – a politics that is not satisfied with the status quo but one that is dedicated to building up a new culture of life."

Archbishop Richard Smith of Edmonton, Canada, who is president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, spoke at the States Banquet, saying that "On an issue of such fundamental importance we must not fail to be vocal. It is not just a Catholic issue, but impacts the lives of all believers and even those of no faith. Our call at this moment is to affirm the right of religion to be active in the public square

"Of course, this is not a concern unique to the people of this land; in Canada, too, we face any challenges in this regard, as do Christians and people of faith elsewhere throughout the world," he said.

Before the end of the convention, delegates approved a resolution, In Defense of Religious Liberty – the same resolution that was passed at Ohio's State Convention last May, stating that "we will never waver in our efforts to defend religious freedom as an inherent right of all Americans" and that "we will remain steadfast in our opposition to any future governmental action or policy that forces Catholic institutions and individuals to violate our most deeply held moral and religious convictions".

State Deputy Dave Helmstetter's message

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and usually the best way to get there. Grand Knights and Membership Directors can review Ken's strategy and read this information on line at <http://www.kofcoho.org/CrusaderMembershipStep61.htm>.

The plan's strategy encourages council visibility in your community and parish. This could be activities that a council already does, such as the state programs mentioned above. But it's important that while doing those activities -- and other local programs -- you invite and encourage prospective members to help your council. This focuses on our Membership 365 philosophy: think membership daily.

One notable part of the membership plan is quarterly open houses, or membership drives, by your council. Take the K of C message to parishioners and inform prospective members of the benefits of K of C membership.

A great example of how to increase awareness of our benefits lies with our insurance program. Recently, I participated in an insurance training program presented by K of C field agents under the guidance of General Agent James Valent, our State Insurance Liaison. The more I listened to these professionals, the more I realized we all need to learn more about the fraternal benefits of our Order.

The session touched upon the accidental benefits available to all members (with or without K of C insurance), the insurance programs available and the advantage of K of C insurance for our families, the orphan benefit program, the educational trust fund for public safety personnel, the survivor assistant program, and many, many other benefits.

My recommendation to council and district leadership: engage your field or general agent with your council or district. Schedule a fraternal benefits program and put this tremendous resource to work explaining what membership truly means to us.

As Benjamin Franklin said, "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail." Develop a membership plan include our insurance program, and unleash to the true power of Ohio!

Supreme Chaplain:

Catholics shouldn't vote For any candidates standing For something intrinsically evil

By Gary Anderson
State Pro-Life Director

At the 130th Supreme Convention, the Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore, said about the upcoming presidential election:

"This is a big moment for Catholic voters to step back from their party affiliation. The question to ask is this: are any of the candidates of either party, or independents, standing for something that is intrinsically evil; evil no matter what the circumstances? If that's the case, a Catholic, regardless of his/her party affiliation, shouldn't be voting for such a person."

With the issues of abortion, religious liberty and the family central to this critical election – along with economic issues – it is all the more imperative that Catholics in general, and Knights of Columbus and their families in particular, become informed and committed to defending our causes and values. Two educational resources are the *Faithful Citizenship* website of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops at www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship, and the *Catholic Conference of Ohio's Elections 2012* website at www.ohiocathconf.org/1/elections/election2012.htm.

Three major Pro-Life events are on tap this fall and winter:

- The fall, 2012, edition of the life-saving 40 Days for Life campaign, which began Sept. 26 and will conclude on Nov. 4.
- October is Respect Life Month in the United States.
- The 40th Annual March for Life in Washington D.C. is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 25. The anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* is on Jan. 22, but that date is not available due to the presidential inauguration, which will be held on that Monday. If your council, or another community organization, is sponsoring a bus trip, please provide details to me, the State Pro-Life Director.

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Football Sweepstakes provides a way for councils to earn extra money

"I don't know why our Ohio councils don't work harder to sell our Football Frenzy Sweepstakes tickets. It is such an easy way to raise money for the council – money that can be used for any purpose in the council."

Past State Deputy Gary Eckstein, chairman of the Ohio State Council football sweepstakes program, had that observation of the benefit councils can achieve by participating. He was citing the fact that for every ticket sold, the council will receive a minimum of \$2.50. And, based on the number of tickets sold statewide, that share could be as much as \$3.90 per ticket sold.

"It's a win-win situation for councils," Eckstein emphasizes.

The 2012 sweepstakes involves the last 10 weeks of games played by National Football League teams this season – games played between Oct. 28 and Dec. 30. Donations are \$10 per ticket. There are 32 NFL teams. Each week each player has four teams. Each player has new teams each week. No other ticket has the same teams in any given week.

A total of \$1,000 in prizes is awarded each week to ticket holders with the four teams that score the most – or the least – number of points in that given week of games. The scores from the previous week's games are used for teams that are not scheduled to play on any given week. It makes no difference whether teams win or lose.

Total prizes for the 10 weeks is \$10,000.

Tickets that are sold can be turned in anytime before Oct. 27, which is the final deadline. Sold tickets, and money, are to be sent to: PSD Gary Eckstein, 1498 River Trail Dr., Grove City, OH 43123. Winners will be notified and paid automatically each week by the Ohio State Council.

Remember: participants must print legibly their name, address, telephone number, and name and number of the selling council, on the ticket stub. The stub, and \$10, is turned in. The participant keeps the rest of the ticket.

Supreme Chaplain Archbishop Lori

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"Almost everywhere in the United States the Catholic Church is the largest non-governmental source of social and educational services, many of them provided to our nation's poorest inhabitants. The Church doesn't merely talk about the common good and human flourishing, no, the Church is doing something about it – we do a lot about it – thanks in large measure to the generosity of parishioners. We want to continue providing these services in fidelity to the faith that prompted the founding of these institutions in the first place.

"That's why we have so earnestly engaged the administration; that is why we have sought a legislative remedy; that is why lawsuits have been filed to overturn the HHS mandate; and that is why we observe this Fortnight for Religious Freedom.

"Our concern extends beyond Church-sponsored institutions. The demands of the Preventive Services Rule extends to employers who are themselves very religious and now find themselves in a situation in which they will be required to include provisions in their employee benefits plan that they find offensive and immoral. They seek to put into practice on Monday the faith they profess on Sunday.

"But unlike church institutions, private employers have no grace period. Church institutions have until August, 2013, to comply; the HHS mandate goes into effect for private employers in about a month, on August 1 (2012). Some of these employers run private businesses according to Christian teachings, and others are businesses that serve the mission of church but are not themselves religious organizations – such as Catholic publishing houses, insurers, fraternal organizations, and the like. These are responsible employers, providing good jobs and benefits, in large measure because they are conscientious employers. Of course, no one is forced to work for such an organization. But if the employer, the employee, and the insurer are willing to proceed in this way, why should the federal government interfere?

"Indeed, the Virginia Act for Establishing Religious Freedom, drafted by the author of the Declaration of Independence – Thomas Jefferson – and enacted in 1786, proclaims it tyrannical for the government to force an individual to contribute money "to the propagation of opinions in which he disbelieves" – but that is the net effect of the HHS rule upon private employers who conscientiously object to providing abortion-inducing drugs, sterilization, contraception – or any other services which the government might mandate in the future.

Conclusion

"Even if the religious groups that filed suit were to prevail in court over the HHS mandate or there were to be a legislative fix or some form of relief from the administration, the struggle to preserve and defend religious liberty would not be over. And, indeed, we meet on a momentous day, for today, the Supreme Court will hand down its decision on the constitutionality of the Patient and Affordable Healthcare Act today (which was upheld). Whatever the outcome—whether the bill survives or is struck down in whole or in part the HHS mandate, like the *Hosanna-Tabor* case, is troubling because both show a hostility to religious freedom common enough at the state level but unprecedented on the part of the federal government. Both are troubling because both seek to redefine religion to suit the government and not religious groups or their adherents. And HHS and *Hosanna-Tabor* are the tip of the iceberg.

"In some areas of the country, Catholic Charities adoption services have been driven out of business and the National Labor Relations Board has taken the extraordinary step of declaring certain institutions of higher learning not to be Catholic so that they would not be exempt from certain labor regulations. Catholic Migration and Refugee Services, in spite of an excellent record of service, is discriminated against in competing for government contracts because it refuses, among other things, to cooperate in providing abortions to victims of human trafficking. Such violations of religious freedom should alarm us all – whether one is religiously inclined or not. Something fundamental is being lost in American culture and law – and this loss of freedom does not and will not serve the common good of our nation or other nations where bloody religious persecutions are underway.

"At the end of the day, we will be judged by our fidelity to our responsibilities and how we sustain that fidelity. St. John of the Cross wrote: "In the evening of our lives, we will be judged on love alone." Our responsibilities call us to rally for religious freedom in the context of the national common good and as a beacon of hope for people suffering religious persecution in various parts of the world. We are also called to engage our fellow citizens and government leaders robustly but to do so in hope, respect, and love. This is the pattern given us by the saints. This is our path, too, as we sustain our national promise of freedom and equality to succeeding generations."

State General Program

We're asking our Ohio councils to submit only two activities per each reporting period

By Larry (Dynamo) Droesch
State General Program Director

The first reporting period is under our belt! Woo Hoo! It seems a good number of councils are responding very well to the Activity Steps so far. That is good, but in some cases the anxiousness is exploding. So I throw caution to the wind.

Please remember that we really urge each council to report *ONLY TWO* activities in the each reporting area per reporting period. There have been at least two councils that have reported four of their five reports already. They did not explain why they did this to me, or to the State Director. They just did it. This IS NOT the right way to successfully complete the year-long General Program.

Are these councils telling us that they are done with the rest of the year that they will not do further activities because they are done with their reports? How does a council promote the principles of the K of C without doing activities through-out the entire year?

At the Summer Tour Programs I urged councils to only report two Steps per reporting period; but if they needed an exemption to that policy, call the particular Reporting Director or the General Program Director. NO council contacted us and asked for an exemption!

Brothers, this is an easy General Program. To keep it a fair program, it is important that each council abide by the same reporting guidelines. So I again ask all councils to stay within the guidelines of two activity steps per period per reporting area. If you don't understand, have questions or need an exemption PLEASE CALL ME at 937-383-3680.
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The Silver Rose has made it through Ohio. Many councils have hosted the Prayer Service. So IF YOUR COUNCIL HOSTED OR CO-HOSTED IT, your Council can claim it in the Church or Council areas through Steps #7 or #8, OR Steps #27 or #28.

Supreme is initiating a new program this year (or at least re-marketing it) called *Food for Families* program. State Family Director Mark Pickard will have more information on this program very soon. So this is a "heads up" for those councils who are looking for a Council Choice in the Family Programming Area. Stay tuned.

Remember: this year in the Soccer Challenge, there will not be a "physical" District or State Tournament. So no travel plans need to be made for either of these levels. Just make sure your council gets youngsters to the council level participation. See the Leader Line and the Dynamic General Program icon on the State Website for all the details on how to complete a successful Soccer Challenge this year.

During the Tour Programs, many of you asked for two things: one was the power point slides from the tour meetings. We have put the Membership slides on the State Website (at the bottom of the menu on the far left side of the home page, next to State Deputy Dave Helmstetter's picture). The second thing is how to get on the list for State Pro-Life Director Gary Anderson's group email messages. It is easy ... please call Gary at 614-402-3842 (Cell) or 614-895-2588 (Home), OR email him at GaryAnderson5656@yahoo.com and give him your email address. If he cannot pick up when you call him, leave your name and email address on his voice mail and ask him to add it to his list.

For more up-to-date State Dynamic General Program information, go to: <http://www.kofcoho.org/Dyanmo.html>.

Matching Funds Campaign is under way; Deadline for remitting contributions is Nov. 15

"Taking Up His Cross for Catholic Education"

That's the theme of the 2012 Ohio Matching Funds Campaign, which got under way on Sept. 1 and will continue until Nov. 15.

The Ohio Charity Foundation will match any contribution up to \$25,000 received before Nov. 15. A check for monies collected in a particular diocese will be presented to the religious education director of that diocese at the District Deputies' Meeting next January. Another words, all collections in a diocese stay in that diocese for use in purchasing educational materials for Catholic schools.

Councils and assemblies are asked to make contributions for use in their diocese. Checks should be made payable to Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus and sent to State Advocate Kevin Miller, chairman of this year's Matching Funds Campaign, at 1101 Arbor Oaks Lane, Galloway, OH 43119.



Joe Hohman (center), with son Tim (left) and Vermilion Council Grand Knight John Ferguson.

Vermilion Council's Hohman honored for his 52 years as financial secretary

Joe Hohman has been a member of Vermilion Council 4539 (Toledo Diocese) for 53 years, since its founding in 1958. He was a charter member. And he was financial secretary of the council for 52 of those years.

Joe, a well-known pharmacist in Vermilion for decades and a Eucharistic minister at St. Mary Church, decided this summer to retire from his position as financial secretary and "just become a member". So, on Aug. 22, his Brother Knights feted him with a dinner celebration.

Vermilion Mayor Eileen Bulan presented him with a proclamation passed by city council. Vermilion Council Grand Knight John Ferguson presented him with a gift from his Brother Knights. State Treasurer Bob Collins, representing State Deputy Dave Helmstetter, presented him with a resolution passed by the Ohio State Council officers. A letter from Helmstetter was read.

Then the microphone was passed through the many diners, and so many had great things to say about Brother Hohman. His large family was present. Among them was a son, Tim Hohman, who is a member of Father Ragan Council 3269, Avon (Cleveland Diocese), and who, ironically, is that council's financial secretary.

State Columbian Squires

New officers take over the state organization

By Marty Schumacher

State Squires Director

I want to thank all the Knights who are working with Columbian Squires circles.

It is with great pleasure to announce the new State Squire officers. They are: State Chief Squire Tommy Petrushka, of Miraculous Medal Circle 4624 in Columbus; Deputy Chief Squire Chris Esparza, of Miraculous Medal Circle in Columbus; Notary Squire Kyle Knight, of St. Elizabeth Seton Circle 4891 in Pickerington; Bursar Squire Josh DeJesus, of Miraculous Medal Circle in Columbus; and our new State Marshal Squire, Spencer Merris, of St. Anthony's Circle 5464 in Columbus. The Immediate Past State Chief Squire is Greg Hoffman, from Danny Thomas Circle 3961 in West Toledo. These young men are ready to accept the challenges which the Knights have set forth and I know that they will provide us with some great leadership. They were elected at the State Squires Convention held June 22-24 at St's Peter and Paul Retreat center in Newark. Ten circles were in attendance at the convention.

Last fraternal year five new Squires circles were started in Ohio, with a total of nearly 100 new members.

On July 8 our State Father Prior, Fr. F Richard Snoke, retired as pastor of St. Luke Parish in Danville. He had been pastor for more than 25 years. A special Mass was celebrated in his honor, followed by a reception in St. Luke's Center, with a tribute from many dignitaries in attendance. Among them were State Deputy Dave Helmstetter, State Advocate Kevin Miller, State Warden Robert Byers, Past State Deputy Gary Eckstein and State Squires Director Marty Schumacher.

The State Squires held a Leadership Seminar during the weekend of Sept. 22-23 at St. Luke's Parish. They learned new skills, from presiding at meetings to improving their public speaking. In October they have a Fall Retreat at St. Luke's on the weekend of Oct. 13-14.

Squires Director Marty Schumacher has moved. He now can be contacted at 411 Morgantown Ave., Barnesville, OH 43713; Cell Phone (740) 310-0314; Email martyschu@hotmail.com.

One Member -- Per Council -- Per Month

By Ken (Ohio Jones) Gardner, State Membership Director

How is your council doing in its quest to reach its goal of *One Member, Per Council, Per Month*?

July and August are typically slow recruitment months, but many councils recruited well during these months and are on track to bring in at least 12 new members this fraternal year. Those councils are 608, 671, 687, 910, 1272, 1641, 1750, 1757, 3213, 3304, 3324, 3727, 4603, 4731, 5669, 5801, 5834, 11188, 11551, 12807, 13081, 13429, 13874, 14344, 14346, 14416, 14714, 14891, 14962, 15023, 15458, 15533.

It's not too late to get on track and be part of this group! September and October are great months to recruit, and any council could easily pick up four or more members to be on target for *One Member, Per Council, Per Month*. The treasure of new members is out there in your community and parishes. Go find them!

Only 1.67% of Knights actually recruited

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But one of the most interesting – and disturbing – statistic I pulled from this list is this:
1.67%

Ohio finished the last fraternal year with 58,949 total members. Of all these members, only 987 actually did any recruiting! This means that only **1.67%** of our membership in Ohio worked on growing the Order. This is a number I never really considered locking at – and I am very surprised how low it really is.

What if we could get that percentage up to 5%? If only 5% of our members brought in only ONE new member, that would be more than 2,900 new members in Ohio – well over our intake goal!

Are you on the list of recruiters last fraternal year? Can you find the treasure of at least one new member this fraternal year? Can you help get us to 2% 3% even 5% recruiting?

Two of the reasons I believe this number is so low is 1) most members are afraid of rejection, or 2) many members don't really know how to ASK someone to join.

Our main goal as State Council membership leaders over the next several months will be to train Brother Knights throughout the state on how to recruit. As far as being rejected when asking someone to join, I'll bet I told my father at least three times that I did not want to join the Knights – until he found the right “carrot” – softball. The reason I joined more than 27 years ago was to play softball on the council team. I wasn't planning to “get active”; I was just going to play some softball and drink some beer in the clubroom after the games.

But once I saw what this organization stands for and what we can accomplish, I was hooked. The rest is history. I have spent 27 years with a great group of men and their families, making a difference. I am sure if you are reading this Buckeye Bulletin, you have had some great times in the K of C and you have worked to make you community and parish better places.

How can we not offer this same opportunity to others?

Contributions sought for military scholarship fund

The Knights of Columbus has developed a new scholarship program to help fund the education of seminarians preparing to become Catholic chaplains in the U.S. Armed Forces. The Fourth Degree has undertaken the coordination of fund-raising for this program, with Ohio's participation being led by Vice Supreme Master George Dann, of Michigan, who is head of the Hennepin Province, which includes the jurisdictions of Ohio and Michigan. The Ohio State Council is a participant, and is asking each council and assembly to help by donating to the cause.

The program order-wide will distribute \$1 million in scholarship money to the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, over a period of five years at a rate of \$200,000 per year. It is hoped that these funds, in turn, will produce a new generation of much-needed Catholic chaplains to minister to U.S. military personnel and their families. Each jurisdiction is being asked to contribute \$4,000 annually to the fund for five years.

Beavercreek to host 2013 K of C Bowling Tourney

The 95th Annual Knights of Columbus Bowling Association of Ohio Bowling Tournament will be held at the Beaver-Vu Bowling Lanes in Beavercreek (near Dayton) during the month of March, 2013. Tournament headquarters will be at the Holiday Inn in Fairborn.

Interested persons should contact Dave Miller, Secretary/Treasurer of the Bowling Association of Ohio, at (419) 524-1183 to receive a registration packet.

Ohio State Council Membership as of September 14, 2012

Diocese	Quota	Year to Date Gain	Year to Date Loss	Net	Percent of Quota	Needed
Cincinnati	457	52	24	+28	6.1%	429
Cleveland	321	36	127	-91	-28.3%	412
Columbus	282	53	16	+38	+13.5%	244
Steubenville	79	17	31	-14	-17.7%	93
Toledo	417	40	15	+25	+6.0%	392
Youngstown	213	18	20	-2	-0.9%	215
TOTALS	1,769	216	232	-16	-0.9%	1,785

State Youth Activities

Ohio's Substance Abuse Poster Contest participation is among the leaders in U.S.

By Jeff Kiliany

State Youth Activities Director

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Substance Abuse Poster Contest has really taken off in Ohio. According to Supreme Council statistics for the 2011-2012 fraternal year, Ohio is among the leaders in the nation in both number of councils participating and total number of participants.

Of the 339 councils that submitted a report to Supreme, 35 – or 10% -- were from Ohio councils. Nationally, 20,868 participants took part, with 3,639 – or 17.4% -- coming from Ohio. Six Ohio councils placed in the Top 20 nationally in the total number of participants, with three of them in the Top 10.

Supreme Fraternal Program Coordinator Edward Wezenski said that “Some of the posters that I have seen come out of this contest, from Ohio and beyond, show that many kids have a grasp of the concept that drug abuse leads you nowhere. The more kids we can get in this program, the better chance we have of wiping out the problems of substance abuse for good.”

The purpose of this program is to promote local awareness among young people of the major societal problems caused by alcohol and drug abuse, and to help turn this situation around. The poster contest gives a positive outlook for children to embrace and to help carry them through the peer pressures to use alcohol and drugs. Students are encouraged to develop an original poster and slogan idea designed to discourage their peers from experimenting with alcohol and drugs.

The K of C Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest is open to all boys and girls aged 8-14. Councils often partner with their local public or parochial schools by sponsoring the contest and offering awards for the winning posters in both categories, drug abuse and alcohol abuse. Judging generally is done with a panel of judges comprised of K of C leaders, school teachers and local police department officers who are involved with drug programs such as D.A.R.E.

The local winning entries then process through the district, Regional and State competitions and on to the National and International levels. The winning entries serve as the basis for the series of anti-substance abuse posters. Creative credit is given to the young artists. Councils interested in sponsoring a Substance Abuse Program can order a program kit from the Supreme Council website (www.kofc.org/forms). The program kit includes a guide, which is extremely helpful in starting your program. Information about the program also is on the Supreme website in www.kofc.org/substanceabuse.

We're currently into the soccer season, and many of our Ohio councils have conducted their Council Level competitions for our Annual Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge.

The Council-Level contests were to be completed by Sept. 30. Please remember that there will be no District Level competitions this fraternal year. Rather, all Council-Level winners will qualify for the Regional Level competitions, which will be scheduled by the six Diocesan District Deputy Coordinators. The list of Council-Level winners should be forwarded to your Diocesan District Deputy Coordinator. Also, the Soccer Challenge Participation Report Form (4567) should be completed and forwarded to the Supreme Council office with participation statistics as well as feedback about the program in general. All Regional Level contests must be completed by Oct. 29.

There will be no actual State Level Soccer Challenge competition this fraternal year. State Level winners will be determined by the Regional Level competition scores (25 kicks). The score sheets for all Regional Level competitions must be forwarded to the State Youth Activities Director no later than Nov. 3.

How our Pennies for Heaven are used

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funds have covered is the sponsorship of one of our seminarians to participate in the Institute for Priestly Formation at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska for 10 weeks during the summer. This program is a very fine spiritual program to strengthen the spiritual life and formation of a young man for the priesthood. We have another man enrolled in this program for the summer of 2012.

Other funding that comes to us from the "Pennies for Heaven" grant is applied to the annual printing of our diocesan seminarian poster featuring the photographs of all our diocesan seminarians. Another poster is printed for distribution as well for those who are members of religious orders of men and women from the Diocese of Toledo. These are distributed to all of our parishes and institutions in the diocese every fall season.

■ **Msgr. Charles Singler, Director of Vocations**

Steubenville Diocese: "We use it to help financial strapped seminarians from the Seminarian Assistance Fund in our diocese. This fund is specifically used for financial help to our seminarians for personal need items while they are in the seminary. As you know, seminarians – due to summer placements in parishes – do not have much opportunity to earn money during the summer months and it is not unusual for needs to arise throughout the school year. Some seminarians are in greater need than other seminarians.

The bulk of the funds we have for the Seminary Assistance Fund currently are used to help our seminarian who is studying in Rome. He lives at the NAC and is schooled at the Gregorianum. The funds have helped him a great deal over the last two years and we hope will continue to do so in his remaining years there.

■ **Fr. Timothy J. Shannon, Director of Vocations**

Cincinnati Archdiocese: "We don't use the "Pennies for Heaven" campaign for direct support of seminarians, rather we use it to help our digital outreach for more seminarians. As a main thrust of that, please see the work we do at www.cincinnati vocations.org. The money we have been given as part of Pennies from Heaven allowed us to build one of the top vocation sites in the country (as judged by the National Conference of Diocesan Vocation Directors) to reach out and attract more and higher quality men to discern the priesthood with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. It also allows us to run programs such as Cast Your Nets and CREDO within the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, supplying teens who attends these rallies and retreats with quality materials to continue to bolster their faith life after they attend these events."

■ **Fr. Kyle Schnippel, Director of Vocations**

Youngstown Diocese: "The money from the "Pennies for Heaven" campaign have been used in the following ways: To print the posters and bookmarks that we are using in our diocese. All of the parishes and the local K of C Councils have received these items; vocation prayer cards for the parishes have been printed and will be distributed soon; any vocation retreats that we have had, the money was used to help offset the costs; any remainder that we have will be used to help host the three men who are here from Slovakia. These men are considering studying for the priesthood in our diocese."

■ **Fr. Chris Luoni, Director of Vocations**

Cleveland Diocese: Our "XLT!" Series is a bi-monthly event hosting 75-125 youth [teens and young adults] on the campus of Borromeo & St. Mary Seminaries. Excellent event to gather youth on our campus as well as having myself and seminarians present for vocation awareness. A portion of the Pennies From Heaven has been used over the past several years to put funding towards our seminarians attending the March for Life in Washington D.C. We have excellent attendance from both houses and this includes a bus trip to Washington, overnight accommodations a part of the seminarians' food costs, and other items.

I am also expecting that we will be fully updating our social media outreach efforts very soon - Websites especially, and also putting efforts into advertising for the XLT! series ... your donations will «fill the gap» on this project. Lastly, I am in the process of designing a transition scholarship for Pre-Theology candidates that come in with college loans that are un-deferrable.

■ **Fr. Michael McCandless, Vocations Director**

Columbus Diocese: "The money from the Columbus Diocese's "Pennies for Heaven" helps in the following: Scholarships" to participate in missionary outreach programs in places like Honduras, Mexico, Guatemala, etc.; travel allowances for summer placements and holidays; emergency expenditures such as car repairs; educational grants for language studies; development of new promotional material; procuring refreshments served at seminarian community building exercises; grants to cover medical expenses not covered by insurance; scholarships for Summer Camp counselors; allowances to cover assignments at "mission" parishes; Creating and supporting websites."

■ **Fr. Paul Noble, Vocations Director**



Ben and Max Harris hold the Silver Rose. At left is West Virginia State Deputy Mark Ackermann; at right is Wintersville Council Chaplain Fr. Jack McCoy. Below is the Silver Rose.

Silver Rose makes its way through Ohio

Knights of Columbus members in Steubenville received one of four Silver Roses last Aug. 12 that are making their way through North America, starting in Canada, on different routes to their destination in Mexico. The roses exemplify the Knights' devotion to Our Lady and the Order's commitment to a culture of life.

In Steubenville, the Silver Rose came to Ohio from West Virginia on its route to the Basilica of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico, where they will conclude their journey on Dec. 12 – the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Ben Harris, 15, and Max Harris, 16, of Richmond, OH, carried the rose from the West Virginia side of the Market Street Bridge crossing the Ohio River. Immaculate Heart of Mary Council 472, Wintersville, Chaplain Fr. Jack McCoy, along with Grand Knight Don Hall and a Fourth Degree Color Guard, accepted the Silver Rose from West Virginia State Deputy Mark Ackermann



and others. Toronto Council 2187 also participated in the ceremony.

From Steubenville, the Silver Rose made its way to the Columbus Diocese and then along to Cincinnati, where it was given to Knights In Kentucky at Covington.

The Silver Rose program is in its 52nd year as a project originally of the Columbian Squires of North America to honor the Blessed Virgin under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. The program has continued since then as a project of Squires circles, local councils and Fourth Degree assemblies.

Knights of Columbus Insurance

Easy to put off, but who pays for it?

By James Valent, FICF, General Agent

State Insurance Liaison

Buying life insurance is something that's easy to put off until tomorrow. And with the busy lives we all lead, tomorrow can easily become next week, next month, or even next year. For the sake of those you love, don't let that happen.

We consider it our fraternal obligation to make sure that every Knights of Columbus member has the opportunity to protect his family with the Order's top-rated insurance products. We'll work with you to put a plan in place that will help your family when that help is most needed. We all know someone whose health, instantly and seemingly out-of-the-blue, changes. You may think this can't happen to you. Think again. And keep in mind that no one will ring a bell, warning you that your health is about to change.

Medical technology has turned many diseases previously termed "death sentences" into very treatable conditions. What medical advances haven't changed, however, is that being diagnosed with one of these diseases will dramatically affect your ability to purchase life insurance coverage. Don't wait until it's too late.

Your Knights of Columbus insurance program is second to none. Knights of Columbus life insurance represents a safety net for Catholic families that's unsurpassed, and we're proud of that. We're also concerned.

Why? Because so many of our Brother Knights have no life insurance with the Order. I suspect that, for many of them, tomorrow has become next week, next month or next year.

Don't be one of them. Don't wait for the bell to ring. It isn't going to.