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My Brother Knights and Sir Knights,

Let me introduce myself. I am the Vice Supreme Master from the Fr. Hennepin Province which encompasses Michigan and Ohio. I have been appointed by Supreme Master, Dennis J. Stoddard, to coordinate fundraising efforts for The Military Scholarship Program in your Jurisdiction. State Deputy David Helmstetter is in agreement with the value of this program and is having this information sent to you.

The intent of this letter is to explain the mechanics of collecting the contributions. Also, attached with this letter is an excerpt from the "Military Knights in Action" newsletter explaining the program.

The \$4,000 contribution from each State Jurisdiction is to come from the State Council, councils, assemblies and individuals. **Each check must be made out to: THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS and have MILITARY SCHOLARSHIP written on the memo line. Send all checks to George A. Dann, 5086 North Belsay Rd., Flint, Michigan, 48506.** The program information can be found at the Fr. Hennepin Provincial website. www.hennepinprovince.org

This is a five year plan and any funds exceeding the \$4,000 will be credited to the following year for that jurisdiction. After I receive a check, it will be placed on a spread sheet for each individual jurisdiction. The spreadsheet will show the contributor, amount, check number and date received. I will then send the spreadsheet and checks to the Supreme Master's office for deposit in the appropriate account. I will send each State Deputy and District Master a copy of the spreadsheet.

This program is of vital importance to our Catholic military men and women. The Supreme Knight is counting on all of us to work together to make this a successful program. Again the World will be evaluating our commitment to our Military and our Church.

If you have any questions, please contact me using the information at the top of this letter.

Fraternally,

David A. Helmstetter
State Deputy, Ohio Jurisdiction

Fraternally,

George A. Dann PSD VSM
Fr. Hennepin Province



New Military Chaplain Scholarship Announced

The following excerpt is from the *Military Knights in Action* Newsletter



The Knights of Columbus has established a new scholarship program to help fund the education of seminarians preparing to become Catholic chaplains in the U.S. Armed Forces.

The program 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. These funds, in turn, will help produce a new generation of much-needed Catholic chaplains to minister to U.S. military personnel and their families. Fundraising for the Orderwide project will be led by the Fourth Degree, the patriotic degree of the Knights.

The idea for the scholarship developed during Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson's recent visit to the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower. While watching flight-qualifier tests with an assistant secretary of the U.S. Navy, the supreme knight had the opportunity to think about Catholics in uniform and the hardship they face of having to go weeks — and sometimes months — without being able to attend Mass or receive spiritual guidance from a priest.

"It can be very difficult for Catholic members of the armed forces when they're on forward deployments," Anderson said. "The U.S. military archdiocese, which supplies Catholic chaplains, estimates that it needs 800 priests to fully serve all of the Catholic men and women in uniform today, but they are only able to supply 280 — barely a third of the number needed."

The military chaplain scholarship aims to provide a solution to this problem. According to Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, the scholarship money will be dedicated to the archdiocese's "Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program," which New Military Chaplain Scholarship

Announced was initiated to recruit priestly vocations for the military for the benefit of the armed forces as well as participating dioceses and religious orders throughout the country. Through this program, the military archdiocese contracts with each participating diocese to fund 50 percent of the cost of a seminarian's five-year education — typically \$12,500 per year. In return, the candidate agrees that, following ordination and three years of service at a parish, he will commit to serve as a military chaplain under the auspices of the military archdiocese for a minimum of three to five years.

So far, the Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program has seen impressive results. Since its inception, the initiative has garnered an increase in cosponsored seminarians, from seven in 2008 to 30 in 2010.

"These results, while extraordinary, place a large financial burden on the archdiocese, which annually generates only enough funds — 95 percent from donations — to cover its operating costs," said Archbishop Broglio, who joined the Order in 2007 while serving as the apostolic nuncio of the Dominican Republic. "The archdiocese has no funds on hand to meet the long term contractual commitments of the Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program, especially if, as it is hoped, the numbers continue to grow."

Through this new scholarship, the Order, too, hopes to ensure the future development of the Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program. "Thanks to the generosity of the Knights of Columbus, this military chaplain scholarship will help fill this need for years to come," Broglio added. "The Knights of Columbus, over many years, has been most generous in providing much-needed financial support to this archdiocese...[This] is but the latest instance of the organization's generosity. For that, I am most grateful."

*...So we must ask ourselves, what is the meaning of Our Lady of Guadalupe today? Does she play the same role in our countries' history as she has for nearly 500 years? How do we respond to the great commandment of our Lord — love our neighbor as our self? This is the real message of Our Lady of Guadalupe's motherly concern for each of us — that each person is actually a member of our family. And as Pope Benedict XVI told us in his first encyclical *Deus Caritas Est* (God is Love): In a family no member must go hungry or lack the necessities of life (25).*



Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Knight