



Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus

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Dear Brother Knight,

I have chosen **“Shining a Light for Catholic Education”** as the theme of the 2013 Matching Funds Program. Your council’s contribution to the fund will assist in strengthening the Catholic Education efforts in every Catholic school, in every religious program, and in every RCIA program of your diocese

The Matching Funds Program will run from September 1, 2013 through November 1, 2013. The Ohio Charity Foundation, Inc. of the Ohio State Council is matching the first \$25,000 donated to this year’s program.

My goal for the 2013 Matching Funds Program is \$68,000 combined with a 90% participation of our Ohio councils. I would hope that all councils across this great state will contribute as generously as they have in past years.

There are several ways to fund your council’s donation to the Matching Funds Program:

- Donate a portion of your Super Cash Bonanza Charity Ticket rebate
- Host a council fundraising event with proceeds earmarked for the fund
- Pass the hat for donations at council meetings
- Ask your members to make a personal pledge to the Matching Funds Program.

Here are several ideas for a successful campaign within your council:

- Appoint a chairman
- Set a goal of at least **10%** higher than last year
- Contribute early in the campaign so that your donation will be matched
- Send your council’s donation to me, Bob Byers, between September 1 and November 1, 2013.

The Matching Funds 2013 Contribution Form is printed on the back of this letter for your convenience.

All awards will be presented to the District Deputies at the January mid-year meeting for distribution to the Councils. The following is a list of this year’s awards:

- The highest donation overall by a council
- The highest donation by a council in each diocese
- The highest donation per member by a council in each diocese
- The highest donation by a chapter, an assembly, or a squires circle will each receive an award
- For those district deputies with 100% council participation in their districts.

Please pray for the success of this year’s Matching Funds campaign. In advance, may God bless you for your work for religious education and for **“Shining a Light for Catholic Education.”**

Thank you.

Fraternally,

Bob Byers

State Advocate
2013 Matching Funds Chairman

“Shining a Light for Catholic Education”

2013 Matching Funds Contribution Form

Date _____

Council Number _____

District _____

Diocese _____

Council Name _____

City _____

Grand Knight _____

Phone Number _____

Matching Funds Chairman _____

2013 Donation \$ _____

*Please make the council check out to the “Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus,”
and mail this form with the council donation to:*

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