

Knights of Columbus

Did You Know - Charity

- The Knights of Columbus gave Pope Benedict XVI a gift of \$1.6 million representing this year's earnings from the Order's Vicarius Christi Fund. This fund established in 1981 has provided \$48 million for the pope's personal charities and causes.
- The Knights of Columbus provide winter coats to children in need through a program called "Coats for Kids". This year alone the Order will distribute more than 12,000 coats. For more information on how you can help visit www.kofc.org/coats or contact your local Council.
- The Knights of Columbus also help to keep the shelves of soup kitchens and food pantries supplied through a program called "Food for Families". The Supreme Council alone contributed 1,625 turkeys to food banks in and around the Order's headquarters in New Haven Connecticut. Local Councils contribute to these organizations throughout the country. For more information on how you can help visit www.kofc.org/service or contact your local Council.
- Knights in 25 states raised funds to purchase more than 70 ultrasound machines through a matching funds grant program sponsored by the Supreme Council. These ultrasound machines are gifted to pregnancy centers where they are used by these centers to advise pregnant mothers. Locally the Knights in Kansas donated one of these machines to the Wyandotte Pregnancy Clinic in Kansas City, Kansas. The impact this technology has on a woman's decision to keep her baby is dramatic.
- The Knights of Columbus were very involved with earthquake relief in Haiti. The Order donated nearly 2,000 wheelchairs to amputees in Haiti and provided approximately 800 Haitian children with prosthetic devices and therapy.
- The Knights of Columbus through our annual Tootsie Roll Drive provide funds to local organizations that aid people with intellectual disabilities and is a major sponsor of the Special Olympics in Kansas.
- Through the Adopt a Seminarian program local councils provide moral and financial support to each of Kansas' Seminarians. Last year, over \$219,000 of financial support was given.

These are just a few of the many acts of charity and service that the Knight of Columbus is involved in each and every day. We are a Catholic, Family, Fraternal, Service organization and we welcome every Catholic man to join us. For more information on how to join visit www.kofc.org, contact Mike Grothoff, Kansas State Recruitment Chairman at Mike.Grothoff@sbcglobal.net or any member of your local Council.