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WEEKLY NEWS FOR KNIGHTS AROUND THE WORLD

June is traditionally "ordination season" for many U.S. dioceses. This issue offers a look at the ways Knights offer support to men studying for ordination to the priesthood. May our prayers and support encourage them in their vocations, leading them to be holy and virtuous priests.

It's thanks to our priests that we are seeing the public celebration of the Eucharist in more and more areas after lockdown. Check out our seven-step guide for navigating the return to public Mass.



Knights help seminarian realize childhood dream



Since he was a kid, this Knight always wanted to be a priest. Now he's close to graduating seminary.

During the Jubilee year of 2000, Rory Traynor's parents returned to the Church. Then on Easter of 2001, Traynor, along with eight of his brothers and sisters, was baptized and officially received into the Church. At that point, Traynor was only 7 years old, but he already knew he wanted to become a priest.

Now, thanks to support from Knights of Columbus Council 5093, Traynor's well on his way to completing seminary and serving in the Diocese of Manchester, New Hampshire.

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Behind-the-scenes look at life as a parish priest

Chas Canfield gets a behind-the-scenes look during his first parish assignment thanks to support from Knights and others.

Chas Canfield, a seminarian and Knight of Columbus, is getting his first behind-the-scenes look this summer at what life as a parish priest is like.

Canfield currently attends Kenrick Glennon Seminary in St. Louis, Mo., studying theology. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, most students went home early, but Canfield requested to finish the academic year in a parish – assisting the pastor at Masses, weddings and more. This opportunity may have been impossible without the support of numerous people, including the Knights of Columbus. [READ MORE](#)



Our future priests need your help

As Catholics, we rely a lot on our priests. But before they can become priests, seminarians need our support. Knights offer moral and financial support to thousands of seminarians and those in religious life each year through the Refund Support Vocations Program. Learn how you can lead your council in supporting them [here](#).

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Knights save priests' retreat center in Arizona



Thanks to this council's charitable efforts, the Redemptorists' retreat center in Tucson withstood the pandemic.

When the coronavirus pandemic forced social distancing restrictions across the country, the Redemptorist Retreat/Renewal Center (RRC) had to cancel all scheduled events, laying off employees and fearing closure. In an incredible effort, the local Knights from Our Lady of the Desert Council 15704 quickly raised over \$46,000 to keep the center from closing its doors. [READ MORE](#)

Invite a seminarian to join the Knights

All Catholic seminarians are eligible to join the Knights of Columbus for free!

By joining our Order, seminarians have opportunities to form strong fraternal bonds and receive encouragement, prayers and financial assistance from their brother Knights. In turn, our Order will gain the grace that comes from supporting vocations, as well as find hope in knowing that men in our ranks are preparing for the sacred priesthood. To waive the member fee, a seminarian must use the promo code SEMINARIAN when he submits his [online membership application](#).

Knights Gear's gifts for priests or seminarians

Did you know that Knights Gear sells religious and liturgical items? Check out the [chasuble and stole set](#), the [Mass travel kit](#) and more at www.knightsgear.com.

Our support for vocations includes assisting women religious not only with their formation, but also their daily work. Check out this video and see how Knights in Illinois are providing bottled water to the Little Sisters of the Poor and the elderly they care for during the COVID-19 pandemic. [WATCH](#)



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MEMBERSHIP IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. This means that an applicant or member accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church. Invite Catholic men to join today at www.kofc.org/join.

Learn more about Father McGivney's life-saving intercession

in the life of little 5-year-old Mikey Schachle: "I looked at Father McGivney and I looked at what the Knights of Columbus does for special needs children, for the pro-life cause," Mikey's dad said. "If there was ever a baby Father McGivney would want to help, this is who it would be." [READ MORE](#)



Congratulations to our winners!

Three grand prize winners were randomly selected to win a collection of Knights of Columbus books – including *The Knights of Columbus: An Illustrated History* – signed by the authors! And 50 first prize winners are receiving a "K of C starter library" of eight books from the Knights of Columbus publishing program, including four books by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson.

Check out the names of winners and details of the drawing [here](#).