

Vocations Endowment Pulpit Speaking Notes

Good morning (evening). My name is _____. I am a member of the _____ Knights of Columbus Council. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak this morning (evening), about the Parish's fundraiser for the Vocations Endowment.

In 2018, the Bishops of Saskatchewan partnered with the Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus Charitable Foundation to create the Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus Vocations Endowment. Through this partnership, parishes throughout Saskatchewan are being asked to work with their local Knights of Columbus Council in approaching all parishioners in the province of Saskatchewan to donate funds in support of Vocations.

We currently have 8 Seminarians from the four Dioceses, the Eparchy and the Abbey. These young men are committed to become future leaders in our Saskatchewan Catholic communities.

As practicing Catholics, we believe we each have a role in encouraging these Seminarians through prayer and financial support. As you entered the church this morning (evening), members of the Knights of Columbus distributed a number of Vocations Endowment Brochures providing information about the Endowment. (Raise the Brochure)

They also handed out business cards which explain the different ways in which you can make a financial contribution to the Vocations Endowment. (Raise the card)

On the card you will note that:

- A donation can be made by Electronic Funds Transfer through your personal bank account.
- You can also make a donation using your credit card through the Foundation's website. OR
- You can donate by cheque. You can mail the cheque to the Foundation, or, if you prefer, you can place a cheque in the collection (box) here at Church next Sunday.

Every donation is 100% tax deductible. Within four weeks our Foundation will mail or email you an official tax receipt for the total amount of your donation. All funds received are placed in a separate investment, specifically the “Vocations Endowment”, within the Knights of Columbus Charitable Foundation, for the sole purpose of assisting in the future education and formation of Saskatchewan Seminarians.

Each year the earnings from the Vocations Endowment are distributed in equal shares to help cover a portion of the more than \$30,000.00 it costs each year for the education and formation of each Seminarian.

There is additional information regarding the Vocations Endowment in the bulletin this week and on the Foundation website shown on the card. We also invite you to meet with a member of our Knights of Columbus Council at the back of the church following the Mass (Liturgy) today.

The Bishops, Priests and all of us appreciate your support. Please continue your ongoing prayers for Vocations and make a donation today.

Priest words of support:

We thank the Knights of Columbus for their leadership in the support of Seminarians throughout the province. We ask each of you to consider offering your support through a donation to the Vocations Endowment.