

# FATHER WANTS YOU!

## TO BE A KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus was founded by the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney and a group of men of St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Connecticut on March 29, 1882. The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization dedicated to the principals of: **CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY & PATRIOTISM.**

Knights of Columbus can be found on the International and State level. On the international level, there are nearly 1.8 million members covering different areas of the world. In terms of service, last year the Order gave over 151 million dollars and 69 million hours of volunteer service to charitable causes. Within the State of Kansas, the Knights of Columbus have been a tremendous presence. The Knights in the state conduct the annual Tootsie Roll Drive for people with intellectual disabilities and raised \$334,000 in 2010. The Kansas Knights are the prime sponsor of the Kansas Special Olympics Basketball Tournament in Hays each year and over 1,100 athletes participated in 2010. Our Pennies from Heaven and Emergency Disaster Aid Program (EDAP) provide assistance to victims of natural disasters and over \$85,000 was raised for this purpose in 2010. Our Adopt-A-Seminarian Program in Kansas adopts seminarians and other religious both financially and spiritually and pledges totaled over \$219,000 to 91 seminarians and 37 other religious in 2010. K of C Councils across Kansas donated over \$266,000 to the pro-life cause last year and the Knights take great pride in being a pro-life organization. The State of Kansas has 262 councils and more than 36,000 members.

The only way the Knights of Columbus can work is with you. I need you to step forward and be of service to the Church and the Community. Being a Knight of Columbus can be a tremendous blessing to those who say "YES." Participation in the many programs can help a Catholic man better live out his Catholic faith and even become a better husband and father. Our campaign theme this year is, "The Year of the Volunteer." Please accept this invitation and become a Knight of Columbus.