

Dear Knights of the Illinois State Council,

Thank you for your generous gift in remembrance of my birthday. I am most appreciative of the constant support the Knights give to me and my brother seminarians. I keep the knights in my prayers.

God Bless,  
Hyland Smith  
Diocese of Springfield, IL

Brother Knights,

Thank you once again for your generosity in the gift of the 2009 Liturgical Year Ordo. This little book is an important part of my daily life at the seminary and I greatly appreciate receiving it each year from the Knights. Please pray for us and be assured of our prayers for you.

God Bless,  
Brim Alford  
Diocese of Springfield, IL

Dear Brother Knights,

I want to extend another heartfelt thank you for your gift of \$50.00. It means so much to me how much you care. Please know that your gift will be put to use toward personal expenses have at CSC. Know as well that I always keep the Knights of Columbus in my prayers. And I ask for your continued prayers as well. You are all part of an organization that does so much to help support the Church and her mission and for this I am forever indebted and thankful.

In the Mantle of the BVM  
Dan Findel

Dear Knights of Columbus,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you immensely for the gift you sent me in the seminary. I keep you in my prayers and it is my hope that you too pray for us as we continue to discern our vocation to the priesthood.

Anthony  
Seminarian, Bellville

Ronald, William, and all my other fellow knights of the Illinois State Council, I wish to thank you wholeheartedly for your generous support. Both through your prayers and financial assistance. I and many other seminarians are much better equipped for the often difficult formation for the holy priesthood. Being a fellow Knight, I know of the overwhelming love and gratitude the Knights have for seminarians. As a seminarian, I wish to extend that back to you, Sir Knights.

God Bless You All,  
Brandon Warlen  
Diocese of Peoria

Ron,

Thanks again to you and all the Knights of the Illinois State Council. The Mundelein Seminary Shootout was once again loads of fun and a fantastic opportunity for fraternal growth. I really appreciate all you do for us seminarians, esp. the Peorians!

God Bless You and You're Family,  
Brandon Wanlen  
IHM Seminary  
Diocese of Peoria

Dear Mr. Ziemba,

February 19, 2009

Thanks very much to you and all the Knights for your kindness and generosity once again this year both at Christmas and my birthday. Both are greatly appreciated and will be put to good use.

The Knights, their wives and families all remembered in a special way in the past few months while we were in the Holy Land. The support of me and my vocation which the Knights give me is a real gift and blessing.

Please keep praying for me.  
Thanks again,  
Nate Payne

Dear Ronald Ziemba,

2-1-09

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support as I discern God's call in the seminary. My school studies remain very challenging, but with the Grace of God, He is able to provide. Continue to pray for me as I will pray for you as well. Thank you for all your hard work in promoting vocations, and all that you do for me.

God Bless,  
Shaun Cieslik

Dear Knights,

I wanted to write to express my gratitude for all that the Knights have done to support my vocation. It is always encouraging to know that the Knights of Illinois are dedicated to helping me and my seminarian brothers as we prepare to be priests of Jesus Christ. Thank you for your generous support and leadership in Illinois.

Hyland Smith

Dear Ron, and Knights of the Illinois State Council,

Thank you all so much for the birthday wishes and gift. It was very thoughtful of you. Thank you for your continued prayers and support for me and my brother seminarians. Thank you for all you do for us. You are truly gifts from God.

God Bless You All,  
Kyle Lucas  
Seminarian Class of 2014

Bother Knights,

Thank you for all the support you have given me over the last year. This has been a great year for me at Mundelein Seminary. Each day I grow in trust that this is truly God's plan for my life and I grow in confidence that I can be a good and holy priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Your continued spiritual support reminds me how important the office of priesthood is and how much priests and seminarians are truly loved and cared for. Your continued financial support is helping to give me the great opportunity to travel to Jos, Nigeria to work for about 3 weeks at an orphanage. I grew up in a family committed to the mission of the Knights of Columbus (K of C #967) I hope you all know how appreciative I am for all the good work the Knights do, especially for the constant support of vocations. It is easy to get lost in the hustle + bustle of Mundelein, so the small gifts provided by the Knights really mean a lot to me — it is affirming to know that I am not forgotten about.

I look forward to sharing more of my story with you as my time at Mundelein moves on. I hope God blesses you and your families abundantly.

In Christ,  
Matt

Mr. Ziemba,

Thank you and all the wonderful members of the Knights of Columbus for your prayer book, birthday card, and generous gift. The times when I get discouraged here at seminary are greatly diminished when I remember all the kind people who keep me in their prayers.

I am staggered to ponder so many people, unknown to me, who deserve my gratitude. Please express my appreciation to all your wonderful members, and please know that all of you are in my prayers.

Merry Christmas and Healthy, Happy and Blessed New Year to you and all of your loved ones.

Yours in Christ,  
Georan Christians

To the Honorable Knights of Columbus:

As the year draws to a close I wish to thank you for your ongoing spiritual and financial support of my studies to be a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago. I am truly grateful for the checks, ordos, and other support which comes throughout the year. Without it, there would be a much greater challenge in being able to focus on my intellectual, spiritual, and pastoral formation. May God Bless you all in the summer months with health and happiness.

In Christ,  
Mark Augnatu

Dear IL K of C,

26 April 2009

Thank you so much for your thoughts, prayers, and financial support. I constantly feel your support and love for the Church. Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones.

Sincerely,  
Jonathan Bublell

Dear Mr. Ron!

5/22/2009

I want to express my deepest appreciation for my birthday card and Christmas cards and Ordos. Thank you so much for your financial support and fervent prayers. I assure you of my daily prayer.

May God protect and guide you always!

Regards,  
Herman Guevas

Dear Mr. Ronald Ziemba,

I would like to thank you and all of the members of the Illinois State Council of the Knights of Columbus for both your spiritual and financial support for myself and the other seminarians of the Diocese of Rockford. All of your efforts and generosity are much appreciated. I will keep you, the members of the Illinois State Council and all of the Knights of Columbus in my prayers.

God Bless,  
Sincerely,  
Timothy Landwair  
Diocese of Rockford Seminarian

Dear Mr. Ziemba,

The current academic year at the Mundelein Seminary is closing today. It has been my first year here at the seminary and at the same time a very challenging one. I must admit that it was somewhat difficult to leave my family, friends, and previous lifestyle in order to transition into the seminary life as the path leading to priesthood.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and all the Illinois Knights of Columbus for all your prayers but also for all the material support you have provided throughout this year. Your kind gifts, including the birthday and Christmas gifts, helped us to manage some of our expenses. The generosity we receive from you in addition to your prayers is greatly appreciated.

I would like to ask you to continue to pray for us seminarians. At the same time I would like to assure you that we pray for you as we pray for all of our benefactors.

As we are getting ready to finish the academic year and start the summer break I would like to wish you to have a wonderful summer. May God Always bless all of you.

With peace of Christ,  
Thomas A. Pierzchanowski  
Pre-Theology I

Dear Knights of Columbus,

My name is Benjamin Arevalos, originally from Guadalajara Mexico. I graduated this past Saturday May 09, and I will be ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago in May 23 of this year.

I just received a Daily Roman Missal and a hundred dollar check from you. I received it just in time, I was praying for having one before my ordination but thanks to you, now I have it.

It is so good to know that there are people who believe in vocations and support them as you do. Through this letter, I want to thank all of you for your generosity and your good heart. I feel that simple words are not enough for all the good things that you do to support vocations to the priesthood, but I want to let you know that you are in my prayers, and I believe that one day God will pay all or you a hundred fold.

May God Almighty bless you and give you the strength to continue sowing the good seed in good soil.

Sincerely in the Love of Christ  
Benjamin Arevalos Lupercio