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Good morning (afternoon)!

My name is _____, I am a member of _____ Council No. _____,
Knights of Columbus.

I am here today to talk about the Newman Apostolate Program, our number one charity in Illinois.

Not every man or woman has the means to attend a Catholic college or university, but every man and woman can attend Mass and receive the Eucharist each weekend because of the availability of the Newman Apostolate Program. Newman Centers provide a “Home Parish” away from home for our young people who attend public colleges and universities. It is crucial at this stage in their lives that they continue to walk in the faith – nourished by both the Word and Sacrament. Newman Centers afford our young adults the opportunity to grow in their faith. It also gives them a place to seek comfort and friendship in a non-threatening atmosphere and escape the pressures and obstacles present in today’s college life.

Over the past 96 years we depended solely on our members for financial support, and we expect to continue these efforts. However, donors for the Newman Apostolate are not restricted to membership in the Knights of Columbus. Therefore, I want to invite the people of _____ Parish an opportunity to invest in the spirituality of our young people and help provide a Home Parish on campus for their children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and all Catholic young adults attending secular colleges and universities in Illinois. We are asking for your support because the Illinois Diocesan budgets have either reduced or eliminated funding for the Newman Ministries.

I would like to thank Father _____, for the opportunity to speak to you this morning about the Newman Apostolate Program.

The generosity of the second collection today will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you and may God bless you and your loved ones.