

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CAMPAIGN KIT

Supporting the Handmaids of the Precious Blood Holy Family Expansion Project

A SHARED MISSION: SUPPORTING OUR PRIESTS

The Knights of Columbus have always stood in unwavering support of our priests. And so have the Handmaids of the Precious Blood – cloistered contemplative nuns who live a life of total prayer and sacrifice for the sanctification of priests.

This isn't just a shared mission. This is our mission – and now, these faithful women need their Knights.

WHY THIS CAMPAIGN? WHY NOW?

The Handmaids' Cor Jesu monastery in New Market, Tennessee is at a turning point. Their facilities no longer meet the needs of their growing community. To continue their vital mission, they urgently need:

- A new, larger chapel – the heart of their prayerful intercession for priests
- An infirmary – to care for their aging sisters who have given their lives in spiritual service
- Expanded housing—to welcome the new vocations God is sending

If these needs go unmet, the Handmaids' ability to support our priests – and by extension, the Church itself – is at serious risk.

KNOXVILLE KNIGHTS: THIS IS YOUR MOMENT

You know these sisters. You've seen their faithful witness. You've experienced the impact of their prayers. They need you now more than ever.

Three Things Every Council Can Do

1 Promote the Campaign in Your Parishes

Go to www.nunsforpriests.org and click the Campaign button. There you'll find bulletin ads, pulpit announcements, and other tools to share the campaign in your local parishes.

Get these into your parish bulletins this month.

2 Host a Fundraiser Once a Year – for the Next Three Years

Whether it's a BBQ, pancake breakfast, raffle, or bake sale – every dollar helps. Encourage each council to do one fundraiser annually for three years. Make it a tradition.

3 Make a Personal Gift

If you feel called, make a donation as an individual Knight. Every gift, large or small, strengthens the spiritual backbone of the Church.



NEED ANYTHING? Reach out directly to:

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ADDRESS TO THE KNIGHTS

Suggested Script

BROTHER KNIGHTS,

We've always been the strong right arm of the Church. We defend our priests. We support the truth. We serve the vulnerable.

The **Handmaids of the Precious Blood** have served the Church quietly, behind the scenes, for decades – praying every hour of every day for our priests. They've been our neighbors here in East Tennessee. They've prayed for our vocations, our parishes, and our brother Knights.

BUT NOW THEY NEED US.

Their monastery is at capacity. Their chapel is too small. Their aged sisters need better care. And more young women are asking to join their life of prayer.

IT'S TIME FOR US TO ACT.

- **Let's get campaign materials into our parish bulletins.**
- **Let's organize one fundraiser per council per year.**
- **Let's each consider making a personal gift.**

The Handmaids have spent their lives praying for priests. Now it's our turn to lift them up. Let's show them what it means to have the Knights at their side.

Vivat Jesus.

GRAND KNIGHT'S LETTER TEMPLATE

[Council Letterhead]

[Date]

[Recipient's Name]

[Recipient's Address]

DEAR BROTHER KNIGHT,

As Knights of Columbus, we stand shoulder to shoulder in defense of our priests and the Church. Today, I write to you on behalf of the **Handmaids of the Precious Blood** – a cloistered community of nuns who have prayed unceasingly for priests across our dioceses and around the world.

The Handmaids now face an urgent need. Their chapel, infirmary, and dormitory space are no longer sufficient for their growing community. Without these critical expansions, they will not be able to continue their vital mission.

They need us. And we are uniquely positioned to help.

HERE'S WHAT WE'RE ASKING EVERY COUNCIL AND KNIGHT TO DO:

1. **Get the word out.** Visit www.nunsforpriests.org and download bulletin ads and campaign resources to place in your local parishes.
2. **Organize one fundraiser each year** for the next three years. Every BBQ, raffle, or breakfast makes a difference.
3. **Prayerfully consider a personal donation** in support of this effort.

If you need more information or support, contact the campaign's Director of Development, Chris Scroggin, at cscroggin@nunsforpriests.org or **737-240-9040**.

Let's be the strong right arm the Handmaids can count on.

Vivat Jesus,

[Grand Knight's Name]

[Council Name & Number]

[Contact Information]