

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 Vocations Endowment Parish Fundraiser.

The Bishops of Saskatchewan have partnered with the Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus Charitable Foundation to create the Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus Vocations Endowment.

Through this partnership, every parish in Saskatchewan will work with their local Knights of Columbus Council in approaching all parishioners to donate funds in support of Vocations.

We currently have 15 Seminarians from the four Dioceses and the Eparchy in Saskatchewan. These young men are committed to become future leaders in our Catholic communities. As practicing Catholics, 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 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

Or you can donate by cheque. The mailing address is shown, or if you prefer, you can place a cheque in the collection here at Church next Sunday.

Every donation is 100% tax deductible and within four weeks our Foundation will mail you an official tax receipt for the amount of your donation.

All funds received will remain in a separate Vocations Endowment investment within the Knights of Columbus Charitable Foundation for the sole purpose of assisting in the future education and development of Saskatchewan Seminarians. The earnings from the Vocations Endowment will be distributed equally each year to help cover a portion of the \$33,000.00 average annual cost for the education and development of each Seminarian.

There is additional information on the Vocations Endowment in the bulletin this week or 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 liturgy today.

When we make a donation to the Saskatchewan Knights of Columbus Vocation Endowment, we invest in the development of our future leaders and demonstrate our faith knowing that God is calling forth these men to serve us.

Please continue to pray for Vocations and we ask for your support by making a donation today.

Thank you in advance for your prayers, your support and generosity.
(Leave the pulpit)

Optional for the priest to say immediately following:

I would now like us to offer the PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

God our Father, you made each of us to use
Our gifts in the Body of Christ.

We ask that You inspire young people whom
You call to priesthood and consecrated life to
courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest so that
the Gospel is preached proclaiming the Good News,
the poor are served with love, the suffering
are comforted with warm compassion,
and Your people are strengthened by the
sacraments.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, AMEN

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.