

# 2025 IMPACT REPORT



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## A MESSAGE FROM **PATRICK KELLY**

**2025 marked the Jubilee Year of Hope.** This past summer at the Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention, I urged all those present to be heralds of hope in a world that, sadly, is so often characterized by despair.

Through Knights of Columbus Charities, we work to provide that hope for the spiritual and physical suffering of others.

We all know that those needs are immense. I imagine that over the past year, many of you have witnessed needs in new corners of your own communities, and that is a reason for your generosity in charitable giving. Maybe your heart aches at the plight of persecuted Christians around the world, or displaced families still suffering the effects of the war in Ukraine, and you feel the call to help ease their suffering.

Whether bringing supplies to wildfire victims in California or building up the embattled Catholic Church in Nigeria, I am proud of the Knights of Columbus' work to find new, creative ways to meet those needs and bring hope to desperate situations.

Every time you support Knights of Columbus Charities, you make this work possible. Ultimately, you help our volunteers on the ground bear witness to the true reason for our hope, Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to our shared mission. Through your support, we will continue to ensure that where there's a need, there's a Knight. And there is always reason for hope.

*Vivat Jesus!*

*Patrick E. Kelly*

**Patrick E. Kelly**  
Supreme Knight



# UNITED IN CHARITY

Thanks to the generosity of our donors in 2025, we raised more than \$13.4 million to help those in need worldwide.

That's \$13.4 million that will help **heal the suffering, protect the vulnerable, strengthen families and build the Church**. In many of these cases, those donations will empower Knights of Columbus on the ground to serve their local communities and be tangible signs of hope to their struggling neighbors.

We know that every single dollar given is a gift of trust. **100% of your donation goes to aid those we serve through our charitable programs, such as:**

- Disaster relief to communities around the world
- Pregnancy resource center support and ultrasound initiatives
- Scholarships for seminarians
- Spiritual healing for U.S. service members
- Humanitarian aid for persecuted Christians and refugee relief
- Warm winter coats for children in need
- And more!

All of this is possible when we're United in Charity — donors, volunteers, partner organizations and all others answering the call to join efforts and bring signs of God's love everywhere it is needed.

**United in Charity**, we can be among the first to respond in times of need. **United in Charity**, we can be the last helping hand when attention has faded. **United in Charity**, we can make an impact that changes lives.

Thank you for your support this past year. The impact stories captured in this report are only possible with your generosity.



# Our WORK

## WARRIORS TO LOURDES

Since 2013, the Knights of Columbus has partnered with the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, to sponsor the annual Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage.

Each year, U.S. service members and veterans are accepted to participate in a five-day retreat in Lourdes, France, culminating with the International Military Pilgrimage. Some of these warriors are physically wounded or ill; all carry prayer intentions and hopes of healing to the Marian shrine.

In 2025, **we were able to bring 136 warriors to Lourdes** and accompany them in their pilgrimage of inner and outer healing.



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” This journey is something that I’ll cherish for the rest of my life.

– 1SG AUSTIN HURST, USA

## SOLIDARITY IN UKRAINE

We’re proud to stand with our brother Knights and their communities in Ukraine who are affected by war.

Solidarity takes many forms, including funding children’s shelters and schools, providing housing for displaced families and tending to people’s physical, spiritual and psychological wounds. We’re helping sponsor support groups for widows and veterans, train chaplains who work with traumatized victims and give families opportunities to process, heal and rebuild their lives.

In 2025, **we delivered 323,698 care packages and provided \$1,522,181** in humanitarian aid to those affected by the war in Ukraine, and we continue to pray for peace.

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That is why, from the depths of my heart, I thank all of you for remembering us, for continuing your solidarity and support. Your assistance is a source of comfort and a testament of the boundless love of Christ for his people.

– HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV SHEVCHUK  
MAJOR ARCHBISHOP OF THE UKRAINIAN  
GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH



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## COATS FOR KIDS

No child should go through the cold winter months without a warm coat. Coats for Kids exemplifies our mission of charity by providing for the most vulnerable members of society. It is truly a team effort: 1,500 councils participate in annual distributions, which take place across all 50 U.S. states and 10 Canadian provinces. Since 2009, Coats for Kids has provided warmth to over 1.4 million children in need.



In 2025 alone,  
we distributed  
more than  
**293,000 coats.**



## SUPPORT FOR VOCATIONS

Supporting our future priests is essential to the vitality of the Church. Each year, the Knights of Columbus offers a limited number of \$2,500 scholarships for tuition, room and board to men studying for the Catholic priesthood at major seminaries.

**\$227,500 in scholarships** were distributed during the 2025 school year to aid the formation of those pursuing a vocation to the priesthood.

## DISASTER RELIEF

When the Eaton Fire ripped through communities in Southern California, Knights united to provide financial, material and spiritual aid, distributing gift cards, meals, groceries and clothing to victims. They also collaborated with partner organizations to offer temporary housing, working tirelessly to rebuild lives.

The fire was only one of a number of devastating natural disasters this past year. The Knights responded with more than **\$938,304 in immediate financial support for 16 natural disasters impacting communities from the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Caribbean and Philippines** in 2025.



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The Knights of Columbus has truly been a blessing. They're bending over backwards for everybody in this community whether you're a member or not. This is who they are.

— PETE MATUS



## AID TO PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS



**In total, the Knights of Columbus provided more than \$295,563 in aid to persecuted Christians around the world in 2025.**

Amid violence and persecution, Catholics in northern Nigeria stand firm in their faith. Living under constant threat from militants, these priests and parishioners face the loss of homes, livelihoods and their very lives — yet the Church continues to grow.

To sustain this hope, the Knights of Columbus has partnered with the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Nigeria and Franciscan University of Steubenville (FUS) to launch a National Catechetical Institute that will form a new generation of Nigerian catechists and lay leaders. The first cohort is now training with FUS faculty, laying the groundwork for a vibrant institute that will keep the light of the Gospel shining in Nigeria.



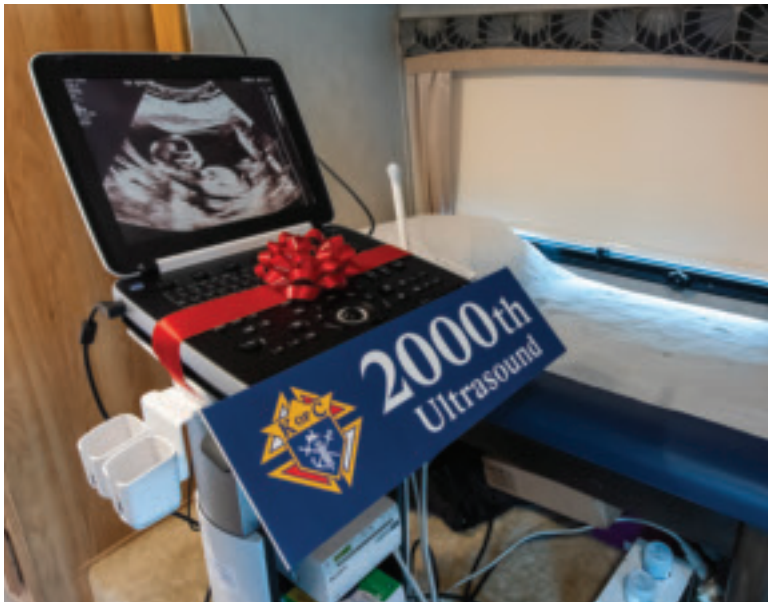
**We cannot thank the Knights of Columbus enough. They are able to sit down and reflect and say, 'How can we help the Nigerian Church? What can we do to support them?' Our dream is about to become a reality.**

— FEMI ADEOJU, NIGERIAN STUDENT  
FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY OF STEUBENVILLE



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## PROMOTING A CULTURE OF LIFE

Seeing their unborn child through ultrasound imagery can be a critical factor in mothers choosing life. Your United in Charity generosity helps build a culture of life, one ultrasound machine at a time.

Through the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative, state and local councils work directly with pregnancy resource centers to purchase ultrasound machines, which can often cost \$10,000 or more. In 2025, **we placed our 2,000th ultrasound machine** in a mobile unit that serves pregnant women in Virginia.

All told, an estimated 1.5 million women have seen their unborn child for the first time on ultrasound machines donated by the Knights of Columbus. Who knows how many young children are alive today because of this!

Meanwhile, Knights are supporting new mothers and their babies through the Aid and Support after Pregnancy Program (ASAP). **Bolstered by gifts from donors like you, in 2025 the Knights gave more than \$5.4 million to support pregnancy resource centers and the women and children they serve.**

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To receive a donated ultrasound machine is just unbelievable, to be honest. I was blown away by the fact that there were so many donations to be able to buy such an expensive piece of equipment!

— SARAH  
ULTRASOUND TECHNICIAN



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## Members of the 1882 Society make an ongoing commitment to help those in need through a monthly gift to Knights of Columbus Charities.

In 2025, we saw tremendous growth in the number of our monthly supporters, with 185% growth over 2024, for a total of over 3,000 monthly donors. All of the initiatives you read about in this report benefit from the consistency that comes with monthly giving — the more we know is coming in, the more we're able to commit to the causes and people we serve.

If you have already said yes to sustained giving through the 1882 Society, thank you!



If you would like to join and help provide consistent, reliable assistance to those in need, visit [KofC.org/1882society](https://KofC.org/1882society)



## Join the 1882 Society at any of the following levels:

### ANCHOR CIRCLE



The anchor is an ancient Christian symbol of hope and reminds us of our call to be heralds of hope in a tumultuous world.

- Commemorative lapel pin
- Invitation to annual donor reception and quarterly impact newsletters

**\$20 - \$49 per month**

### CHARITY CIRCLE



One of the founding principles of the Knights of Columbus, charity answers the call to help those in need.

- Commemorative lapel pin
- Collectible challenge coin
- Invitation to annual donor reception and quarterly impact newsletters

**\$50 - \$74 per month**

### McGIVNEY CIRCLE



The founder of the Knights of Columbus, Blessed Michael McGivney's vision of charity has brought hope and healing to countless people.

- Commemorative lapel pin
- Collectible challenge coin
- Special Knights of Columbus rosary
- Invitation to annual donor reception and quarterly impact newsletters

**\$75+ per month**

## PLANNED GIVING

Your generosity can help preserve a tradition of answering the call to charity, no matter where it takes us. Consider including Knights of Columbus Charities in your estate plan and help us continue our charitable work around the world for years to come. **Learn more at [KofC.PlanMyGift.org](https://KofC.PlanMyGift.org)**