## **Eight Reasons**

## why you should Get Involved with the Knights of Columbus in Ontario

- 1. **Coats for Kids:** The signature fundraising activity of the Knights of Columbus is to raise funds and provide coats for kids for all children in need through the Catholic school boards and Catholic elementary and high schools. <u>Learn more</u>.
- 2. Education: The members of the Knights of Columbus in Ontario support through donations, essay contests, bursaries, and scholarships to the various Ontario Catholic School boards in both official languages.
- **3. Pro-Life:** Protecting Canada's vulnerable is a mainstay of the Knights of Columbus in Ontario and its members. This policy includes everything from conception until natural death, supporting the March for Life movement, blood donor clinics, and anti-euthanasia initiatives.
- 4. **Special Olympics:** Since 2011, members of the Knights of Columbus in Ontario have consistently supported Special Olympics through donations and sponsoring the flag across Ontario campaigns and sporting events.
- 5. Veterans' Housing Initiative: Since 1917, the members of the Knights of Columbus have provided physical and spiritual comfort to Canada's military through its Canadian Catholic Army Huts program during the Great War (1914 1918) and the Canadian Army Huts during the Second World War (1939 1945). Its more recent fundraising activity consists of erecting a cenotaph at the Veterans' Housing Initiative in Ottawa for homeless veterans. Learn more.
- 6. Indigenous Awareness: In the spirit of reconciliation, the Knights of Columbus in Ontario have donated to seminaries supporting indigenous awareness programs, adopted St. Kateri Tekakwitha as its patroness (2023 2024), and sponsored a pilgrimage to her shrine in Kahnawake, Quebec.
- 7. **Insurance:** When a member leaves this world, your KofC insurance money steps in to help protect the family from financial hardship through a variety of life and disability programs and other member benefits that are offered prior to any death in the family. Learn more.
- 8. **Personal Development:** Many Catholic men are struggling with judgment, feeling like they are behind and feeling like they are not getting what they want from their lives. They are seeking answers and a solution. The search for wisdom is no longer a solitary affair. The Knights offer mentoring and the development of leadership and management skills in a non-judgemental fraternal network.

