Vocations Award

Vocation Activities

Vocations to the priesthood and Religious life are needed greatly in the Church today. Knights of Columbus councils are especially well-positioned to fill this need. One Knights of Columbus effort in support of vocations is the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP). Through RSVP, councils provide an individual seminarian or novice with meaningful financial and/or moral support. Supporting a trip for boys to visit a local seminary may spark a calling to religious life, or sponsor a vocation's fair, inviting young people to attend.

Knights are perfectly positioned to take the lead to encourage and promote that action. Our councils have the numbers, the Christian community and appeal for greater unity, understanding and ecumenism among all religions. Knights of Columbus programs should help members practice their faith in the fields of charity, devotion and education. Each member should become a constant and worthy example of an ideal Catholic for his family, his community and his brother Knights.

Our communities offer limitless opportunities for positive action. Councils should look for something that's needed and workable in the church and design a program to address that need. All it takes is to get involved!

Awarded annually to the council within our State that demonstrates the best program in the area of Vocation Services.

Judgment Criteria

- Organization:
  - Committee Planning
  - Detail in Staging Event
  - Delegation of Responsibility, ie. Empowerment
  - Number of Volunteer Hours
  - Number of Brothers Involved. Council's Volunteer Efforts

- Publicity:
  - Program Awareness
  - Parish/Community/Brother Involvement

- Effectiveness of the Program:
  - Who benefits from this program?
  - Does the activity demonstrate the objectives of the Vocation Services Program?

- Results:
  - What were the benefits derived from the sponsorship of this Vocation Project?
  - Program Originality?
  - How did the project results affect the Vocation Services Program?