



SEMINARIAN MISSION FUND

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Each year seminarians from Notre Dame Seminary and their staff take Mission Trips to Nicaragua. Also, seminarians and staff of St. Joseph Seminary take Mission Trips to Guatemala. These trips provide seminarians with the opportunity to experience the missionary dimension of pastoral Ministry. These trips continue to be very valuable to our seminarians in their formation to become our future priest and a required part of their priestly formation.

The Knights of Columbus Louisiana State Council are trying to provide support to our Seminarians through the Seminarian Mission Fund Raiser. All net proceeds from this fund raiser will be donated to Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans and St. Joseph Seminary in Covington to help fund these Mission Trips. Please encourage your Council to help these sell raffle tickets so that we can continue to be successful in supporting our Seminarians in their education and priestly formation.

The Seminarian Mission Raffle Tickets are \$5.00 each. We encourage Councils to get their membership involved in helping to see these tickets. The State Council also encourages Councils to approach their pastors and ask permission to sell tickets after the weekend masses. Finally, we encourage Councils that do not wish to get involved with raffle tickets, to please consider making a financial donation to help us in our efforts to support our Seminarians.

Regardless of where K of C Council is located, there are Seminarians from every Diocese in the State enrolled at Notre Dame Seminary and St Joseph Seminary College.

Our State Council will continue to award the winners with the cash prizes in the following amount:

1 st	Prize -	\$5,000.00	4 th	Prize -	\$500.00
2 nd	Prize -	\$2,500.00,	5 th	Prize -	\$250.00
3 rd	Prize -	\$1000.00			

This drawing will take place at our Winter State Family Meeting on December 2, 2018.

For each 50 tickets a Council sells, the Council will be given 4 (four) additional chances to win one of the raffle cash prizes.

All monies, sold tickets stubs and unsold tickets can be returned at any time, but we would encourage Councils to turn this in by November 15, 2018. The State Council is asking that each Council collect the money for the tickets sold and write a Council check for the total amount of tickets sold. All checks should be made out to **Louisiana State Council Knights of Columbus.**

Money, ticket stubs and any unsold tickets should be sent to:
Delmas Forbes, Jr
1533 Cooper St.
Denham Springs, La. 70726

If your Council needs any additional tickets please contact our Seminary Mission Fund Raffle Chairman- Delmas Forbes, Jr. at 225-939-2980 or by email at dcforbes1@cox.net.

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Seminarian Support Programs

The Knights of Columbus in the State of Louisiana are committed to supporting our Seminarians during their formation and studies to be ordained a Catholic Priests. There are Programs that the Knights of Columbus Louisiana State Council encourages Council participation in support of Seminarians. The intent of this correspondence is to provide an overview of each of these Programs and why it is important to participate and support in these Programs.

The Programs supporting the Seminarians are listed below.

- Refund Support Vocations Program
- Bishop Greco Memorial Program
- Seminary Mission Raffle Fundraiser

Refund Support Vocations Program:

The Refund Support Vocations Program, or the R.S.V.P., provides financial and moral support a specific seminarian throughout his formation and studies to become a priest. Seminarians are not able to work outside the Seminary to earn money to support their Studies. All financial support must be by outside sources or from the Seminary throughout the course of their Studies. The KC Councils are encouraged to adopt a Seminarian and donate funds to support him during his time at the Seminary. As a part of this Program Supreme has provided a partial refund to the Councils of funds donated once the \$500 donation level is met.

Bishop Greco Memorial Program:

The purpose of the Bishop Greco Memorial Program is to memorialize a deceased Brother Knight or deceased Family Members of a Brother Knight. with Prayers and Masses that are said on behalf of the deceased. Additionally, the Program can also be used to pray for a living Member of the Knights of Columbus or Family Member of the Knights of Columbus. The Program is funded through donations for Bishop Greco Prayer Cards and Mass requests. The net proceeds of this program is deposited into a Fund which annually provides financial support to Seminarians during their studies to become future Priests. These two programs are excellent programs and we continue to encourage all Councils to support and participate in these programs.

Seminarian Mission Fund Raffle:

The Seminarian Mission Fund Raffle has its own and unique purpose. Each year seminarians from Notre Dame Seminary and St. Joseph Seminary College **are required to take Mission Trips** to locations in South America as a part of their priestly formation. These trips are very expensive for the Seminaries and they depends greatly on financial donations to help support these Mission Trips., There are two ways the State Council encourages Councils to get involved in helping with this program, by either getting involved in the sales of raffle tickets or by making a financial donation to the La. State Council in the name of the Seminary Mission Fund. All net proceeds from this fund raiser will continue to be used to financially support the Mission Trips that our Seminarians are required to take. Our Order was founded by a parish priest. A mission of our Order is to support our Parish Priest and foster vocations for future Priests.

This correspondence letter is intended to promote an understand the differences in these programs and will hopefully encourage and inspire your Council to participate in these annual fundraisers. In closing, remember these are our future priest and we continue to encourage your Council to get involved in these worthwhile programs.

Vivat Jesus,
Delmas Forbes, Jr.
Seminarian Mission Fund Chairman