



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - LOUISIANA STATE COUNCIL CATHOLIC YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Dear Parents and Guidance Counselors:

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thanks to the efforts of Fr. Michael J. McGivney, assistant pastor of St. Mary Church in New Haven, and some of his parishioners, the Connecticut state legislature on March 29, 1982 chartered the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal organization. The order is true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity.

The Knights of Columbus has grown from several members in a single council to more than 15,500 councils and 1.9 million members throughout the United States, Canada, Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Cuba, Guatemala, Guam, Saipan, Lithuania, Ukraine, and South Korea.

LOUISIANA STATE COUNCIL

Clergy and Catholic laymen in Louisiana were beginning to hear more and more about the influential fraternal order which was spreading so widely even through the South. Two prominent Catholics in New Orleans, Rev. Thomas F. Delaney, former Administrator of St. Theresa Church of New Orleans, who became Chaplain of the Sisters of St. Joseph and Captain John P. Boyle, officer in the New Orleans Police Department decided to enroll in 1901 in the Nashville, TN Council No. 544. While returning to New Orleans on the Louisville & Nashville train, Father Delaney and Captain Boyle decided that by all means the order must be introduced into Louisiana. The first memorable, historic initiation in Louisiana took place on Sunday, November 23, 1902, in the old Tulane or Gibson Hall. From the initiation Council 714 of New Orleans began the rich Knights of Columbus tradition in Louisiana.

CYLA PROGRAM

The Catholic Youth Leadership Award was established in 1959 by the Louisiana State Council. In the early beginning, the State Council recognized Catholic Senior Boys and in 1971 the Louisiana State Council decided one Catholic Senior boy and girl as their state winners.

CYLA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM TODAY

Do you know a young Catholic adult who is a faithful role model to others in their school, church or community? As the State Boy or Girl Winner – each is awarded \$4,000 to recognize them as a promising future Catholic leader! The Knights of Columbus truly care about the Catholic values these students possess. We know these outstanding students have already made wonderful contributions to their communities, church parishes, and to their schools. By participating in the CYLA Scholarship program, a Senior Boy and Girl are offered an opportunity to be recognized as one of the best Catholic students in their respective school! Please consider participating in the Knights of Columbus CYLA Program.

HOW TO GET STARTED

The student application form for current year High School Senior Boys and Girls is available on the state website: www.louisianakc.org under the CYLA section. A fillable application and instructions are included on the application. Please note the deadline and required signatures must be obtained for your application to be considered in good order. The deadline is by midnight of January 25.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS – 3 Levels

Applications in good order must be submitted to a local KC Council.

The local Council will select a Boy and Girl Winner from all applications received.

The local Council winners are then sent to their respective KC Diocesan Administrator for the second level of competition.

Once the Diocesan winners are selected, these winners are notified of the State Competition dates to compete for a top award of \$4,000 at the third and final level of the Scholarship Program!

Visit: www.louisianakc.org for dates and location of the State Competition and other CYLA information.