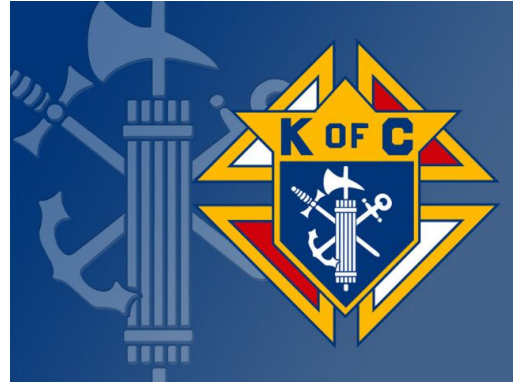


**Exemplification** \Ex\*em`pli\*fi\*ca"tion\, n. 1.  
The act of exemplifying; a showing or illustrating  
by example.

Knights of Columbus are committed to the exemplification of charity, unity, fraternity, patriotism, and defense of the priesthood. The Knights of Columbus stresses that the Catholic gentlemen that make up the Knights of Columbus don't just "talk the talk" – they must "walk the walk". They must show by example.



The First Degree - Charity: Since 1992, the Knights have donated in excess of \$1.1 billion to numerous charitable causes and provided over half a billion hours of volunteer service.

The Second Degree - Unity: The Order is consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Order is unequivocal in its loyalty to the Pope, the Vicar of Christ on earth. It is firmly committed to the protection of human life, from conception to natural death, and to the preservation and defense of the family. The members serve the Church and are unified in following its teachings.

The Third Degree - Fraternity: Father McGivney's dream over 122 years ago was for a fraternal order of brother Knights supporting brothers Knights in their temporal and spiritual needs and for giving aid to widows, orphans, the sick and the poor.

The Fourth Degree - Patriotism: These men are known as "Sir Knights". Since February 22, 1900, Knights of Columbus who have advanced to the Fourth Degree have cultivated the spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and a love of and loyalty to the Knights' respective Countries. Certain members of the Fourth Degree serve as honor guards at civic and religious functions, thereby bringing worldwide, visible recognition to the Knights of Columbus.