

## It's for Real

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### News for Knights of Columbus



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*As the Catholic Church celebrates the hundreds of thousands of people received into full communion during the Easter Vigil, it is essential that resources be made available to support the continued spiritual growth of converts — an area where the Knights of Columbus can play a special role. Through works of faith and charity, Knights bear witness to the Gospel around the world, drawing support from parishioners and others. In Manitoba, they are breaking new ground, traveling to remote regions to deliver aid to First Nations communities, while in Ukraine, collaboration with the Vatican has enabled the Order to reach more people in need.*



### It's for Real

This Easter, many dioceses in the United States and around the world reported a surge in the number of converts received into the Catholic Church. In his recent column for *Columbia*, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori, whose archdiocese welcomed more than 2,000 converts this year, reflects on this growing attraction to Catholicism, particularly among young people. “The reason is that at the heart of the Church is something real — indeed, ‘really real,’” he writes. “It is the person of Christ, made present by the Holy Spirit.”

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*The K of C caravan completes its ice road trek, arriving at Sacred Heart Church in Pukatawagan, Manitoba, a Mathias Colomb Cree Nation settlement, on Feb. 26. (Photo by Colby Spence)*

## **Bringing Warmth to the Great North**

Pukatawagan is a remote First Nation community in northern Manitoba with limited services and no year-round road connection to the outside world. Despite the challenges of accessibility, Manitoba Knights teamed up this winter to brave the seasonal ice roads and deliver aid — including wheelchairs, beds and coats — to people in need at the Mathias Colomb Cree Nation settlement.

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*Cardinal Konrad Krajewski (center) visits the Knights of Columbus humanitarian aid warehouse in Briukhovychi, Ukraine, in March 2022. Joining the cardinal are Archbishop Mieczysław Mokrzycki of Lviv (left) and then-State Deputy Yuriy Maletskiy (right). (Photo by Tamino Petelinšek)*

## **Standing Together Against Indifference**

In the face of protracted war in Ukraine, cooperation between the Vatican and the Knights of Columbus serves as a bulwark against despair, as the two organizations unite to provide humanitarian and spiritual aid close to the front lines. “Even small projects are already a part of prayer, of humanity, of closeness,” said Archbishop Visvaldas Kulbokas, apostolic nuncio to Ukraine. “This is a very important weapon against war.”

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## Final Chance to Apply for 2026 Scholarships

Applications for Knights of Columbus scholarships will remain open through April 15. Since its earliest days, the Order has emphasized support for higher education, and for the 2025-2026 academic year, the Supreme Council awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships to over 500 new and returning college students. Four previous recipients recently shared with *Columbia* how these scholarships have impacted their educational journeys, encouraging others to take advantage of this opportunity.

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