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WEEKLY NEWS FOR KNIGHTS AROUND THE WORLD

As coronavirus cases fluctuate across the U.S. and around the world, we offer this issue to share stories of hope – From the smallest gifts of charity to the greatest acts of selfless love, these Knights are leaving no neighbor behind.



Tom Bagley stands beside a fire truck at Halifax International Airport in this 2003 photo. (Photo courtesy of Halifax International Airport)

Knight Tom Bagley gave his life checking on neighbors amid a house fire and a gunman's deadly rampage that killed 23 victims (including an unborn child) – the deadliest mass shooting in Canadian history.

"Surely, no one could express better than he, during the final moments of his life, what it means to 'leave no neighbor behind,'" said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. *Columbia* magazine shared the story. [READ MORE](#)

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Help for the hungry

With food insecurity gripping millions in the past months, the Order ramped up its assistance to food banks across the U.S. and Canada

"Catholic Charities is in immediate need of manpower." No sooner had these words gone out on social media than Knights across Brooklyn and Queens, N.Y., were ready to help.

The local Catholic Charities, which had received a \$50,000 donation from the Supreme Council, was setting up an emergency food pantry at St. Michael's Church in Brooklyn. Volunteers were urgently needed to move boxes, sort groceries and direct hundreds of people lined up for food.

Father Michael Gelfant, associate chaplain of the New York State Council, posted the appeal on Facebook and included a stirring reminder: "This is why we were founded, this is what we do. This is what it means to be a Knight of Columbus!" [READ MORE](#)



George Vellaringattu of Mary of the Lakes Council 6520 in Medford, N.J., stocks shelves at the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry in Medford on April 29. The council purchased a trailer to collect and transport supplies for the pantry during the pandemic, making deliveries each Wednesday and Saturday. (Photo by Laura Barisonzi)

Small-town Knights respond to big needs

Father Francis Pitka Council 6323 in Indiana served more than 1,000 meals, raised money for local charities, police and fire departments

Father Francis Pitka Council 6323 in Syracuse, Ind., serves three surrounding communities – Syracuse, Milford and North Webster. The towns have a combined population of a little more than a few thousand and there is only one Catholic church in the area, St. Martin de Porres Parish.

The coronavirus pandemic has affected the small town – and the council. As soon as it hit, life seemed to stop. The council canceled all in-person activities, including their monthly pancake breakfasts. But the council's support for the local community couldn't stop – they knew that local charities depended on their donations. The Knights couldn't let them flounder, especially during a sharp economic downturn.

"This changed our whole outlook on everything," said Jeffery Goralczyk, a member of the council and a Knights of Columbus field agent. [READ MORE](#)

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Operation Brown Bag

Delaware Knights prepare bagged meals and deliver them to a local food pantry to distribute to people in need. [WATCH](#)



Knights deliver COVID-19 relief in New Jersey

Knights and their families in Medford, N.J., have answered the call to leave no neighbor behind. Twice a week, they deliver a trailer filled with grocery items to the local St. Vincent DePaul Center. "I am sure proud of my dad for being in the Knights of Columbus. It's a good opportunity to give back all that we've gotten from God," says Jude Vellaringattu. [WATCH](#)



'Just as Christ would'

Oregon Knights distribute thousands of boxes of food weekly to those in need in their community. [WATCH](#)



How can you help?

Fundraising during a global pandemic is less than optimal. Many nonprofits are experiencing significant revenue decline and the number of people making donations in the US is at a 19-year low. Not with the Knights! Through your generosity, Knights of Charities, Inc., has raised, and distributed, over \$1.5 million to our Leave No Neighbor Behind initiative. We are just getting started. Help us create more stories like the ones above!

Whether you support your local council initiatives or make a donation to Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., continue your generosity. Now is time for the Knights to lead in service and generosity! [DONATE NOW](#)

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