



# • KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA •

*SERVE GOD BY SERVING OTHERS*

**The Knights of St Columba** are a lay Order of practicing Catholic men, dedicated to the support and service of the Catholic Church, our clergy and our fellow beings. We work together in the whole Jersey parish and try to play a full part in the Lay Apostolate, with the aim of developing all aspects of our faith. The Order was founded in Scotland in 1919, and the first Jersey Council was established in 1929. Council 216 in Jersey now has 53 resident Jersey members, including all the clergy and there are 7 overseas members. Our fundamental virtues are outlined in the slogan '**Charity, Unity and Fraternity**'

We are in a way an extension of the Church, as we have a Bishop assigned to us as an Ecclesiastical Spiritual Advisor. Our admission and Knighthood ceremonies are often conducted during a set weekly Mass. Our commitment to the faith is evidenced in the Mass or Eucharistic service held immediately preceding most of our monthly Council meetings and in the prayers and actions in our Council and Sub-Committee meetings.

## **WHAT ELSE DO WE DO ?**

**ASSISTING PRIESTS** - The majority of Brothers are Eucharistic Ministers and/or play an active part in their Church, our Jersey parish and the Island community.

**PRINTING WEEKLY CATHOLIC NEWSLETTER** - Brothers undertake all the printing of weekly bulletins available at all weekend Masses across the Island.

**SCHOOL AND CHURCH FETES** - We provide assistance at many fetes mainly during the summer months, helping with the erection and dismantling of stalls, directing safe car parking facilities, and overall ensuring the smooth running of each function with the respective organisers.

**ROSARY CRUSADE** - Annually during October, Brothers organise a week of Masses incorporating a full Rosary around the various Island Churches, assisting with the reading of each, this year in conjunction with the Catholic Women's League.

**ERECTING CHRISTMAS CRIBS** - Brothers are active in erecting all Island cribs, including in the Royal Square and arranging for storage during the year.

**VISITING THE SICK AND LONELY** - We support our sick families and widows both materially and socially, but not to the exclusion of others who need our help around the Island.

**SUPPORTING CATHOLIC YOUTH** - the local Council is actively engaged in developing our role with JACY, Jersey Association of Catholic Youth, to help one another. During the last year, we have assisted various members with costs for special events, inside and outside the Island, and have jointly participated in fund-raising and social functions, including the annual Walk to France, in association also with the Apostleship of the Sea,

**AND MUCH MORE!**

**Please take the opportunity to contact us, to talk about becoming involved with the Knights. You will need to give only as much or as little time as you wish, and will never be asked to do any more than you actually want to do.**

**The names of Brother Knights are included on all Church notice boards – or contact either Jonathan Higgins, Grand Knight, 07797 736915 or Peter Richmond, Membership Officer, 07797 782976.**