

My Brother Sir Knights,

I sincerely apologize for missing our reflection this past month. Our August reflection is on the virtue of charity. As Knights of Columbus, the virtue of charity calls us to see beyond ourselves and recognize the needs of our brothers and sisters, especially when hardship comes suddenly and unexpectedly.

Severe weather—whether tornadoes, floods, or devastating storms—can leave families facing the loss of homes, possessions, and a sense of security. In those moments, charity becomes more than an idea. It becomes a Christian obligation expressed through our hands, our time, our resources, and our presence.

As Sir Knights, we are called to put our faith into action. We can offer financial assistance, help with cleanup and rebuilding, collect needed supplies, or simply stand beside those who are suffering and remind them that they are not alone. Our service should reflect the love of Christ, who taught us that whatever we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do for Him.

The Fourth Degree reminds us that our patriotism and our Catholic faith are inseparable from service. Let us therefore respond to those affected by severe weather not merely with sympathy, but with charity in action—generously, humbly, and without seeking recognition.

May our charitable efforts bring hope to those who have lost so much, and may our witness as Knights point others toward the One who is our ultimate source of strength and hope: Jesus Christ.

Vivat Jesus!

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