

# HOW WOULD JOINING THE KSC HELP ME?

Have you ever found it hard to keep practising your faith, or to bring up a family in this day and age?

You are right - it is!

But don't give up. You don't have to do it on your own.

The Knights of St. Columba is a body of Catholic men who help and care for one another and their families.

We find that being part of this family and joyful fraternity is a real help in being a Catholic.

Our Unity and our care for one another make all the difference between discord and harmony.

Do you think this Order might be just what you have been looking for?

If so, read on.

## AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ORDER

1. The Order of the Knights of St Columba exists to support the mission of the Roman Catholic church and at the same time to work for the spiritual, intellectual and material welfare of its members and their families.
2. The Order is an organised body of Catholic Men, giving its entire loyalty to the Holy See, to the Hierarchy and the Clergy in all things appertaining to the Catholic Faith.
3. By doing so it is pledged to support its members in their vocation and mission as Catholics and in spreading the Gospel for the conversion of souls and the growth of the Church.
4. Realising it is part of the Universal Church the Order is further pledged to co-operate with other organisations local, national and international in the furtherance of these objectives.
5. In accordance with the social Teachings of the Catholic church, members of the Order will diligently work for the moral and social welfare of their country and in particular to help young people develop in the likeness of Christ.
6. Members of the Order will aim to achieve these Objectives through the fundamental virtues of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

## KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA



Please tear off this page and return it  
to the Membership Officer  
of the local Council of the  
Knights of St Columba  
via the Parish Office.

## WHAT IS THE ORDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA?

1. It is the largest Order for Catholic laymen in the United Kingdom and through the International Alliance of Catholic Knights, throughout the world.
2. It is an organisation of Catholic men who have joined together to serve the Church, their fellow men and each other in charity and fraternity.
3. It is organised in about 450 local councils grouped into some 30 Provinces who are all represented on a Supreme Council.

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## WHAT DOES THE ORDER DO?

1. We help our Parish Priest and other Parish organisations i.e. SVP, Legion of Mary etc., in carrying out practical work in the parish.
2. We assist the Hierarchy in the organising of the diocesan and national activities of the Church.
3. We help one another in sickness and in need. We care for our widows and dependents. We pray for the souls of our departed members.
4. We care for the needs of our young people. We organise practical activities for them and activities that will promote their spiritual welfare and development.
5. We organise social activities for members and their families through an active social committee.
6. We constantly help each other in the practise of our faith through the Mass and other spiritual activities. We organise pilgrimages and retreats for our members.
7. We are in the forefront of the apostolate of the laity. We actively take part in all national and local organisations of the Church when Catholic men are represented.
8. We give active support to organisations, which promote virtue, respect for human life and the welfare of the family.
9. We work to help solve social problems, such as unemployment and poverty, particularly among our fellow Catholics.
10. We contribute to the material needs of other organisations through fund raising activities.

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I am interested in the Knights of St Columba and would like to know more about it without any obligation. Please contact me at the address below.

Yours sincerely,

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Name (Block letters).....

Address .....

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## WE SERVE GOD BY SERVING OTHERS