



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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YEAR OF THE PRIEST PROJECT

For the benefit of Fr. George Grima's "Jesus In Thy Neighbour" Missions

1. Fr. Grima (a Monsignor of the Diocese of Malta) for over 22 years has established 168 homes for over 38,000 special needs children in Brazil (103 homes), Ethiopia (47 homes) and Kenya (18 homes). Most of the children have been abandoned and are orphans. They include deaf and dumb children, blind children, children with AIDS, and others with disabilities. Each home has a chapel, serviced by Catholic chaplains. Father is also building homes for lepers in Ethiopia, many of whom presently live in cemeteries. For full information see www.maltamission.com.
2. Father would like to suitably furnish the chapels and provide vestments and altar vessels (chalices, ciboria, monstrances, tabernacles) for use by the chaplains. He has requested, through Dr. Joseph Woodring, the help of the Knights of Columbus to obtain used vestments and altar vessels. Dr. Woodring, before meeting Fr. Grima after a visit to Medjugorje, had collected used vestments and altar vessels in the Philadelphia area for impoverished Croatian churches. He has twice sponsored Father's fully authorized fundraising visits to the US on behalf of Father's missions. Together they have established reputable US contacts for transferring donations and for shipping goods to Father in Malta – from where distribution is made to the mission sites. In some cases, the goods can be shipped directly to the mission sites.
3. The Knights will assist in collecting donations of used vestments and altar vessels, and funds for shipping and possibly the replating of some of the vessels or repair of vestments. Dr. Woodring is available to make presentations to Knights' Councils and Assemblies on Fr. Grima's missions and to seek funding for the Project. He will be responsible for funds collected. The Knights will contact parishes for vestments and altar vessels, collect the goods, and help prepare them for shipment. Patrick Baker, Past Grand Knight of St. Isaac Jogues of Valley Forge Council and an active member of the Knights' Chester County Assembly 1873, Fourth Degree, will be the Knights' lead coordinator, working closely with Dr. Woodring. Funds collected but not used for shipment, replating or repair will be made available to Fr. Grima for other needs of his missions.
4. Joseph Woodring MD is a semi-retired physician specializing in ear, nose and throat treatment. Patrick Baker JD is a retired intellectual property lawyer in chemical technology. They have been friends for many years and active in church affairs.
5. The Project name has been chosen for appropriateness for the current Year of the Priest and to reflect the great respect of the Knights for the priesthood.
6. Checks for the Project should be made payable to "NCCF-GWMMJN" (National Catholic Community Foundation-Global Works Missionary Movement Jesus Neighbour) and mailed to Dr. Joseph Woodring, 43 Granville Way, Exton, PA 19341. Contact Patrick Baker for pickup of vestments and altar vessels at 610-647-0779 or pajbaker@verizon.net.