



Endorsement from State Deputy Steve Cohen

Brother Knights,

Please review this information for a new Charitable Outreach and Domestic Church Program. All councils are invited to learn more about this program. Consider adopting it for your council, parishes, schools, etc.

As you review the information, please note that Bishop Madden recommended that Maryland Knights of Columbus consider the Cross Catholic Box of Joy project. You'll also note that the Board of Directors includes His Eminence Cardinal Edwin F. O'Brien, Grand Master, Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, and Most Rev. Martin Holley, Bishop of Memphis (formerly of Archdiocese of Baltimore and Washington respectively).

***Please contact Maryland State Council Box of Joy Project Chairman, BK Jimmy Williams, at [jimmydwjr@verizon.net](mailto:jimmydwjr@verizon.net)***

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From: Sandi Pino CCO

Subject: Cross Catholic Outreach Box of Joy ministry

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I am writing to you upon advice from the Most Reverend Denis J. Madden, Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore.

In May, Cross Catholic Outreach President Jim Cavnar and V.P. of Development Michele Sagarino met with Bishop Madden, Dr. John Romanowsky, and Marty Madden to discuss piloting service in the Cross Catholic Box of Joy project with the Knights of Columbus. Archbishop Lori, upon discussion with Bishop Madden, suggested the Box of Joy ministry may be a worthwhile project for the Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus.

Because a video is worth a thousand words, please view the following link:

<https://youtu.be/8j5XBiPnSmM>

This video highlights a Box of Joy distribution to a Catholic partner community in Haiti. Other videos and information can be found at [www.CrossCatholic.org/BoxOfJoy](http://www.CrossCatholic.org/BoxOfJoy).

In keeping with your theme of service that encompasses Church, community, council, family, culture of life, and youth activities, the Box of Joy is a service project that engages Catholics of all ages. Grandparents, parents, children, parishes, schools and Catholic organizations are serving together in this fun and easy way to bless their brothers and sisters in Christ with Christmas joy. Each participant packs a Box of Joy that will be distributed through Catholic partners in developing countries to poor children who may have never received a Christmas gift.

Thank you for your time and kind consideration.

In Christ's service,

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