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Brother Knights,

We are all called as part of the New Evangelization and with novel energy to spread the Gospel and to bring the joy of the Good News of Jesus Christ to a world in desperate need of authentic hope. As Knights, we must build community awareness, foster spiritual growth, cultivate a parish family and help educate and train to evangelize.

The Ohio Knights of Columbus Matching Funds Program encompasses the potential of each local Council to raise funds to support their respective diocese with increasing catholic education and building a culture of evangelization. As Knights, our contributions have a direct impact on religious education and equipping pastors, parish staff, and leaders in the church with the necessary support and formation to help build a culture of evangelization.

In 2023, a total of \$61,856 was raised to support the many diocesan departments and programs throughout Ohio. This was great work brothers; thank you to all those who participated! With the 2024 program fast approaching, I ask that each council prayerfully consider meeting this challenge again and helping me obtain a **goal of \$100,000**. With increased council participation, we will easily achieve this objective and possibly more!

The Matching Funds Campaign will run from **September 1, 2024**, through **November 15, 2024**. The Ohio Charity Foundation, Inc. of the Ohio State Council, has historically offered to match the first \$25,000 donated to this program. All contributions from your council, assembly, or chapter, as well as any amounts matched, will go to the Religious Education / Evangelization Departments of your Diocese.

If you have not set a plan or budgeted for this program in your council, please do so now. Every amount raised, even if not matched, has a major impact. Any questions, or assistance in this program, please contact me at 614-546-6357.

My fellow Brother Knights, I thank you for all you do and look forward to working with you this fraternal year to grow our faith through Catholic education and continue Christ's own mission. Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Christopher Sarka
2024 Matching Funds Chairman