



## Knights of Columbus · British Columbia and Yukon State Council

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### ***For Immediate Release and Distribution***

Worthy Sirs:

By now every one of us has had an opportunity to view photos and hear accounts of the incredible devastation that has happened in the Philippines. We have also begun to ask how we can help. Firstly, as a State Council, we offer our prayers for the casualties of the storm and for the relief of the ensuing tension caused by the severe shortages of the most basic of necessities. We also offer prayers to the friends and families of those who were in the path of Haiyan. As Knights of Columbus, we have a legacy of helping at times such as these and already response has begun.

The Supreme Board of Directors has approved \$250,000 toward the relief effort. I have asked the State Officers for a motion for \$3,000 to come from our Foundation, which they have done.

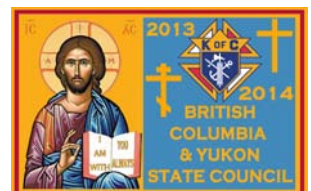
I am now asking each Council and every member in British Columbia & Yukon to come to the aid of our Brother Knights and their families in the Philippines. We have enjoyed the reputation over the last 18 years of being the most generous jurisdiction in the Order and I am confident that I can count on a tremendous response from you in this situation.

The Canadian Government has established a matching relief fund. This fund provides that for every eligible dollar donated by **individual** Canadians to registered Canadian charities in response to the impact of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and other affected countries, the government will set aside one dollar for the Typhoon Haiyan Relief Fund.

**Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation**, is a registered Canadian charity that qualifies for these matching funds. Individual donations made between November 9 and December 9, 2013 will qualify for the matching. Our Foundation will be partnering closely with Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc., the Canadian national Foundation of the Knights of Columbus. Knights of Columbus Charities is working with the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines, the State Councils in the Philippines and our Knights of Columbus military council contacts in Japan and Korea to provide immediate and long term disaster relief.

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You may make your donations by sending your cheque(s) to:

Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation  
Attention: Michael Yeo, Foundation Administrator  
35 – 1140 Falcon Drive  
Coquitlam, BC  
V3E 2J7

Please make sure to indicate on your cheque that the donation is in support of the Typhoon Haiyan relief. Alternatively, you can make your donation through the Knights of Columbus Charities Inc. website: <http://www.kofc.org/en/charities/articles/disasterrelief.html>.

In addition to individual donations, the Government's intent is to make matching funds **available for amounts from a fundraising event undertaken to raise funds for Typhoon Haiyan relief**. Donations from existing resources not raised specifically in response to the typhoon are excluded. Events coming up may be designated as being fundraisers for Typhoon Haiyan and those should qualify. Councils and assemblies should provide a notation on the cheque(s) sent to Knights of Columbus (BC) Charity Foundation if the funds were raised through a fundraising activity in support of Typhoon Haiyan relief. Donations made by corporations, unions and other incorporated bodies to augment an amount raised in a fundraising activity or event are excluded.

I have spoken with the State Deputies of the Philippines and pledged to them that they can count on our support in this monumental relief effort. In response, they have asked that I convey their profound gratitude along with the Knights and their families in the stricken areas to all who offer support, both spiritual and temporal.

There are over 67,000 Knights in the affected area of the Philippines and we have a fraternal duty to come to their aid at this time. Let us take this opportunity to show the world that the Knights of Columbus truly believes in our core principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

Vivat Jesus,

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