

CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY

IN GRATITUDE TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

“When I was hungry, you gave me food” Mt 25:35

It has been one year since the Knights of Columbus took over the coordination of our Food Distribution and Food Pantry. Our Food Distribution, in partnership with Catholic Charities of San Diego, began as a monthly event in January 2020. With the onset of the pandemic, it became a weekly event—and still is. In spite of the risks and challenges of COVID, the Knights recognized the needs of the community and generously agreed to coordinate. Since then, they have worked tirelessly to establish a Food Pantry, too.

The Knights have accomplished so much during the last year! They have helped over 2600 families and served over 8,000 individuals by providing over 25,000 meals. Catholic Charities provided us with a 3-door refrigerator and a 3-door freezer. They also gave us an \$8,000 grant to remodel the old "Red Room" next to the Knight's Room and supplied heavy duty shelving and other equipment.

“You see the smile when they get the food, and see how grateful they are!”

Harry Anderson of SD Refrigeration donated an AC unit for our Media Room and an exhaust fan for the Food Pantry, saving us thousands of dollars. Both items have already made a big difference. Paul Fraga and son, from New West Electric, provided electrical work, a thermostat for the exhaust fan, and other additional electrical work—another big expense savings. Thank you!

We are so grateful to the Knights for all they have done to help our parish reach our brothers and sisters in need of food. We would especially like to thank:

- EFDN Coordinators—Sergio Lisboa and John Schellinger
- Drivers, food packers, and distributors—Rich Garcia, Mel Anthony, Dennis Creamer, Dennis O'Connell, John J. Owens, Greg Espinoza, Downie Beckett, Juan Cabrera, Rick Santos, Ed Tackaberry, Megan Haber, Bonnie Jean Fountain, and so many more.

As the Knights begin their second year they could use some additional help. If you have time to donate on Tuesday mornings, 8:30–10:30 am, please contact John Schellinger at 602.909.5732 or john5440lj@gmail.com.

