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Dear Sir Knight, Mario Vassallo, State Deputy, and  
Knights of Columbus State Council:

Thank you for your continued partnership and support of Catholic events for our Youth! As you know, our annual YOUTHfest conference for junior and senior high youth was discontinued a few years ago.

This year, we are working on a new endeavor entitled *Prayer and Action*. I experienced this effort during my time in the Diocese of Salina, Kansas.

*Prayer and Action* is a 6 day, 5 night service experience for our high school youth. It includes local home repair projects for some of the most needy and vulnerable members of our parishes with a catechetical and spiritual component. This brings their actions, knowledge and relationship with God and neighbor together over the duration of the camp.

One unique aspect of *Prayer and Action* is the intentional inclusion of our seminarians throughout the program. This year we are partnering with the Catholic division of Group Mission Trips, which has over 40 years of experience in large work camps across the country and internationally. They will assist us to enhance our marketing efforts, registration processes, pastoral programming and training of our seminarians for their unique roles in this camp. It will also help them as they continue to grow in ministerial skills as they proceed toward the priesthood. We plan to offer two weeks this coming summer. We will be in Douglas and the Globe-Miami area of our diocese - two communities with great needs and excitement to host *Prayer and Action*. We are planning on 75-100 participants at each work camp.

A new endeavor like this requires great community investment of time and money. We will need resources for the work weeks, marketing and other expenses as we make this activity successful. We are charging each participant \$100 for the week.

We are requesting that the Knights of Columbus State Council support this event with a donation of at least \$10,000 to offset the overall costs to provide this opportunity for our youth, our seminarians and our communities. We anticipate the overall costs to be near \$40,000.

We would also like to work with you to inform each council and assembly of this amazing opportunity so that they can support individual participants or parish groups to participate. We would welcome K of C members who are safe environment cleared in their parishes/diocese to help during the camps with meals or at the worksites.

We appreciate your continued support for our youth and seminarians, and your work with our vulnerable and needy throughout the state. We look forward to your continued support. Your gift can be made payable to Diocese of Tucson - Prayer and Action and mailed to Diocese of Tucson, Attn: Isabel Madrid; P.O. Box 31; Tucson AZ 85702-0031

Thank you for considering this request for support.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

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