

ASSISTANCE FOR HOLY NAME PARISH

The Council has a long record for supporting the Church and its Priests and other religious. As examples, the Council made a donation to the Little Sisters of the Poor in October, and collected funds through a Wagon of Cheer raffle to support three seminarians again this year. One of the seminarians the Council was asked to support is in school in New York. However, of particular note, in early September 2010, the Chaplain of Montgomery Council 2323, Derwood Maryland, the Archdiocese of Washington unexpectedly transferred Father Gary Villanueva to Holy Name Parish in Washington, DC. Upon arrival, Fr Gary noted that the rectory and church were in need of repair; e.g., the basement was flooding, part of the rectory ceiling was falling, and light bulbs were burned out. Fr Gary, with the assistance of Monsignor Amey of St Mary's Rockville, a parish served by Council 2323, called upon their brother Knights for help. Monsignor Amey contacted Brother Chuck Durbin, who in turn called upon the Grand Knight for a "look-see" at Holy Name.

Fr. Gary asked if Council 2323 could purchase a ladder to assist in the repair work that needed to be done, such as replacing burned out lights in the rectory, church, and meeting rooms. Apparently, the church ladder had been stolen. At a meeting in late September, the council voted the funds to purchase the ladder, and a ladder was delivered a few days later. For this small effort, the Council received an invaluable reward: a heartfelt mass in honor and thanks for the generosity of the Council was offered at Holy Name by Father Gary. A copy of the letter of thanks from Fr Gary is attached to this report.

In addition, while at Holy Name, it was noted that a major if not sole cause of the flooding was that the downspout draining rainwater from the church roof had rusted through and an 8-foot section of pipe had fallen off. At each rain the water had no place to drain but into the church and rectory basements as the 3-foot space between church and rectory was concrete. A quick trip to a home repair store for 10 foot of plastic pipe and connectors allowed the water to now flow off the church roof into the ground, away from the basements. Cost to the Council: \$10 and about 4 volunteer hours. Pictures of the repair work are attached.



Holy Name Church and Rectory, Washington DC A tight space between the Church & Rectory



Connect the top and bottom of the pipe – a simple solution!



The ladder, a Werner MR-26 300 pound duty rating telescoping multi ladder, 26-foot, just what Father Gary wanted. Christmas a little early!



September 20, 2010

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Dear John,

I would like to thank you and the brother knights for donating a 26 ft. Werner multipurpose/telescoping ladder to our parish. The ladder was delivered this past Friday morning at the rectory. We were able to make use of the ladder right away by changing burn-out bulbs in the office and rectory. We value this essential equipment and we will put this ladder in good use in our church and rectory.

In gratitude, I will offer a special intention Mass for the members and families of your council here at Holy Name Church.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Gary
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