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Our Lady of Lourdes Program 2016

In the southwest corner of France, the small village of Lourdes lies nicely nestled and secured in the foothills of the Pyrenees. Obscured and off of the beaten path of the many tourists traveling throughout Europe, the tiny village still breathes with the message entrusted by Our Lady to a young peasant girl named Bernadette Soubriou, over a hundred and fifty years ago. While millions of pilgrims flock to this sacred Marian shrine year after year, there is a special group that makes this pilgrimage only once in a lifetime. They are the children, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus from Our Lady of Lourdes Council in Washingtonville, New York. For the past forty one years, the Knights from Our Lady of Lourdes Council have sponsored a child with special needs, along with a parent or guardian, the opportunity to participate in the annual US National Rosary Pilgrimage, from June 26, 2016 to July 5, 2016.



Alex Acerno Nicholas Acerno Kimberly Kennedy Morgan Mulhall Julia Pierce Aidan O'Hare Marisela Colangelo

The children are selected by various local pastors throughout the arch diocese of New York from the parishes where the Knights raise funds by selling raffle tickets each spring and summer. The members do not get involved in the selection process, but rely upon the pastors to suggest qualified candidates from their congregations. While the Knights know that this is an unenviable charge, they are most grateful for their support and cooperation. Once their selection is forwarded onto the Knights, a member sets an up a meeting with the family to outline the upcoming pilgrimage.

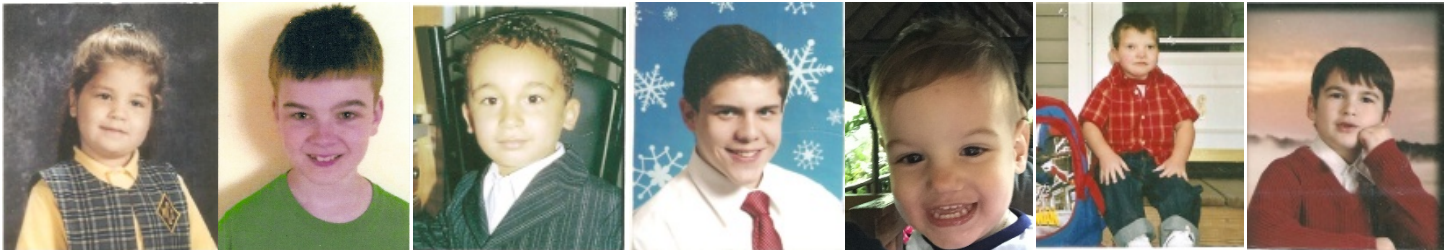


John Perrina Reiss Little Cody Eisenring Sarah Zeman Tyler McAnuff Sophia Solimando Gillian (Gigi) Warn

Initially the Knights sent one child and a parent or guardian and the costs were a fraction of what they are today. The program slowly grew, as the number of parishes increased, so did the number of children sent. Since the turn of the century, the Knights have raised over a half million dollars and have sent one hundred and five children and a parent or guardian.

During the latest campaign, the Knights had just under seven hundred man hours, which exemplifies their dedication to the continued success of this most worthwhile program.

Since 1975 the Knights have raised enough to send one hundred and fifty seven children to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, in Lourdes France. The pilgrimage leaves from the council with motor coach service to Newark Liberty International, where you will travel in coach on board Air France to Paris where you will connect to a flight to take you directly to the airport at Pau. From there a motor coach will provide service to Lourdes. For the next eight days you will walk in the footsteps of Bernadette, participate in a mass at the grotto where Our Blessed mother appeared to Bernadette. You will stay in some of the best hotels in Lourdes, all meals included. You will leave Lourdes on July 5, 2016 and return to Newark Liberty International where a motor coach will bring you back to the council in Washingtonville to be reunited with your friends and family, light refreshments will be served. On Labor Day there will be a reunion beginning with the celebration of mass followed by a barbeque, where you can share your experience with your fellow pilgrims.



Grace
Caldarone

Patrick
Coyle

Michael
Grzesik

Terrance
Crowley

Adam
Rivera JR

Brendan
Dwyer

Christopher
Vickery

For those unable to join us on this year's pilgrimage but would like to contribute to help defray the cost of sending the children, please consider making a tax deductible contribution. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Make your check payable to: **Our Lady of Lourdes Benevolent Association Inc.**



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