

Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver Celebrate Founders Day



The Knights of Peter Claver Council #233 and the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary #233 gathered for Mass at St. Peter Claver Lexington, KY to celebrate Founders Day and the birth of the Knights and recognize the Order's rich history spanning more than a century. The Order was founded by four Josephite Priests and three laymen Nov. 7, 1909, in Mobile, Ala., and named after St. Peter Claver, a Jesuit priest from Spain.

Peter Claver devoted much of his life to ministering to African slaves in South America in the 1600s and is believed to have baptized more than 300,000 slaves. He was canonized in 1888.

The largest historically African-American Catholic lay organization in the U.S., the Knights are dedicated to continuing their founders' commitment to the Church and serving the community.

Locally, the Knights and Ladies Auxiliary are involved in numerous charitable activities, outreach to the Homestead Nursing Home, awarding scholarships to help young people attend college, Liturgical Ministers, various committees and weekly facilities and grounds work.