

## THANK YOU ST. MARY PARISH

The Knights of Columbus Marquette Council would like to extend a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to our Brother Knights, our Saint Mary Parish Men's Ministry and our entire Parish for your efforts on behalf of the beleaguered and persecuted Christian Communities in the Middle East. During Lent 2018, through your generosity our Council was able to raise:

**\$1,022.00**

that was donated through the National Knights of Columbus to aid dioceses and religious agencies working in the region to provide general relief, food, clothing, shelter, education and medical care. Since 2014, the Knights of Columbus have raised more than \$10.5 million for relief, assisting Christians and other internally displaced persons and refugees in Iraq, Syria, Jordan and Lebanon. To learn more, visit: <https://www.kofc.org/un/en/charities/christian-relief/index.html>

“Our twin efforts are a concrete response to Pope Francis’ request for prayers and material assistance for those affected by this terrible persecution,” explained Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. “We are asking our members, and all people of good will, to pray for those persecuted and to support our efforts to assist them by donating to this fund.”

We would also like to acknowledge and thank the ***Rosary Society***, who invited our Knights to lead the praying of the Rosary on March 26<sup>th</sup> to join our prayer, and those of our Parish, for the suffering men, women and children of all faiths in Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq.