

FAMILY of the YEAR



Entry Form

Jurisdiction: MississippiDate: 20 March 2012

Instructions

Local Councils: To enter your "Family of the Year" into state/provincial competition, complete this form and forward it to the state deputy. Additional paper may be used if space allocated is not sufficient. Photographs, news clippings, letters of commendation or other special exhibits may be included. **Note: individual jurisdictions set their own deadlines for state/provincial competitions, so watch for deadline dates or contact the state deputy.**

State Council: Select **one** entry to honor as state/provincial "Family of the Year." Submit that entry form, with the state deputy's signature and all collateral material, to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Services by **June** for consideration in the International "Family of the Year" competition.

A. Personal Data

Member's Name: DEACON RICHARD A. HOLLINGSWORTH 2289296

Membership Number

Wife's Name: CATHY

Children/Ages:

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Home Address: 34 HUCKBERRY RD, LAUREL MS 39437Home Telephone: 601-428-8687

Business Telephone: _____

Parish: Immaculate ConceptionPastor: Father Michael ThorntonAddress: 833 W. 6th Street Laurel MS 39440Telephone: 601-426-3473

B. Knights of Columbus Data

Family nominated by Council 2180 in Laurel MS 39440

(Number)

(Location)

For how many years has husband/father been a member of the Knights of Columbus?

29

Positions (offices/program directorships/chairmanships/committee assignments) held:

He serves as our Council's Lecturer; Spiritual Advisor; Head Chef for Gumbo Take-Out which supports the Priest Education Fund. Assembly: Faithful Friar. He is a Past Grand Knight; Past Navigator and District Deputy. He has held the majority of the Council and Assembly Positions

Explain the entire family's involvement within the Knights of Columbus:

This family is truly called to serve. They set an example how every Christian Catholic family should serve. They are continuously providing their time and talent to the Community and Parish whether providing services to the Terminally ill, the Home bound; the Needy; Deceased Members' Families; Prison Inmates; Parishioners; CCD; CYO; Ministries; Community and Parish Fund Raisers; etc. Always ready to provide assistance where and/or when needed whether it is Spiritual, Social, and/or Physical

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C. Family Involvement

Explain the entire family's involvement within the Church:

They serve as vocational members of our Church, Community, Family, Youth, Pro Life, and Council. No matter what is asked of them they are always ready and able to provide assistance. They serve on many Parish ministries: Bereavement Committee, Finance, Facilities, Hospital and Home Bound Visitation Committee, and, Keep Christ in Christmas, Rosaries, Ushers, RCIA etc.



Explain the entire family's involvement within the community:

They are truly active Pillars of our Community. They continuously participate in the Community events. They always contribute their time and talent without any fanfare. Always in the background; providing their knowledge, experience, religious teachings, support and labor. Always concern with welfare of the needy.

Explain why this family was chosen as the "model" family in your jurisdiction. Why does this family deserve the distinction of being named "Knights of Columbus Family of the Year"?

See Attachment

For State Council Use Only:

This family has been chosen state/provincial "Family of the Year."

Attest: _____
(State Deputy)

NOTE: Submit winning entry to Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Services, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326.
All entries must reach the Supreme Council office by June 10 to qualify.

Truly Called to Serve

This family is an example that every Christian family should follow. Their life is built around the Catholic Faith. They truly enjoy giving their services to our Lord; never complaining and always with welcoming smile. Both are always in the back of the Church each Mass that they attend; welcoming Parish Members and Visitors always assuring their needs are met to include providing assistance as needed

They are continuously involved in many community and parish function and events. Even when they are involved individually in an activity, the other one is always in the background giving their support.

She is involved in the local Hospice Program Services. Always assuring every member of the Terminally Ill Patient is aware of the phases that will occur. This is a great relief to all concerned. He is always available as a spiritual adviser as well as helping her provide the necessities to the family when needed.

Both are involved in a Non-denomination Church Group which provides religious services to the Leakeville MS Prison population. This involves providing Sunday Services and Spiritual advice to the inmates. Many times she helps the women of the group prepare meals and provide spiritual advice to the family members of the inmates and staff

He is Head Chef and organizer for our Gumbo Take Out which supports and provides funds for the Priest Education Fund; this includes purchasing materials; preparing; cooking; packaging and distributing the gumbo. She is in the background helping him secure the supplies and helping him prepare the ingredients. She was always providing humor and assistance when needed. 480 quarts were prepared which provided \$2400 for our Dioceses Priest Education Fund

During the week and often on Friday Mornings, you can see them at St. Vincent De Paul Clothing Store, receiving; sorting according clothes to gender, age, and type; and placing them in appropriate sections and assisting the needy in their selections to assure they receive the appropriate items for each member of their families. They always inquire about the welfare of these needy families to insure they are receiving the necessities of life. And when appropriate; they provide information of agencies where they receive the assistance they need

They both are involved in prayer groups which they co-chair the weekly meetings. Her group often conducts the Rosary service for deceased Parish Members. They ensure that the family members of the deceased have the necessities (food, transportation, accommodations, etc). Both provide assistance to each other's group as necessary. They are very involved in Pro-Life. He schedules Knights during the Months of October and May to say rosaries before every weekend Mass. They both encourage Parish members and other Non- denomination Church members to attend the annual Life-Chain

They are both involve in providing religious training to RCIA, Confirmation; and Baptism candidates; Lecturers, Ushers; CYO members; CCD classes; etc. and always providing religious guidance, assistance and advice when needed.

This family is truly called to serve. Besides of all the things they do that are listed above. He serves as a Deacon for two different Parishes, thus he conducts many of the services our Priest does; only he does not get paid. She readily accepts her responsibilities of being a Deacon's wife and shares the joy of providing religious; social and physical assistance to the Parish Members; Non-Denomination Church Members; the Needy; Etc. One could say that he is a Deacon; therefore that is what they are supposed to do. I say; it is every Christian Catholic Family's responsibility to follow their example

**THEY ARE OUR NOMINEES FOR THE MISSISSIPPI STATE FAMILY OF THE YEAR
THEY WERE TRULY CALLED TO SERVE**