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ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Even if you cannot attend the dinner, there are other things you can do to help.

One thing you can do is to write a check to the Knights of Columbus Council 2285. Write St. Paul's in the notes. Our address is P.O.Box 635 Derby, Vt 05829.

We are always looking for other ways to help, so if you have an idea, call me at 802-624-3828 Mike Coutu Grand Knight

We will have a silent auction, so we can use new items that would be of interest to people attending the dinner. Again, contact me at 802 -624-3828.

Knights Of Columbus Gibbons Council #2285 Newport, Vermont

Greetings Fellow Grand Knights!

I would like to wish all of you and your councils a very Happy New Year! I sincerely hope that 2025 will be the best year ever for all of you. We in Council 2285 have started the year well and hope to have a great year, beginning with this letter.

As I am sure all of you know, our Catholic schools are experiencing more and more difficulties each year. They are not eligible for government assistance, yet costs continue to rise. Many families cannot afford the tuition. Teachers are poorly paid, and facilities must be maintained. The drop in population amongst Catholics has also contributed to the problem. What can be done about this situation?

As the Knights of Columbus, we can spearhead a united effort statewide to help our schools. Most of our Catholic schools are elementary schools, and they need our help more than ever. Catholic education starts with teaching our young children. We currently have ten elementary schools and two high schools. One school is K-12.

On March 29th Gibbons Council 2285 will be hosting an Italian Dinner and Fundraising event to benefit St. Paul's School in Barton. This small Catholic school has defied all the odds and is thriving on the spiritual side. They have a wonderful student body taught by a dedicated staff. They still need financial assistance.

I am writing each council in the state of Vermont to invite you to join us in support of St. Paul's. Attendance at the dinner would be wonderful, but financial support is what I am asking for. If each council were to send a check, we could reach our goal and then some. Financial aid and building maintenance are our main objective. Would your council consider a gift of \$250, \$500, 0r \$1000? Make out the check to St. Paul's School and send it to Gibbons Council 2285 P.O. Box 635 Derby, Vermont 05829.

I believe we; the united councils of the Knights of Columbus of Vermont could do a great deal for our Catholic schools if we work together. Thank you all in advance,

Vivat Jesus!

Mike Coutu GK 2285

We are sending this letter to all your Faithful Navigators as well.