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Dear Brother Knights of Columbus,
As many of you know, I wear several hats in the Diocese. One of them is chaplain for Bishop Rice Memorial High School.

This fundraising letter is on behalf of the Rice school choir. I have copied below the note about the fundraiser drive. Here I just want to add an anecdote: in 2022 one of our major tasks was to rebuild our school “Mass routine” at Rice. Two things got this task done.

One thing was a commitment to set up our Mass area (the gym) with as much decoration as possible. The other was the dedication of the school choir, to assemble and practice before each Mass, and provide rich and audible singing for all Mass parts and hymns. So here I leave you with a photo of them, preparing for a Mass, and I paste the fundraising information below. God bless you, and thank you for everything you do as Knights of Columbus in support of Catholic education.

In Christ, *Fr. Timothy Naples*, State Chaplain, Vermont

From the choir director, Kevin Ginter:

Over the past 7 years Rice Memorial High School has worked hard rebuilding their music program to be one of the finest in the state. Perhaps one of their strongest programs is their choir. Over 10% of the entire school is in the choir. This upcoming January 2026 they have the extraordinary opportunity to compete in an international choir competition in Kobe Japan. They will compete in the Youth Category against Choirs from all over the world. This will challenge the Rice singers to truly reach their god given potential. In this trip they will also attend at least one Mass, perform concerts at schools with the intention of recruiting students to Rice. They will also be enriched in the culture, and history through visits to Hiroshima, Kyoto, and Tokyo. In order for the choir to be successful we need as many members to participate as possible. Some members need some help paying the cost of part of the trip. Because of this we are asking for any sizable donations to help individuals in need. We are reaching out for councils of The Knights of Columbus, and individuals, to consider supporting some of these students. (Thank you to the Milton K of C and Fr. Naples for already doing so). For those interested, we have students on the trip from the following towns:
Milton, Warren, Ferrisburgh, Swanton, Georgia, Cambridge, Colchester, Fairfax, Burlington, Stowe, South Burlington, Shelburne, Waterbury, and New Haven.



Please email ginter@rmhsvt.org with questions about this cause. Thank you for any donations.

Check donations made to “Rice” or “RMHS” (and mailed to 99 Proctor Ave. S. Burlington, VT 05403) should have “Choir Japan Trip” in the memo. Online gifts (going to www.rmhsvt.org/giveonline) should check off the “Arts / Drama / Music” donation category, and write “Choir Japan Trip” in the box for “My gift is in honor of.” Lastly, you may also email Fr.Naples@gmail.com about questions or gifts.