



# KNIGHTLIFE

## Statement on Financial Services Markets and the Knights of Columbus



The upheaval in the financial markets in recent days has caused a great deal of concern virtually everywhere, among financial services professionals, regulators and consumers alike. Every major financial institution has been affected by the turmoil because of the complexity of our economy, and we are no exception. But I report to you today that there is no reason to be concerned about the value of your Knights of Columbus annuity or life insurance. Because of our very conservative approach to investing our \$14 billion in assets, the impact on the Knights of Columbus has not been material, in other words, it has been minimal – far smaller than for many other organizations and the industry as a whole. We have purposefully avoided investing in the highly complex and speculative investments that have brought disaster to some of America's most well known companies.

### **Standard & Poor's and AM Best Give Knights of Columbus Their Top Ratings**

Once again in 2008, both [Standard & Poor's](#) and [AM Best](#) gave the Knights of Columbus their very best ratings, AAA (Extremely Strong) and AA+ (Superior), respectively. The K of C is one of only five insurance companies in North America to receive top ratings from S&P and AM Best, as well as certification by the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association.

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## Chaplain's report

Fr. Matthew was very happy to attend our first general meeting, and thanked the Knights for their assistance in the parishes. He is glad to be a part of our parish, and is very happy that we have an active council. He knows that there is a lot to do in the parish, and knows that he can count on the Knights for help. He asks that we build our faith and spread the faith to our families and our community. He asked that we pray for him, and he will do the same for us. As the parable of the mustard seed, little acts of faith can have far reaching results. Father Matthew wanted us all to know that he is approachable for any questions and/or ideas. He will be calling on us for help. He said he would attend as many meetings as possible.

## Court Sets Atheists Holiday

"Have you heard about this case? Great answer from The Judge! In Florida, an atheist became incensed over the preparation of Easter and Passover holidays. He decided to contact his lawyer about the discrimination inflicted on atheists by the constant celebrations afforded to Christians and Jews with all their holidays while atheists had no holiday to celebrate. The case was brought before a judge.

After listening to the long passionate presentation by the lawyer, the Judge banged his gavel and declared, "Case Dismissed!" The lawyer immediately stood and objected to the ruling and said, 'Your honour, how can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and many other observances. Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah ... yet my client and all other atheists have no such holiday!' The judge leaned forward in his chair and simply said, 'Obviously your client is too confused to even know about, much less celebrate his own atheists' holiday!' The lawyer pompously said, 'Your Honour, we are unaware of any such holiday for atheists. Just when might that holiday be, your Honour?'

The judge said, 'Well it comes every year on exactly the same date --- April 1st! Since our calendar sets April 1st as 'April Fools Day,' consider that Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.' Thus, in my opinion, if your client says there is no God, then by scripture, he is a fool, and April 1st is his holiday! Now have a good day and get out of my courtroom!! Way to go, Judge! "AMEN"

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