

## **Glenmary Knights of Columbus Council 7853 Receives Top International Award**

Glenmary Council 7853, Knights of Columbus, Norton, earned the distinction of Star Council, one of the organization's top awards, for the 2006-2007 fraternal years. The organization's headquarters, located in New Haven, Conn., made the announcement.

The award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of membership recruitment and retention, promotion of the fraternal insurance program, and sponsorship of service-oriented activities. The award was presented to the membership by District Deputy, Anthony Willis at a special ceremony held Nov. 25.

In announcing the local winner of the Star Council Award, Carl A. Anderson, chief executive officer of the organization, said, "Please accept my sincere congratulations upon attaining this prestigious award. Your dedication to the Order is seen in the high standard of excellence you have achieved.

"At the same time, I encourage you to carry forward this enthusiasm to meet the challenges that will face the Knights of Columbus in the years ahead. We hope this award will be a reminder and an inspiration to the members of your council to continue to promote the ideals of Columbianism for the good of the Church, your community, and the Order of the Knights of Columbus."

"Receiving the Star Council Award is quite an honor for us. We're extremely proud of this accomplishment," proclaimed Frank Mathews, grand Knight of the Glenmary Council.

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic lay organization. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Church, their communities, families, and young people.

With more than 1.7 million members in more than 13,000 councils around the world, the Knights of Columbus annually donate more than \$143 million and 68 million hours of service to charitable causes. Please visit [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) for more information.

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