

# PRAYER RALLY, 2010

## *Why?*

The time is now to "stand up and be counted"!!! Our Holy Catholic Church is being hammered from the left, right, north, south and all other directions. We as Catholic Knights of Columbus Gentlemen have a duty and an obligation to stand up and defend our Church, our Priests, our Catholic values and not be afraid to publicly announce we are "proud to be Catholic and proud to be Knights of Columbus members" !!! We and our families must live our lives as a witness and an example as to how God has instructed us to do so.

We have a wonderful way and opportunity to expose ourselves in the public arena as a group. That is by attending our ANNUAL PRAYER RALLY, which is held in Albany on the steps of the Capitol once a year. This Columbian year the Rally will be held on Tuesday, May 11th, 2010 from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM. This is the 8th annual Rally, and we hope, pray and anticipate, it will be the largest ever!!! My/our goal is to have a minimum of 2000 attendees. I/we are looking for members, families, all other Catholics and anyone else who would wish to attend this wonderful day of prayer. In order to get this large of a crowd, I believe Brothers, we will have to have a minimum of 36 buses, which equates to an average of 3 buses per Conference. I have much confidence that we can and will do it.

This Rally is probably the "most visible" event that we Knights hold each year in New York State.

It is our chance to pray for and petition our Legislators by our physical presence. Hopefully our prayers will get them to soften their stance and open their hearts to listen to our concerns affecting all Catholic citizens, particularly Life, Parochial School Assistance, Catholic Health Care and Marriage between a man and a women. While we are praying we will send "Advocates" into the offices of the elected officials to share our concerns with them. Also, as in the past, we will have Catholic elected officials address us. It is our goal and hope, that we will have many of our Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Religious among us to speak and pray with us.

I am very grateful and thankful to have an Auxiliary Chairman in each Conference to assist in getting information out for the Rally. Shortly, Posters will be distributed by them to every Council Hall and Church throughout the State with their name and phone number. I/We need the help of all of our members, as this is a tremendous undertaking and "all eyes" of the public will be watching !!

VIVAT JESUS,



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