



Knights of Columbus
Father Markian Shashkevych
Council 7464
Hamilton, Ontario

March 16, 2011

Dear Brother Knights:

RE: Monument "Dedicated to the Unborn Innocent Victims of Abortion"

Brothers of the Knights of Columbus, Father Markian Shashkevych Council 7464, Hamilton, Ontario are undertaking the restoration of the recently desecrated *Monument to the New Born*, located on the grounds of the *Mount Mary Retreat Centre in Ancaster, Ontario*.

The centre is run by *The Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate*, an international religious congregation of the Byzantine Ukrainian Catholic Church.

With the support of community benefactors, the Knights of Columbus Council 7464 erected a monument dedicated to the New Born In *2000 (Year of the Child)*.

Unfortunately, the Angel statue portion of the monument was removed in the dark of night and it's fate unknown. The composition of the statue did not contain any metals of value and it's unfortunate disappearance is a mystery. The only conclusion was *vandalism*.

In the meantime, *The Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate*, placed a temporary plaster statue on the monument base, but it has suffered considerable damage, due to weathering, as it was not designed for outdoor use.

Consequently our council is undertaking the restoration of this significant monument, to its original condition.

To accomplish this goal, Council 7464 is canvassing our Catholic community for financial support to cover the *cost of the \$3,500* restoration.

We are first canvassing our Brother councils to allow their participation, in order to show support and uphold one of the basic values of our Catholic Faith.

Our goal is to have a the restoration completed by **June, 2015**, when *The Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate*, hold their *Eparchial Marian Pilgrimage*. This spiritual event is an impressive outdoor celebration, attended annually by hundreds of the Catholic faithful at the Ancaster Convent. Those of you have attended can surely attest to this.

The Knights have requested a re-dedication of the monument, at this spiritual pilgrimage. All Knights and other Catholics are invited to witness the re-dedication and participate in the spirit of the pilgrimage.

We would appreciate whatever financial support you feel is appropriate and you can afford in order to restore this *symbol of our Catholic solidarity*. Any overage amount collected will be kept under a separate account for future repairs and restorations.

Thank you Brothers, in advance for your thoughtful donations.

May God Be With You!

Yours with gratitude,
Vivat Jesus,

Eugene Smook
Grand Knight

Attached: Photos of Monument and Eparchial Marian Pilgrimage mass.

Outdoor mass:

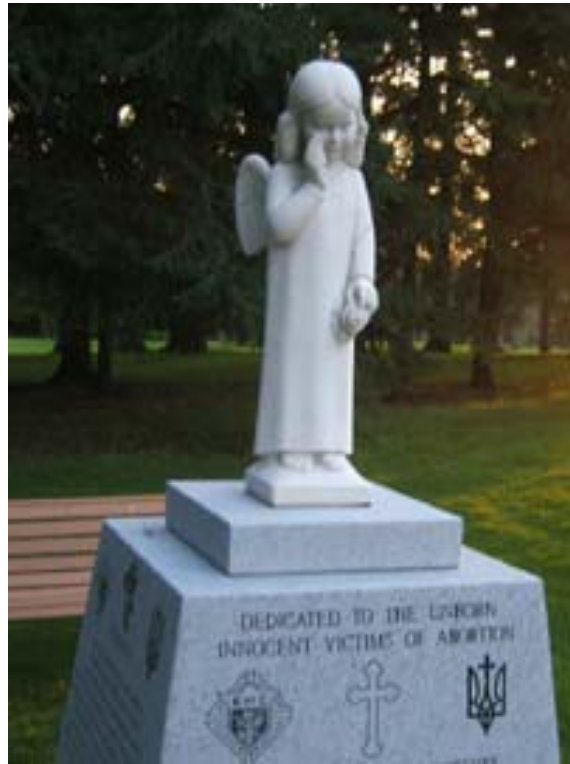


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Original Statue “Dedicated to the Innocent Victims of Abortion”, then and now:



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Knights on duty:



Outdoor Church service for Pilgrims:



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