

Thy Kingdom Come!

Dear Knights of Columbus,

Summer is coming and I would like to share with your Councils information about our annual summer Catholic Youth camps—Arcātheos for boys and Captivenia for girls. With increased costs, we need support to offer our programs in 2022 . . . much needed programs to form our Catholic youth after a 2-year period of limited camps and youth formation. As Alberta based camps, we appeal for your support for this year and future years.

WHY SHOULD KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN ALBERTA BE INTERESTED IN OUR CAMPS?

Your youth are attending. The camps are within view of the Rocky Mountains in the foothills west of Black Diamond/Turner Valley and we annually have participants from every corner and diocese in Alberta. As a testament of the quality of the camps, in addition to our Alberta participants we have a few participants travel each year from BC, Saskatchewan, and States in the US.

Your men (and women) are attending. Many of the men participating are Knights of Columbus and are serving as missionaries to operate the camp and do the heavy lifting. Our camps are structured to operate with family adult volunteers—mainly father/son, mother/daughter, but we also have grandparents coming with grandkids. This adult family involvement allows for exciting parent/child shared experiences but also provides ample opportunity for adult fraternity and formation. Strong multi-generational friendships are developed by working shoulder to shoulder with great people from all over. Parents learn that they are not alone in their mission to raise and form their catholic families and are invigorated in the experience. And parents that can’t participate are comforted by the knowledge of the committed family network working together to provide their children with an amazing camp experience.

We train young Knights. At both camps we train leadership but with the boys, our 13-17 year-olds uniquely take knighthood leadership training to become “Knights”. Virtues of charity, unity and fraternity are emphasized, and a difficult scrutiny is undertaken to achieve knighthood. All aspects of the camp are designed to encourage boys in their pursuit of authentic manhood, while incorporating the richness of the catholic faith. For most the camp becomes their first catholic fraternity setting the trajectory for others as they grow into young catholic men.

ABOUT OUR AMAZING CAMPS

Our camps are established gender-specific adventure camps providing Catholic faith formation and mentorship to youth in a unique way. The message of the gospel is experienced by all involved through parables with rich Catholic undertones delivered in a fun, virtue-building, medieval storyline. In Arcātheos, boys and men draw swords to fight evil and learn their strength as true sons of God. In Captivenia, girls and women engage their hearts and wits to protect their land as they discover their incredible grace and dignity as beloved daughters of God. All of this is done with an eye for time-period authenticity and with creative fantasy flair that captivates the imaginations of young and old alike. Arcātheos is approaching its 20th anniversary and Captivenia its 11th. Check out the promo videos on our camp websites to learn more!

Information on our 2022 Summer camps is as follows:

CAPTIVENIA

Bellesera (Girls age 13 -17)
July 20 – 30, 2022

Maidens (Girls age 8 – 12)
July 24 – 30, 2022

Website: <https://captivenia.com/>

ARCĀTHEOS

Knights (Boys age 13-17)
Aug 1 – 13, 2022

Campers (Boys age 8 – 12)
Aug 7 – 13, 2022

Website: <http://arcatheos.com/>



ABOUT CATHOLIC KIDS NET, INC.

Catholic Kids Net Inc. (CKNet in short) is a not-for-profit, registered Canadian charity, which exists to develop, promote, and facilitate Catholic youth programs. Our camps and retreats provide high-quality, engaging activities designed to form and strengthen youth as they discover their innate dignity and worth, discern their vocation, and grow in their relationship with Christ.

CKNet and its programs are 100% volunteer driven. We use the rich skill sets of those that have participated and befriended our programs as “Missionaries” to assist in our ministry—both during our camps and year-round. We also depend on benefactor support and fund-raising to assist in keeping programs accessible, engaging, and affordable for families.



THE OPPORTUNITY

How can you help?

We reach out to you looking for assistance in two ways:

1. Consider a donating as a Council.

Our donations target for 2022 is **\$78,000**. You can choose to donate to either camp, both camps, or via the shared camp expenses option. As we are one entity, we will use the funds where they are most required. We would appreciate donations of \$500 - \$1000, or more, but will appreciate any support a council can provide.



2. Consider donating personally as a Knight or, share with others looking for Catholic causes.

Consider our program as a possible component of your personal annual giving/tithe to the church or provide a one-time gift. If you are aware of others that might want to support our program, please share our information to others. Catholic Kids Net is a registered charity and a tax receipt will be provided for all donations

DONATE ONLINE:

Step 1: Go to or search “Canada Helps.org”

Step 2: Search “Catholic Kids Net, Inc”, “Arcâtheos”, or “Captivenia”

Step 3: Follow the instructions to donate

URL: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/catholic-kids-net-inc/>

DONATE BY MAIL:

Cheque made out to:

“Catholic Kids Net Inc.”

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In closing, on behalf of the Arcâtheos & Captivenia camp leadership and the CKNet board, we thank you for considering support.

Yours in Christ,

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