

St. Mary's

Grand Knights,

Brothers here are some updates on St. Mary's that you will find very interesting, and will make you glad that we are a part of St. Mary's love and growth.

During this past year M.D.F. Campaign the councils from all over the state of Louisiana has raised \$25,501.00 to help toward St. Mary's construction of fifteen group homes. I am pleased to tell you that construction is becoming a reality. This past June 28th 2018 St. Mary's hosted the ground breaking ceremony to begin construction. All fifteen group homes will be constructed and ready for the residents to move in a little over one year from now. Brothers I want to thank you for your hard work in supporting St. Mary's, and please continue to help God's special children.

St. Mary's Challenge Walk was held on April 26, 2018 in Downtown Alexandria. For many years, the Challenge Walk has been a hallmark event to not only help raise funding, but also bring awareness for St. Mary's program and the impact they make in communities all across the state of Louisiana. St. Mary's walk Planning committee did a wonderful job to make sure this year's event was bigger than ever before! In addition to the competitive 5K and the 1Mile Fun Run, St. Mary's transform the Fulton Mini Park in Downtown Alexandria into a street fair filled with family activities, games, and live entertainment throughout the day.

This year St. Mary's will host the Greco Bowl again on September 19, 2018 in Alexandria. This fund raiser is very successful every year also. Chef John Folse, will be preparing wonderful meal and I am sure that they will have a silent auction as in the past. Seating will be limited so if you wish to attend go to St. Mary's web-site below, and order your ticket. Last year St. Mary raised forty thousand dollar during their Greco Bowl.

Brothers, St. Mary's wrote this statement to all of the councils who have supported them this past Fraternal Year. Thank you so much for your commitment to our mission at St. Mary's. We truly wouldn't be able to accomplish what we do for these special individuals with developmentally disabilities without partnerships like the one we have with you, your councils, and the Knights of Columbus!

Vivat Jesus!

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