



## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LOUISIANA STATE COUNCIL**

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Worthy District Deputies & Incoming District Deputies:

Our CYLA Program is indeed unique because it is not only a State Program, but many will say (including Myself) this program continues to be one of the premier programs the State Council conducts. For 60 years we have honored and recognized some outstanding catholic leaders.

Throughout the year, I have some ideas I hope to use to encourage as many Councils as possible to participate in this outstanding program. I hope I can count on each of you to help promote this program.

There are two main reasons why I wanted to send this letter and I want to address these reasons in the next couple paragraphs. First, our incoming State Deputy has found some additional funds in the State Budget and has committed to raise our Diocesan CYLA Award from \$500.00 to now **\$1,000.00 each**. Brother Knights, this increase could be a game changer and could very well increase participant in this program. It is so gratifying to see our incoming State Deputy Vernon Ducote make this change to support our outstanding Catholic youth leaders.

Last Year, the State Council did not conduct a State Final, and for the first time since 1960 the State Council will not have any State 1<sup>st</sup> Place winners linked with the 2019-2020 year. However, I feel as incoming chairman, this cannot continue to be the normal for this program and I hope to work hard to find a successful and safe way to conduct our State CYLA Finals.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need help with this program.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Delmas Forbes  
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