



## Knights of Columbus St. Francis Xavier Council 10500



### Knights in Action – Appeal for assistance

The State of BC and Yukon forwarded the letter from Bishop Ken regarding the need for assistance in rebuilding the inside of the rectory in New Westminster. The parish, despite being the Cathedral, has fewer than 150 members. They are in a renewal phase in their Eparchy (Diocese).

Some of the issues were

- the kitchen floor dropped over 3 inches from one side to the other,
- the basement floor is still dirt, x
- the floor joists in the master bedroom over the kitchen are 2X4's, not 2X12's.
- the main floor bathroom is under the stairs and is so narrow, you need to step into the hallway to turn around (really, you do).

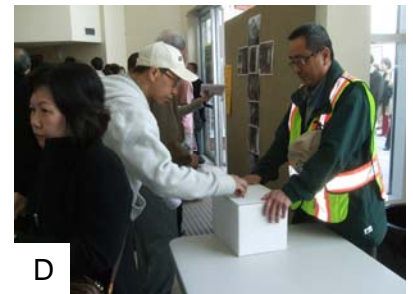


St. Francis Xavier Council 10500 decided to help this small parish as much as we could with the permission from our pastor. They needed both financial and physical assistance. We requested the State council forwarding some photos of the rectory so we could have better idea how bad the situation was.

We enlarged the photos and stuck them onto a notice board with the shape of a cross. We left this project on God's hand and hope we could successfully raise some fund for helping the new arrived young priest in this small parish with an acceptable living place.

We spent first 2 weeks of Sundays to implement this project. It is a challenge to us since our parish had other fund raising events for parish and archdiocese.

A brief description of the purpose of this fund was announced at the end of each Mass. A donation box was prepared and collected money from parishioners with surprised result, more than \$3,200 collected. At the same time, there was a P. Eng approached us regarding on assisting the renovation project of the rectory. The contact was passed to the State. The Eparchial Bishop of New Westminster for Ukrainian Catholics in British Columbia and the Yukon expressed the appreciation of this physical help as well as financial assistance.



A: Rectory where 2X4's in the ceiling is replaced with 2X8's. The room above the ceiling is the master bedroom.

B: Rectory2.jpg: Rectory where the studs sideways are turned to fit the staircase into the space.

C: collect\_fund1.jpg: Brother Robert Ku was collecting money from parishioners-scene 1

D: collect\_fund2.jpg: Brother Robert Ku was collecting money from parishioners-scene 2