

'One in the Spirit Day' marks the start of new school year

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It's a back-to-school event that takes place on a baseball field instead of the school

yard. The annual "One in the Spirit Day" brings out school

communities from throughout the diocese to West

Sacramento's Raley Field to

enjoy a Sacramento River Cats

baseball game.

The event, sponsored by the diocese's Catholic

Schools Department, will be held on Aug. 23 when partici-

pants will watch the Sacramento River Cats Triple A baseball team

play the Las Vegas 51s.

Lynette Magnino, with the Catholic Schools Department, said

"One in the Spirit Day" brings together family and friends to enjoy

America's favorite pastime and builds the bond between parishes

and schools.

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"This back-to-school event celebrates and shares our spirit for our Catholic faith," Magnino said. "It conveys an important message to Catholic schools students that we believe in them and their education is important."

Special activities on game days include students from the jazz choir at Christian Brothers High School in Sacramento

to singing the national anthem, Catholic elementary school student participation in the ceremonial first

pitch and between inning games, and scoreboard recognition of each Catholic school in attendance.

Several hundred students are expected to attend the event.

Ticket costs for "One in the Spirit Day" range from \$5 to \$16. Parking at Raley Field is \$6. For more information, call (916) 733-0118.

SACRAMENTO



Knights of Columbus scholarships benefit two Catholic high schools

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Students from Christian Brothers and Loreto High Schools in Sacramento will be receiving a financial boost in

paying school expenses for the 2003-2004 school year, thanks to much welcomed support from the Knights of

Columbus.

Each of the two Sacramento-area Catholic high schools have received

\$350 scholarships to assist financially disadvantaged students with non-tuition

school costs.

Dale Edwards, youth director for the Knights of Columbus Council No. 953,

said the goal of the scholarship program is to enable the student recipients to enjoy "the full high school experience."

"We use a part of our budget each year to demonstrate the Knights of Columbus' support for Catholic education to the schools with whom they're affiliated," he said.

The scholarship program is just one of several ways the Knights support elementary and secondary Catholic school

students.

In the Sacramento area, as in cities nationwide, Knights' groups like Council No. 953 annually sponsor essay and

speech contests at the high school level and annual free throw contests at the elementary level.

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hope to expand on the financial assistance available to support Catholic high

schools must submit proposals indicating how they would use funds to assist financially challenged students in receiving a Catholic education.

Rudy Schultz, principal of Christian Brothers High School, said the Knights' scholarship will be added to the school's "five percent" program which allows for

five percent of the student body whose parent income is at or below the federal poverty line to be accepted into the school with tuition assistance.

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At Loreto High School, the Knights of Columbus scholarship will help provide a SUCCEED scholarship for the

incoming freshman from St. Anne School in Sacramento.

The SUCCEED scholarship, given annually over the past four years, covers all expenses at Loreto for four years.

Loreto Sister Helen Timothy, president of Loreto, said awarding SUCCEED scholarships enables the school to fulfill its mission of educating young

women.

"The cost of tuition is unaffordable for some, and this scholarship makes it possible for those who otherwise could not afford it," she said.

Edwards said in the future the Knights hope to expand on the financial assistance available to support Catholic high

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