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CATEGORY (MARK ONE):

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COUNCIL NAME Sacred Heart - Dedeaux **NUMBER:** 12331

LOCATION: Pass Christian MS
(TOWN OR CITY) (STATE OR PROVINCE)

Project Title: Christmas Baskets and Coats for Families

Date Project Conducted: 12/17/2011

Purpose of Activity: (In the space provided below, describe in one sentence the purpose of this activity. This section must be completed.)

Our purpose is to provide Christmas food necessities and coats for families in our parish and the surrounding community.

Number of council members participating in project: 25

Percentage of council members participating in project: 38 %

Number of man hours expended in project: 150

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Describe project in detail. Use additional paper if necessary. Supplementary material may be submitted along with the nomination. Accompanying materials can include letters, testimonials, news clippings, photographs, pamphlets, etc. Do not submit tapes, videocassettes, DVD'S, display materials, films, etc., as they will not be considered in judging the nomination.

Each year we as KCs come in contact with many people in our parish and surrounding community. As the economy has gotten worse it has put a hardship on many families as they struggle to provide food and clothing. Each year we try to provide Christmas food baskets for 65 to 70 families. This year was no exception as we identified 70 families in our area that would benefit from us bringing them fellowship, food, and in many cases a warm coat for their family members. Our program is on-going all year as we monitor the status of our families through our outreach program. As their conditions improve from not having a job or maybe their health has improved so much that they will not need our assistance in the coming year. Many of the people that we see yearly are home-bound through disability or have medical conditions that do not afford them the opportunity to get out in the community. Also, often times people that we have helped suggest others that may be in need. Beginning in October or early November we ask our church parishioners and CCD classes to donate food items to fill our baskets.

Such items are various canned goods to include soups, green beans, corn, mixed vegetables, rice, red beans, cereal, and flour. In addition to these items each of our baskets contain a bag of apples; bag of oranges; bag of potatoes; bananas, a whole chicken; sausage links and a loaf of bread. This year we were able to provide warm winter coats due to the generosity of one of our parishioners securing about 100 coats for us to distribute. It was especially heart-warming to see the reaction of children and parents getting a warm jacket on the week before Christmas during an extremely cold period this past winter.

Knight involvement has grown over the last several years as we have ten truck routes that we use now with at least two KCs per vehicle. Total involvement extends beyond delivery as several KCs work with a local store "Necos" to have them help with filling baskets with items that we do not have donated to us. Our investment in our project each year runs between \$2,000.00 and \$2,300.00.

We inform the community in advance that we are supporting our Christmas basket program through our fund raising efforts in our annual turkey shoot and gun raffle during the month of November. In so doing we involve a larger segment of the population than just with our Dedeaux council. This project sums up our motto: "we are our brothers' keeper".

ATTEST: _____
(State Deputy)

Signed:  _____
(Grand Knight)

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Sacred Heart Parish, Dedeaux



Members of Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus Council 12331 passed out food baskets to over 60 needy families just before Christmas using money raised through their annual Lenten fish fry and November Turkey Shoot. About 20 Knights were involved in delivering the baskets. The council spent over \$2,000 on food, in addition to food collected during a December food drive. Members also distributed winter coats to the families.