



KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS

STATE COUNCIL SERVICE PROGRAM AWARDS

ENTRY FORM

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COUNCIL NAME **Hernando DeSoto**

COUNCIL NUMBER: **7120**

LOCATION (City): **Southaven, MS**

CHAIRMAN'S NAME:

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(A SEPARATE REPORTING FORM SHOULD BE COMPLETED FOR EACH PROGRAM CATEGORY.)**

CATEGORY (MARK ONE):

CHURCH

FAMILY

COMMUNITY

CULTURE OF LIFE

COUNCIL

YOUTH

Project Title: One Church, One Family

Date Project Conducted: June - November 2016

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

To help church reduce its debt.

Number of council members participating in project:	75	
Percentage of council members participating in project:	37.69	%
Number of man hours expended in project:	300	

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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, DVDs, display materials, films, etc., as they will not be considered in judging the nomination.

Council 7120 has embraced the multicultural aspect of our church family and has worked to strengthen and build ties between our English and Latino families. At our largest parish, Christ the King, we have approximately 1800 families split closely 50/50 between English speaking and Latino origin.

While it is common for many of our parishes to have separate communities and programs; we are working towards serving everyone as we say in the Nicene Creed, "one holy catholic and apostolic" church. With similar programs and over the past several years, we have added approximately 15 Latino members to our council.

On five Sundays in the 2nd half of 2016, council members and families prepared and served Steak and Pork Tacos, flavored shaved ice, home cooked Tamales, and Chicken and Beef Chili (once the weather was colder after our 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunday Masses. Many of the Sundays we had 100 people waiting in line after mass to enjoy the food with their families on our courtyards and patios.

Our council paid for the meat for those meals. Individual families brought homemade salsas, pico de gallo, shaved ice with fresh fruit toppings, and other condiments necessary to make it successful. All monies that were collected for the food each Sunday were given to the church for reduction of the building debt. The total amount was donated to the church for debt reduction was \$4,675.00.

Many \$5 Taco plates and \$1 Shaved Ices helped the church financially, but the goodwill and church family building that occurred between our two communities was priceless!

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