



Committee of 1000



January 10, 2026

The Committee of One Thousand began in 1999 as a small but meaningful project within the Christopher Columbus Assembly 2266 in Plano. From the very beginning, the focus was clear: supporting our seminarians. The first contribution, \$400 was proudly presented to Bishop Charles Grahmann for the Bishop's Burse.

As time went on, it became clear that expanding the scope of support would better serve the seminarians and their needs. With that vision, the project was embraced by the DDC and formally established as a standing committee.

Membership in the Committee of One Thousand is simple but powerful. A \$10 annual donation represents an individual's commitment to supporting our seminarians. Each year, a new pin is commissioned as a visible reminder of that shared support and dedication.

All contributions are presented to the Director of Seminarians and used as a discretionary fund to assist seminarians where help is most needed. Over the years, these funds have helped purchase books, cover tuition, assist with emergency trips home, and address other needs as determined by the Director.

Thanks to the generosity of our members, the Committee of One Thousand has raised more than **\$91,500** since 1999 in support of our seminarians. This year, we are grateful to present a **\$5,000 check** from funds raised during the 2025 drive.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the District Deputies whose districts contributed a minimum of 20 pins in 2025:

DD Ben Oani – 151 pins, DD Jack Ayers – 116 pins, DD Nick Flores – 65 pins, DD John Plote – 60 pins
DD Bryan Finley – 57 pins, DD Michael Kells-Murphy – 34 pins, and DD Robert Repka Jr. – 30 pins.

We also recognize and thank the fourteen councils that contributed 10 or more pins:

Council 11293 (GK John Stemniskii) – 140 pins; Council 13530 (GK Hank Setina) – 103 pins; Council 799 (GK Patrick Dillon) – 60 pins; Council 13158 (GK Lou Zermenio) – 25 pins; Council 18262 (GK Larry Reding) – 25 pins; Council 6065 (GK Oscar Sanchez) – 25 pins; Council 9337 (GK Brian Campbell) – 20 pins; Council 11862 (GK T.J. Knight) – 17 pins; Council 16546 (GK Anh Pham) – 15 pins; Council 14568 (GK Felix Estrada) – 15 pins; Council 8417 (GK Juan Saucedo) – 11 pins; Council 11716 (GK Larry Hahn) – 10 pins; Council 14810 (GK Miguel Almendarez) – 10 pins; and Council 16820 (GK Abelardo Galindo) – 10 pins.

A special thank-you goes to **all 27 councils** that participated in the 2025 Committee of One Thousand Drive. Your generosity and commitment made this year's contribution possible.

Looking ahead, **2026 Committee of One Thousand pins** will be available for pickup at the DDC meeting on **Saturday, January 13**, at **St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Garland**.

Please remember to make checks payable to **Knights of Columbus DDC** for your council's Committee of One Thousand donations, and mail them (no cash, please) to:

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Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our seminarians.

Vivat Jesus

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