

Knights Corner

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As I mentioned last week, next weekend we hold our annual Spring MI drive. To any of my brothers who haven't signed up yet, there is still time. Just shoot me a note, or sign up on our website.

Last time I was talking about conversations with children around what the Knights do. When we started chatting about the MI drive, which is one of the events where children seem to do even better than adults when volunteering, it helped that they had a few family points of references. The fact that everyone is born different and unique, and some people aren't able to play games or sports or go to summer camp the same way made perfect sense.

I could be a bit of an optimist, but in my experience working with kids in the school and or faith formation program prior, kids seem to have a stronger sense of empathy than many of us adults do, and they hate thinking about someone being left out. One son recently had to take a break from sports and recess for quite a while due to a minor surgery and his friends would take turns "getting" to stay in and play with him at recess so he didn't feel left out, instead he felt special. As we were discussing the idea that the special olympics and camp optimist allows folks the chance to enjoy competing, and playing, and going to summer camp who might not normally get to go, they thought it was a great idea.

There is a story of that same son once telling me he wanted to be a knight (the medieval kind) when he grew up and me making a parenting mistake and trying to explain "well those don't exactly exist anymore". It was a rough one. Hopefully through conversations like this, his brother, and the children of the parish realize that while we may not kill dragons, there are people out there helping selflessly like knights of old and a few million of us even decided to keep the name and call ourselves Knights.

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