



Worthy State Deputy,

I am very, very pleased and excited to report to you that the Commemoration Mass for Sister Dorothy Stang, (Sunday, June 6th, 2010 @ The Cathedral, Saint Peter in Chains, Cincinnati, Ohio), the Tree Blessing and Dedication Ceremony and Plaque Presentation was a huge success.

Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk, Con-Celebrated the Commemoration Mass with Father James Bramlage, Pastor of the Cathedral and Father Warren Zeisler, OFM. The Mass marked the 5th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Sister Dorothy Stang. There were approximately 400+ people in attendance.

The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, along with Family and Friends of Sister Dorothy, lead the procession carrying a beautiful banner, stating "EQUALITY, RESPECT AND SUSTAINABILITY." The banner also had a beautiful picture of Sister Dorothy and scenes of the Brazilian Rain Forest.

The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Honor Guard under the leadership of Former Master, Richard Wysong and Marshall, Joseph Liotta, escorted Archbishop Pilarczyk, Father Bramlage and Father Zeisler, OFM and the other members of the liturgy. There were (19) Sir Knights in

Full Regalia for the Honor Guard. Ohio K of C, State Secretary, David Helmstetter was also in attendance. After the Mass the Honor Guard escorted the Archbishop and other members of the Liturgy to the site of where the (2) trees are planted on the grounds of the Cathedral.

Archbishop Pilarczyk blessed both Trees and said some very positive words about Sister Dorothy, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur and the Sister Dorothy Stang Project. During the Tree Blessing Ceremony, the K of C Honor Guard formed ranks and presented swords behind the newly planted trees. The Honor Guard included Ohio K of C State Secretary, David Helmstetter. After the Tree Blessing Ceremony, I presented the Plaque from the Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus to Sister Teresita Weind, "Mother General" of "The Sister's of Notre Dame de Namur". Sister Teresita accepted the plaque with great appreciation of the Knights of Columbus. Sister Teresita spontaneously sang out in a loud voice, a beautiful song that made all in attendance know that the Knights of Columbus efforts are truly appreciated. (NOTE: Sister Teresita's office is headquartered in Rome, Italy, not too far from the Vatican. She is in charge of the 19 Provinces of the Sister's of Notre Dame de Namur throughout the world.

The news media was present; Chanel 5 WLWT, Cincinnatti, (The Catholic Telegraph: The Cincinnati Archdiocese Newspaper) and other reporters.

What a fantastic opportunity for some very positive exposure of the great works of the Knights of Columbus and our Catholic Church!!

I spoke to Sister Joan Krimm and Sister Elizabeth Bowyer, as well as Father Bramlage, afterward and they were all very pleased with entire event and very thankful to the Knights of Columbus for all of their efforts towards the Sister Dorothy Stang Project. It was an incredible day for the Knights of Columbus and many, many people were very pleased with all of our efforts. I am sure that Sister Dorothy and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ are very pleased.

We, as Knights of Columbus, must and will continue to stand firm for the causes of Peace and Justice throughout the world, and continue our complete and total support of our Priests, Nuns and all of our Religious men and women throughout the world.

I would like to close with a very special thank you to Sir Knight Thomas Bardin of our Assembly in Marysville, for the use of his truck and his assistance with helping my wife, Lady Anita Goodman and myself with planting the trees.

Lady Anita and I are happy to have donated the (2) trees to the Sister Dorothy Stang Project in the name of The Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus,

Tom Goodman,
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State Chairman, The Sister Dorothy Stang Project.