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Dear Knights of Columbus Council 14785,

My name is Allison Pinterpe and I have been a parishioner at St. Benedict's for almost 7 years. For the last couple of years I have also been a part of the Catholic community at my school in New York. The Cornell Catholic Community has provided me with many opportunities to grow, one in particular I have taken advantage of in the past and hope to do again. Every spring the Cornell Catholic Community provides an alternative Spring Break trip. A trip where about 15 people comprised of Cornell Graduates, Undergraduates, Locals and even our communities' Priest, head to down Guatemala to stay in the small town of San Lucas at the San Lucas Toliman mission center. This Spring Break I plan to again be a part of the team that goes down and helps the people of San Lucas, and I would like to ask for The Knights of Columbus' support for my trip as well as for the entirety of the San Lucas Mission Center. The Mission, started by Franciscan Brothers in the 16th century was more recently revitalized to include such amazing programs as a brand new women's center. The Mission is run by many short term and long term volunteers who participate in different programs to address the growing need for housing, healthcare and nutrition, education, and land throughout the town and surrounding area. While there we will help with many different projects, including weeding in the mission garden where they grow fresh vegetables for the Parish Kitchens eaten by the volunteers every day, tending baby coffee plants that can be sold to locals for a fair price so they can provide for their own families and the fuel efficient stove project, where we build stoves with the locals to provide a safe and clean cooking surface in their homes. The mission center doesn't ask for much from its volunteers for the room and board it's providing but we like to leave a sizable donation to further the mission's work. I would love to bring the support of the Knights of Columbus Council 14785, in the form of monetary donations and faithful prayer to San Lucas, Guatemala this year. Checks can be made out to Cornell Catholic Community and mailed or given to me directly.

Thank you for your consideration,



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