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Knights of Columbus Flag Relay for Special Olympics

(Mississauga, ON) - The Knights of Columbus Flag Relay for Special Olympics is more than a symbolic event. It is a year-round province wide program which is designed to create public awareness for the Knights of Columbus and Special Olympics; culminating with a formal flag raising ceremony at the 2011 Provincial Floor Hockey Championships.

There are 24 teams, with over 350 athletes competing at the 2011 Provincial Floor Hockey Championships, which will take place from June 9th – 12th in Sudbury, Ontario. Teams have earned their way to this prestigious event by qualifying through local and regional competitions.

For more than 40 years, the Knights of Columbus has raised and donated more than \$382 million to programs for people with intellectual and physical disabilities. Among the larger gifts of time and money the Order makes annually is to Special Olympics and in Ontario, the Knights of Columbus are actively involved in communities across the province.

“The Knights of Columbus flag relay symbolizes the active involvement of our members at a grass-roots level. Supporting Special Olympics or more specifically, people with intellectual disabilities, truly says that we are indeed our Brothers Keeper”, said Arthur Peters, State Deputy, Knights of Columbus.

In all, the Knights of Columbus has organized a flag raising event in 24 communities to bring attention and recognition to their hometown team and Special Olympics.

Special Olympics is a charitable organization, dedicated to enriching the lives of people with an intellectual disability through sport.