

Worthy Grand Knights,

The Master of Ceremonies of SS Simon and Jude Cathedral has requested the assistance of the Knights of Columbus. He is asking for help on **October 30, 2018** when the relics of St Padre Pio are going to be venerated in the Cathedral. He is asking for guards or minders to stand by the relics for the entire day. Bishop Naveras has also requested an Honor Guard for the evening Mass.

The last time these relics were venerated in the diocese they drew a crowd of almost 5000 people. They are expecting an even bigger crowd for this event because not only will the relics be on display, they are going to be available **to be touched by all come to venerate**. This means a person could touch a rosary or some other item to the relic and this would in turn create for them their own 2nd Class Relic. This should cause an even bigger crowd than last time.

These Five First Class relics are being provided the Padre Pio Foundation. They will be available for adoration from **9:30 am until 6:00 pm**.

The Five Relics are:

- 1) A piece of Padre Pio Hair.
- 2) 1 piece of bloody gauze soaked in Padre Pio's blood.
- 3) The handkerchief that wiped Padre Pio face after he died.
- 4) A scab from Padre Pio
- 5) Padre Pio Mantle

As this is taking place on a weekday, and most of the members of SS Simon and Jude Council will be working, we have been given permission by the State Deputy to ask other Council for assistance in guarding the relics. Please pass this message along to your Council Brothers and see if they are willing to take an hour or so out of their day to help.

If they can help they may respond to me with the hour they would be available. Please contact me at KofCRick@Q.com

Request letter attached.

Thank you.

Vivat Jesus!
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