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Knights of Columbus Museum to present Christmas Lecture

(NEW HAVEN, Conn.) — The Knights of Columbus Museum will present a Christmas lecture, “The Hidden Meaning of Plants in the Manger: Forgotten legends, stories, and traditions,” by Rev. Timothy Goldrick, Wednesday, Dec. 29, at 11 a.m. (and represented at 2 p.m.).

Father Goldrick has been a Catholic priest of the Diocese of Fall River for nearly 40 years. He has been collecting and displaying Christmas manger scenes from around the world for half a century. Some of his crèches have been on display at the Knights of Columbus Museum.

Some refer to him as “Father Christmas” due to his life-long research into the celebration of the Incarnation in folk art, legend, and popular culture. Dedicated to furthering the tradition of the crèche, he is currently vice president of the North American chapter Friends of the Crèche, an international society of crèche collectors and enthusiasts headquartered in Rome.

Father Goldrick is the founding pastor of St. Nicholas of Myra Church in North Dighton, Mass., as well as a weekly columnist and humorist for the Fall River diocesan newspaper. He has also been a charter member and chaplain of two Knights of Columbus councils.

The Knights of Columbus Museum is located at 1 State St. in New Haven, Conn. Among its currently featured exhibits are: *Christmas in Asia* and *Mother Teresa: Life, Spirituality and Message*. The Museum is open daily from 10-5, except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call 203-865-0400 or visit kofcmuseum.org.

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