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**To: Assignment editors**

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**Subject: Knights of Columbus Museum Christmas 2011 events**

The Knights of Columbus Museum continues its popular tradition of presenting an exhibition of crèches (Nativity scenes) for the Christmas season. This year marks the seventh annual crèche display and features the work of African artists.

*Christmas Across Africa* debuts Nov. 15, 2011 and will remain open to the public until Feb. 5, 2012.

The biblical narrative of Jesus' birth tells of his "flight to Egypt" with his parents to escape King Herod's attempt to kill him. So Africa was actually the Christ Child's home for a short time, until Herod's death.

The artwork includes many carvings from both stone and wood, paintings and more traditional manger scenes with figurines of the Holy Family, shepherds, angels and kings.

The Museum's eleventh annual Christmas Tree Festival opens Dec. 3 and continues to the end of the crèche exhibition. It features Christmas Trees colorfully decorated by elementary school children from across Connecticut. The Museum also has an exhibition of Marian artwork, *Full of Grace: Crowned Madonnas from the Vatican Basilica*, open until Jan. 8, 2012. The show features nearly 100 recently paintings restored specifically for this exclusive American exhibition.

The Knights of Columbus Museum is at 1 State Street in New Haven, Conn and is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 203-865-0400 or visit [kofcmuseum.org](http://kofcmuseum.org).

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