



KEPHA 10 Mile Walkathon

APOLOGETICS - BROTHERHOOD - CHARITY - MORTIFICATION - PRAYER

KEPHA boys perform charitable deeds and raise their own money to go on retreats; however, **they must first donate half of the money raised to charity**. Over the past 12 years **KEPHA** boys have donated tens of thousands of dollars to charity. This May Kepha boys from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Florida will take part in a 10-mile Walkathon.

PROCEEDS:

1/2 will be given to charities & 1/2 will go to your retreat fund. Those making pledges should pick one of the following charities:

- A. KEPHA'S CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**
- B. SOUP KITCHEN**
- C. FATHER & SON CHASTITY RETREAT**
- D. PRO-LIFE CHARITIES**
- E. PHYSICALLY & MENTALLY CHALLENGED**

COLLECTING:

1. Pledges will be collected from February - May. While there is no monthly amount quota required, the virtue of consistency is learned by monthly collecting of pledges. This is also a good way to reduce the financial stress on your family, so be sure to take seriously the opportunity to start fund-raising early.
2. In order to meet our membership requirements and be eligible for the Mother Teresa Award, each boy must obtain a minimum number of pledges:

Saints' Squad boy	20 pledges
KEPHA boy	60 pledges

Note: The total number for a family with more than one son in KEPHA or SS is 75.

More important than pledge numbers or amounts, however, is KEPHA's support of charities. A prayer pledge without a financial pledge counts as a pledge.

3. Families with limited finances will want to make sure the boys collect more than the minimum, thereby making it easier for their sons to attend retreats.
4. Boys should wear their KEPHA or SS shirts when collecting pledges and should make sure that benefactors are asked to select a charity. In the absence of a selection, the boy should choose a charity of his choice.
5. Money should be turned into the Charity Leader by the 10th day of each month and certainly before the day of the Walkathon. All boys must walk the full 10-miles, preferably on the day of the walkathon (unless there are extenuating circumstances).
6. Some ways to collect pledges include:
 - ✦ **Knocking on neighborhood doors**
 - ✦ **Calling relatives, friends, and those in your clubs and school groups**
 - ✦ **Asking permission of your priest and other charitable groups (KCs, Altar Society, etc.) to let you solicit donations after Mass or at their events**
 - ✦ **Sending letters and e-mails to contacts that live far away**
 - ✦ **Asking business owners with whom your family does business or local Parish Bulletin Catholic business owners for support**

BOY'S INTRODUCTION SHEET

- ✈ In **KEPHA** we perform charitable deeds and raise our own money to go on retreats
- ✈ We must first donate half of any money raised to Charity.
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- ✈ Kepha boys from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Florida will be taking part in a 10-mile Walkathon this May.

Framework of Points to Remember:

- *Always begin your pledge seeking by asking the intercession of KEPHA's Big 3.*
- Always go with someone else, *especially a cute little kid.*
- Show them your pledge sheet.
- Say...
 1. "Hello", I'm _____ (*State your first name*).
 2. *I belong to **KEPHA**, a Father-Son youth organization.*
 3. *And I am collecting pledges for a 10-mile WALKATHON this May.*
 4. *The pledge money we collect is used to give 1/2 to charity, and the other half to fund our retreats.*
 5. *We have 5 Charities that you may choose from for your donation.*
 6. *Would you consider pledging me?*
 7. *(Most Importantly), Could you also give me a prayer intention that I can pray for, as I do the Walkathon.*
 8. *Be sure to pause to answer their questions.*
- Benefactors may donate beforehand but are certainly not required to do so.
- Be polite. Accept NO as an answer, but strongly encourage those who say no (and yes) to make a prayer request.
- ✈ If they say that they are having problems (illness, loneliness, loss of job, etc.), ask them if you can say a prayer with them. If you are not comfortable praying with them from your heart, simply pray the Our Father. If they are Catholic, add the Hail Mary, too. Remember that changing someone's life is more important than collecting someone's pledge.

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