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Fr. Patrick J. Stenson, Administrator, Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church, Presented with Knights of Columbus Patriotism Award

July 14, 2015 (Georgetown – Pawleys Island) - More than four hundred Pawleys Island residents and visitors gathered to enjoy the 5th annual July 4 Celebration saluting our nation and our military. Sponsored by Council 11028 and Assembly 3272 of the Knights of Columbus, the event took place in the Parish Life Center (PLC) of Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church. During the evening of patriotic music by the Pawleys Island Concert Band, Assembly 3272 Faithful Navigator Jim McMahon, emcee of the celebration, and Council 11028 Grand Knight Bill Sturgeon presented the 2015 Patriotism Award - an American eagle wrapped in an American flag - to Fr. Patrick J. Stenson (Fr. Pat). The award recognized his 16 years of active duty with the U.S. Army, 13 as a chaplain. In reviewing Fr. Pat's priestly service as a missionary, pastor, chaplain and administrator, McMahon noted how Fr. Pat fulfilled a long time dream by opening a food kitchen at Precious Blood in 2007. Since then, almost 90,000 meals have been served. McMahon closed his remarks with, "Our honoree is a true friend of all veterans and is always available to help in any way he can."



Fr. Pat Receives Patriot Award from FN McMahon (left) and GK Sturgeon

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