



THE SHIELD

Grand Knight's Message



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Worthy Brother Knights & Ladies!

It's just been a few days since our first Fish Fry of this Lenten Season and I am very, very happy to report that we had an outstanding turnout from both our own volunteers and from an attendance perspective. From the preliminary report that I received, our Council served 428 fish fry meals and it was profitable for our Council. WOW! This was really fantastic, and I will be able to get into more specific information and details once the final numbers are in and Fish Fry number one is finalized and in the books, most likely at our next Council Business Meeting on March 9th.

From what I understand from our Council Fish Frys that were done in the past, and of course, pre Covid, we would average between 50 and 60 takeout orders per fish fry. During last week's fish fry, we had 191 takeout orders out of the 428 served. That was a little nuts, and that certainly caught us off guard a bit, but everyone was served and all was well. We have now made the necessary adjustments with our allocations of volunteer staff, our resources and process of accommodating our takeout line and orders.

At this time, I would like to recognize our awesome volunteer staff from our first fish fry:

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| Brian Annis | Ken Seguin | Maggie Cappabianca |
| Carolyn Annis | Gabe Seguin | Ramona Vazquez |
| Phil Farney | JJ Coyne | Wally Vazquez |
| Anne Harkins | Tom Harkins | Robin LaChance |

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Next Council Meeting
Thursday, March 09 @ 7:30 pm
Live in the Parish Center

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www.safetyharborkofc.org

Visit the State Website at:
www.floridakofc.org

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| Terry Drake | Jim Montali | George Inderweis |
| Shirley Drake | Phyllis Montali | Claire Inderweis |
| Ann Straub | Rosalie Resler | Peggy Gohman |
| Judy Hritz | Richie Resler | John Gohman |
| Betty D'Amelio | Peter Demzak | Frank Pensabene |
| Joe D'Amelio | Bob Justiana | Irving Hernandez |
| Kiera Gallant | Bill Gallant | Frank Marsalek |
| Santo Loparo | Bill Krajeski | Frank DiMattei |
| Rob Pickard | Karen Jajuga | Angela DiMattei |
| Mike Furman | Pat Nocerino | Frank McEwen |
| Jean Wozniak | Tom Wozniak | Tom Fitzpatrick |
| Ann LeClerc | Richard LeClerc | |

I sincerely apologize if I missed listing anyone.

Student Volunteer Servers:

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| Arwen Hagan | Mark Murack | Nicholas Murack |
| Kyran Hagan | Robbie Taylor | Gaven Dawson |
| Grifyn Hagan | Max Maskara | Tyler Harden |

UPCOMING EVENTS MARCH:

- Council Officer's Meeting – Thursday, March 2nd, 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room
- Council Fish Fry – Friday, March 3rd, 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the Parish Center
- Funeral Service for Lady Susanne Papa – Saturday, March 4th, visitation begins 10:00 AM in the Main Church

- Altar Server Appreciation Pizza Party – Sunday, March 5th, 1:00 PM in the JBC
- Rosary – Thursday, March 9th, 6:30 PM in the JBC
- Council Business Meeting – Thursday, March 9th, 7:30 PM in the Parish Center (FOOD DRIVE)
- Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – Thursday, March 9th, 7:30 PM in the Gathering Room
- Council Fish Fry – Friday, March 10th, 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the Parish Center
- Council Enterprise Road Adoption – Saturday, March 11th, 9:00 AM
- Council Informational Open House – Tuesday, March 14th, 7:30 PM in the Parish Center
- Pinellas Hope – Lunch Meal Prep and Delivery – Thursday, March 16th, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM PC Kitchen
- Unified Degree Exemplification – Thursday, March 16th, 7:30 PM in the Parish Center
- Council Fish Fry – Friday, March 17th, 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the Parish Center
- Kimberly Home Work Day – Saturday, March 18th, 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM (1189 NE Cleveland Street, Clearwater)
- Assembly Business Meeting – Thursday, March 23rd, 7:30 AM in the JBC
- Council Fish Fry – Friday, March 24th, 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the Parish Center
- Council Fish Fry – Friday, March 31st, 4:30 PM to 8:00 PM in the Parish Center
- St Vincent DePaul Meal Delivery – Saturday, April 1st, 9:00 AM in the JBC
- Council Officers Meeting – Thursday, April 6th, 7:00 PM in the Gathering Room CANCELED
- Council Business Meeting – Thursday, April 13th, 7:30 PM in the Parish Center

K OF C FLORIDA STATE COUNCIL – RAFFLE TICKETS

We will continue the distribution and sale of the Knights of Columbus - Florida State Council Raffle Tickets at our Council Business Meeting on Thursday, February 9th, at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center. Please see Sir Knight Doug de Wolfe.

Thank you.

Blessings for an awesome month!

Vivat Jesus!

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WGK Gene Jajuga presents SK Don Puchalski with January Knight of the Month



WGK Gene Jujaga presents SK Brian Annis with January Family of the Month

Council 7109 Membership Corner

Happy Lent My Brothers,

As Easter approaches, the time for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving has come upon us. Hmm...Just a thought but considering that we essentially celebrate the Resurrection and Easter every Sunday of the year, the time for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving should constantly be on our thoughts as we approach each Sunday. Let's seize this opportunity during this Lenten season to lead by example, exhibit our core traits in our parish and community, and show what it means to be a Knight of Columbus to the others. We might attract other Catholic gentlemen to join our ranks if we demonstrate excellence in upholding our Faith, Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.

Our goal is still 12 more new members by June to reach 15. Here's a list of membership events over the next month for opportunities to introduce new prospect to the Knights of Columbus.

- FISH FRY – Every Friday in March
- 03/14/23 – Informational Open House
- 03/16/23 – Unified Degree Ceremony



If you have somebody ready to join, no need to wait for an event, feel free to sign them up on the spot with this QR Code or visit: <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html> and a brother Knight will reach out to them.

St. Patrick, Pray for us!



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Informational Open House Schedule:

Mar 14, Apr 18, Jun 13

Unified Degree Ceremony Schedule:

Mar 16, Apr 20, Jun 15

Look for more information from our Grand Knight

Council Membership Report

Total Membership	329
Insurance Members	140
Honorary Life Members	68
Honorary Members	8
2022-2023 Membership Growth vs Goal	3/15
2022-2023 Insurance Growth vs Goal	1/2

Council Officers 2022-2023

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District Warden	Frank McEwen, PGK	727.239.2687
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Special Assistant to the Council	Gary Murphy	

Happy Birthday Brothers! Many Happy Returns!

John Berg Jr, Tim Bruggeman, Francis Cayer, Joseph Celic III, Joseph Cortese, James Daniels, Terry Drake, Philip Farney, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Eric Flores, Timothy Hartle, David Heezen, Michael Heider, Gregory Juedes, Jared Kirsten, William Krajeski, David Krieger, James Kurzdorfer, Brian Lapointe, Milton Levine, Mark Lewalski, Kevin McCullagh, Christopher Merritt, George Paradise, Timothy Patterson, Joseph Pernice, Mark Peterman, John Sager, Kenneth Seguin Jr, Robert Shafer, James Stanley, Joseph Watson

Prayers for the Sick

Don & Marie Bishop, Marie Burke (d), Bryan McGuire (d), Tim & Barbara Rush, Mario Zaccario, Ken Seguin, John Maloney (d), Sean Cooper, Ted Strab, Jim Gencur, Joseph McHale (d), Alfred Bonvicino, Ed Mandichak, Gaspar Lasanta (d), Lois Coyne (d), Ron Lexa, Susanne Papa (d), Jim Schownek, Ed Warticki, Desiree, Mrs LeClerc, Barbara Dimartino, Don Breitzman, Brady Cobb, Kathy Kukulski

Please pray for all our sick and deceased Brothers, Ladies, and family members. Please report illnesses and deaths to Sir Knight Paul Harvey, Lecturer, at 727.286.7171 or pharvey10@verizon.net

Support our Vocations Fund



Austin Smith



Benjamin Harris



Nicholas Gunn

Thank you for your continued support of the Vocations Fund. As most of you know we are making annual donations to three seminarians. Two of our three new seminarians this year are located at St. John Vianney College Seminary in Miami. Austin Smith, Sophomore Year who is from Nativity parish in Brandon. His birthday is 11/19. Benjamin Harris, Freshman Year from St. Theresa parish, Spring Hill. His birthday is 12/31. Nicholas Gunn, in his Freshman Year, is studying at St. Vincent's in Boynton Beach.

Please get your name on the list by giving \$5.00, \$10.00 or whatever you can in support of this worthy endeavor! We need to continue to support these young men and vocations but it will take everyone's help. Thank You!

Mark Barrett, David and Patricia Behrle, Patrick and Beatrice Boland, James and Jean Burris, John and Sharon Cathcart, Christopher and Debra Constantine, John Coyne, Joseph and Biagia D'Amelio, Douglas and Carol DeWolfe, Peter Demzak, Jerome Dewberry, Frank and Angela Di Mattei, Jonathan Di Mattei, Francisco and Mildred Diaz Estrella, Terry and Shirley Drake, Robert and Zoe Dufour, Robert and Patricia Ehrman, Philip and Janet Farney, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Charles and Raquel Friesema, William and Marie Gallant, John and Peggy Gohman II, Joel Gray, Gerald and Lorraine Grubba, Thomas and Anne Harkins, Thomas Hart Jr, Paul and Rose Marie Harvey, David and Donna Heezen, Kevin and Gidet Hernandez, Joseph and Sandra Hoherl, Jarret Honahan, George and Claire Inderwies, Steven and Anne Marie Ippolito, Eugene and Karen Jajuga, Shawn and Pattie Jajuga, Gregory and Kim Juedes, Peter and Nancy Jula, Matthew Killeen, William and Katherine Krajewski, Tom and Margaret Krivchenia, Frank and Deborah Laffey, James and Maria Lankford, Stephen Leger, Santo and Karen Loparo Jr, Frank and Juliann Marsalek, Frank and Cindy McEwen, Charles McEwen Sr, Kevin McMullen, Stuart Miller, James and Phyllis Montali, Adel Nammour, David Neal, Chris Nesci, James and Patricia Nolf, Thomas and Carolyn O'Rourke, Mark and Melissa Ostapowicz, Todd and Margaret Owers, Donald and Carol Palacheck, John and Susanne Papa, Gerald and Holly Pappa, Paul and Virginia Pappas, Brandon and Mirela Parrinello, Mark and Christine Peterman, Richard Roberto Jr, John and Kathleen Ruckart, Peter and Susanne Salesses, Morgan Sheaffer Sr., James and Karin Smith, Thomas and Janet Stanko, Matthew and Julie Sunski, Walberto and Ramona Vazquez, Steven and Jaclyn Verba, Eugene and Rita Wolanin, Mario Zaccaria, Patrick and Joan Alix, Victor and Suzanne Berggren, Donald and Linda Motika Borbath, Herman and Mary Jo Brames, Sal and Ingrid Burriesci, Robert and Nancy Carman, Anthony Crevello, Sean Donahoo, Zach Faraone, Mark and Elaine Feldman, Edward and Anne Fucillo, Joseph Guazzerotti, David and Paula Harvey, Karl and Lisa Held, James Jessup, James and Karen Kurzdorfer, Brian Lawandus, Francis and Carol Mahoney, Christopher Mazzone, William Mc Fadden, Michael and Maria Li McCarthy, Clifford and Michelle Merz, William Nies, George and Tracy Paradise, Thomas and Nancy Penders, Daniel and Teresa Peterson, Glen and Jennifer Pettersen, Christopher and Carol Purcell, Richard and Rosalie Resler, Brian and Erin Riley, Juan and RoseMary Romero, Guillermo Romero, William and Mary Scott, Kenneth and Gabriella Seguin Sr, Jim and Nancy Shirer, Jugdesh and Sucheta Sujanani, Chuck and Elizabeth Sullivan, Roy and Linda Vanderveer, Brian and Carolyn Annis, Dennis and Joyce Ayril, Paul and Jacqueline Barry, Fred and Caroline Bennett, Robert and Ann Marie Bonvicino, Jonathan and Marianne Boyce, Tim and Stacey Bruggeman, Jacob and Mary Burnett, Patrick Carroll, Francis Cayer, Kenneth and Debra Chmara, Terrell and Victoria Clampitt, Joseph and Ellen Cortese, Anibal Cruz, Austin Davis, Eric and Bernadette Flores, Michael and Lisa Furman, Joseph Gajewski, Ward and Kathleen Griffin, Mark Gurley, Lawrence and Nancy Harkins, James and Janetze Hart, James Hayes, Michael and Anna Heider, Kenton and Sue Heuertz, Christopher and Celise Jones, Mark and Maryann Locascio Kapinos, William and Elizabeth Kasak, Brian and Christine Kearns, Richard and Cecilia Kemball-Cook Jr, Dan and Donna Kistel, James and Patricia Kleinsorge, Brian and Christina Lapointe, Milton Levine, Louis Lyons, Kenneth (Ken) Miller, Javier and Xiomara Ortega, Edmund and Diane Pagnott, Frank and Patricia Piro, Edward and Sandra Riley, Jeffrey and Roxann Rogers Sr, James and Drema Rooney, Timothy and Barbara Rush, Mario and Karen Russica, Kurt Salac, Daniel and Paula Saracki, Robert and Teresa Shafer, Hugh and Katie Siegel, Massimo Simeoni, Bryan and Krista Snyder, Gregory and Carolina Sohn, James and Darlene Stanley, Keith and Griselda Taylor Sr, Edward Warticki, Benjamin and Rosmeli Workman, Kevin Cordaro, Gerald Custin Jr, Timothy and Marcy Dolan, Christian Lyon, Edward Martinenko, Thomas and Gwendolyn Odmark, Bradford Patterson, Lawrence and Corinne Steinhardt, Skip and Margaret Vankleeck, John Willyoung, Darryl and Mary Miller, John J Liu, John T Liu

Total Collected to Date: \$1,866.22



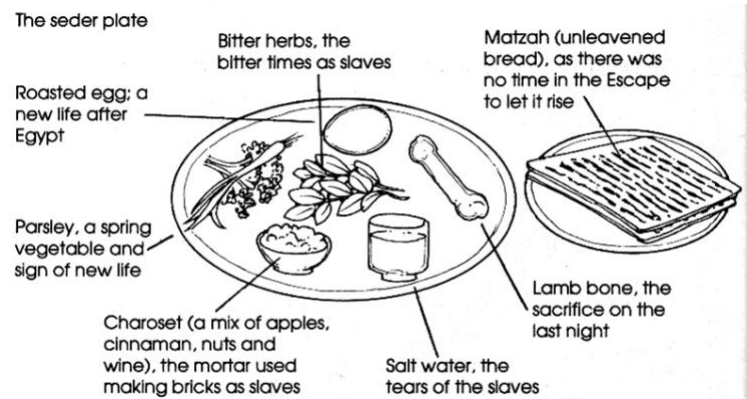
Father Michael W. Cooper, SJ
Chaplain

Chaplain's Corner

I would like to invite all of my Brother Knights, their spouses, and friends to celebrate the Seder Meal on March 28, 2023, beginning at 5: 30pm. For Catholics Easter Sunday is the central feast of our Faith. For members of the Jewish Faith, Passover is the central feast, since it celebrates the historic event of Yahweh God leading them to freedom from Pharaoh in Egypt to Israel. The Seder or Passover Meal is the traditional ritual celebration every year of this great feast. Thus, we share a great image of God as a God of Freedom freeing both Jews and Christians from various sorts of slavery in our lives then and now. Biblical scholars consider "the Last Supper" as Jesus' celebration of the Passover Seder meal on the night before he died. Catholic Easter and Jewish Passover usually happen close to each other, because of the historical link of the Passover Seder and Easter Resurrection in Jesus' life.

The Seder uses very symbolic foods tied symbolically to the Jewish experience of slavery and suffering in Egypt culminating in the freedom of Exodus. Participants in the Seder sit down and the meaning of the gradual unfolding of the event and the ritual foods is explained in the *Haggadah*, the narrative of the Seder. Besides learning and appreciating the faith of our Jewish sisters and brothers, we discover roots and links to our Catholic Mass/Eucharist. [The ingredients of the ritual meal, including the entrée, wine, and other Passover foods are not cheap but I encourage you to consider investing in this faith experience as part of preparing for Easter.]

Michael Cooper, SJ, Chaplain



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Deputy Grand Knight's Report

Worthy Brother Knights!

How are we doing on our Lenten journey? Have we gotten lost in the desert, or have we been journeying through it and finding what we are looking for as we grow spiritually? There are many ways that you can continue your journey through the desert either by saying the Rosary or doing the Stations of the Cross, spending time in a Bible Study or just reading the Bible, or by finding those quiet moments of prayer. All of these can bring you closer to the Lord.

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered at the Fish Fry to make it an amazing success. What a great turn out we had for our first fish fry of the year, and hopefully, they will only get bigger. I would also like to thank everyone who has contributed to the Baby Bottles for the Kimberly Home, as we have collected almost \$1,000, and we still have four months to go.

From the Faith Director Desk

We are sponsoring the Altar Server Pizza Party on March 5th at 1pm. We could use a few helpers to deliver the pizzas and set up. We will have our second recitation of the Rosary on Thursday March 9th at 6:30 in the Parish Center before our Council meeting. Last month, we had over 40 people from our Council and the Ladies Auxiliary. This event is open to the parish so if you know someone who would like to attend, please invite them to come. Let's make each month better than the last. We will be bringing back the Faith Kiosk to the Parish Center during the Fish Fry so family members can take home little booklets for anyone who wants to grow their faith.

Save The Date: Our Retreat has been moved to May 13th from 9am to 1pm with lunch at noon. The retreat will feature Dr Wayne Phillips with his presentation on the Shroud of Turin along with other speakers. This will be open to the parish.

From the Community Directors Desk

We have accomplished a lot this year. We have had the hockey shoot out, the roadside clean-up project and the

Basketball Free Throw Challenge. We will have another road clean-up on Saturday March 11th at 9am. We will meet at the shed and have some coffee and donuts before heading out. It should only take about an hour. All are welcome!

From the Family Director's Desk

Despite Good Friday's central role in the heart of Christianity, attendance at services remains low. In an effort to change this, the Knights of Columbus program "Good Friday Family Promotion" encourages you and your family to participate in Good Friday services. Knights are asked to attend Good Friday services with their families and to encourage your fellow parishioners for increased involvement at these liturgies. We also encourage you and your family to attend the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 5:30p.

This will bring families into a more robust practice and better understanding of our Catholic faith and the Triduum. As the leader of your domestic church, your family, please consider increased participation this Lenten season as we prepare for the greatest gift, the Resurrection of our Savior promising us all eternal salvation.

We will be helping our chapter of Saint Vincent de Paul on April 1st delivering hams and other food items to needy families for their Easter dinners. We are looking for as many volunteers to help bring joy to needy families in our community.

We are having a food drive to help Saint Vincent de Paul at our March Council meeting. Please bring as many non-perishable food items as possible to our monthly meeting. This is a great way we can give back to the community and fulfill our Lenten responsibilities.

March 19 (This year the Solemnity of St. Joseph will be celebrated on Monday, March 20). Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Joseph, the "foster father of our Lord" (nutritor Domini), was the legal father of Jesus. Through his genealogical line Jesus is said to be of the house of David. In his self-gift to Mary and Jesus, Joseph "fully shares in authentic human fatherhood and the

mission of a father in the family” (St. John Paul II). In 1870, Pius IX declared Joseph the patron of the Universal Church. Many saints have recommended his patronage, including Bernadine of Sienna, Vincent Ferrer, and Teresa of Avila. According to Teresa, “To other saints our Lord has given power to help in one sort of need, but this glorious saint, as I know by experience, helps us in every need.” Saint Joseph has many titles, including Patron Saint of Workers, Terror of Demons, Protector of the Holy Church to name a few. Saint Joseph’s Oratory in Montreal is dedicated to this wonderful saint. It is a place of many miraculous healings and is the third largest basilica in the world. Saint Joseph, Pray for Us!

March Liturgical Calendar

- Mar 3 St Katharine Drexel
- Mar 4 St. Casimir
- Mar 7 Sts. Perpetua and Felicity
- Mar 8 St. John of God
- Mar 9 St. Frances of Rome
- Mar 17 St Patrick
- Mar 18 St Cyril of Jerusalem
- Mar 20 Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)
- Mar 23 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
- Mar 25 The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)


May you have a Blessed Lenten Season,

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A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,
 During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.
 Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.
 Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.
 Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.
 May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.
 Amen.





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Fraternal Benefits Advisor Report

March this year, to me, means Spring and Spring cleaning, Lent and preparing for Easter, and the day when we're all a little bit Irish, St. Patrick's Day. Let me start with St. Patrick's Day. It's a nice break from the doldrums of winter and a brief respite from Lenten preparation. To all my members, Irish or not, I say "Sláinte!"

This year we're immersed in Lent for the entire month as we look forward to Easter on April 9. This is a time of renewal and preparation for Holy Week, Christ's Passion, and his conquest over death in the Resurrection. May your focus be on generous giving and spreading peace to everyone you encounter.

Spring is a time of rebirth and renewal: trees around the country may begin to bud and flowers begin to poke through in search of warmer temperatures. The Spring equinox means that daylight lasts as long as night with the earth spinning toward that summer solstice. Maybe, just maybe, the Florida winter is behind us. While you're getting rid of all the old cobwebs of winter and doing the annual spring cleaning, now is a great time to take a fresh look at your family's financial security.

With a wide range of products—life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance retirement annuities and mutual funds, I can help you look at your family's financial situation now and for the years to come. All this while you deal with a company that shares your faith and beliefs and invests in accordance with Church social teaching.

As your Knights of Columbus Field Agent, I've been trained to help you through that important process. Sit down for a short meeting with me and we can use our newest and most advanced financial needs analysis platform that the Order has ever had. I'll take the time to gather information from you, ask about your wants, needs and desires, and put together any recommendations to help you meet those. As always this is a free financial analysis offered to all our members and their families!

I'll contact you soon to see if an appointment should be our next step.

Vivat Jesus!
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Book an appt with me here: kofc.ruckart.com





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Faithful Navigator's Log

Hard to believe we are already into the Lenten Journey of 2023. How blessed we are as the church guides year in and year out. The Catholic Liturgical Calendar puts the universal church on the same page as we worship God in unison. It also unites heaven and earth. As we worship and celebrate during our earthly pilgrimage, the angels and saints in heaven are doing the same in tandem. What a tremendous blessing and grace from God!

Ash Wednesday reminds us of our Order's watchwords, "Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori", (Time Flies, Remember Death). Lent is a time to mediate on "how do we live well with death in mind?" The saints inform us the key to the interior life is right order. The supernatural must take priority over the temporal affairs of this world. In the words of Saint Robert Bellarmine, "The art of dying well is to live well".

What's the surest way to experience a joy filled life? Jesus says it plainly: Love one another as I have loved you. At the Last Supper on the night before he died, he washes the disciples' feet and says: "As I have done for you, so you must do for others." Doing good, in short, makes you feel good.

As our secular culture decays further into all forms of depravity and evil, God uses basic human relationships as a means of sharing His love with us. God, in effect, uses us to heal those who are hurting, particularly the weakest and neediest among us. Serving others with love is transforming. Our Lenten Fish Fry Fridays demonstrate such service as we provide a welcoming fellowship amongst our parishioners and local community as well as raising funds for local charities who struggle financially.

A reminder that Wednesday, March 29, is our order's Founder's Day. The story of the Knights is truly that of the biblical mustard seed that grew into a giant tree. Founded in 1882 by Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut, the order has grown to more than 15,000 councils and over 2 million members.

We are still behind our recruiting goals for this fraternal year. In honor of Founder's Day, let us reach out to that

Catholic Gentleman sitting next to us in church. Extend a welcoming hand and invite him to join our ranks. Our next scheduled Informational Open House is on Tuesday, March 14 to coincide with a Unified Degree Exemplification on Thursday, March 16. As we all know firsthand, being a Knight of Columbus can be a tremendous blessing to those who say, "YES."

As members of the Patriotic Order, remember to pray daily for our country. The Christian ideals and principals that shaped our great nation are under persistent attack from all quarters. Pray always and stand strong in unity to defend the deposit of faith handed down to us from the Fathers of the Church, the great Doctors of the Church, and through the blood of many holy martyrs.

Vivat Jesus!
 Frank McEwen
 FN



FN Frank McEwen presents SKs Tom Wozniak & Bob Justiana with Honorary Life Membership cards

Assembly Membership Growth	
Current Membership	141
2020/2021 Goal	0/6



Dave Behrle
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Let's begin with heartfelt condolences to John Papa and family and friends for our loss of Susanne Papa, who died Friday, Feb 24. Her wake and funeral is this coming Saturday, March 4 at Espiritu Santo with visitation at 10 am and her funeral mass at 11 am. I have good memories of Susanne: supporting John in all his leadership roles with the Knights, helping at our dinners and dances - - she was a wonderful woman who loved to dance. May she be dancing now in heaven, and teaching others how to do line dancing to give glory to God!

Update on Mark Houck, the prolife volunteer and activist, who was tried in Philadelphia court last month, and the topic for last month's, February article: Mark was declared NOT GUILTY by the jury. Thanks be to God for this verdict! May the federal Justice Department cease & desist any further harassment of similar cases that they have initiated or may have in the pipeline.

Transgender issues are exploding across our nation. It is sickening and shocking to read about what is being done to our children. Parents & Grandparents – please take note! One case that is getting national attention is in St. Louis, my hometown. The MO Attorney General has launched an investigation into transgender treatment on hundreds of kids by the Pediatric Transgender Center at St. Louis Children's Hospital. The ongoing investigation is based on a whistleblower who has alleged that the facility's practices are seriously harming children. Please see the following links to get the disturbing details. The first link is dated 2-9-23, and the second link is a 2-16-23 update. If the links do not work/open, then copy and paste into your internet browser.

<https://www.dailywire.com/news/missouri-attorney-general-launches-investigation-into-trans-center-for-harming-hundreds-of-children>

<https://www.dailywire.com/news/st-louis-gender-clinic-advised-5th-grade-teacher-to-affirm-group-of-students-as-trans>

From the second link, here is a chilling cut & paste: The Director of Outreach at Parents Defending Education,

Erika Sanzi, told The Daily Wire that the case of the fifth-grade girls is not an isolated incident, and it has brought into sharp focus the debate around the diagnosis and treatment of gender dysphoria in minors. "This isn't the first time we've seen these kinds of communications between a gender clinic at a children's hospital and a local school district," said Sanzi. "We've seen similar correspondence in San Francisco, Chicago, and Philadelphia. St. Louis is the tip of the iceberg."

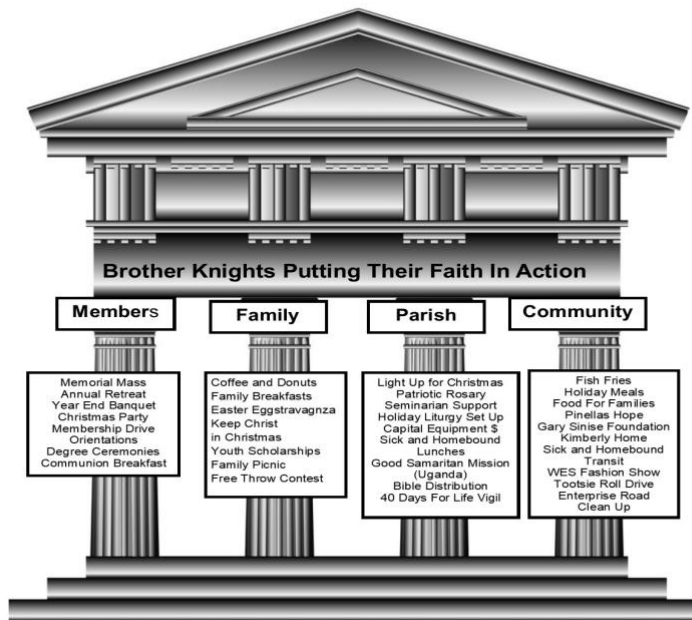
There is more positive prolife news to balance this "transgender" negativity. Please go to YouTube.com and search for and watch the following 4 videos: a) Third Annual Tampa Bay March for Life (3 min), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8FLEnZCvhc>, and the next three, courtesy of EWTN: b) Tony Dungy March for Life, Washington DC Jan 2023 (5 min), c) Jonathan Roumie, the TV Jesus, from The Chosen at March for Life, Washington DC Jan 2023 (17 min), and d) Journey Home - Lauren De Witt 2023-01-23.

Please continue to Pray for Life!





Teach The Art of Living: Psalm 78 teaches us the importance not only of staying faithful to God but also the necessity of teaching the following generations the criticality of hearing and obeying God's word. As faithful families and Christian communities, we are the Mystical Body of Christ. As the song says, "Teach your children well Their father's hell did slowly go by. And feed them on your dreams The one they pick's the one you'll know by ... Don't you ever ask them, "Why?" If they told you, you would cry. So just look at them and sigh, and know they love you.



Psalm 78: Attend, my people, to my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable, Unfold the puzzling events of the past. What we have heard and know; things our ancestors have recounted to us. We do not keep them from our children; we recount them to the next generation, The praiseworthy deeds of the LORD and his strength, the wonders that he performed. God made a decree in Jacob, established a law in Israel: which he commanded our ancestors, they were to teach their children; That the next generation might come to know, children yet to be born. In turn they were to recount them to their children, that they too might put their confidence in God, And not forget God's deeds, but keep his commandments. They were not to be like their ancestors, a rebellious and defiant generation, A generation whose heart was not constant, and whose spirit was not faithful to God. The ranks of Ephraimite archers, retreated on the day of battle. They did not keep God's covenant; they refused to walk according to his law. They forgot his deeds, the wonders that he had shown them.

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Photo Gallery



Scenes from our first Fish Fry Friday of the 2023 Lenten Season

It was wonderful to offer dining-in again after a couple years of drive-thru only

It truly takes a village...or a Council + an Assembly + a Ladies Auxiliary + RE Students + ...



In Memoriam

Susanne M. Papa

July 22, 1950 – February 24, 2023



Susanne Papa (Slattery), 72, passed away surrounded by family at Suncoast Hospice - North Pinellas Care Center on February 24, 2023, in Palm Harbor, Florida.

Born in Salem, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of John and Lorraine Richardson. She graduated Danvers High School and raised her children at home until she began working for the Town of Seymour, CT where she was an Administrative Assistant and Office Manager for 15 years before relocating to sunny Florida in 1998. She was later employed at Colonial Life where she worked as an Insurance Coordinator before retiring after 15 years.

Susanne was a member of several organizations, including the Women of Espiritu Santo in which she was the past president, Knights of Columbus Auxiliary, and the East Lake Women's Golf Association (aka "The Brats"). She will be remembered for her fun-loving spirit, contagious laugh, and big heart. Those who were blessed to know her can attest to her talents on the dance floor, passion for music, fondness for animals (rescue dogs in particular), love of Disney, enjoyment of golf, and excitement in rooting for the Red Sox, Patriots, and Buccaneers.

She will be lovingly remembered by her devoted husband, John; her daughters, Trina (Tom) Burrous, Barbara (Kathy) Papa-Zinko; her siblings, Jim Slattery, Mike (Sandy) Slattery, Mary Ann Couture, John (Susan) Richardson, Sheila (Kevin) Bolka; her step-granddaughter, Sarah Burrous; along with Louie (Teresa) Papa, nine nieces and nephews she thought of as grandchildren, many other extended family members, beloved friends, as well as her loyal and best friend, Quincy.

There will be a visitation on Friday, March 3, 2023, at Curlew Hills Memory Gardens, located in Palm Harbor, FL, from 5:00p - 7:00p. A funeral mass will be held the following morning on Saturday, March 4, 2023, at Espiritu Santo Catholic Church beginning at 11:00a in Safety Harbor, FL. For those who were not able to attend the visitation the night prior, an additional visitation will be held at the church Saturday morning beginning at 10:00a before the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Susanne's honor to Suncoast Hospice or Voices of Hope for Aphasia .





Fraternity...What Is A Knight?

The great C.S. Lewis was a British writer and Anglican lay theologian who had a great impact on literature, education as well as presented Christianity in very imaginative and compelling ways through his writing. His mother basically died at birth and by the age of 13 he denounced his Christian faith. He served in WWI and was wounded in battle. He became friends with fellow writer J.R.R. Tolkien when he was 28. Shortly thereafter he abandoned atheism and adopted theism. He converted to Christianity at the age of 33. He became a broadcaster during WWII and spoke on Christian topics. These talks later became one of his many books, Mere Christianity, The question? We all have taken many diverse paths to get where we are and become what we are becoming? Life is a journey and a process, and our evolution as Catholic men continues to evolve. So, how did we get to this point as individuals, families, and servants of Christ? Maybe this quote from Mere Christianity will provide some insight.

"In friendship ... we think we have chosen our peers. In reality a few years' difference in the dates of our births, a few more miles between certain houses, the choice of one university instead of another ... the accident of a topic being raised or not raised at a first meeting — any of these chances might have kept us apart. But, for a Christian, there are, strictly speaking no chances. A secret master of ceremonies has been at work. Christ, who said to the disciples, 'Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you,' can truly say to every group of Christian friends, 'Ye have not chosen one another but I have chosen you for one another.' The friendship is not a reward for our discriminating and good taste in finding one another out. It is the instrument by which God reveals to each of us the beauties of others."

The Lessons?

- We are called to be Christians and Knights
- We have been placed in this Council and Assembly for a purpose.
- There are no coincidences with God.

- Our different paths add value and perspective to our lives and our mission as Catholic men.
- We are CHOSEN by God to be in this time and place as friends and brothers.
- Enjoy the ride and embrace the diversity!

Lines from the **Ladies Auxiliary**

Blessed Lenten season to all and your loved ones. We are off to a great start with our first Fish Fry on March 24 with a great turn out. Thank you to all ladies for your hard work in making our contributions to the Fish Fry a success. Ahead is the season of deep renewals and deepening our faith. May we have increased awareness of how we are able to help others, not only our fellow parishioners, but those who need to be noticed. Continue to keep those who are suffering with medical conditions, loss, and life challenges in our prayers and what we are called to do to help them. A smile, phone call, hug, or a visit can change their day in ways that are unmeasurable!

God bless you and yours.



Members of the Ladies Auxiliary work the check-in table at our first Fish Fry of the 2023 Lenten Season

From the Desk of Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly...

Lent, the McGivney Way

The Order's principles help us to better understand and practice prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

By Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

Last Month, we rejoiced to celebrate the beautiful feast of the Lord's birth. Now we look ahead to the fulfillment of his mission to redeem the world. Signs of this mission were evident from the beginning — from the angel telling Joseph to name the child Jesus, “because he will save his people from their sins” (Mt 1:21), to the prophecy of Simeon that Jesus would be a sign of contradiction and Mary's heart would be pierced by a sword of sorrow (Lk 2:34-35).

During Lent, even as we prepare to welcome catechumens into the Church's life, we also prepare for the solemn celebration of the Lord's passion, death and resurrection. Lent is therefore a season of repentance, a time when, through God's grace, we seek to die to our sins so that we might rise from our sins, and thus anticipate the glory that will be ours in heaven.

Lent, a season both joyful and sober, is meant for every member of the Church, but I believe that Blessed Michael McGivney can give us a helping hand in our Lenten self-denial and spiritual growth. The help he offers is embedded in the very principles of charity, unity and fraternity upon which he built the Knights of Columbus.

Let's begin with our first principle, charity. If we are to open our hearts to the crucified Shepherd who loves us like no other, our hearts must be aflame with charity. The Church's tradition, therefore, identifies almsgiving as a most beneficial Lenten practice. It is easy to see an equivalence between charity and almsgiving, which is more than providing financial help to the needy, important as that is. Almsgiving refers to all forms of charitable outreach to those who are in need — precisely the outreach we engage in as Knights. Whether it's Coats for Kids, the heroic service of Knights to Ukrainian refugees, disaster relief, or simply helping a neighbor in time of trouble — all these are ways of putting the needs of others ahead of our own. Through charity, we become more like Christ, who gave himself up for us and for our salvation.

How about the principle of unity? Unity is crucial for the health of the Order. Only when we are united can we fulfill our mission to empower Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work and in their community. Living our faith is like a team sport; we can only do it together. But our unity depends not merely on our good will, but rather on our oneness with God, which is attained through a habit of daily prayer. Lent is a training ground for prayer. For new Catholics, it is a kind of bootcamp. For lifelong Catholics, it is a refresher course. And for us as Knights, it is a time for us to unite in living our faith, a faith which has its source not in any human wisdom but in the wisdom of the cross.

A final word focused on the principle of fraternity: As Knights, we value the brotherhood and solidarity that we and our families share. We also know that sustaining that spirit of solidarity sometimes requires patience and forbearance. Sometimes, we need to abstain from a hasty word or an angry remark. Often, we need to make room in our hearts for a brother Knight with whom we disagree. In a word, we need to “fast” from that which undermines our fraternity. During Lent, denying ourselves food and drink can also help us to make more room in our hearts for one another, for those in need, and ultimately for the Savior, in whose pierced heart is the fullness of redemption.

Lent the McGivney way boils down to this: Charity corresponds to almsgiving; unity to prayer; fraternity to fasting. Guided by the principles that our Founder left us, may we experience our best Lent ever.



From the Florida State Council Chamber...

New Supreme Master

Brothers,

Michael McCusker has been elected to lead the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus as the new Supreme Master. He will also continue as a member of the Board of Directors, following his election to that position last August. McCusker, a decorated military veteran, succeeds Dennis Stoddard, who retires March 1 after 13 years as supreme master. In recognition of Stoddard's distinguished record of accomplishments, the Board of Directors voted to accord him the honorary title of Supreme Master Emeritus.

Michael McCusker, a member of the Knights of Columbus since 1988, has served as the state deputy of Tennessee from 2019 to 2021 and was elected to the Board of Directors in August 2022. He has worked as a criminal prosecutor for more than 20 years and currently is an Assistant District Attorney General for the 30th Judicial District of Tennessee. He also served in the U.S. Army Reserves, and then the Tennessee National Guard, for more than two decades, including a deployment to Afghanistan from 2005 to 2006. McCusker was awarded a Bronze Star for his service in Afghanistan, as well as an Army Commendation Medal for his actions during a search-and-rescue mission there in 2005.

McCusker is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and earned his law degree from the University of Memphis. He is a member of St. Michael the Archangel Council 17578 in Memphis. He and his wife, Theresa, live in Germantown, Tennessee, and have three children.

Recruiting

Brothers,

It's time to make sure we have fuel to carry us through. Runners fuel up before a 5k, vacationers fuel up before a road trip, and rockets get fueled before they blast off into space with their cargo. We are on the final stretch run for this fraternal year. The goal we set was to make Circle of Honor by the State Convention in May.

We tanked the last 10 days of December and had a weak January. The excess over goal we had at the end of November disappeared. We are now 70 short as of 1/31. There is good news! We CAN get back on track and ahead. We had 15 new men on 2/1. February is a short month, so we need to stay diligent.

We fuel up with strong communication to our members, solid programs, positive messaging, and leading by example. That means getting all the reports submitted, making EVERY Council Safe Environment compliant, helping ALL brothers improve their recruiting skills, and MOST OF ALL, INVITING Catholic men to join.

Men, we are on a mission. We are called to put our Faith into Action, build the Body of Christ, and make sure men have an opportunity to grow their Faith and protect their family. I'm asking each Council to contribute this month. I want each Council to INVITE 1 to 3 men to join this month (that's 20% of your annual Membership goal). This is our path to clearing our deficit and getting ahead.

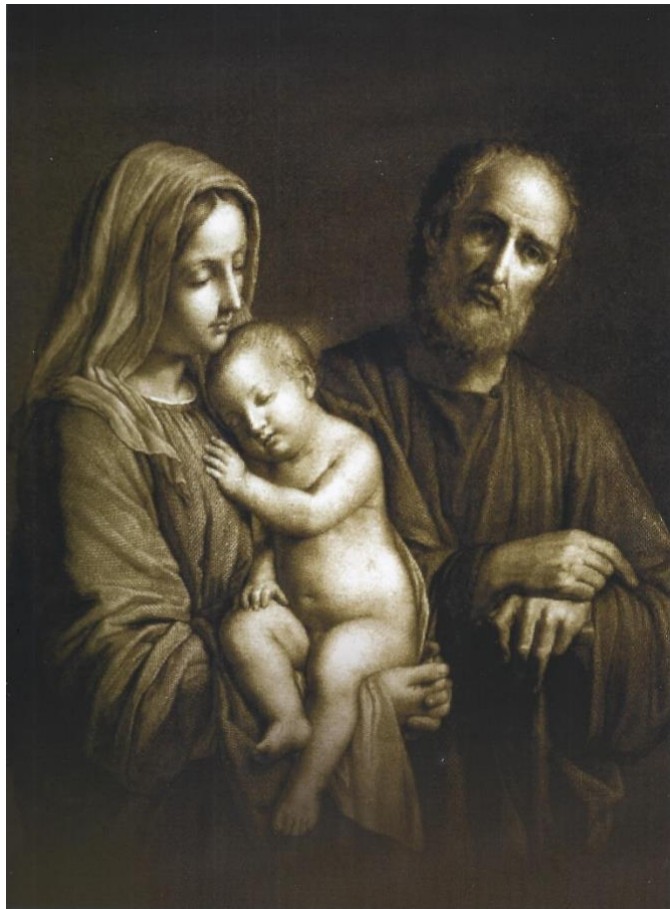
Your State Membership Team is here to help. We have several rallies scheduled, and open dates for more if you can provide a venue. The time to act is NOW! We CAN do this! START TODAY!

1,... 2,... 3,...Action!

Let's go!

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A Family Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of our family. Enlighten our hearts and minds that we may live more fully this vocation to love.

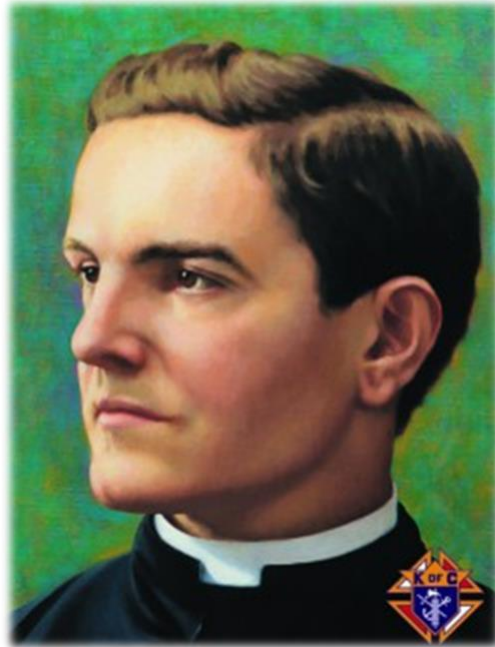
In our daily life and work,
 May we reflect the self-giving love which you,
 O Father, eternally show with your Son
 and the Holy Spirit.

Let your love be evident in the peace that reigns in our home and in the faith, we profess and live. May our family always be a place of generosity, understanding, forgiveness and joy.

Kindly give us the wisdom and courage to be witnesses to your eternal design for the family; and grant that the Holy Family of Nazareth may always guide our path to holiness as a family.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen.



*Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney
Founder of the Knights of Columbus*

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request).

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

What's Happening?



Council Calendar of Events...

March 2023

- Fri Mar 03 @ 4:00p KofC Fish Fry
- Thu Mar 09 @ 6:30p Rosary
- Thu Mar 09 @ 7:30p Council Membership/Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
- Fri Mar 10 @ 4:00p KofC Fish Fry
- Tue Mar 14 @ 7:30p Informational Open House
- Thu Mar 16 @ 9:00a Pinellas Hope Meal Prep & Delivery
- Thu Mar 16 @ 7:30p Unified Degree Exemplification
- Sat Mar 18 @ 8:00a Kimberly Home WorkDay
- Fri Mar 17 @ 4:00p KofC Fish Fry
- Fri Mar 24 @ 4:00p KofC Fish Fry
- Fri Mar 31 @ 4:00p KofC Fish Fry
- Sat Apr 01 @ 9:00a SVDP Meal Delivery



Assembly Calendar of Events...

March 2023



- Sat Mar 04 @ 10:30a Live 4th Degree Exemplification at St Sylvester Catholic Church in Gulf Breeze, FL
- Thu Mar 23 @ 7:30p Assembly Membership Meeting

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- Looking for ways to kill yourself
- Talking about death, dying or suicide
- Self-destructive behavior such as drug abuse, weapons, etc.
- Hopelessness, feeling like there's no way out
- Anxiety, agitation, sleeplessness, mood swings
- Feeling like there is no reason to live
- Rage or anger
- Engaging in risky activities without thinking
- Increasing alcohol or drug abuse
- Withdrawing from family and friends

The presence of these signs requires immediate attention. Call us if you experience any of these warning signs.



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You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people.

Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders.

Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death."

Lead us into a new millennium of life.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.



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