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Msgr. Martin B. Power Council 14573



August 2024

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From the Grand Knight



Worthy Brothers and Sisters,

We're halfway there through this summer and I hope it has been a good one for all of you. We started the new fraternal year solidifying a plan and a budget that provide us direction.

The budget review allowed us to make some early decisions like the one to go ahead and order 6 cases of coats for kids to be delivered to York Elementary School in Jamestown TN, one of the poorest areas of that state. Thanks to SK Bobby Sullivan for his energy to research where donations can be impactful and for motivating donations for this cause throughout the year. We also had a busy July planning to host the St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon along with the Prayer Service. It was a great opportunity to increase our devotion to St. Joseph. Thank you to the many volunteers who actively participated in the prayer service and to SK Rich Passarella and Brian Ellerhorst for stepping up to chair this program, and to Ladies Auxiliary Vice President Lynn Becker who helped secure helpers for the prayer service. Thank you Deacon Chris for presiding and a great homily, Ashley Breaux for singing, and thanks to the lectors, rosary leaders, icon carriers, and helpers who passed prayer cards.

As you see on the fraternal year plan, we have some programs that need people to chair them. Those include programs we coordinate with the school like the Soccer Challenge, the Citizenship Essay Contest, The Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, and the Free Throw Championship. We also need chairpersons to lead fundraisers next year like the Latin Dance and the St. Patrick's Day Dinner. Please let us know if you want to chair or be part of the team that plans and makes these events happen.

The Ladies are not meeting until September, but have been actively supporting the planning and execution of programs. August 13th is the feast day of Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney and we will remember him as we gather for a **Corporate Communion Mass on Sunday August 11th and 11:30 AM**. That weekend (Sat 8/10 and Sun 8/11) we will also have a Membership Drive for the council and Ladies Auxiliary. Please wear your **RED** council shirt that weekend and please use this signup [LINK](#) to help at the membership drive table and talk with or hand out literature to those interested. We will have a table outside church to answer questions and collect names and contact information of interested men and ladies so we can follow up. I am hoping we have a great turnout so come stand with your fellow Knights wearing your red shirt and help us grow our council and LA.

Vivat Jesus,

SK Jose Montes
Grand Knight

The next monthly Council meeting will be held on August 22 at 7PM in the Knights Room. Power Rosary at 6:15 in the Ministry Building, Room 313.



Notes from the Grand Knight

- **August Council Meeting.** Please be aware that this month our Power Rosary and Council meeting will not be on August 15th (3rd Thursday) because that is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. So our Power Rosary and Council meeting have been pushed to the 4th Thursday, which is August 22nd, at 6:15 PM and 7:00 PM respectively.
- **Parish Picnic.** Preparations are underway for the Parish Picnic on September 22nd and the Trunk or Treat on October 18th.
- **Roundtable** was held with Fr. John on July 16th. He approved the Fraternal Year plan to include a new Novena for Life program to be held in October.
- **Budget and Program Plan.** Links to the [FY24-25 Program Plan](#) and [Budget](#) were e-mailed to Council members. Please consider chairing one or more of the following programs:
 1. Novena For Life (10/6-10/14) - See me for details on this new program to pray for 9 days for the unborn before the election.
 2. Council Soccer Challenge - 10/6-10/7 at Ascension School
 3. Citizenship Essay Contest - Mid October - with Ascension School
 4. Tootsie Roll Drive for Intellectual Disabilities - November - at area stores
 5. Keep Christ in Christmas Magnet Sales - After Advent weekend masses
 6. Christmas Party - Mid December
 7. Council Free Throw Championship - late January - with Ascension School
 8. Latin Dance in January/February
 9. 40 Cans for Lent - Lenten season
 10. St. Patrick's Day Party in March
- **A Membership Drive** will be held after all weekend masses August 10th and
- **Election Poll Worker Training** — Several Knights are participating in required training prior to the primary election which will be held on August 20th. Poll worker wages are donated to the Council. POC: SK Rich Passarella.
- **Prayer Requests** – Prayer requests can be sent via email to ascension14573@gmail.com, and can now also be submitted from the [council's website](#). Just [click on the Prayer Requests image](#) on the home page and you will be directed to a form where you can enter your request. An email will be sent to the Council and The Ladies Auxiliary to ask them to unite in prayer with you and your request will be also included in the monthly Power Rosary.
- Check for the latest [Upcoming Events](#) on the Council's website.

The next monthly Council meeting will be held on August 22 at 7PM in the Knights Room. Meeting for August will be one week later to accommodate evening Mass for Holy Day of Obligation — Assumption of our Blessed Mother. Power Rosary at 6:15 PM in Ministry Center Room 313 (Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Room). Officers Meeting on August 8 at 6:30 PM in the Knights Room.

Notes from the Grand Knight (continued)

- **Renew Your Dues Now.** July 1st marks the start of a new Fraternal Year. Our membership dues for the K of C Council 14573 are due at the beginning of the Fraternal Year. Regular dues are \$40 per year. If you have any questions about your dues, email Richard Becker at rit3722@gmail.com. Below are two options to pay our dues:

1. Pay by check payable to “K of C Council 14573” and hand the check to Richard Becker (Financial Secretary) or Randy Lascody (Treasurer) at the next council meeting or mail it to: “K of C Council 14573, Attention: Richard Becker, 4825 Tiverton Court, Melbourne, FL 32934

2. Pay electronically using a Credit Card, Debit Card, PayPal, or Venmo. This can be done from the Council’s website Dues page by [clicking on this link](#). If that URL link does not take you to the dues page, visit the main page here — [Council Website](#).



- Please remember that your membership dues support Council sponsored charitable contributions, operations, and per-capita assessments from Supreme and the Florida State Council. The combined annual Supreme and Florida State Council assessments must be paid by the Council for all members on the roster, even if the member did not pay his dues. Paying your dues avoids the Council from having to use someone else's dues or funds targeted towards charitable contributions to cover members who do not pay, therefore we ask that you please stay current with your membership dues.
- **Council and Assembly Shirts.** The Council, Assembly and Ladies Auxiliary continue to use the embroidery services of Lady Joyce Defusco for shirts — and Joyce does an outstanding job! We also have red tee shirts available for \$20 which includes embroidery services. Tee shirts can also be ordered directly from the Knights online store and have Joyce embroider them if desired. See John for more information on Assembly or Council shirts and hats.
 - **Assembly Star Shirt.** This is something we are always on the lookout to find. We have them sourced from Bartman but they are pricy there. FN John found a new source for the shirt that is much cheaper. You can take a look at [Epic Sports here](#) to see the shirt.
 - If you do use this option, Joyce will be happy to put your name and Assembly emblem on the shirt for a small fee. The total cost will be the shirt and the embroidery from Joyce. To keep things simple for Joyce, please order your Star shirt from John and pay him up front.
 - **Bartman.** This too is always an option for Council and Assembly shirts. A little more expensive but you can order the shirt and get your name and Council or Assembly emblem on the shirt there — one stop. This company is owned and operated by a brother Knight and has proven to be very reliable in the past. The only downside is that the shirts are more expensive from Bartman — but the quality and service is excellent. You can order the shirt to your specifications yourself by visiting their website, calling, or visiting their shop. Or go through John and he will order the shirt for you. Any Knight shirt, hat, or other item or clothing can also be ordered from Bartman and can also be embroidered to your specifications.

[Visit Bartman here](#)



Birthdays for August

Heavenly Father, We praise You for all Your gifts to us. In a special way,, we thank You for our brothers as they celebrate their birthday. Bless them always in Your love. Bless us too, Holy Father, Help us all to praise You and give You glory Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Jose Cardet	3
Daniel Romano	3
Brandon Yeoman	4
Michael Moore	9
John Loft	10
Paul Matthews	11
Sean Rice	12
Jose Montes	15
Robert Richmond	15
Robert Wells	16
Charles Conrad	17
Stephen Cosgriff	17
Robert Pecoraro	20
Ravi Raj	20
Bradley Yemn	20
Ken Martin	25
Timothy Faulkner	26
Matthew Miller	28
Robert Parker	28
Kevin Rowley	28
Jorge Ruiz	28
Richard Yarbrough	30

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August Activity Calendar

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COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Monsignor Martin B. Power Council #14573
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Council #14573 – 2009/10/11/12/19 Florida State Council of the Year

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Thu 1 st	1900	Assembly Meeting Knight's Room - 312	WFN B. Quinn
Fri 2 nd	0900	Highway Cleanup (Knight's House)	SK R. Lascody
Sat 3 rd / Sun 4 th	All Masses	Food for the Poor/ Red/Assembly Shirt	SK J. Kelly
Sun 4 th	1345- 1500	Life Chain (Corner of Wickham Rd & Pineda Causeway)	SK B. Sullivan
	1400	Purple Heart Recognition Ceremony (Brevard Veterans Memorial Center)	See Notes
Thu 8 th	1830	Councils Officers Meeting (Knight's Room – 312)	WGK J. Montes
Sat 10 th	0715	Pray for Life (In Orlando, Meet at North Melbourne Home Depot)	SK R. Sepulveda
Sat 10 th / Sun 11 th	All Masses	Blessed Fr. McGivney Membership Drive (before and after Masses)	WGK J. Montes
Sun 11 th	1130	Blessed Fr. McGivney - Corporate Communion Mass	WGK J. Montes
Thu 22 nd	1815	Power Rosary Ladies Aux Rm-313, Ministry Bldg.	SK B. Sullivan
	1900	Council Meeting Knight's Room - 312	WGK J. Montes
Sun 25 th	1030	Daily Bread (815 E Fee Avenue)	SK R. Robinson

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Thu 29 th	1900	Charity, Unity, Fraternity Exemplification (Knights Room 312)	WGK J. Montes

LOOK AHEAD

DATE	TIME	EVENT	CHAIR
Sep 14 th	0800	Women's CRHP	
Sep 18 th	1830	Meeting with District Deputy and other councils	
Sep 22 nd	1200	Parish Picnic	SK K. Raynor
Sep 28 th	0800	Men's CRHP	

***Please provide inputs for the monthly council events to Jose Cardet at: fso123788@cfl.rr.com

Notes:

- Annual Purple Heart Recognition Ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Center Gray Hall. The event is sponsored by Chapter 453 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Special recognition of 10 Purple Heart recipients with a ceremony to tell their stories and recognize their sacrifices. Contact Donn Weaver @ 757-871-6576 for more information.

Near Term Important Dates at Ascension Parish:

- Each Wednesday: Holy Hour (1700-1800)
- August 15th – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

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From the Faithful Navigator



Brothers and Sisters

Approximately 1.8 million Purple Hearts (medals) have been awarded in our nation's history with over 350,000 Purple Hearts for Vietnam Veterans alone. These brave men and women sacrificed themselves for the liberties of our nation ... God given liberty defended by our own! Without these sacrifices, our ability to practice our faith, exercise Catholic values with family/friends/coworkers, and conduct mission to evangelize the Gospel would all be in jeopardy.

According to the Military Order of the Purple Heart: "The Purple Heart Medal is awarded to members of the armed forces of the U.S. who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who are killed in action or die of wounds received in action. It is specifically a combat decoration."

As posted by our WGK: Sunday August 4th from 2 PM to 4 PM, Chapter 453 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart conducted its Annual **Purple Heart Recognition Ceremony** at VMC Gray Hall at the Brevard Veterans Memorial Center. This Purple Heart Recognition Ceremony honored 10 local Purple Heart Veterans and one Gold Star Family. The address of the Veterans Center is 400 S Sykes Creek Pkwy, Merritt Island, FL 32952. You can find more information at this [link](#).

God bless all of our veterans ... be they military, law enforcement, fire and rescue, medical teams, and others who selflessly serve in security and safety facets throughout our society to help protect and ensure our Constitutional rights and the practice of our Catholic faith!

For more on the history of the medal, please follow this link: [Military Order of the Purple Heart](#)



Vivat Jesus

SK Bill Quinn
Faithful Navigator



From Color Corps Commander SK Eddy Merlet

The month of July has been busy again for the Color Corp with the following events:

July 5th, SK Assembly officers Installation at Ascension and the following SK have participated: Eddy Merlet, John Miller & Joe Ameigh.

July 11th funeral for Past Grand knight Alain Fradette at St Luke Catholic Church at Mico Fl. The following SK participated: Eddy Merlet, Ric Passarella, Ralph Carestia & Elmer Rivera.

July 23rd St Joseph Icon entrance processional at Ascension church. The following SK participated: Eddy Merlet, Ric Passarella, John Miller, Bill Quinn, Robert Light, Robert Parker, Joe Ameigh, Edward Barry, Elmer Rivera, Ralph Carestia & five other SK from various assembly.

Assembly Officer Installation



Independence Day Parade





Assembly Officer Installation — July 5







SK Deacon Chris Meehan on Saint Joseph

Editor's note: SK Deacon Chris reflected on St. Joseph in preparation for the St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon event planned to start on Tuesday, July 23rd....

The following text is excerpted from *Go to Joseph* by Fr. Richard W. Gilsdorf, Edited by Patrick F. Beno. Star of the Bay Press. Green Bay, Wisconsin. 2009

Who is Joseph, "the just man"?

Little is known about Joseph with historical certainty. What we know is:

His name is an abbreviation of *Jehoseph*: Hebrew for, "May Yahweh give an increase."

He was *probably* born in Bethlehem

He *probably* had family and family property there

Joseph is "of the house of David."

Joseph worked with wood (Greek Scripture word *tekton* == craftsman); St Justin Martyr, who was born in Palestine around 100 AD, writes that Jesus was considered to be the son of Joseph the carpenter.

That Joseph was a 'just' man (per Scripture reference.) Being "just" expresses the height of sanctity, a most perfect relationship of the soul with God and man.

Joseph is often portrayed as an old man with gray or white hair or a decrepit old man (apocryphal writings) but was most likely around 18 or 19 years of age at the time of his espousal to Mary, per Jewish custom.

Per Fr. Gilsdorf:

It in no way contradicts the Faith (and is even proper and probable) to assert the youth of Joseph at the time of his marriage. After all, his mission required youthful vigor, not the loss of faculties associated with old age. | Furthermore, if we look at Scripture, the whole pattern of divine action in the Holy Family is that of a normal Palestinian family, thereby cloaking the Incarnation until Jesus Christ later decides to reveal it. If Mary and Joseph were not of normal age for marriage, this exception would have aroused speculation, if not scornful wonderment. (Gilsdorf, 18)

{It seems that we doubt that a young Joseph would have been able to remain celibate within a chaste marriage; does this not deny God's action to provide for each party the graces needed to remain within the plan God had arranged? _DcnChris}

So Joseph took Mary and Jesus in as his own and was their provider and protector. But their family was not your typical Palestinian family. (Note they were Palestinian by geography, Jewish by heritage, i.e. they were Palestinian Jews as opposed to Syrian Jews, for example.)

The Earthly Trinity

Pope Leo XIII encyclical *Quamquam Pluries* points to the Holy Family (is) as the kernel of the Church. "... Joseph continues to do for all times what he did for his family during those years in Bethlehem, Egypt, and Nazareth.

- He provided by the industry of his hands
- He governed the household with humble prudence
- Oblivious of his own advantage, he cherished Jesus and Mary and sacrificed for them
- He protected and defended the sacred persons of Jesus and Mary with constant vigilance, instant response, and courageous action, with utter disregard for his own inclination and safety.

The following, then, are those (duties) he fulfills daily for the Church:

- He provides for us, thus preserving the Eucharist for our souls' nourishment and answering the prayers of the faithful with powerful intercession.
- He governs us, for Christ has made him "Lord of his house and ruler of his possessions."
- He cherishes all of us, as he loved Jesus and Mary.
- He protects us, for one of his greatest titles is "Protector and Defender of Holy Mother Church." As he assiduously guarded the body of Jesus, he now guards the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church.





SK Deacon Chris Meehan on Saint Joseph

(Continued)

Keep in mind the two-fold foundation on which his privileges and duties rest, marriage and fatherhood, again remembering he is true husband of Mary and true father of Jesus.

“Therefore, in Joseph, heads of the household are blessed with the unsurpassed model of fatherly watchfulness and care.” (74)

We can conclude this about Joseph’s mission:

1. God gives all necessary preparations and dispositions to those whom He calls to exalted missions. The prime example of this fact is Mary.
2. God enlightens those He calls in a manner sufficient for them to understand and carry out the mission. As the saying goes, “He doesn’t call the equipped, He equips the called.” (75)

As husbands, fathers, and grandfathers, we are called to emulate Joseph the Just Man, and to call on him in prayer, trusting in his powerful intercession.

Praying to Saint Joseph

Regarding the value of praying to St. Joseph, we hear this from Pope Pius XII:

Day after day, at home and in the carpenter’s shop, his eyes rested on Jesus; he protected Him against the dangers of childhood; he guided His advancing years, and by hard work and with religious devotedness he provided for the increasing needs of the Mother and the Son . . . And there was Joseph, modest, self-effacing, yet exercising authority over that family. How holy he must have been! Under his fatherly protection and ceaseless, tireless care the young Boy grew into manhood . . . Don’t you think that now in heaven he is the same loving father and guardian of the whole Church, of all its members as he was of its Head on earth? . . . and Joseph turns to Jesus . . . and at once graces flow abundantly for the souls of men (Pope Pius XII as quoted by Gilsdorf, 74-75).

St. Theresa of Avila had this to say about praying to St Joseph:

I wish I could persuade everyone to be devoted to this glorious saint, for I have great experience of the blessings which he can obtain from God. I have never known anyone to be truly devoted to him and render him particular services who did not notably advance in virtue, for he gives very real help to souls who commend themselves to him. For some years now, I think, I have made some request of him every year on his festival and I have always had it granted. If my petition is in any way ill-directed, he directs it aright for my greater good.

With that in mind, let us **pray this prayer from Saint John XXIII, Pope:**

O St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus, chaste spouse of Mary, you who passed your life in the perfect fulfillment of duty, sustaining the Holy Family of Nazareth with the work of your hands, kindly keep those who with total trust now come to you. You know their aspirations, their miseries, and their hopes. They come to you because they know that you understand and protect them. You, too, have known trial, toil, and weariness. But even in the midst of worries about the material life, your soul was filled with profound peace, and it exulted in unerring joy through intimacy with the Son of God Who was entrusted to you, and with Mary, His most sweet mother. May those whom you protect understand they are not alone in their toil, but show them how to discover Jesus at their side, to receive Him with grace, to guard Him faithfully, as you have done. And with your prayers obtain that in every family, in every factory, in every workshop, wherever a Christian works, all may be satisfied in charity, in patience, in justice, in seeking righteousness, so that abundant gifts may shower upon them from heaven.

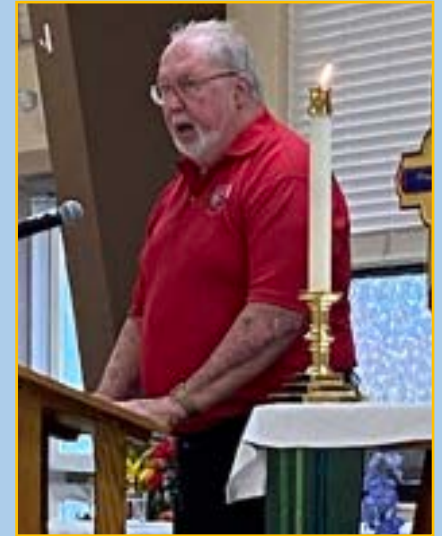
(from the message broadcast to workers, Sunday May 1, 1960, cf., Discorsi, messaggi, colloqui, cit., vol. II, p. 326. [Ital.: AAS LII, 400])



Saint Joseph Icon

Monsignor Martin B. Power Council 14573 held a special prayer service at Ascension Catholic Church on Tuesday evening July 23rd to honor St. Joseph as we started a week of hosting the St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon at our parish. The event was planned with Pastor SK Fr. John Bosco, Director of Liturgy Katie Gander, SK Deacon Chris Meehan, Grand Knight SK Jose Montes, Lady Auxiliary Vice-President Lyn Becker and event Chairman SK Rich Passarella. Deputy Grand Knight SK Jose Cardet received the Icon on Monday from Our Lady of Grace Grand Knight Dan Fisher.







Ascension Catholic Community celebrates Fr. Zachary Parker's One Year Anniversary with us!

Thanks be to God for Fr. Zach's commitment to
his vocation, for his joyful service to the Church
and the people of Ascension. All are welcome!

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June Family of the Month
Peter and Caroline Engrand



June Knight of the Month
SK John Pechar



July Highway Cleanup



July Daily Bread



SK Rich Passarella delivers worn and torn American flags to Beach Funeral Home to be used for cremation of Veterans. These are the flags that are collected from Parishioners.



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Widows/Surviving Spousal KofC Financial Benefits

I have some momentous news. The Supreme Knight has just opened our Knights of Columbus Financial Benefits to all widows of insurance members. This is a policy that is most welcome and well overdue. Up until now our widows were restricted to eligibility for only one year from the date of death of the insured member. In the past, this has meant that because of this time of stress and transition many of our widows have missed the opportunity to take advantage of our KofC financial services. Sadly, many of these widows were turned away when they came looking for help after the one-year limit was passed. But no more! Now they may participate fully.

I need your help to reach out to these widows of Brother Knights so we can let them know of this new development. While our database of Brother Knights is quite extensive many of the phone numbers for our widows are outdated. If your Council has a Widows List from past members, I urge you to pass that list on to me so I can make sure every widow is contacted for these important financial benefits. On behalf of our widows, I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Vivat Jesus!

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The Assumption of Mary

Although it is not mentioned in scripture, the Assumption of Mary has been a solidly held belief of our faith since apostolic times. It has been celebrated liturgically since the 6th century AD.

The Assumption of Mary was declared a dogma (a divinely revealed truth) of the Catholic Church by Pope Pius XII in 1950 when he proclaimed, in a document entitled *Munificentissimus Deus*, "The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven."

Catholics worldwide meditate on the Assumption of Mary when praying the glorious mysteries of the [Rosary](#), and on its feast day, August 15th. This prayer below can help put you in a fitting frame of mind when reflecting on this wondrous event:

Almighty and eternal God, who hast taken up into the glory of Heaven, with body and soul, the immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of thy son: grant us, we pray, that we may always strive after heavenly things and thus merit to share in her glory. Amen.



This excerpt from a longer prayer for the Assumption, given in St. Alphonsus Liguori's classic work The Glories of Mary, is also quite moving:

O most sweet Lady and our Mother, by the merits of thy happy death obtain for us holy perseverance in the divine friendship, that we may finally quit this life in God's grace; and unite with the blessed spirits in praising thee and singing thy glories as thou deservest. Amen.

And last, (but by no means least!) we offer this powerful novena prayer for the Feast of the Assumption:

Mary, Queen Assumed into Heaven, I rejoice that after years of heroic martyrdom on earth, you have at last been taken to the throne prepared for you in heaven by the Holy Trinity.

Lift my heart with you in the glory of your Assumption above the dreadful touch of sin and impurity. Teach me how small earth becomes when viewed from heaven. Make me realize that death is the triumphant gate through which I shall pass to your Son, and that someday my body shall rejoin my soul in the unending bliss of heaven.

From this earth, over which I tread as a pilgrim, I look to you for help. I ask for this favor: (Mention your request).

When my hour of death has come, lead me safely to the presence of Jesus to enjoy the vision of my God for all eternity together with you. Amen.



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Florida Bishops Oppose Extreme Abortion Amendment ***Vote No on Amendment 4***

Florida Amendment 4, which will appear on Florida's November 2024 ballot, is an extreme proposal that legalizes full-term abortion with no protections for the preborn child, including when the child is capable of feeling pain. This proposed amendment to our state constitution would prohibit all restrictions on abortion before viability and create a broad exception that any healthcare provider could exploit to allow abortion up to birth.

Furthermore, the amendment would effectively overturn or seriously jeopardize common-sense state laws that have regulated abortion for years. These include basic health and safety requirements for clinics where abortions are performed, requiring a physician to perform abortions, informed consent requirements, laws limiting public funding of abortion, and parental consent requirements before a minor's abortion.ⁱ These risks demonstrate the extreme nature of the amendment.

We urge all Floridians of goodwill to stand against the legalization of late-term abortion and oppose the abortion amendment. In doing so, we will not only protect the weakest, most innocent, and defenseless of human life among us but also countless women throughout the state from the harms of abortion.

Human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision of society. Direct attacks on innocent persons are never morally acceptable, at any stage or in any condition. In our state, human life is repeatedly being destroyed by abortion. Over 84,000 vulnerable and voiceless children were aborted in Florida in 2023.

This matter concerning the respect for human dignity and the fundamental value of human life is of grave importance to both our Church and our state. The threat of abortion remains our pre-eminent public policy priority. Therefore, we support a coordinated campaign to mobilize against the proposed amendment. To this end, we offer this prayer to defeat Amendment 4:

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Florida from laws that disregard their health and safety.

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying pregnant women in need.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Family, pray for us! St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn, pray for us!

Most Rev. Thomas G. Wenski
Archdiocese of Miami

Most Rev. Gerald M. Barbarito
Diocese of Palm Beach

Most Rev. Frank J. Dewane
Diocese of Venice

Most Rev. John G. Noonan
Diocese of Orlando

Most Rev. Gregory L. Parkes
Diocese of St. Petersburg

Most Rev. William A. Wack, CSC
Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee

Most Rev. Erik T. Pohlmeier
Diocese of St. Augustine

Most Rev. Enrique E. Delgado
Archdiocese of Miami

ⁱ Florida law distinguishes between parental *consent* prior to a minor's abortion (Ch. 390.01114(5)), which would be invalidated by Amendment 4, and parental *notice* of a minor's abortion (Ch. 390.01114(4)), which would be retained.



National Eucharistic Congress: Moments of Extraordinary Grace

Now everything seems just a little bit different...



Stepping Out in Faith

Thousands of Knights and their families participate in the historic National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

"I think it's perfect that we're launching this National Eucharistic Pilgrimage on Pentecost," Bishop Andrew Cozzens of Crookston said May 19 during an outdoor Mass in northern Minnesota. "A revival happens when the Holy Spirit does something greater than we can do by our human efforts."

The same day that Bishop Cozzens kicked off the Marian Route of the pilgrimage near the headwaters of the Mississippi River, Pentecost Masses were being celebrated at its three other launch points: New Haven, Connecticut (the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Route); San Francisco (the St. Junipero Serra Route); and Brownsville, Texas (the St. Juan Diego Route).

Teams of young adult "perpetual pilgrims" have since traveled with the Eucharist across the United States, stopping for Mass, adoration and processions at scores of sites along the way. All four routes converge in Indianapolis for the 10th National Eucharistic Congress July 17-21.



Father Andrés Ayala raises the Eucharist in benediction during National Eucharistic Pilgrimage events at the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Emmitsburg, Md., June 6. (Photo by Matthew Boerick)

[More Photos](#)

The pilgrimage and congress are part of the three-year National Eucharistic Revival that began in 2022, an initiative of the U.S. bishops to inspire deeper love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Bishop Cozzens, who chairs the board of the National Eucharistic Congress, has witnessed the work of the Holy Spirit in shaping the National Eucharistic Revival. One example is the shape of the pilgrimage itself, initially conceived as a single route. When Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly suggested expanding it to four routes, logistics experts were consulted. Their conclusion: "This is not possible. It can't be done."

A year later, two other Knights — [Father Roger Landry](#) of the Diocese of Fall River and Father John Anthony Boughton of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, resurrected the idea for processions from north, south, east and west, forming a cross over the country, and promised their help.

Bishop Cozzens backed the audacious plan; as he put it in his Pentecost homily, "It's never been done. But we're about to do it."

The Holy Spirit has drawn tens of thousands of Catholics to Eucharistic events along each of the pilgrimage routes. Knights have played an active role in the pilgrimage, from planning logistics and providing hospitality for the perpetual pilgrims, to participating in Eucharistic processions in towns, cities and metropolises across the United States. Below

Coats For Kids — 2024

For this years Coats for Kids Program, the Council selected the children who attend York Elementary School, which is located in Jamestown Tennessee. According to the U.S. Census Bureau of the 272 towns in the state with available data, Jamestown ranks as the poorest. The typical Jamestown household earns just \$18,000 a year, 69.2% less than the statewide median household income. Given the

low incomes, it is not surprising that a larger than average share of residents live in poverty. The local poverty rate in the town stands at 46.7%, compared to the statewide poverty rate of 14.3%. In addition to its high poverty rate, Jamestown also has a high unemployment rate.

Despite its challenges, Jamestown is a resilient community where people come together to help one another and participate in community events.. There are several organizations in the town that are working to address poverty and other social problems. Fentress County Community Foundation provides grants to local nonprofits that are working to improve the lives of residents. Also, the Jamestown Chamber of Commerce is working to promote economic development in the town. Approximately 475 Children attend York Elementary School from grade PK3 (3 yo) to 8th grade (14 yo). The school is pretty much divided equally between girls and boys. The School's Vision: Providing innovation and encouragement and reaching the children's highest potential. The School's Mission: Insure that all students are college, career and life ready. Some of the School's Core Beliefs include: All children can: learn, succeed, be challenged, learn to be socially responsible, all people have worth and value, high expectations encourage high achievement, and all children learn best when parents and teachers work together for the mutual benefit of the child. Lastly, the average temperature in Jamestown during the winter months is approximately 40 degrees.

- Knights of Columbus Council 14573 Coats for Kids Program (2024) York Elementary School 218 School Avenue - Jamestown, TN 38556 – 931-879-5832 Principal Gyla Young.
- We are on track for a very good year for Coats for Kids for these deserving children in Tennessee. With donations from local VFW that were given to us last year combined with the \$1000 donated by the Council, we are set to provide at least 4 boxes of coats for these kids.
- We opened donations up to Council members who wanted to contribute to this worthy annual cause.
- With these extra donations, we were able to order six cases of coats for the Coats for Kids program.
- [York Elementary School](#) 218 School Avenue - Jamestown, TN 38556 – 931-879-5832 Principal Gyla Young





🙏 **Prayer Requests** 🙏

Healthcare Providers and First Responders Worldwide

Service Men and Women serving our Country Worldwide

Victims of Hurricanes, Tornadoes, Fires and other Natural Disasters

Refugees and others suffering from the Terrorist Attack in Israel, the invasion of Ukraine and loss of life in other war-torn areas

All those suffering under the jack boots of oppression

All those in need of prayers for health issues

WRA SK Gerry Grillo

SK Doug Blair

SK Marc Worchel

SK Werner Schulz

SK John Harter

SK Joe "Giuseppe" Tocco

Brother Bill and Betsy Hampton

Brother John Casko

Brother Joe and Arlene Ditta

Lady Jan O'Bryan-Wilson

Lady Phyllis Ceravolo

Jacob, Son of WRA SK Gerry Grillo

All Those Men in Formation for the Sacrament of Holy Orders — Priest and Deacon

Michael Anctil

Jonathan Amgott

Gavin Foreman

SK Rob Light

Prayer for Blessed Michael McGivney

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.



Power Rosary



My Brothers and Sisters,

Monthly Power Rosary — Power Rosary every 3rd Thursday with SK Joe “Giuseppe” Tocco and SK Bobby Sullivan — immediately before the membership meeting in the Ministry Building, Room 313 — 6:15 PM. Contact Brothers Joe or Bobby if you want to pray one of the decades for the Power Rosaries.

They sought strength in solidarity, and security through unity of purpose and devotion to a holy cause: they vowed to be defenders of their country, their families and their faith.

These men were bound together by the ideal of Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of the Americas, the one whose hand brought Christianity to the New World. Their efforts came to fruition with the incorporation of the Knights of Columbus on March 29, 1882

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! (Psalm 133:1)





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A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. (Revelation 12:1)

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