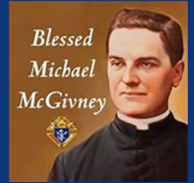




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Prince of Peace Council 8791 Ormond Beach, Florida

December 2024



Grand Knight Message – SK Michael Abbott

Hello Brother Knights! We had an active November. My thanks to everyone who made our Veterans Day Breakfast on November 10 such a success. It was great to see so many Knights involved in the event, with the preparation, cooking, serving, or just stopping by to offer support for our veterans. Unity and Fraternity! We had a wonderful 40th Anniversary Dinner Celebration on November 15. It was an evening of fellowship and quality time with our Brother Knights and their guests. We had so much to celebrate when we reflected on our accomplishments as a Council through the years. Thanks to all who joined us and special thanks to SK Greg Scull who served as the Event Chairman. Please see and enjoy our group photo and the many photos that follow in the article below.



Knights of Columbus of Prince of Peace Council 8791 who attended the 40th Anniversary Celebration Dinner on November 15. Pictured (L-R) are Jim Weite, Dan Kimble, Gene Nelson, Bob Simcoe, Dave Peterson, Bill Whelan, Everett Evans, Russell Benett, John McCarthy, Jim Burns, Leon Consolatore, Greg Scull, Jim Morris, Ron Piasecki, Jack Erthal, Joe Di Blasi, Ron Nowvieskie, Michael Abbott, Andy Wilbert, Jim McCormack, Jim McCormick, Michael Orris, Bob Guidotti, Mark Leary, Ron Laino, Michael Capdevilla, Matthew Crouner, Jay Young, Vince Kenney, Harold Bennett, Angelo Salvo, Deacon Bruce Gesinski, and Chris Munson.

We also held our annual Memorial Mass on November 26 for our Brother Knights who passed to their eternal home during the last year. The Mass and Reception honored them and provided a solemn time to be grateful for these men, their friendships, and their contributions to our Council and Parish. And we ended the month with Thanksgiving, with much to be thankful for. I hope that everyone had an enjoyable holiday.

And now it is December, and our to-do list is already long. Beginning on December 2 and then continuing on December 16, December 19 and December 20, our Council is asked to provide support for holiday decorating and preparation of the Church, Parish Hall, and grounds. Please see the information below and email communications when received. We also have the Christmas Around the World Dinner on Saturday, December 21. Our Breakfast with Santa then follows the next day on Sunday, December 22. Please participate and lend your support where you can. Your help is always appreciated.

Finally, I want to wish a blessed and Merry Christmas to all Brother Knights and your families. Thank you for the work you do for Council 8791! God Bless!



40th Anniversary Celebration Dinner



The Knights of Columbus, Prince of Peace Council 8791, celebrated our 40th Anniversary as a Council on Friday, November 15. Established in 1984, the Prince of Peace Council consists of more than 200 Catholic men of our parish dedicated to the ideals of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism in service to God. For 40 years, our Knights of Columbus has provided support to our parishioners and community. Where there is a need, there is a Knight.

It was a wonderful evening. Grand Knight SK Michael Abbott announced that SK Roger Lanoue had been selected as Knight of the Year. Also recognized with awards were SK Jack Toia for the Outstanding Service to the Parish, and BK Ron Nowvskie for Outstanding Service to the Council. We also recognize and thank SK Greg Scull, Event Chairman, who led the planning for the Dinner. Many others also provided support for the Dinner, and we extend our appreciation to all of them, including Financial Secretary SK Harold Bennett

(Financial), Recorder SK Dan Medved (Promotion), and SK Mark Leary (Photography). Please enjoy the photos from the 40th Anniversary Celebration Dinner.



Knights of Columbus with their wives and guests attending the 40th Anniversary Celebration Dinner held at the Palmetto Club on November 15.



Past Grand Knights of Prince of Peace Council 8791. Pictured (L-R) are SK John McCarthy, SK Mark Leary, SK Bob Guidotti, SK Gene Nelson, SK Bill Whelan, SK Jay Young, SK Joe Di Blasi, SK Jim McCormick, SK Bob Simcoe, SK Harold Bennett, SK Vince Kenney, SK Greg Scull, SK Jim Morris, SK Andy Wilbert, SK Everett Evans, and SK Michael Orris.



Officers for the 2024-2025 Fraternal Year, (L-R) Trustee SK Bill Whelan, Trustee SK Russell Benett, Treasurer SK John McCarthy, Advocate SK Bob Simcoe, Inside Guard SK Angelo Salvo, Chancellor BK Ron Nowviskie, Warden SK Matthew Crowner, Deputy Grand Knight SK Dan Kimble, Grand Knight SK Michael Abbott, Financial Secretary SK Harold Bennett, and Trustee SK Gene Nelson. Not pictured are Chaplain SK Rev. Fr. Justin Vakko, Recorder SK Dan Medved, Lecturer SK Michael Ernst, and Outside Guard SK Richard Cormican.

AWARDS & HONORS



Knight of the Year Award was presented to SK Roger Lanoue by Grand Knight SK Michael Abbott.



Outstanding Service to the Parish Award presented to SK Jack Toia by Grand Knight SK Michael Abbott. Also pictured (in front) altar servers Jonathan and Amelia, with (in back) Deacon SK Bruce Gesinski, and altar servers Robin and Mary Ann.



Grand Knight SK Michael Abbott presents the Outstanding Service to the Council Award to Chancellor BK Ron Nowvskie.

Knights of Columbus and their guests in the Palmetto Club dining room:



(L-R) SK Gene and Joan Nelson, SK Jim Burns, SK Greg and Tammy Scull, SK Jim and Mary Morris.



(L-R) SK Bill and Mary Whelan, SK Jay and Barbara Young, and SK Jim and Betty Weite.



(L-R) SK Leon and Maggie Consolatore, Deacon SK Bruce and Vicki Gesinski, and SK Chris and Beth Munson.



(L-R) BK Ron and Betty Nowvskie, SK Joe Di Blasi, SK Michael Orris, and Grand Knight SK Michael Abbott.



(L-R) BK Ron Laino and guest, and SK Everett and Carolyn Evans.



(L-R) SK Harold and Carol Bennett, and SK Russell and Alma Benett.



(L-R) SK Angelo Salvo, SK Matthew Crowner, and BK Michael Capdevilla.



(L-R) SK Bob Simcoe and guest Alicia Vostrejs, and guest SK Vince Colonna (from St. Brendan Council 13018).



(L-R) Paula Leary, SK Jim and Margaret Ann McCormick, SK John and Pat McCarthy, and SK Jack and Mary Erthal.



SK Mark and Paula Leary.



District Deputy Message – SK Charles Armstrong

Greetings from the Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, and the State Deputy, Rick Hughes. On November 15, we had the 40th Anniversary Celebration Dinner for Council 8791. It was a wonderful evening of fraternity to reflect on the many accomplishments the Council has made over the last 40 years. Congratulations to the Council! Congratulations also to the Knight of the Year, Roger Lanoue, recipient of the Outstanding Service Award to the Council, Ron Nowviskie, and the recipient of the Outstanding Service Award to the Parish, Jack Toia. On Tuesday, November 26, Council 8791 and Prince of Peace Catholic Church hosted the annual Memorial Mass for our District, in remembrance of the Knights of Columbus who have gone to their eternal rest during the last calendar year. It was a poignant Mass followed by a Reception. My thanks to your Council for hosting this remembrance.

At the November Council Meeting, we were pleased to welcome Sara Jones, RN, for a presentation on Medicare. Please see the article below. A lot of beneficial information was shared. Thank you to the many of you who attended. We look forward to a busy December and January. Please get involved where and when you can. Thank you for all that you do as Knights of Columbus. I wish all of you and your families a fulfilling Advent and a very Merry Christmas.



Spiritual Advisor Message – SK Deacon Bruce Gesinski

The Season of Advent

Advent begins the Church's liturgical year. Advent (Advent comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning “coming.”) begins on the Sunday closest to the Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (Nov. 30) and is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.



The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas). The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* stresses the twofold meaning of this “coming”: “When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for His second coming” (No. 524).

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent and often with a larger, fifth candle of white in the center of the wreath. The circle, having no beginning or end, calls to mind how our lives, here and now, participate in the eternity of God's plan of salvation and how we hope to share eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven. The Advent wreath is made of fresh plant material, because Christ came to give us new life through His passion, death, and resurrection. Ideally three of the candles around the outside of the wreath are purple and one is rose. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass, and highlights the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete (Latin for rejoice) Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. The center white candle represents Christ's coming and is first lit at the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

The light represents Christ, who entered this world to scatter the darkness of evil and show us the way of righteousness. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.



Lecturer Message – SK Michael Ernst

Reveal Your Presence – A Reflection

*“Reveal your presence, let the vision and your beauty kill me,
behold the malady of love is incurable except in Your presence and before Your face.”*

This is a stanza from the Spiritual Canticle of St. John of the Cross. He is a Doctor of the Church and a Carmelite master of contemplation. When I read these words, I hear the cry of a heart that “longs to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that it may be filled with all the fullness of God”. (Ep. 3:19)

Advent is a good time to reflect on “reveal your presence”. It is often a plea for God’s help during times of doubt and uncertainty and when we look to God for his love and reassurance. There are a lot of reasons why this may occur – sometimes, it happens simply after we have sinned. King David, in Psalm 25, acknowledges this. He says, “Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good.” How many of us regret the mistakes we have made in the past and wish that we had not done that? We do not want God to see us only as a sinner. We do not want God to see only the sin we have committed. We want God to see us as His child – as someone who is asking for forgiveness and who is declared

forgiven in the eyes of God. In Psalm 51, the Miserere prayer, we find David in penitential prayer asking for God’s mercy. He says, “Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me”. In the prayer, we learn that God prefers a broken and contrite heart. This is such a beautiful, heartfelt prayer that it is recited in the Liturgy of the Hours every Friday morning. King David is a shining example of how one can live, love, fail, and remain special to God. Forgiveness brings us closer to God. It is Christ who fills us with all the fullness of God.

The Exodus from Egypt is a very important narrative. It teaches us that we need to “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.” (Deut. 6:5) The Israelites did not do this. They were an idolatrous, disobedient, stiff necked people that God wanted to destroy after they made a golden calf as an idol. For their sake, Moses intervened. Moses was willing to atone for the sins of the Israelites. This foreshadows Jesus’ willingness to atone for our sins. Moses asked God to reveal His presence so that he could do that and because he needed God’s help leading them to the promised land. Later, in the gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells the disciples that loving God is the greatest commandment. (Matt. 22:36-38) He also tells them that you show God, you love Him by loving your neighbor as yourself. (Matt. 22:39-40) This is exactly what Moses did when he was willing to atone for the sins of the Israelites.

The words, “let your vision and beauty kill me” are strikingly powerful. Moses not only asked God to reveal His presence, but he also asked to see His glory. God told Moses that no man could see his face and live. (Ex. 33:20) In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, “Blessed are the pure of heart for they shall see God.” (Matt. 5:8) In general, Jesus gave us the Beatitudes because he wanted everyone to know how to be blessed by God. He didn’t say that having a blessed life was an easy one. So, no matter the circumstances, being blessed by God gives us hope and joy. Peace is found knowing God is with us in every trial. But, for now, Paul says, we must “walk by faith, not by sight”. (2 Cor. 5:7)

As a music minister, I think the hymn, “Be Thou My Vision”, is a beautiful hymn expressing a desire for God’s presence in every aspect of life. King David had a grateful heart and truly loved God. In Psalm 108, he says, “My heart is steadfast, O God; I will sing, I will sing praises, even with my soul.” This hymn is very old but still a favorite today. The music ministry is how I adore and praise God. Music enhances the worship experience for others by helping them connect emotionally and spiritually with God. Through music, I pray that I can help “reveal His presence” for others during mass.

During Advent, you will repeatedly hear the hymn “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”. It’s another great hymn because Emmanuel means “God is with us”. The hymn invites us to open our eyes to the divine presence in



our midst, in the kindness of others, in the beauty of creation, in the depths of our own hearts. Christmas is about the Incarnation of Christ and signifies God's immense love and desire to be intimately connected with humanity. Honestly, as someone who lost both parents during the Christmas season, I frequently prayed for God to reveal His presence. This made me realize that untimely emotional events will happen because God is in control. After grieving, I understood that God wanted to be close to me. So, if the wisdom of St. Therese is correct in the saying that everything is grace, then God has strengthened my journey in such a way that I must trust in His prevailing grace in all the situations of my life.

God Bless and Amen. Vivat Jesus.



Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Update

2025 Icon: Devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

(courtesy Knights of Columbus Communications Department)

The Knights of Columbus is launching a new Pilgrim Icon Program in 2025 centered on the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The new prayer program, announced by Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly at the Organizational Meeting of State Deputies in June and at the 142nd Supreme Convention in August, coincides with the 350th anniversary of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque's visions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which began around 1674.

"Our Lord reminded [St. Margaret Mary] of that ancient and beautiful devotion, and she shared that gift with the world," said Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly during the Supreme Convention's annual States Dinner on Aug. 6. "In the heart of Christ, we see the heart of the Father, and we ask Our Lord to help us make his heart our own, so that we may see and love in others what he sees and loves in us. That is what the world needs. And on the 350th anniversary of St. Margaret Mary's visions, we will make this mission our own."



Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly speaks about the Order's new pilgrim icon of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the Midyear Membership Meeting of State Deputies on November 3.



Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori, with the Supreme Officers of the Knights of Columbus, celebrates a votive Mass of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Sacred Heart Chapel in the Church of the Gesu on October 23.

Knights of Columbus founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, had a deep devotion to the Sacred Heart, fostered in him from childhood. The McGivney family had in their home an ornate devotional plaque of the Sacred Heart that is still in the Order's possession. In 1881, when Father McGivney accompanied convicted murderer Chip Smith to the gallows, Smith wore a Sacred Heart badge given to him by the priest. A century later, when Father McGivney's body was exhumed in 1981, it was discovered that he had been buried with a cloth image

of the Sacred Heart. The Knights selected a painting of the Sacred Heart by Italian artist Pompeo Batoni, located in Rome's Church of the Gesù, to be the centerpiece of the new pilgrim icon program. Copies of the image, blessed by the papal almoner, will soon be given to each Knights of Columbus jurisdiction and, beginning in 2025, will travel from Council to Council, serving as the focus for prayer services throughout the Order.

Pope Francis echoes these themes in his new encyclical dedicated to the Sacred Heart, *Dilexit Nos* (He Loved Us), which was published on October 24. "The heart of Christ, as the symbol of the deepest and most personal source of his love for us, is the very core of the initial preaching of the Gospel. It stands at the origin of our faith, as the wellspring that refreshes and enlivens our Christian beliefs," Pope Francis writes.

On November 3, at the Midyear Membership Meeting of State Deputies outside Washington, D.C., Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly reflected on the Sacred Heart of Jesus in light of the encyclical, encouraging all Knights to make devotion to the Sacred Heart a priority in their families. "Devotion to the Sacred Heart is simple: it reminds us of God's love for us. And it's meant to inspire our love in return for Christ," the Supreme Knight told the state deputies. "In many ways, this encyclical is perfect for the Knights of Columbus. The pope writes that we live in a fragmented and divided society, but the heart of Christ is a unifying center. The heart of Christ is the source of truth and goodness that we all need."



Fourth Degree Assembly 2901 Update –

Assembly 2901 and the Fourth Degree Color Corps has been very busy with call outs. The Color Corps participated in the new Veterans Day Parade in Bunnell on November 11. There were 40 cars, dignitaries, veterans, and marching bands covering the 2½ mile parade route. The road was lined with people on both sides for the entire length of the parade. It is estimated that 10,000 people attended. It was a special event.

All Knights are encouraged to join the Assembly. SK Jay Young, Faithful Navigator for Assembly 2901 (Prince of Peace and St. Brendan), reiterated that we need more Knights from our Council to join the Assembly. The Assembly will be more active this year. Please consider joining the Assembly. The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus is to inculcate a love of country and impress the duties of citizenship. The motto is Patriotism...a patriotism enlightened and informed by Catholicism. The Fourth Degree is the highest and Honorary Degree of our Order.

Please contact SK Jay Young at jyoung9508@cfl.rr.com if you are interested in becoming a Fourth Degree Knight and joining Assembly 2901.



Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Color Corps, including Assembly 2901, assembled for Mass at Santa Maria Del Mar Catholic Church in Flagler Beach.

"Speak, for your servant is listening." 1 Samuel 3:10
Vocations are *Everybody's* Business. Pray for Vocations!





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Knight of the Month

The Knight of the Month recognizes a Brother Knight who exemplifies the core principles of our Order, and models and lives Christian virtues in service to our Council and our Parish.

At our November Council Meeting, we recognized the Knight of the Month for October and November. Deputy Grand Knight SK Dan Kimble announced that the Knight of the Month for October is SK James Ostrowski. He also announced that our Knight of the Month for November is SK John Van Buren. Congratulations to both SK James Ostrowski and SK John Van Buren.



Grand Knight SK Michael Abbott presents the Knight of the Month Award for November to SK John Van Buren.



Family of the Month

Congratulations to SK Andy and Sharon Wilbert, selected as the Family of the Month for November. SK Gene Nelson recognized SK Andy and Sharon Wilbert at the 11:00 am Mass on November 10, and Father Justin Vakko, Pastor, presented their award. Sharon is an active member of the Council of Catholic Women and SK Andy is a past Grand Knight of the Council, past Faithful Navigator of the Fourth Degree Assembly and has held many other officer and chairman positions through the years. We thank the Wilbert family for their support to our Parish.

The Knights of Columbus promotes and supports the development of strong and vibrant families. The Family of the Month recognizes a parish family that models Christian family values and lives them every day.



Trustee PGK SK Gene Nelson recognizes SK Andy and Sharon Wilbert as Family of the Month for November.



Father Justin Vakko, Pastor, presents the Family of the Month Award to SK Andy and Sharon Wilbert at the 11:00 am Mass.



Welcome New Knights; Recruit New Knights

We welcomed a new member and two transfer members to Council 8791 at our Council Meeting in November. BK Scott Lingo grew up in the area and is a parishioner. He regularly attends Sunday Mass and is a Navy veteran. He completed his Exemplification. The Knights accepted and welcomed BK Scott Lingo to the Council. SK Jeff Delgado and SK Francis Whelan also joined Council 8791 as transfer members. SK Jeff Delgado comes to us from the Council at St. Brendan. SK Francis Whelan joins us from a Council in New Jersey, although he has been in our area for 24 years. The Knights welcomed them both to our Council.

We want to invite all Catholic men in our Parish to join our Prince of Peace Council 8791.



SK Jeff Delgado

Please look around you at Mass and consider extending an invitation. We have a Knights table with information after each Mass on Sundays in the Parish Hall. You may also send their name to our Chancellor, BK Ron Nowviskie, at rnowviskie@cfl.rr.com or they may join the Knights of Columbus online by visiting kofc.org/joinus. Please also encourage them to see our Council Website at kofc8791.org for information about our Council and the Knights of Columbus.



Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass

The Knights of Columbus held its annual Memorial Mass, in memory of our deceased Brother Knights who passed on to their eternal rest during the last year, on Tuesday, November 26 at 7:00 pm at Prince of Peace Catholic Church. The annual Memorial Mass was for our District, praying for the Knights of the Councils and Assemblies of Prince of Peace Catholic Church, St. Brendan the Navigator Catholic Church, and the Basilica of St. Paul. All three Councils were represented, with more than 30 Knights in attendance. Father Justin Vakko, Pastor of Prince of Peace Catholic Church, and Father Ken Gill, Rector of the Basilica of St. Paul, concelebrated the Memorial Mass. We remembered the seven Brother Knights who left our Council ranks: + Chester Pensak, Jr., + Peter Di Lella, + Joseph Dougherty, Sr., + Angelo Del Buono, + Daniel Mezzanotte, + Paul Ellow, and + Carl Muscatello. Thank you to all those who attended the Mass and the Reception. Thank you especially to SK Harold Bennett, Family Director, who organized and coordinated this remembrance.



Knights of Columbus and guests gathered in the Parish Hall following the annual Memorial Mass. Knights were present from Prince of Peace Council 8791, Basilica of St. Paul Council 1895, and St. Brendan Father Eamonn Gill Council 13018. Standing in the left photo (L-R) Grand Knight SK Michael Abbott, Chaplain SK Father Justin Vakko, Pastor, Advocate SK Bob Simcoe, and Financial Secretary SK Harold Bennett.



Programs and Activities of our

FAITH IN ACTION



Faith

PGK SK Eugene Nelson, Faith Director

Fifth Saturday Rosary.

The Council leads the Fifth Saturday Rosary following the Saturday 4:00 pm Mass whenever there is a fifth Saturday in a month. The last was on November 30, when there were 12 parishioners in attendance, including 8 Knights. SK Harold Bennett led us in prayer. The next Fifth Saturday Rosary is March 29. Please consider joining us.

First Friday Mass and Holy Hour with Adoration.

The Council supports the First Friday Mass and Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with Mass at 5:30 pm, followed by Friday Evening Holy Hour with Adoration beginning at 6:00 pm. The Holy Hour with Adoration is filled with communal prayers and music. There were around 50 parishioners, including 6 Knights, on November 1. This Faith activity occurs on the first Friday of every month. The next First Friday is December 6. Please consider joining us.



Father Justin leads our Adoration on November 1.

Additional Faith programs will include a retreat day to the Carmelite Monastery during Lent, the RSVP Seminarian Support Program, Corporate Communion, and the "Icon of the Sacred Heart," which will be touring Florida. We will have a Council Reflection Day to the Carmelite Monastery will be during Lent, on March 15, the second Saturday after Ash Wednesday. It will begin at 8:30 am and include a morning Mass in Latin and Stations of the Cross. More to come. The RSVP (Seminarian Support Program) is in place, and we will have the name of our Seminarian for sponsorship for a donation soon.

Please speak with PGK SK Gene Nelson, Faith Director, for further information on Faith activities.



Family

SK Harold Bennett, Family Director

Family of the Month.

The Family of the Month recognizes a parish family that models Christian family values and lives them every day. For November, we recognized the family of SK Andy and Sharon Wilbert at the 11:00 am Mass on November 10. Sharon is an active member of the Council of Catholic Women and SK Andy Wilbert is a past Grand Knight of the Council, past Faithful Navigator of the Fourth Degree Assembly and has held many other officer and chairman positions through the years. Congratulations to the Wilbert family and we thank them for their support to our Parish. Knights are encouraged to send suggestions of a family for the monthly award to SK Harold Bennett.

Additional Family programs will include Consecration to the Holy Family at Christmas (at Masses the weekend of December 28 and 29), Food for Families, and the Good Friday Family Promotion with Sister Rose. More information will be coming. We will also be planning a Knight's family social function.

Please speak with SK Harold Bennett, Family Director, for further information on Family activities.



Community

SK Jay Young, Community Director

Blood Drives.

Our last Blood Drive on Sunday, November 24 was successful. We collected 19 pints, with 22 individuals attempting to give, exceeding our Council's monthly goal of 14 pints. We have donated 51 pints so far this Fraternal Year toward our goal of 90 pints. The next Blood Drive will be Sunday, January 19. Please give blood if you can or ask a parishioner, family member or friend to donate if they can. If you have any questions about your eligibility to give blood, please come to the One Blood Bus during the Blood Drive and they will discuss this with you.

Habitat for Humanity.

The next workday is Wednesday, December 18 (the third Wednesday of the month is our Council workday

each month.) We have contributed 127.2 hours from our Wednesday Weekday Warrior Crew, and with the addition of SK Andy Wilbert's 60 donated hours from his surveying company, have a current total of 187.2 hours for the first four months of the Fraternal Year. We are currently well above track toward our goal of 200 hours, or about 17 hours per month. If you are interested in joining our Habitat Team or have any questions, please contact Mark Leary at learymm4@gmail.com.

Social Services, Food Pantry, and Like New Shop.

SK Jay Young that we continue to need more men and women volunteers at this time. Men primarily assist with accepting donations. At the Food Pantry, more assistance is also welcome. Please contact SK Jay Young at jyoung9508@cfl.rr.com for more information.

Coats for Kids.

SK Bill Whelan reported that our Council provided Coats for Kids for the students at Westside Elementary in Daytona Beach. We delivered a package of 12 new coats on November 13, which were appreciatively accepted by the school. Please see the picture on the right.

Toys for Tots.

Our Council will be participating in the Toys For Tots toy drive again this year. We need your help. Knights are asked to bring one or several unwrapped toys to the December 10 Council Meeting. The youngest age groups are the most in need of toys. You may solicit your family and friends and bring the donation with you on December 10. For those who cannot make the meeting, we will have a drop box available. SK Andy Wilbert has the lead. Please see more information below.



A teacher holds one of a dozen donated coats.

Veterans Nursing Home.

Our Council had good participation at the Veterans' Nursing Home on November 7. Thank you to SK Jay Young, SK Russell Bennett, SK Marty Librizzi, SK Michael Orris, SK Ron Piasecki, SK Albert Morganti, and SK Bob Simcoe, who attended. Always on the first Thursday of the month, we visit with our Veterans and play BINGO and enjoy their company. We meet at 10:00 am for about one hour at the facility at 1920 Mason Ave., Daytona Beach. Our next visit is scheduled for Thursday, December 5.

Breakfasts: Coffee and Donuts.

Our Council sponsored the annual Veterans Day Breakfast on November 10. Under the leadership of BK Ron Nowvieskie, and with the support of many Knights, we had another successful Breakfast. Please see the article and photos below. We served over 150 adults, teens, and children for the Breakfast, and another 175 parishioners with Coffee & Donuts. It was a busy Sunday, as we had to set up the entire room that morning. Thank you for the tremendous turnout of over 25 Knights who volunteered that morning. The parishioners were most appreciative. Mark your calendars for the next two Breakfasts: Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 22, and the annual St. Wulfstan's Breakfast on Sunday, January 19.

Coffee & Donuts continues to be as busy as ever, especially with the cooler weather and return of many snowbird parishioners. This is a very popular and much appreciated parish ministry where approximately 25 dozen doughnuts are served every Sunday, as well as cookies, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and juice. If you would like to volunteer, please contact BK Ron Nowvieskie at rnowvieskie@cfl.rr.com.

Garden Club.

The Knights support the Garden Club. It meets on the third Saturday of each month, from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm. The Garden Club met on November 16. With the cooler weather here, it is a great time to spend a Saturday morning outdoors. Please join us if you can.

Please speak with SK Jay Young, Community Director, for further information on Community activities.



Life

SK Angelo Salvo, Life Director

Special Olympics.

We continue to support the Special Olympics throughout this Fraternal Year. Please consider participating when you can. On December 7, there is the Race for Inclusion at 7:00 am in Gainesville. On December 13 and 14, there is the state Golf Tournament at the Orange County National Golf Club in Orlando. On December 15, there is a Coaches Training event at St. Francis Catholic Academy in Gainesville. The next local Special Olympic events in east Volusia County are being planned for March or April 2025. We will continue to look for other opportunities in the interim. Please contact SK Angelo Salvo for more information at angelosalvo@hotmail.com.

Citizens with Disabilities Campaign.

We expect to have an active Citizens With Disabilities Campaign, also known as the “Tootsie Roll Drive.” We anticipate that Deputy Grand Knight SK Dan Kimble will serve as the Chairman this year. More to come.

Pro-Life Discussion on Amendment 4.

Amendment 4 was defeated, receiving only 57% approval, falling short of the 60% needed to pass. Florida’s pro-life laws remain in effect. Lives have been saved. Defeating Amendment 4 was a significant effort by many organizations, with leadership from the Governor, the Catholic Dioceses of Florida, and the Knights of Columbus. Nonetheless, we must continue to be vigilant in our protection of life. Please see the article below for more information on the “No on 4” efforts and the challenges that remain from the perspective of the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Novena Prayer for Life.

10 Knights and 3 spouses participated in the 9-day Novena from October 22 to October 30. Thank you.

Please speak with SK Angelo Salvo, Life Director, for further information on Life activities.



“Medicare 101” – Navigating Services and Options



Sara Jones, RN, speaking prior to the Council Meeting in November.

At the invitation of District Deputy SK Chuck Armstrong, Sara Jones, RN, joined us prior to our Council Meeting in November. She is a Medicare Advisor for a private entity that assists individuals in understanding Medicare services and options. Ms. Jones presented “Medicare 101,” covering Medicare eligibility, Parts A and B, Advantage, Supplement, Prescription Drug, and other aspects of Medicare coverage. It was a very informative session. She discussed the importance of staying well-informed as you approach eligibility and every year thereafter as you reevaluate your current plan and other options as your needs may change. If you need information or assistance on Medicare, you may reach Ms. Jones at RN_sara1@yahoo.com or 316-299-8529.



Council Shirts Ordering



The blue shirts of Council 8791 are important as they reflect our fraternity and enhance the visibility of the Knights to those we serve. The Council purchases personalized blue Council shirts for all new members and transfers. New members are asked to complete the shirt ordering form so we have your name as you want it to appear on the shirt and the correct size. There is no cost to you. The Council also facilitates orders for Knights who would like to purchase a new or additional shirt. You need to complete the shirt ordering form and submit it to SK Bob Simcoe with your payment (either \$35 or \$37 depending on size). He will provide you with the form, take payment, order the shirt, and ensure it reaches you when received.

If you want to order a Council shirt or have any questions, please contact SK Bob Simcoe at rssimcoe.dd18@gmail.com.



Event Highlight of the Month: Veterans Day Breakfast

On Sunday, November 10, the Knights of Columbus continued our Breakfasts for the parish with the Veterans Day Breakfast, honoring all who served in uniform to defend our freedoms and our nation. We also recognized our Brother Knights who served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Thank you. We are forever grateful, and we are honored to have you among us as our Brother Knights.



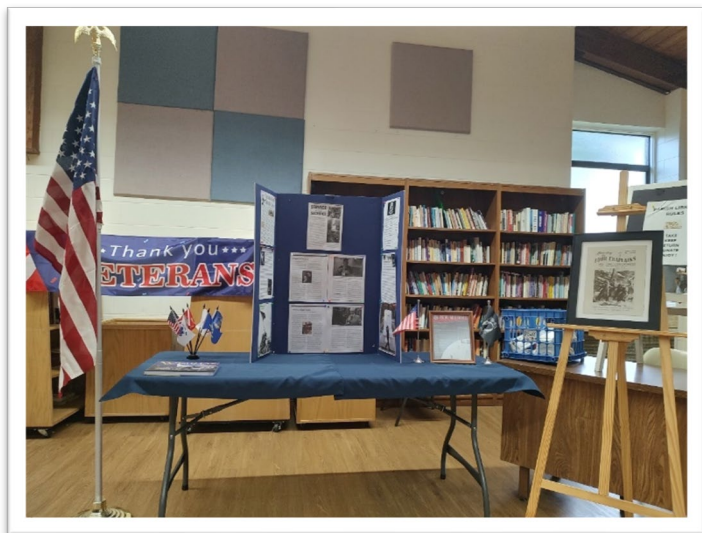
Veterans Day honors and recognizes our veterans, their patriotism, their love of country, and their willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good. Whether they are wearing the uniform today or wore it decades ago, our veterans answered the call to duty to defend the principles of freedom, justice, and liberty for all. The true strength of our nation's military has always been the spirit, valor, and resilience of its service men and women. As a Council of the Knights of Columbus, it is our privilege to say thank you and to acknowledge your sacrifices and accomplishments. May God bless our veterans, our current active-duty service members, their families, and the United States of America.

At our Veterans Day Breakfast on November 10, we served approximately 150 adults, teens, and children. It was a busy Sunday, as we had to set up the entire room (tables, chairs, serving lines, side prep, etc.) that morning. We had an extraordinary turnout of Brother Knights who worked the Breakfast, many of whom are pictured below, including Ron Nowvieskie, Harold Bennett, Eddie Bodigheimer, Jim Burns, Jack Erthal, Jay Young, Rob Littleton, Ron Piasecki, Mike Worley, Chris Sidor, Angelo Salvo, Mark Derouaux, Roger Lanoue, John Peters, Sonny Nocita, Mo Laffin, John Van Buren, Ron Laino, J.C. Phillips, Dan Kimble, Matt Crowner, Michael Capdevilla, Gary Konopka, Brian Rademacher, Jim McCormick, Jim Morris, Tom Welter, and Andy Wilbert. Many other Knights came by to support the Breakfast. It was a great fraternal effort. Thanks to all of you for making it a successful Breakfast. Mark your calendars for the next two Breakfasts are Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 22, and the annual St. Wulfstan's Breakfast on Sunday, January 19.

For Coffee & Donuts, we are as busy as ever. Coffee & Donuts served over 175 parishioners on Veterans Day

weekend. Thank you to our Brother Knights who are there most Sundays: Roger Lanoue, Jack Erthal, Mo Laffin, Angelo Salvo, Sebastian Nocita, and J.C. Phillips, and recent new volunteers, Chris Sidor and Lou Perry. Thanks also to Jim Burns, Joe Fulweber, Matt Crowner, and Michael Capdevilla, who assist when called upon. We are grateful to all of you. Coffee & Donuts is a very popular and much appreciated parish ministry where approximately 25 dozen doughnuts are served every Sunday, as well as cookies, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and juice. If you would like to volunteer, more hands are always welcome. Please contact Ron Nowviskie at rnowviskie@cfl.rr.com or 386-679-3224.

For the Veterans Day Breakfast, the Parish Hall was set up to highlight Veterans Day. We included a special display honoring our veterans for their service in our armed forces. The dining room also included decorations at each table to recognize those who served. Please see the photos below.



Veterans Day Breakfast display of the branches of our US Armed Forces.



The Parish Hall dining room and tables were adorned with patriotic décor.



Father Justin Vakko, Pastor and Council Chaplain, provided his support and blessing as we kicked-off our Veterans Day Breakfast. Financial Secretary SK Harold Bennett (Air Force) and SK Marty Librizzi (Army).



SK Jim Morris (Navy), joined by BK J.C. Phillips and SK Mo Laffin (Navy).



In the Kitchen (L-R) SK Jay Young, SK Ron Piasecki (Air Force), BK Rob Littleton, SK Mike Worley, and BK Chris Sidor (Army).



Readying the serving line (L-R) BK J.C. Phillips, SK Jay Young, and SK Mo Laffin (Navy).



Ready for Breakfast duty (L-R) SK Harold Bennett (Air Force), SK Jim Burns, BK Eddie Bodigheimer, BK Jack Erthal (Army), SK John Van Buren (Navy), BK J.C. Phillips, and SK Roger Lanoue.



On the serving line (L-R) SK Gary Konopka, BK Brian Rademacher, SK John Van Buren (Navy), BK Ron Laino, and SK Jim McCormick (Army).



On the serving line (L-R) BK Brian Rademacher, son (and future Knight) Vincent Rademacher, and SK John Van Buren (Navy).



At the Council table, SK Andy Wilbert (Marines) and wife Sharon.



In the dining room, Veterans and their guests enjoy their breakfast.



In the dining room (L-R) SK Andy Wilbert (Marines) and wife Sharon, Marsha Rudman, and parishioners.



In the dining room, SK Deacon Bruce Gesinski and wife Vicki, and parishioners.



In the dining room (L-R) SK Ron Piasecki (Air Force), SK Joe Di Blasi (Army), SK John Van Buren (Navy), and Evelyn Leahey (Catholic War Veterans.)



In the dining room, (L-R) Paula Leary with husband SK Mark Leary (Navy), SK Mike Worley, SK Bill Whelan and wife Mary.

Below are the names of our Brother Knights Veterans who have made us aware of their service. We know there are others who also served. We are grateful to all of you, named and unnamed, for your commitment and service. Thank you.



ARMY

Edwin Baden, Russell Cormican, Ken Crews, Jack Erthal, Joe Di Blasi, Robert Guidotti, Skip Keating, Martin Librizzi, James McCormick, and Christopher Sidor.



NAVY

Chuck Armstrong, Gary Bowden, Joseph Collins, Victor Dean, Robert Kindergan, Maurice Laffin, Mark Leary, James Morris, James Ostrowski, John Van Buren, and Jim Weite.



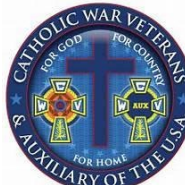
MARINE CORPS

Daniel Armstrong, Gabriel Savage, Marty Tse, and Andy Wilbert.



AIR FORCE

Michael Abbott, Harold Bennett, Bob Knapik, Tom Kruse, Ron Piasecki, Roy Rearden, and John Stottle.



Members of the Catholic War Veterans

Harold Bennett, Russell Cormican, Joe Di Blasi, John Malafronte, James Ostrowski, and Ron Piasecki.

On Tuesday, November 19, many Knights from Council 8791 attended a concert by the U.S. Air Force's "Airmen of Note" at the Peabody Auditorium. It was a great evening of music and highlighted the recognition of Veterans Day and the military service of our Council Knights.



First Friday Mass and Holy Hour with Adoration



Our Council supports First Friday Mass and Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as a regular Faith activity. Adoration is an opportunity to pray and worship Jesus in the Eucharist, which we believe is His body, blood, soul and divinity. Knights are encouraged to attend Mass beginning at 5:30 pm, followed by Holy Hour with Adoration at 6:00 pm in the Church on the first Friday of every month. The upcoming dates are: December 6, January 3, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, and June 6. Please consider joining us.



Upcoming Events: Toys For Tots; Christmas Decorating; Christmas Dinner; Breakfast with Santa



Prince of Peace Council 8791 will be conducting a toy drive for Toys For Tots again this year. We need your help. Knights are asked to bring one or several unwrapped toys to the Tuesday, December 10 Council Meeting. The youngest age groups are the most in need of toys this year. You may solicit your family and friends and bring the donation with you on December 10. For those who cannot make the meeting, we will have a drop box available during the day in the Parish Office or in the Father

McGivney Room. SK Andy Wilbert is the Lead Knight on this Community activity. Please contact him with any questions at wilbertsurveying@cfl.rr.com.



Christmas decorating is a Council 8791 tradition. Every year, our Council provides help with decorating the Church and grounds for the Christmas season. The parish staff really depends on us. On Monday December 2 at 10:00 am, we gather and organize the ornaments, lights, garland, and decor. Beginning on Monday, December 16 at 9:00 am, we will put up the outdoor lights and decorations. There are lots of lights to string on the grounds and in the breezeway, and inflatables to set up. On Thursday, December 19 at 9:00 am, we will decorate the interior of the Church. There are many trees, wreaths, lights, garland, etc., to move from the Quonset Hut to the Church and put up. This includes creating the manger scene and bringing over the nativity statues. It's very well organized, and with both heavy and light work, there is something

everyone can do. On Friday, December 20 at 10:00 am, we will set up and decorate the Parish Hall for the Christmas Around the World Dinner to be held the next evening. If you can help with any of the above, please contact Carmen in the Parish Office at 386-672-5272 or just show up.



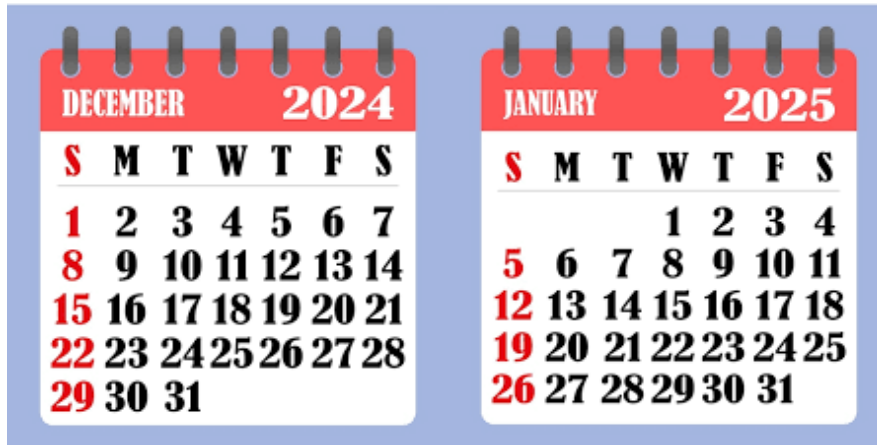
The Parish's first Christmas Around the World Dinner will be held on Saturday, December 21, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. This is a new event, an updated version of our Christmas Festival, with a focus on our parishioners. It will explore the many foods and traditions of cultures from around the world. Knights will be asked to assist with the room set up and other activities at the Dinner. More to come. Please keep a lookout for email blasts in the coming weeks with more information.



Our next Council sponsored Breakfast is Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 22, beginning at 8:00 am. We look forward to providing this holiday-themed Breakfast to our parishioners. We will need our Knights Breakfast teams for set up, cooking, and serving. More hands are always welcome.



Calendar of Council Activities



December 2 – Church Holiday Decoration Organization, 10:00 am (Quonset Hut)
 December 5 – Veteran’s Nursing Home, 10:00 am (1920 Mason Ave., Daytona Beach)
 December 6 – First Friday Mass and Holy Hour with Adoration, 5:30 pm (Church)
 December 10 – Officers Meeting, 6:00 pm (Room adjacent to Father McGivney Room)
 December 10 – Council Meeting, 7:00 pm (Father McGivney Room)
 December 10 – Toys For Tots Toy Drive Collection, 7:00 pm (Father McGivney Room)
 December 16 – Church Exterior Holiday Decorating, 9:00 am (Church Entrance)
 December 18 – Habitat for Humanity Council Workday, 7:00 am (Location TBD)
 December 19 – Church Interior Holiday Decorating, 9:00 am (Church)
 December 20 – Parish Hall Holiday Decorating and Set up, 10:00 am (Parish Hall)
 December 21 – Christmas Around the World Dinner/Christmas Festival, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm (Parish Hall)
 December 22 – Breakfast with Santa, 8:00 am to 11:00 am (Parish Hall)
 December 25 – Christmas
 December 28, 29 – Consecration to the Holy Family, all Masses (Church)
 January 1 – New Year’s Day; Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
 January 3 – First Friday Mass and Holy Hour with Adoration, 5:30 pm (Church)



Birthdays for December

Harley Hoffman – December 2
 Rev. John Fradet – December 4
 William Annick – December 5
 Michael Caffrey – December 11



Ray Komara – December 15
 David Peterson – December 16
 William Whelan – December 29



Anniversaries for December

Happy Anniversary to all Brother Knights celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in December.

Congratulations to all Brother Knights celebrating their Annual Anniversary as Knights of Columbus in November and especially our Brother Knights with 20 Years of Service or more:

Harley Hoffman (72 years)
 Marvin Wonder (45 years)
 James Burns (26 years)
 Joseph Fulweber (26 years)

Thank you





Knights Intentions

We pray for our Brother Knights and their families:

For those walking in a new life with the Lord:

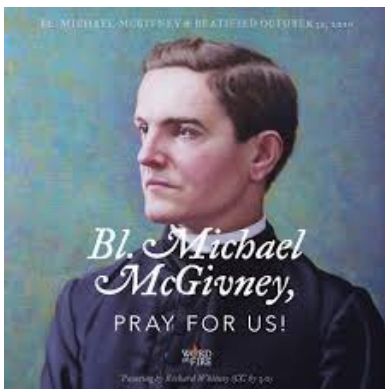
- +Brother SK Paul Ellow
- +Barbara Ellow, wife of Brother SK Paul Ellow
- +Brother SK Daniel Mezzanotte
- +Brother SK Carl Muscatello

For those needing healing or a prayer of special intention:

SK James Morris
SK John McCarthy
SK Jack Toia
SK Tom Welter
BK Eugene Allen
BK James Peabody
SK Marty Librizzi
SK Paul Clare
BK Frank DeVito
SK Daniel Eppelheimer
SK Joseph Taibi
BK Joe Fulweber
SK Bob Simcoe
Nancy Simcoe, daughter of SK Bob Simcoe
Marilyn Fulweber, wife of BK Joe Fulweber
Carol Bennett, wife of SK Harold Bennett
Patricia Ostrowski, wife of SK James Ostrowski
Fred Klippel



If you would like to add someone to Knights Intentions for our prayers, please send an email with their name and prayer request to knightsforcolumbus8791@gmail.com.



Prayer for Healing

Almighty God, look with mercy and kindness on our Brother Knights and their family members who are sick, especially those listed here. Grant them healing and good health. Send your holy Angels to watch over them. Protect them and keep them safe from lasting illness, injury or harm. May the life-giving grace of Your Divine Son relieve their suffering and bring them to a full recovery. Embrace them with Your constant love, and with the power of Christ's healing presence, may Your bountiful goodness be their source of comfort, strength and joy. Amen.

Prayer for the Faithful Departed

O Loving Father, source of all life, please accompany Your servants, listed here, from this earth to the Kingdom of Heaven for the peace, rest and eternal life that You have prepared for us. Forgive any sins that have been committed, and welcome these souls into the joyful embrace of Your never-ending love. Amen.

Prayer for Those in Need of Prayers

Father, we pray for all those who are in need of prayers and wish to remain anonymous, for those who have no one to pray for them, and for expectant mothers and their unborn children. Strengthen them to face each day with courage, faith and hope, knowing that You are with them. Amen.



Florida Ballot Amendment 4

Thank you everyone for your efforts as Amendment 4 was defeated. It needed 60% to pass, and only received 57%. Florida's pro-life laws remain in effect. The result is that lives have been and will be saved. Defeating Amendment 4 was a significant effort by many organizations, with leadership from the Governor, the Catholic Dioceses of Florida, and the Knights of Columbus. The pro-Amendment side raised and spent over \$118M. The "No on 4" coalition had only \$18M. \$5M came from the Catholic Dioceses of Florida, \$1M from the PAC of a former Speaker and State Representative, and \$500,000 from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council. But respect for human dignity and the fundamental value of human life will always be of paramount importance to both our Church and our state. The threat of abortion remains our pre-eminent public policy priority. We must remain vigilant. Please see the Statement from the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops below.



Statement on the Defeat of Amendment 4 November 5, 2024

We are profoundly relieved at the defeat of Florida's pro-abortion Amendment 4. This is a positive outcome for Florida and all efforts to promote the flourishing of our state.

Though Amendment 4 failed to reach the 60% threshold required to pass, a majority of Floridians voting in the general election supported it. While significant gains to protect women and preborn children in recent years will remain in place, abortion in Florida will continue at a very high rate under our current laws.

Much work remains to open hearts and minds to the dignity and goodness of life in the womb and at every stage. We will continue to proclaim in our churches and in the public square the value of every human life and to highlight that there is a better way forward for women, families and society than abortion. Through our many ministries, we will continue to support, encourage and assist pregnant women and young families. For those who regret their abortion or abortions, or their cooperation in one, we reiterate that the Lord is eager to forgive, and the Church is ready to facilitate healing.

We express our gratitude to all those who worked against Amendment 4, giving of their time, talent and resources. Those efforts were clearly fruitful in this election and will reverberate to the good for generations to come.

God bless the people of Florida.



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