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Council 11211 Ambassadors of St. Paul Due to the Coronavirus "The continuing spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Please stay safe!"

Fact: COVID-19 spreads in different ways

The virus that causes COVID-19 is now spreading from person to person. The virus is thought to spread mainly between people who are in close contact (about 6 feet) with one another. It spreads through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It also may be possible for a person to get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or eyes, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads.

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The next General Council Meeting will be held:
In the St. Paul Family Center,
Section-3 at 7:30PM,
August 10, 2020
Always keep a Form 100 Handy



UPCOMING

August 3

August 10

August 17

Officers Mtg. Parish Center, Rm-E 7:30pm

General Mtg. Family Center (Section #3) 7:30pm

Assembly Mtg. Family Center (Section #3) 7:30pm

What's happening with the Knights of Columbus?

Our Council Web Site: www.kofc11211.org
 John Paul XXIII Assembly #2984 www.assembly2984.org
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If you or a family member is need of prayer, the Lord will hear your request through the prayers of your brothers and/or their families. Please Email me with prayer requests at: ffred4046@gmail.com

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Dear Worthy Brothers:

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As we begin a new Fraternal Year with many challenges, I am so enthused about so many Blessings and Happenings within our council.

Many Brothers have stepped forward to take leadership roles as officers...we have a great team that will work hard and achieve along with a wonderful group of Knights who are always there to support and work hard too. I am so optimistic.

July was quite challenging for me personally as I had a (plastic) surgery on my head and both eyes surgically repaired. Old age...cataracts. I was Blessed to see Brother Knight Bill Stephen who took excellent care of me. I highly recommend his talents and abilities if anyone needs eye exams and more. Thank You Dr. Bill.

Another Dr Bill....Bill O'Brien has accomplished so much in a very difficult year as COVID-9 came along just past the halfway point of the last Fraternal Year. Your tenure was very successful as much money was raised and given to charity, and You still managed to leave us money in the treasury as we begin this year. Anything we accomplish this year will also be a continuation of things You have started.

We have elevated Mary the Mother of Jesus to Patroness of Our Council. We will implore her Intercessions daily by continually asking her in Prayer to Help us in Our lives. Look for daily Marian Devotions in upcoming emails I will be sending You. Also, as Fr Bob pointed out to myself and Brother John Schiavone that every month has a Marian Feast Day. For example, the Assumption of Mary into Heaven is the August Feast Day celebrated. Plan to attend Mass that day. Say the Rosary (or at least a decade) DAILY for Your Intentions for Peace, Justice, Cures from Illness, an end to abortion, etc. We have so much to ask for...Mary will Help. Thank You, John for leading this new element of our council....Daily Devotion to the Blessed Mother.

I ask all Brothers to visit the State's website: floridakofc.org Please go to the member locator tab and look Yourself up...then please edit and update Your personal information including Your phone number and email address. The new State website lost some of this information as they transferred data from the old to new website.

Thank You Brothers Todd Mitchell and Jim Neal. Both have stepped forward and took the lead on School Supply Drive and the Golf Tournament. The School Supply Drive is this weekend....August 1 and 2 and the Golf Tournament is scheduled for October 17.

Finally, Any Brother who is need of Spiritual help or Physical help for Yourself or a family member...Please call me or any one of Our Trustees. May GOD BLESS YOU and KEEP YOU...MAY HE MAKE HIS FACE SHINE UPON YOU...For GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON TO SAVE THE WORLD.



Vivat Jesus
GK Sam Calco

"The fields are ready for harvest, but the laborers are few" Matthew 9:37

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From our Pastor:

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As you read this, I'm heading back to St. Paul's after taking a short break in the Rocky Mountains. My goal was to enjoy some quality time with the Lord and to enjoy the beautiful vistas and fresh mountain air.

The fact is that we all need to take time to recharge. We have all been affected by the pandemic, the protests, and the toxic political climate which has permeated the last few months. Unfortunately, none of us are immune and we have all experienced the telltale symptoms: lack of patience, negativity, gossip, tiredness, and depression. Am I right, or am I right?

So what is the solution? It is not possible for everyone to get away to the mountains or beach but there is a quiet oasis available to us all. I encourage you to come to Eucharistic Adoration whether the sacrament is exposed in the monstrance in our church, reposed in the tabernacle in our chapel, or 24/7 in the tabernacle outside in our Santo Niño Shrine. (The schedule for adoration can be found in this bulletin on page 7 or online.) Come and spend some time and rest your head on the shoulders of the Eucharistic Lord! Give Him your cares and worries. Feel His tender love. You won't be sorry!

Another important way to recharge your batteries is to help others. It sounds counterintuitive but when you help others, you are really helping yourself. Volunteer to serve as a catechist, a liturgical minister, a youth ministry core team member, or a member of any one of our wonderful ministries. Perhaps there is something different you can do ... like sending notes to residents of nursing homes who are shut in, comforting the bereaved by leading a novena of prayers, or checking in on neighbors. The more you give of yourself, the better you will feel. Trust me!



A third way is to get physically active. I've challenged our Faith Formation Director, Carmen Cayon, to a 10K Fun Race or Run. (After hiking in the mountains for a week, I'm all set to go!) Join us! Let's get up and out and moving. Practicing physical distancing doesn't mean being physically inactive. It is proven that exercise helps our spiritual and mental well-being! If you want to join me and Carmen, contact her at the parish office!

Back to School! School begins soon. Next Friday, August 7th at 12:15pm, we will offer a special "Back to School" Mass for our children and teachers. This year presents serious challenges for our teachers as well as the students and their families as we try to navigate through the pandemic. More than ever, we need God's graces. Please come and ask God for a special blessing and protection!

Safety First! In a Covid-19 age, when we think about safety we often think of washing hands, wearing masks, and practicing physical distancing. We should also think about internet safety. Pornography is an epidemic which results in the human trafficking of untold numbers of children. We should also think about ensuring that our children are always accompanied while on our campus. Ensuring the safety of our children is everyone's ministry! For more information about our diocesan Safe Environment protocols, contact the parish office.

As we plow through the heat and humidity of Florida in July, let's allow the cool breeze of God's grace to restore us to the joy and peace only He can give. May God bless you and keep you holy, healthy, and happy!

Fr. Bill



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New Ceremony: Rooted in Past, Tailored for Present

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A new generation of Knights

“We must forge a new generation of Knights — men who see in our principles of charity, unity and fraternity a path to leading a Catholic way of life that can strengthen their families, their parishes and their communities. We must reach a new generation of men by the witness of our charity, our brotherhood and our ceremonials.”

Inspire the men of our day

“Just as our forefathers rallied to meet the challenges of their day, we must inspire the men of our day. We must reach out to meet these men where they are. And when we do, we must show them that they are called to be men of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Because of this we are acting to make our Order more inviting and more accessible.”



New exemplification

“Early in the new year we will offer a new exemplification ceremony. ... This new ceremonial is rooted in our past and tailored to our present. It will inspire more men to join us. Most of all, it will empower the Knights of Columbus to advance our mission and grow in the years ahead.”

Why the change

“In recent decades, we have found it harder to bring men, especially young fathers, into the Order. When we ask them why, they tell us three ceremonies are too time-consuming and too difficult to attend. They tell us that secrecy is unnecessary.”

“Many local councils lack ceremonial teams or the manpower to organize degrees. This means many candidates wait far too long to fully join our ranks. Some give up. Too many never take their Second and Third Degrees. Last year, only little more than half of the men who took their First Degree also took their Third Degree.”

How the change came about

“Our most recent supreme convention adopted a resolution from Illinois to consider combining our current First, Second and Third Degree ceremonies into one and removing the condition of secrecy. ... We undertook an inclusive process with supreme directors, state officers and ceremonialists with many decades of experience in the exemplification of our degrees.”

What the new exemplification looks like

“Instead of having separate ceremonies, all three degrees can now be conferred in a single ceremony. The new exemplification focuses on the history and principles of our Order. It presents a fuller and richer understanding of who we are, what we stand for and what we are called to be. It hearkens back to the simple ceremonies of Unity and Charity first approved by Father McGivney. Our new ceremony can be held in a council chamber or in the parish with families and friends seated in the pews. They will see firsthand, the organization that their husbands, fathers, brothers, sons and friends are joining — the principles and values they are committing to and why it matters.”

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**I Remain Respectfully Yours,
Your Brother in Christ,
Tom Wilson, PGKJ, PFN, FDD, FHGC
Pope John XXIII Assembly, #2984
4TH DEGREE CORNER and More**



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My Dear Brothers in Christ:

Welcome to (Saint) Pope John XXIII Assembly 2984 (www.assembly2984.org) where something is always happening right here in Tampa, Florida.

Congratulations to our new installed Officers of the Assembly led by our Worthy Faithful Navigator, SK Fred Baryol. In these trying times, I cannot think of a better person to lead our Assembly. Fred has shown his Patriotism from his life in the Air Force to Commander of our Honor Guard. More importantly, he will bring back our Lord Jesus Christ to our Assembly thru Unity and Fraternity with acts of Charity. His Leadership will guide us thru these trying times.

Yes, my Brother Sir Knights, sometimes it feels like the beginning of the end. Wearing masks, attending half empty Churches, restaurants, the fear of riots, catching the virus, dismantling of police, destroying religious and historical statues, burning of buildings and murdering innocent people. Yes, these are trying times. We need to step up, we must lead by example as Sir Knights of Columbus.

August 17th is our next General Assembly Meeting, wear your mask and attend. Bring fresh ideas that not only show our Patriotism but also our Charitable hearts, the way Jesus taught us. And let us pray for a better tomorrow. We must follow and support our new Officers and become involved. Our time is NOW!

And remember at Pope John XXIII Assembly #2984, the Best is yet to Come!

I Remain Respectfully Yours,

Your Brother in Christ,

Tom Wilson, PGK, PFN, FDD, FHGC

Thoughts to ponder

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“No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.” (Mt 11:27)

Have you ever known a man who was just like his father; who not only looked like him, but also acted, spoke and thought like him? Jesus is the very image of his Father and reveals the Father to us. By striving to know God the Son more intimately — through prayer, the Mass, the sacraments and Scripture — we also come to know God the Father more intimately. May we better understand the Father’s love for us and model our own fatherhood after his.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to commit to at least one hour each week in prayer before Jesus in the tabernacle, spending some of this time meditating on God the Father. Second, I challenge you to work with your brother Knights to implement the Faith in Action Holy Hour program in order to help others grow closer to Christ.

Questions for Reflection:

What is the difference between “knowing about the Father” and “knowing the Father”? Jesus always sought to do the will of his Father in heaven, so how does the life of Christ show you how to be a good son to God the Father? What are some attributes of God the Father, and how can you model your own fatherhood on these attributes of the first person of the Holy Trinity?



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Sixty-year-old structure hidden by overgrowth:

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A funny thing happened when a group of Knights were clearing vegetation at a Catholic summer camp in Florida prior to the Covid-19 pandemic: they discovered a long-forgotten stone grotto and pond with a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Then, like good Knights, they decided to restore the 60-year-old grotto to its original grandeur.

Based in Lecanto, 80 miles north of Tampa, St. Scholastica Council 14485 has enjoyed a long-term relationship with Our Lady of Good Counsel Camp in nearby Floral City. In fact, Fr. James Johnson, pastor of St. Scholastica Parish, is presently the executive director of the 73-year-old camp, which is sponsored by the Diocese of St. Petersburg. So it was natural that when the grounds needed some sprucing up and physical improvements, the Knights were called to action.

“Father Johnson came to the council and requested that we build a walk to the Chapel to make it easier for disabled children to attend Mass,” explained Les McGlothlin, the council’s public relations representative.

“While there, our Knights found a clump of rocks covered with vegetation. Upon closer inspection, we found a grotto and pond, which had been covered with vegetation for decades.”

About a dozen Knights spent some 75 man-hours across three days on the project. The coral rocks were pressure washed and bleached to bring them back to their original white color. The statue of Mary was repaired and painted. A stone path leading up to the Marian statue was built using bricks from a former mess hall that had burned down. Finally, weed killer was sprayed to retard the regrowth of the vegetation.

“The council wanted to complete this project to preserve an important part of history of the camp and of Citrus County,” McGlothlin said.



Founded in 1947 by Msgr. George W. Cummings, Our Lady of Good Counsel aims to provide campers with “a greater knowledge and appreciation of nature and its Creator.” It serves hundreds of boys and girls ages 7 through 15, Catholic and non-Catholic, with scheduled activities that run from mid-June to early August each summer. In addition to a wide range of sporting and recreational activities, campers participate in daily Mass and prayer as an integral part of the camping experience. Council 14485 assists Our Lady of Good Counsel Camp each year in recruiting campers with an open house for students and families of St. John Paul II School in Lecanto. As the families tour the facilities and experience some of the camp’s activities, the Knights help park cars, lead group activities and prepare a lunch for upwards of 200 guests.

At another of the camp’s facilities, the Tomahawk Lodge on the Rainbow River in Dunnellon, council members have performed maintenance and repairs including clear brush and fallen tree limbs after storms, pressure-washing buildings, resurfacing patios, and replacing broken dining-room chairs with benches.

The camp has also benefitted from council fundraising efforts. “In the past, we have donated a portion of our collections from our Disabled Citizens Campaign to assist disabled children to attend summer camp,”

McGlothlin pointed out. And last month, Knights raised \$3,360 to send several children to camp from Don Bosco’s Children’s Home in Inverness. They also held a raffle last fall that raised \$4,500 to assist in refurbishing 12 cabins and have made other donations to the camp’s general operation funds.

The Marian statue at the grotto wasn’t the only religious image to get a makeover from the Knights. Recently they refurbished and repainted four other large religious statues on the grounds. “We returned them in their original glory,” McGlothlin said.



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A 'message of hope':

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Eagle dancers of the Pueblo of Laguna, N.M., and Father Maurice Henry Sands take part in a procession with a relic of St. Kateri. (Image by Tamino Petelinsek / Columbia magazine, October 2019)



An interview with Father Maurice Henry Sands about the experience and needs of Native American Catholics today. “It has never been difficult for me to be a Native American Christian. I am both,” he says.

Father Maurice Henry Sands, a member of the Knights of Columbus, is unique among U.S. priests. To his knowledge, he is the only Native American priest in active ministry who grew up on a reservation. He was raised on Walpole Island (Bkejwanong First Nation), which is located on the border between Michigan and Ontario and is home to Ojibwe, Ottawa and Potawatomi peoples.

Father Sands has served as the associate director of Native American affairs at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, as well as executive director of the Black and Indian Mission Office, which consists of three organizations that have historically served the pastoral needs of African American and Native American Catholics.

Before discerning a vocation to the priesthood, Father Sands worked in accounting and finance in Ann Arbor and Toronto. He joined the Knights of Columbus in 1995, and he was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Detroit a decade later, at age 49.

In 2013, Father Sands became associate director of Native American affairs at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. For the past four years, he has served as executive director of the Black and Indian Mission Office, which consists of three organizations that have historically served the pastoral needs of African American and Native American Catholics.

Last September, he spoke with the Knights of Columbus' Columbia magazine about his personal background and about the broader experience of Native Americans within the Catholic Church.

Here is some of that conversation:

COLUMBIA: What are some of the most pressing concerns and needs of Native American Catholics today?

FATHER SANDS: Many native people live in poverty and don't have proper housing, electricity, telephones or running water. Unemployment rates are very high. The quality of health care for most Native Americans is very poor. Most Native American children on reservations and in urban centers attend public schools that are inadequately staffed and resourced.

A lot of Native American Catholics don't have access to the sacraments. They don't go to Mass because they don't have a priest who is specifically assigned to serve in their community. I hope that Native American Catholics can be acknowledged and be welcomed to participate more fully in the life of the U.S. Catholic Church.

I also hope that the Church can help to bring about restoration and healing through increased efforts to address our spiritual and material needs, as well as the many injustices that we have experienced and continue to experience today.

COLUMBIA: How can the Knights of Columbus and others play a role in addressing those needs?

FATHER SANDS: Through charitable outreach, there are ways that Knights can help to alleviate the difficulties and burdens that are a part of the everyday life of many Native American Catholics.

More than anything, I believe that Native Americans need hope, and the Gospel has that message of hope. The Knights of Columbus can help with the delivery of the Gospel and its message of hope through charitable projects and the support of missions and parishes and schools that serve Native American Catholics.

At the same time, such efforts can provide opportunities for welcoming Native Americans into the broader Church and also for evangelization.

The sharing of our diverse cultures and traditions with one another enriches the Church. We Native Americans bring to the rest of the Church the value of respect — respect for God, for life, for one another, for elders, for nature and tradition — as well as a rich and profound understanding of the importance of family life.



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**Protecting Families for
Generations**

Insurance: “Real Life Stories”:

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A field agent like me who is lucky enough to be doing this great work for even a few years, undoubtedly has a personal story of the chaos and disorder that a devastated family stares at when there is a sudden loss. If our goal is to protect Catholic families from the near devastation that our Venerable founder faced, then I have to tell the story of how I can help my brother knights. The process of making sure one has adequate protection for the family is not painful; in fact since we are brother knights serving brother knights, it is often a time of not only helping to protect all that is important to a family, but also a shared experience that leads to an abiding friendship.

There are two stories I'd like to relate.

The first is about a young boy named Julius. When Julius was 7 years old his mother, Irene, who was 37, died of cancer. His father, Norman, had two teenage girls along with 7 year old Julius to support and raise. The family was forced to rely on the help and generosity of friends and relatives because Irene died without life insurance. Norman had a three hour commute to his job, but always supported his children's activities. Julius excelled at sports, especially football and his dad spent what little free time he had fostering Julius and his talent. Julius later admitted that he “was handed a life lesson early, growing up with one parent. It wasn't the easiest life—my dad sacrificed a lot.”

Fast forward to Julius some 30 years later and he is married, has a wife and two children. He's done quite well for himself both professionally and financially. He has had a distinguished career and he has a considerable amount of life insurance to protect his family. Julius understands protection quite well after the early life he experienced. He understands the hardships of a family that loses a parent and what the children must go through. In his professional life he enjoyed considerable success because of those that protected him. For 13 years he was protected in his career. You see that protection for Julius came in the form of 300 pound offensive linemen...nobody called him Julius. His nickname was “Boomer”...Boomer Esiason—a four time Pro Bowler, an NFL Most Valuable Player and a Walter Peyton NFL Man of the Year. Most importantly, a husband to Cheryl and a father to Sydney and Gunnar.

“Life happens at the most unexpected of times, and life insurance is about protecting the future and the people you love,” Boomer says. “Remember, if something happens and you haven't done the planning, the people you leave behind will feel the brunt of your mistakes.” That story comes from LifeHappens.org.

The other story is not similar at all. It's about a member of the Knights of Columbus. He passed away recently and like in Boomer's family, left behind a spouse and several young children. There were no whispered worries at the funeral home. There was no GoFundMe page to raise money. There is no concern that the children will not go to college or that the wedding he promised his daughter will not take place. No, their home and future are secure. Who was that knight? I don't know; you don't hear about those men. Because the council didn't have to have a spaghetti dinner or pass the hat. But I assure you he was out there. But you'll never know it...because he planned. Let's sit down and do some planning and put your mind at ease.

If you'd like to talk contact me at: (513) 284-6911 or patrick.murphy@kofc.org

Vivat Jesus!

Patrick Murphy



Pray for our military and their families!! “Almighty and ever-present God, creator of life and author of peace; guard the brave men and women serving now in our military as well as their families. Watch over them. Protect them. Assure them of our gratitude for the many sacrifices they make on our behalf. May this Holy Season be filled with much peace and joy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.”



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Pray for your Brothers in need

If you or a family member is need of prayer, the Lord will hear your request through the prayers of your brothers and/or their families.

Please Email me with prayer requests at: ffred4046@gmail.com

You are not walking a lonely course, but rather holding hands with those who care. Jesus the Christ loves everyone and is filled with happiness when they are praying together in church, at home, at work, or online; so pray my Brothers.



For our Brothers and theirs:

Dear Jesus,

Think, O God, of our friends (Jeff Coffee, Terrie Leto, Paul Kappler, Peter McDougal, Dennis Kute, Mary Rodriguez, Merrill Olson, Peter Wodaski, Dave Hayter, Duryan Joseph and his wife Martha, Bill Helms, Josephine Sinagra, Lionel Gonzalez, George Arwood,

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John Mizell, Art Fuxan, Bob Perdemo, Sam Calco, Al Ferral, Sherri Butller, Gilbert Vega, Fred Baryol, Gabriella Leto, Linda Tarrago, Anna Baer, Ray Dilly and Chris Nardelli) who are ill, whom we now commend to

Your compassionate regard.

Comfort them upon their sickbed, and ease their suffering. We beg for deliverance, and submit that no healing is too hard for the Lord, if it be His will.

We therefore pray that You bless our friends with Your loving care, renew their strength, and heal what ails them
In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Catholic Prayer and Devotions:

The human heart is drawn to the divine. Many people have a sincere longing for holiness and that is why they spend time in contemplation.

We are encouraged to cultivate a profound inner life, contact with Jesus Christ that is both personal and constant. The Fathers of the Church have consistently said that without true friendship with Jesus, it is impossible for a Christian, to fulfill the mission of the Lord.

What is Prayer?

Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God, or the petition of good things from him in accord with his will.

It is always the gift of God who comes to encounter man. Christian prayer is the personal and living relationship of the children of God with their Father who is infinitely good, with his Son Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit who dwells in their hearts.

How Does Jesus Teach Us to Pray?

Jesus teaches us to pray not only with the Our Father but also when he prays. In this way he teaches us, in addition to the content, the dispositions necessary for every true prayer: purity of heart that seeks the Kingdom and forgives one's enemies, bold and filial faith that goes beyond what we feel and understand, and watchfulness that protects the disciple from temptation.

Why is Our Prayer Efficacious?

Our prayer is efficacious because it is united in faith with the prayer of Jesus. In him Christian prayer becomes a communion of love with the Father. In this way we can present our petitions to God and be heard: "Ask and you will receive that your joy may be full" (Jn 16:24)..



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Pro Life Page - "Roe v. Wade Violates the American Way"

"The State or a person can never justify the intentional killing of an innocent born or pre-born human in existence after fertilization. No exception! No compromise!"



Seminarians for a Culture of Life:

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Jorge Eduardo Mendoza Gonzalez, 22, is the founder and president of Seminarians for a Culture of Life. A seminarian for the Diocese of Fresno, Calif., he is in his fourth year of studies at Mount Angel Seminary in St. Benedict, Ore., where he is a member of St. Benedict Council 15595. *Photo by Kelly James*

I have been pro-life for as long as I can remember, but my passion to defend the dignity of life took stronger root during my senior year of high school. That was when I sought to start a student pro-life group at the high schools in Madera, Calif. Despite opposition from the administration, our efforts bore fruit and the groups took flight. This leap of faith fostered an even deeper desire in me to spread the culture of life.

How I'm involved: I founded SCL in 2017 because I wanted to unite all seminarians under one common mission and banner. We focus on building a strong foundation of prayer, an intellectual understanding of the life issues, and active support so that we may cultivate a profound love for life, especially in the heart of the seminarian.

Pro-life challenges: Among the greatest challenges are polarizing divisions based on political, social and economic conditions. Those divisions have no place in our movement; we truly are a movement of all people. Another challenge is the widespread relativism within our culture, which promotes indifference. We are called to counter this indifference with authentic love.

The pro-life message: It is my strong desire that pro-choice people would come to realize the deep love and hope we have for human life. We are not pro-life only because of our religious beliefs, but also because science and reason tell us that life begins at conception and each human being is unique.

Signs of hope: Anyone who advocates for the dignity of life is a sign of hope. Those who pray before abortion facilities, march for life and witness publicly to the beauty and dignity of life ignite conviction for future generations. Through the involvement of my peers and younger individuals, a ray of hope shines amid the darkness of our culture. The tide is turning, and hearts are changing.

Advice to Knights: My brother Knights, persevere in your convictions to defend the sanctity of life through love and support for those in need. As St. John Paul II often said, "Be not afraid." Be not afraid to show your support for the prolife cause, to help those in need and to be a public witness for life. Above all, pray without ceasing that the sanctity of life may be respected

For those who are not able to attend Mass in the church:




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My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.



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A COURAGEOUS JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY:

August

Unfair attacks on Columbus, past and present, should not be allowed to obscure the truth about the man, his voyage and his motives. Born in Genoa, Italy, Columbus was a deeply Catholic explorer who was willing to go against the grain. He believed he could reach the shores of Asia by sailing a mere 3,000 miles west across the Atlantic. Such a passage would establish faster and easier trade routes than were possible through overland travel or by sailing south and east around Africa.

Scholars of his day calculated the distance to the Orient across the Atlantic at well over 7,000 miles, out of practical range for ships of the day. Those who were skeptical of the admiral's proposal did not hold that the earth was flat, as popular myth has suggested, but rather that it was much larger than Columbus believed. Despite his miscalculation, after 10 weeks Columbus did indeed find land — not the outskirts of the Orient, as he went to his grave believing, but an entirely new continent.

Later, as a nation began to coalesce out of the American colonies, its leaders recognized the admiral's legacy. "Columbia" served as an informal name for what would become the United States of America. The eventual designation of the nation's capital reflects the esteem the founders had for the Genoese explorer.

Beginning in the 1840s, waves of European immigrants swelled the ranks of Catholics in the United States, and along with that came an increasingly anti-Catholic, anti-immigrant backlash from the Protestant majority. Catholics were subject to discrimination, slander, ridicule, anti-Catholic propaganda and sometimes mob violence.

It was within this hostile climate that Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882. He and the founding Knights chose as the Order's patron Christopher Columbus — one of the few Catholics considered a hero of American history. Father McGivney believed the explorer represented both Catholicism and patriotism at the very root of America's heritage, thereby symbolizing that faithful Catholics also can be solid American citizens. A decade later, as the Order celebrated its patron on the 400th anniversary of his discovery, President Benjamin Harrison proclaimed a national Columbus holiday. He called for "expressions of gratitude to Divine Providence for the devout faith of the discoverer, and for the Divine care and guidance which has directed our history and so abundantly blessed our people."

Colorado became the first state to establish Columbus Day in 1907, and others soon followed. In 1934, with strong urging and support by the Knights, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Congress made Columbus Day a federal holiday, mandating its first annual observance on Oct. 12, 1937.



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AUGUST 2020 – Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

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| 2 Saint Eusebius of Vercelli | 3 Saint Peter Julian Eymard Officer Mtg. Parish Center, Rm-E 7:30pm | 4 Saint John Vianney | 5 Dedication of Saint Mary Major Basilica | 6 Transfiguration of the Lord | 7 Saint Cajetan | 1 Saint Alphonsus Liguori "Eucharistic Adoration" Midnight to 1am | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross | 10 Saint Lawrence General Council Mtg. Family Center 7:30 pm. | 11 Saint Clare of Assisi | 12 Saint Jane Frances de Chantal | 13 Saints Pontian and Hippolytus | 14 Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe | 15 Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary "Eucharistic Adoration" Midnight to 1am | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 Saint Stephen of Hungary | 17 Saint Joan of the Cross Assembly Mtg. Family Center 7:30 pm. | 18 Saint Louis of Toulouse | 19 Saint John Eudes | 20 Saint Bernard of Clairvaux | 21 Saint Pius X | 22 Queenship of Mary "Eucharistic Adoration" Midnight to 1am | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 Saint Rose of Lima | 24 Saint Bartholomew | 25 Saint Louis of France | 26 Saint Joseph Calasanz | 27 Saint Monica | 28 Saint Augustine of Hippo | 29 Martyrdom of John the Baptist "Eucharistic Adoration" Midnight to 1am | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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