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Next business meeting is Wednesday, July 3rd @ 6:45 - Please plan to attend

Grand Knight, SK Edwin Barron

As our fraternal year comes to a close, I'd like to take a moment and revisit some of the more significant events of the past year. On the world stage, we have a new Holy Father in Pope Francis. Not only is he enthusiastic, but his dedication to the poor is such a part of him, that he has developed a reputation of "shunning" the trappings associated with the highest office in Holy Mother Church. Even those in non-Catholic circles have to appreciate his humility!



In addition, this year we've been granted a new Archbishop of Indianapolis, His Grace Joseph W. Tobin. We at Holy Rosary were blessed when he recently visited to confer the sacrament of Confirmation in the Latin Rite. If you didn't get the chance to see it, the liturgy was beautiful. His Grace even took time afterwards to chat with everyone in Priori Hall. His patience, attention and kindness toward everyone demonstrated to me his profound humility and holiness.

Sadly, not all news about clergy changes is welcome. At the end of this month we must bid farewell to our beloved Chaplain Father Magiera and our Administrator Father Marshall. Please join me in praying for them in their next assignments. We know God's blessings will be with them, but they'll be sorely missed.

A wise fellow officer of this very council has said more than once that "an organization that isn't growing is dying." While any organization can be improved, we've grown this year in a number of ways: our membership has increased, Café Rosario has expanded, we developed a financial budget which enables us to better plan for expenditures, and we started a Degree team that has put on four First Degree ceremonies! My sincere, heartfelt appreciation to all the Knights in our council who continue to help us to succeed...thank you all!!

Lastly, as my time serving as Grand Knight comes to a close I want to express what a privilege and joy it has been to serve the council alongside you excellent, Catholic men. I came into the role with the expectation that it would be busy, but somewhat rewarding. While it has required a bit of time, the opportunity to work and cooperate with my fellow officers, committee chairmen and Brother Knights has been truly edifying. One huge benefit of the officer positions is to be able to see more of how fellow Knights come together time and time again. Thank you for the opportunity to be involved at this level.

God bless, and vivat Jesus!

Chaplain, Father Magiera



Dear Brother Knights,

Normally, this is the “Ask Father” space. Well, I’ve received no questions to answer for this newsletter and I’m kind of glad about that. This gives me the chance to use this space, for the last time as your chaplain, to write a few words of farewell. I write them on the occasion of my eighth anniversary of ordination.

You all know, by this time, that I’m returning to the FSSP (The Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter), the society for which I was ordained, and I’m to be assigned to an apostolate in North Little Rock, Arkansas. If this is news to any of you Brother Knights, well, that’s an indication that you need to be a bit more active in Santo Rosario Council and come to more meetings.

By the time you read this, I’ll have spent nigh onto seven years at Holy Rosary. Almost six of those years have been the happiest years of my life. Santo Rosario Council was founded some two years after my arrival at the parish. I have the supreme privilege of being the council’s “charter chaplain.” Notice I did not say “founding chaplain.” This council was founded by you, my dedicated, hard-working brothers. Nevertheless, I have tried to be a faithful member of the council and to serve you to the best of my ability.

In my admittedly few years of priestly experience, I have not “rubbed elbows” with many Knights or served many councils. No matter. Even if I had, I absolutely believe I could still say that I have never met a group of men so committed to the Church, to their (for the most part) parish and to their council than you gentlemen. You embody the Benedictine motto of *Ora et Labora, pray and work*. How many times have I praised you, both in writing and from the pulpit? Yet, even so, it was never enough. You have shown me the most profound love and respect, and you have taught me what it is to be a real Catholic gentleman. For that, I am most humbly grateful. Even if I should have the honor to be a KofC chaplain somewhere in the future, I sincerely doubt that I could serve any council that could match you in any way.

Any priest should be proud to be your chaplain. I only hope you can find someone, superior to me, that is worthy of you. Farewell, brothers. God bless you.

Fr. Magiera

Chancellor, Brian Murrey

I am happy to report that for the third year in a row, our council has exceeded expectations for service to our community, our parish pro-life efforts, our parish family life, and our parish religious activities.



For the 2012-2013 fraternal year, Santo Rosario Council 14449 has provided over 1200 Knight Man/Hours to serve over 2700 guests. Some of these events were the annual Parish Picnic, Knight in New Orleans Pro-Life Dinner, Student Essay Contest, Student Free Throw Contest, Youth Soccer Challenge, Men’s Night of Reflection, Women’s Night of Reflection, Family Night at the Indians Game, and the Special Olympics Awards dinner for the South Side Indy Special Olympians. We should all be proud of the hard work we have done this

year, and I think we have done a good job of exemplifying the four principles of our order - Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

I have enjoyed being your Chancellor this year, and I congratulate Brother Knight Don Benson for being elected Chancellor for next year.

Membership Director, SK Don L. Murphy

Why I can't Join the Knights of Columbus!

Well, if you have ever mentioned the knights to a prospective member before than you have likely heard one or more of the reasons below on why they couldn't or shouldn't join. Let's go through the top five.



1. I'm just an ordinary Catholic – not some spiritual Superman.

Actually, the requirement to join the Knights of Columbus, in addition to being a man ages 18 or older, is that the applicant be a “practical Catholic.” OK, what does that mean? A practical Catholic is one who accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church. Ask yourself:

- Am I a member in good standing at a local parish?
- Do I strive to understand and live in accord with the teachings of the Church?
- Am I looking for opportunities to grow in the practice of my faith?

If the answer to all three of those questions is yes, then you're just the kind of spiritual Superman we seek.

2. The Knights of Columbus are involved in all this corny, secrecy stuff.

You must be talking about our three degree ceremonies associated with becoming a full member of the Knights of Columbus. And you are correct, these degree ceremonies – which are really compelling lessons on the topics of Charity, Unity and Fraternity – are indeed secret. Fr. Michael McGivney, founder of the order over 125 years ago, felt the lessons would have more impact if they were received without prior knowledge of their content – that is why the ceremonies themselves are secret. Why risk spoiling the benefit for future members? Other than that, there is no secrecy. Business meetings are open to members only (hardly different than most other organizations), but the topics discussed are not secret. After all, the really interesting stuff is published on the Council web site. Now that is certainly NOT a way to maintain secrecy!

3. I have a limited amount of time – not enough to give to the Knights of Columbus.

Yes, some members are able to give A LOT of time to the Knights. We couldn't run without their commitment or energy. You may be in a position to give that kind of commitment. But we also couldn't do what we do without the scores of members who help out with specific activities that are of interest to them. As a Knight you can choose the projects with which you wish to be involved in within your own community. What is more, the Order is dedicated to family life and the many benefits it offers. From insurance to scholarships to service and social activities and programs, all are open to the whole family.

4. I want to invest my free time in my family and children.

Actually, this is a renewed area of focus for the Council this year. Do you want opportunities for a fun night out with your wife? Then you'll be interested in joining us for our various socials and dinners. If you want to be more involved with your kids, then consider our sports related activities: the Youth Soccer Challenge, the Free Throw Championship and last but not least help us get the Squires group up and running at Holy Rosary. If that isn't enough, join us for a night out with the Indianapolis Indians.

Simply put, if all we're doing is separating you from your family, then we really don't deserve your time and commitment after all.

5. The Knights aren't involved in the type of things that would be of interest to me.

Actually, if your desire is to grow in your faith and to help those in the community who are in need, then you'll likely find that we are involved in activities that would be of interest to you. Just check the annual calendar at our Council website www.kofcsantorosario.org and see if this is not the case. If the Knights are really not involved in the types of activities of interest to you, then perhaps it's because we don't have your input!

Family Chairman, Jose Ocampo Mora

Family Activity Ideas

We are open to family activity ideas that bring us closer to God and to each other. We are also seeking activities for families outside the KofC, so we can reach more people, serve our community, and increase our enrollment. Please contact me with your ideas at (317)786 0520 or jocampomora@yahoo.com



I have been presented an idea I'd like to run by you. Today we have a family of the quarter, however we also have members that are single, contribute in a big way, and don't get similar recognition. Are you interested in creating a member of the quarter award? Feel free to let me know your feedback regarding this idea.

Family of the Quarter



Our Family of the Quarter for the 4th quarter of the fraternal year is the Slaughter family! Eric Slaughter is a stalwart in the Pro-Life movement and spends countless hours working with various organizations to promote the Pro-Life message. He is a force in getting the message out regarding the threats to our Religious Freedom. In addition, Eric's wife Rebecca is a very active member of our parish teaching Latin to both children and adults. Eric and Rebecca regularly devote time with our Lord in adoration at Holy Rosary, and Eric frequents adoration at St. Michaels.

Eric is a convert to the faith and as such has faced many challenges with his family. He does not let this deter him and instead works diligently, prayerfully and lovingly to reach out and help them learn the fullness of our faith and more importantly witness it through his daily actions.

Our council is fortunate to have Eric as a member and our parish is fortunate to have Eric and Rebecca as fellow parishioners.

Council Chairman, SK Don Benson

I am proud to have served as Council Chairman this fraternal year and for the opportunity to work with other members of this council by providing activities and council initiatives that let the parish and community know about the good works of our order.



Some of the things our committee has completed this year have been the Memorial Mass Dinner, Parish Breakfast, and partnering with the family committee for the Cornhole Tournament. We also put the ordering of the council shirts on-line. They can be self-purchased by logging in at <http://www.kofcsantorosario.org> and selecting the link shown below.

K of C Santo Rosario Shirts
Click here to find out how to get a council shirt.

Council shirts are a great way to project a sense of unity and let our own parish community know the good works our council does. Who knows? This may inspire other men to join our council.

Indianapolis Indians Baseball Game

Our annual Santo Rosario Indianapolis Indians game is scheduled for July 26 at 7:15 PM. This is a great opportunity to join your brother Knights and families for an exciting evening of baseball up close at Victory Field with fireworks after the game. If you are interested in helping coordinate this event, contact me at (317)224-6823 (call or text) or via email at don.benson@cummins.com. The price per seat will be \$12. The Knothole Club discount will apply for children who are members. Last year we sold 50 tickets and I am looking to extend this to 65. This is always a fun event for the entire family and I hope to see you there.

Cornhole tournament

Once again we are partnering with the Family Council to provide a cornhole tournament planned for August 18. This event has been well attended in the past, and is open to council and parish families. There is no entry fee, so mark your calendars for lots of family fun. Stay tuned for more information.

Community Chairman Jerald Friederick



During the past fraternal year, we have served many people (Corporal Works of Mercy) at the Holy Family Shelter (HFS), added a few new volunteers, and donated a great deal of food and clothing. In October we held a voter registration drive and in April a blood drive.

Regarding our future activities, we will continue to serve at HFS and do a monthly food drive and delivery. Additionally, pro-life signs continue to be a focus.

The Holy Family Shelter serving continues to go well for the once to twice per month we serve. I encourage all Knights to volunteer by contacting me or calling the shelter for extra times. You may volunteer for other opportunities at the shelter (teach, babysit, read, etc.), and they take

donations of food and clothing. Please contact me if you would like to help deliver donated goods to the shelter.

Holy Family Shelter

www.holyfamilyshelter.net

907 N Holmes Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46222

Telephone (317)635-7830, #5 ext. 19

Santo Rosario Serving Schedule: 4th and 5th Saturdays from 4:00-6:00PM

Unfortunately the large pro-life sign on Brookville Road has come down (48'x14'). It has been up free of charge for about 5 months promoting life. I will aim at getting it back up by early fall (less demand and probably get free time again). The cost is \$750/month, and as always I am taking donations.

See: <http://prolifeacrossamerica.org/>

For LIFE, Liberty and Pursuit of Happiness!

Youth Chairman, Bob Evanich



Knights of Columbus Essay Contest

Congratulations to Thomas Zeunik, Joshua Brown, Matt LaMar and Jessica Plummer for winning the State Knights of Columbus Essay Contest for the ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades, respectively. Their essays on “The Importance of Religious Freedom” have been submitted to the KofC Supreme Council to compete at the international level.

Special Olympics Banquet

On Saturday, April 13th, our council once again hosted a banquet for the Special Olympics Southside Storm. We provided the food, drinks and facility. The night included dancing and awards for the Special Olympics volunteers and athletes. Everyone had a good time. I want to thank, Sir Knight Don Murphy and his wife Angie who spent their “date-night” cooking and serving food to our guests, and to Brother Brian Murrey who also helped cook and serve. I also want to thank Sir Knight Kevin Richards and his son Ryan who helped set up tables and serve food and drinks. It’s the selfless giving of their time that made this event a success.



Pro-Life Chairman, Jerry Mattingly



Brother Knights, this month our Bishops have asked all of the faithful to earnestly participate in another Fortnight for Freedom beginning June 21 through July 4.

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/fortnight-for-freedom/fortnight-freedom-diocesan-activities.cfm>

We may remember what was stated by our Bishops prior to last year's Fortnight for Freedom vigil.

"We are Catholics. We are Americans. We are proud to be both, grateful for the gift of faith which is ours as Christian disciples, and grateful for the gift of liberty which is ours as American citizens. To be Catholic and American should mean not having to choose one over the other. Our allegiances are distinct, but they need not be contradictory, and should instead be complementary. That is the teaching of our Catholic faith, which obliges us to work together with fellow citizens for the common good of all who live in this land. That is the vision of our founding and our Constitution, which guarantees citizens of all religious faiths the right to contribute to our common life together. " —*[Our First, Most Cherished Liberty: A Statement on Religious Liberty, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, April 12, 2012](#)*

Since this statement, the assault against religious expression and practice has increased, and posturing from the Obama administration and some state governors promises more of the same. It should be obvious to even the most sheltered and under informed among us that difficult days are coming. The only question that remains, what will it look like and how may it impact you and me?

The Supreme Court will decide two cases concerning un-natural or same sex marriage before the August 1 deadline forcing employers' compliance with the HHS mandate, (<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/hhs-mandate/hhs-mandate-fact-sheets-and-statements.cfm>). The following is a peek at how this single issue is impacting faithful Christians prior to Supreme Court's decisions:

Maine (December 2012) – The State of Maine has informed all notaries public (approximately 25,000), including clergy that regardless of religious objections, they must "wed" same-sex "couples," if they wed opposite-sex couples. Otherwise, these notaries could be subject to a claim of discrimination. In the words of one notary, "I'm a Catholic and under no circumstances would I do a same-sex marriage." He added, "I'm concerned that if I refused to perform a same-sex marriage, I could be challenged legally."

Maryland (December 2012) – A small business owner had to terminate the wedding portion of his business or face lawsuits for not servicing same-sex "weddings." This small business owner now anticipates losing approximately \$50,000 in annual revenue.

New York (September 2012) – A same-sex "couple" is suing a restaurant for cancelling their rehearsal dinner and catering of their "wedding" because the restaurant manager

allegedly does not want to participate in "gay weddings." The restaurant manager allegedly cancelled the business arrangement for spiritual reasons.

Vermont (August 2012) – For allegedly not hosting a "wedding" reception for a same-sex "couple," Catholic owners of a bed and breakfast settled a discrimination lawsuit, requiring them to (1) pay a \$10,000 civil penalty, (2) pay \$20,000 to a charitable trust, and (3) not host wedding receptions of any kind. Upon settling the lawsuit, the owners of the bed and breakfast said, "But no one can force us to abandon our deeply held beliefs about marriage."

New Jersey (October 2012) – The New Jersey Division on Civil Rights found that a Methodist organization violated a public accommodations law by not allowing a same-sex civil union ceremony at its boardwalk pavilion.

New Mexico (May 2012) – The owners of a photography studio would not take the pictures of a same-sex "commitment ceremony" because they did not want to participate in behavior contrary to their religious beliefs. In May 2012, the New Mexico Court of Appeals denied the owners' appeal, affirming the lower court opinion that the studio violated the state Human Rights Act. The owners of the studio, who have also been ordered to pay almost \$7,000 in attorneys' fees to the complainant, have appealed to the New Mexico State Supreme Court.

Catholic Charities – Catholic Charities of Boston (2006), Catholic Charities San Francisco (2006), Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., (2010), and Catholic Charities affiliates in Illinois (2011) had to cease adoption services or face civil liability for not placing children in the homes of same-sex couples.

The impact from this single issue, homosexual marriage and the re-definition of marriage boggles the mind, and these examples are only a handful of actions taken against folks adhering to their Christian principles. Our freedom conditioned minds simply can't comprehend the evil these socialist progressives are capable of doing and the need for earnest prayer cannot be overstated; the need for actively, and publicly taking part in the processes to lessen or eliminate the assault on our God-given rights is urgent.

All are invited to begin that process on Saturday, June 22. Here is a short summary of the Faithful Citizens Rosary Procession which will serve to begin our observance of the Fortnight for Freedom:

Date: June 22nd

Attend: 12:10 daily Mass at St. John's Church

Procession: 12:50PM

- Assemble outside St. John's Church for initial instructions and prayer
- Pray the rosary and process north on Capital to Market, east on Market, around Monument Circle, and up to the rally site; the beautiful steps of Monument Circle.

Rally officially starts at 1:15 PM

On the abortion issue, the Kermit Gosnell trial and conviction has led to the exposure of not a few look alike "Houses of Horror" posing as Women's Reproductive Health Center's. Praise be to God! The pressure must continue in shutting down the abortion mills in our midst but hardly anyone has time to make a visit. I heard something from Joe Scheidler, a "giant" in the Pro-Life

movement, it went something like this; one hour, once a month. If every Catholic could do that, imagine the impact. We would no longer be in the shadows. I have permission to copy this Op-Ed piece penned by our own Dr. David Nealy, an indefatigable defender of the unborn.

Why is there a lack of outrage and such indifference to the abortion holocaust?

During a recent prayer vigil with other pro-life supporter outside an abortion mill in Indianapolis, I was struck by the observation that in its fight for life, one innocent several week-old baby in the womb was outnumbered by five abortion mill staff members including the physician/abortionist flown in from out of state all determined to end that life. At first glance, my trivial, irreverent observation was that those five to one odds would seem a bit unfair. The more meaningful observation, of course, would suggest that this shameful scene showcases an unspeakable moral tragedy that somehow must end before God's wrath descends on our nation! Regarding this situation, I also, perhaps unfairly, sense a lack of outrage and indifference to this abomination in many of our archdiocesan parishes. Are there compelling reasons why the streets in front of the four abortion mills in Indianapolis aren't filled with prayerful advocates for the sanctity of innocent human life?

David A. Nealy, Greenwood

Well, I have tried to give an adequate answer to that question but I failed to provide any compelling reason why, in any one month period, I could not spend one hour in front of any of the abortion mills in Indy, even if closed, offering prayers for the unborn and all who have involved themselves in advocating against innocent human life.

As we pray for our nation, our Church, and our religious freedom, let's pray too for reparation for the sin of abortion our nation commits 36 hundred times a day. Hopefully we will have done enough to end this evil before God's wrath descends on this nation.

Lecturer, SK Frank Oliver



I would like to thank Grand Knight Edwin Barron and also Paul Neuendorf for providing beverages and South of Chicago pizza after the June 5th Business Meeting. This was a nice way to thank the 2012-13 fraternal year officers and congratulate the newly elected 2013-14 fraternal year officers.

As to upcoming events, first and foremost we have our dinner in honor of Fr. Magiera on June 19th. We have sent out emails alerting the Knights of this event and we hoping and expecting this will turn out to be a very nice event to thank him. Please refer to the email that went out last week to all our members with additional details as well as a deadline for registering of Friday June 14th. Please remember this event is for Knights and their spouse or guest.

As you may or may not know, Fr. Magiera has been the one and only chaplain of our council. He has been our biggest supporter and promoter over these past 5½ years, has consistently attended meetings, and provided valued counsel and spiritual direction over these years. We will certainly miss him, but we also wish him the very best in his next assignment.

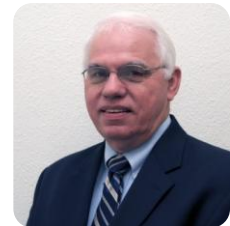
As mentioned above, at our June Business Meeting, we elected new officers for the upcoming new fraternal year. I would like to thank those men who have committed their time and energy on behalf of our Church and our council. We will be having an Installation of Officers Ceremony on Wednesday June 26th at 6:30 PM (after the 5:45 PM Mass). After the ceremony, we will be having a family cookout. All knights and their families are invited. However, if you plan on coming please go on the council website home page to RSVP, it is right below the registration for Fr. Magiera's dinner. Also, please feel free to invite a knight prospect. If you plan on bringing a prospect please give Membership Chairman, Don L. Murphy and incoming Grand Knight, Tim Rushenberg a heads up and register the person on the website so we have an accurate count.

The council will provide burgers, brats, hot dogs and drinks. If you can bring a side dish or dessert that, would be appreciated. Our own master griller, Bob Evanich has graciously agreed to ensure that the meat is cooked to perfection. Please join us and show support for the incoming new officers. As usual, we can always use some volunteers to help. Please contact me if you can help in any way. I can assure you it is appreciated.

Field Agent, SK Don R. Murphy, FICF

Different life stages, changing needs

Paying for college for your children may be one of your family's current needs. You may be concerned about a comfortable, worry-free retirement. You may wonder if needing costly long-term care will deplete your hard-earned assets. You want to have something to leave for your wife, children or grandchildren.



At some point you may have had all of these needs on your mind. Over time, these thoughts make way for others as your needs evolve, your finances change, and you get older. What is important to you at age 20, may not be at 30, 45, or 65. What is the best way to be prepared for these changes before they happen?

One of the easiest ways to be financially ready for changes that come with different life stages is to meet annually with your professional Knights of Columbus agent, and address the needs that his analysis uncovers. This can help you be ready to face the financial challenges and issues on the road ahead.

During that annual visit, I'll take the time to review your needs, goals and budget. I'll update all beneficiaries on your policies and be sure your coverage meets your needs. I'll recommend a program of life insurance, long-term care insurance and guaranteed income annuities that will help you rest easy at night.

Whatever your needs, whatever your concerns, whatever your stage in life, I can help.

Contact me – let's talk.

Donald R. Murphy, FICF
(317) 532-7330
don.murphy@kofc.org

Gibault Envoy, SK Steve Watt

Thank you all for the support you provide to Gibault! Gibault was started by the Knights of Columbus and continues to be the primary charity for the Indiana Knights of Columbus. Gibault has done great things for troubled children of all ages. It is quite concerning to know of the varied and extent of the issues these children have. At times it can be scary, but Gibault is the organization that takes care of these kids and gives many of them a chance to make it in society.



One thing I do want to make sure we focus on this year is our Christmas gift collection for the children at Gibault. I believe this is an easy way for us to support the cause, and for various reasons we didn't make it happen last year. This is your heads up to put away one or two presents, and look forward to more prodding later in the year

It is also beneficial for us to go and see what is going on at Gibault. I will be planning another visit for our Knights and their families. It is a pretty easy day trip, so look for more to come.

Check out some of the activities below that are intended to benefit this worthy charity.

A Notre Dame Ticket Raffle

Chance to Win:

(2) Two Tickets

Notre Dame vs. Michigan State

September 21, 2013

Parking Pass

\$200 Expense Money

Drawing will be held September 8th

600 tickets will be sold

Tickets are \$25 each

All proceeds benefit

Gibault Children's Services

Call Zach Pies at

800-264-1156 for more

information or to

request tickets!

*Please help us make a big
difference for the boys and girls
in out care!*



YOU ARE INVITED!

Several Councils are hosting Summer Activities at Gibault and you are invited to join them!

Sunday, July 21st Newburgh Cookout

The Newburgh Council #8746 will be hosting their annual cookout for our students and guests. This is another great opportunity to see Gibault's campus and enjoy an amazing meal.

Saturday, August 10th Fishing Rodeo

The Msgr. James M. Downey Council will be hosting a fishing rodeo for our kids. This event will take place on Gibault's campus. This is a great opportunity to interact with those you help support!

August 24th Bike Rally

Bedford Council #1166 will be hosting their second annual Ride for Gibault. Please contact Pat Winchester, Event Lead at 812-675-0146 or at patwin@comcast.net for more information about this ride.

Please Gibault know if you would like to attend one of these events. Call Zach Pies or Patty Stiegelbauer at 800-264-1156, so they can ensure there is enough food for everyone to enjoy!

Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson



The election of Pope Francis — the first Jesuit pope in history — provides a good opportunity to reflect briefly on how St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus, understood the papacy.

During the early days of his ministry in the 16th century, when St. Ignatius and his followers were known simply as “reformed priests,” they were the victims of many false rumors and gossip. This led to trouble with both the Paris Inquisition and the Vatican. Finally, Ignatius appealed to Pope Paul III, who agreed to review the matter and ultimately gave Ignatius the vindication he sought. The pope later approved the new Society of Jesus.

At a time when Renaissance popes had, to say the least, failed to exemplify Christian virtue, Ignatius placed his new religious order in faithful service to the successors of St. Peter. Both Ignatius and Paul III had experienced “conversions,” and Ignatius realized that the popes retained the grace of their *teaching* office, regardless of their *personal* shortcomings.

For St. Ignatius, the principle of *sentire cum ecclesia* — to think with the mind of the Church — was essential to the work of the Jesuits. His “Rules” for thinking with the Church conclude his Spiritual Exercises.

Because of this faithfulness, the Jesuits were central to the renewal of the Catholic Church, its re-establishment throughout much of Europe, the evangelization of the Western Hemisphere, and the introduction of Christianity to India, China and Japan.

Today, our own situation seems to be a mirror image of St. Ignatius’ time. We have been graced by popes of heroic virtue, whose saintly lives are beyond question. These popes have been criticized not for failing to live up to Church teaching, but for *upholding* it — especially in regard to the sanctity of human life and the sacraments of matrimony and holy orders.

Our Church now faces a challenge as profound as the problems of the 16th century. This time, however, it is not a question of which Christian community most faithfully reflects Christ’s plan for his Church. Instead, the challenge is by secularists who say there should be no Christian faith at all. For them, Frederick Nietzsche’s claim that “God is dead” is a turning point in history. They say Christian faith is irrational and should have no influence in society. This new secularism is widespread in Europe and is gaining ground in the Western Hemisphere.

Perhaps it is a sign of divine providence that Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus the very year that Nietzsche wrote those words about the demise of God.

Today the Church asks of believers nothing more, and nothing less, than it has throughout her history: Profess what you believe and live what you profess. Such personal witness is the only way we can make an adequate response to the claims of today’s militant atheists.

Here, too, we see the spiritual genius of Venerable Michael McGivney. In founding the Knights of Columbus, Father McGivney established a way in which Catholic men could confidently profess their faith by living lives of charity, unity and fraternity in their parishes and local communities.

This witness through service is at the foundation of our founder’s vision for the Order. Blessed John Paul II spoke of a “charity that evangelizes,” and this must become an ever more present reality in our own lives and the lives of our families.

Since the Second Vatican Council, the Knights of Columbus has sought new opportunities to profess what we believe as Catholics. We have made a determined effort “to think with the mind of the Church” as our popes have worked to implement the council’s vision, and we will continue to do so as Pope Francis begins to write a new chapter in this history.

St. Ignatius knew that a society of strong and determined Catholic men could accomplish great things. Nearly five centuries later, the Knights of Columbus would agree.

Vivat Jesus!

2012-2013

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Financial Secretary	Jay Stanley		
Lecturer	Frank Oliver		

**2013-2014 Council Officers
(Appointed Positions Outstanding)**

Grand Knight	Timothy Rushenberg
Deputy Grand Knight	Bob Collins
Chancellor	Don Benson
Recorder	Gerry Schlundt
Treasurer	Charles Stevens
Advocate	Joe LeMark
Warden	Fred Feld
Inside Guard	Michael Huffman
Outside Guard	Kevin Richards
3 Year Trustee	Edwin Baron
2 Year Trustee	Bob Evanich
1 Year Trustee	Don L. Murphy
Financial Secretary	Jay Stanley