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Next meeting is Wednesday, October 1, at 6:45 p.m. — Please plan to attend!

Talking it up with your friends

Brother Knights:

This column is directed not so much to you as to prospective members of our Council, in hopes that you will find some of these thoughts useful in talking with friends who would benefit from joining the Knights of Columbus, and who would contribute to Council #14449.

The men you know may think that all Knights are old. Well, the median age of our council is 47. I know that may not seem as young to you as it does to me, but it means we have a lot of Knights in their 30s and 40s. And besides, we older guys aren't so bad.

A related image some have of the K of C is that all these old guys just get together and drink beer and swap old war stories. We do have good times socializing, but there's much more to what we do together. As members of Council #14449, we serve our parish and the larger community, we pray with each other and for each other, and we support our brother Knights in other ways, as well.

It's possible they think the K of C is just aimed at selling insurance. It's true that insurance has been a part of the K of C from the beginning — it reflects founder Father McGivney's concern for vulnerable families back when



THE GRAND OPENING

Bob Collins
Grand Knight

there was no "safety net." I personally have K of C insurance. But I know that there is no pressure whatsoever to buy insurance as a Knight.

Or maybe they think being a Knight is all about wearing big plumes and carrying swords. It's true that the service of Fourth Degree Knights in full regalia brings honor and dignity to many ceremonies, and we continue to need men who will make this commitment. But most Knights do not advance to the Fourth Degree, and when you look at everything we do as a council, serving in full regalia is a very small fraction.

Here's something they should know about Council #14449. This council is special. We have earned the Double Star Council Award two years in a row. We're one of just a handful of councils in Indiana who have received this award for membership and activities in *either* year, much less *both*.

And they should know that we're part of a great organization that spans the globe — the

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Knights of Columbus. With 1.8 million members in the United States and 13 other countries, the K of C donates about \$170 million and 70 million hours of service each year.

But the most important thing to know about the Knights of Columbus is that it is an organization for ordinary Catholic men who seek to live good, faithful lives in service of God and in hope of eternal life. They benefit from the mutual support of like-minded men — and from the Holy Spirit, who is truly active in this great organization, and in our Council #14449.



Brian Murrey
Program Director

Whew! — we've been busy!

The fraternal year started out July 1, and the Council has wasted no time getting busy with serving the parish and local community. So far this quarter, we have participated in the following events:

- ◆ The Church Committee did a great job presenting the 6th Annual Parish Picnic on September 14. We had more than 200 guests. As always, everyone had a good time. More than 30 Knights participated in the event. Church Committee Director Brad Williams has more about the event on Page 4 of this newsletter.
- ◆ The Community Committee has been doing great work at the Holy Family Shelter for a number of years and they continue to carry on this worthy tradition. Volunteering at the shelter one Saturday night a month, the Knights and their family members cook and serve dinner to many families who live at the shelter. In many cases, your Catholic high school students can use this toward their required community service hours at school. Contact me if you are interested in helping out with this monthly event. Brother Frank Oliver writes more about it on Page 3.
- ◆ The Family Committee did a great job with the Cornhole Tournament in August. We had about 30 people participate in the event, and everyone seemed to enjoy the cookout and great weather; see Page 6 for details from our Deputy Grand Knight. The Family Committee also provides manpower for the weekly Café Rosario coffee and doughnuts after each Sunday Mass. We are always in need of a few volunteers for Café Rosario; if you are interested in serving the parish as a volunteer at the café, please contact me.
- ◆ The Youth Committee is also off to a great start. We have sponsored the Soccer Challenge and the Kid's Day at the Park so far this quarter, and many more events are coming up. We are currently looking for someone to chair the Youth Committee; please let me know if you would be interested in that volunteer position for this fraternal year.
- ◆ Our Pro-Life Committee has also gotten off to a good start in supporting First Friday Adoration and praying for an end to abortion. If you are able to take a one-hour slot during the parish's overnight First Friday Adoration, please contact me. We need at least one Knight to be there every hour for adoration, as we don't ever want to leave the Eucharist alone and exposed in an empty church. We can certainly have more than one Knight per hour, so please sign up for this important event if you can. The presence of a Knight in the church during the overnight hours also provides a sense of security for other faithful Catholics and encourages them to pray with us.
- ◆ Our council also hosted a First-Degree Exemplification on September 17, welcoming one new member into the council. A small feast was featured after the ceremony in the church courtyard on an absolutely gorgeous evening. Remember when you took your first degree? First degrees, and all degree exemplifications, are open to all brother Knights, so please try to come to the next one and welcome our new members into the council.

We would also love to see you at the monthly business meetings. Remember, you don't have to volunteer for every single event. Please, take a look at what is coming up and pick one or two events for the year. Every bit helps.

That's it for this quarter, and for the summer season!

Vivat Jesus!

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Frank Oliver
Community Director

Volunteering at Holy Family Shelter

In a recent Officers and Committee Chairmen meeting, we discussed getting more involvement in our ministry to Holy Family Shelter. For those Knights who are unfamiliar with this I thought I'd explain this further.

Essentially, shortly after our council was formed we started collecting and delivering donations to Holy Family Shelter. This eventually led to us also volunteering to assist the HFS staff by preparing and serving dinner to the shelter families on the fourth Saturday of each month (also the fifth Saturday when applicable). We have continued this for about the past six years.

Those who have volunteered have found this to be a rewarding opportunity to assist our Church to help the less fortunate. It really is a good example of Faith and Works to be a Light of Christ to those who are in need. Personally, I have found this to be an excellent opportunity to spend time with my teenage son while serving others. This has also been an opportunity for him to gain a different perspective and appreciation of what he has. He looks forward to our scheduled times to serve and enjoys doing something meaningful. He also honestly enjoys meeting the families at the shelter. I believe he is a better Catholic and person because of it.

Other brothers like to serve with their wife or with other brother Knights. Although the work can be done with only two people, I personally believe three persons are best. My son and I like to team up with another brother Knight.

I realize some of you may be a little apprehensive about volunteering because you are not sure what to do or how to do it. This is understandable, but let me assure you it isn't difficult. Here is how it goes:

- ◆ You are asked to arrive at 3:30 p.m. to allow adequate time to prepare the meal to serve at 5 p.m. You check in at the front desk, and a staff member will show you to the kitchen, give you the menu and advise how many dinner guests are expected. There are also other signs and instructions to assist and guide you.
- ◆ HFS has a modern, well-stocked kitchen which makes dinner preparation easier and quicker.
- ◆ The meals are usually prepared by heating up frozen meat like chicken, burgers, barbeque pork, etc., in the convection oven. Very simple instructions are provided.
- ◆ Open canned vegetables and heat on the stove.
- ◆ Open canned fruit and serve in individual-size cups.
- ◆ Occasionally prepare instant mashed potatoes which, again, is just following simple instructions.
- ◆ Mix a fruit-favored drink like Kool-Aid.
- ◆ While the food heats up, turn the steam table on to be ready to keep the dinner hot while being served.
- ◆ After dinner or during dinner, wash pots and utensils.
- ◆ After all the pots are washed, the sinks, counters and steam table are cleaned, and the kitchen floor is swept and mopped.
- ◆ Finally, check to make sure the oven and the steam table are turned off, then turn off the lights and check out at the front desk before you leave.

I encourage you to give this a try. I also encourage you to team up with an experienced brother Knight who can show you the ropes. I guarantee that after one time, you will be a pro. In the end, it is all about charity and service.



Bradley Williams
Church Committee Director

Sunshine, good food, fun times

This year's annual Santo Rosario Council-sponsored Parish Picnic, the largest K of C event of the year, was held on a pleasant Sunday afternoon September 14. We were blessed with sunny, 70-degree weather, and for a change NO Sunday competition from a Colts game! Some 240 Knights, parishioners and guests attended. Once again, Brother Don L. Murphy of "Dukes of Q" renown served as head chef, keeping us well-supplied with hamburgers, pulled pork and Italian sausage sandwiches. Parishioners supplied an array of side dishes and desserts. The event also featured the annual K of C Soccer Challenge, coordinated by Brother Bob Evanich.

We are in the process of planning events for the coming months. The annual Advent Knight of Reflection is tentatively scheduled for the evening of Saturday, December 6.

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Charles Stevens
Culture of Life Director

Opportunities for Pro-Life activity

There are several Pro-Life events I'd like to bring to my brother Knights attention. All of you are encouraged to participate:

- ◆ Forty Days for Life began September 24. Holy Rosary parishioners have been assigned a prayer session (rosary) every Saturday through November 1 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic at Georgetown Road and 86th Street. Our council, along with members of St. John the Evangelist Parish, are planning to pray at the clinic on Saturday, October 25.
- ◆ The Indianapolis Right to Life Dinner will be Tuesday, September 30, at the Indiana Convention Center downtown. Holy Rosary Parish is sponsoring two tables — one for adults and the other for youths. If you'd like to attend, the cost is \$65 for adults and \$37.50 for youths. For \$100, one may purchase an adult ticket *and* sponsor a youth ticket. Make checks payable to Holy Rosary Church and specify which table(s). For more information about the dinner, visit www.rtlindy.org.
- ◆ A monthly Mass for the end of abortion is offered at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 3354 W. 30th St., at 8:30 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month. After Mass, some of the people go to the abortion clinic on West 16th Street to pray the rosary and then come back for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Those who don't go to the clinic are welcome to stay at the church for Adoration.
- ◆ The Church observes Respect Life Sunday on October 5. There will be a Pro-Life Mass at 1 p.m. at SS. Peter & Paul Cathedral. The annual Life Chain will follow the Mass from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Holy Rosary parishioners have been assigned to pray for the unborn on the west side of Meridian Street between 22nd and 24th streets.
- ◆ Our council conducts its annual fall Pro-Life fundraising dinner on Saturday, November 15, in Priori Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m. This year it has a new name, "A Knight in Paris," and features French cuisine. Tickets are being sold for \$25 each after every Saturday evening and Sunday Mass; they will cost \$30 if you buy them at the door (if any are still available).



Double Star Award

Past GK Tim Rushenberg (left) receives a congratulatory handshake from GK Bob Collins for his service as Grand Knight during the past fraternal year, when our council earned the Double Star Award for a second consecutive year.



Family of Quarter

The Jerry Friederick Family was recognized as the Family of the Quarter. This is the second time the Friedericks have been honored — and that's a first! Jerry has demonstrated a special commitment to the family through his work to organize father/son campouts and to start a Columbian Squires Circle at Holy Rosary.



Don Benson
Deputy Grand Knight

Cornhole tourney attracts several generations

About 30 people participated in our council's annual Cornhole Tournament on August 20 in Edna Balz Lacy Park, the city park across the street from Holy Rosary Church. The weather was nearly perfect and set the stage for an evening of terrific fun and friendly competition. The participants encompassed a wide range of ages, from teens to octogenarians.

The tournament concluded with a championship battle between Team Guinness and Team Irish, with the deadeye accuracy of Gerry Mader and Scott Rosko leading Team Guinness to victory over their worthy competitors, Bryce Friederick and Nathan Oliver.

Our congratulations go not only to the champions but also to the runners-up and all who helped make the event such an enjoyable occasion. I also thank brother Knight Charlie Stevens who helped me organize it.

Action needed to stop taxpayer funding of abortion in Obamacare

Dear Brother Knights,

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) released a report showing that American taxpayers are subsidizing abortion coverage in more than 1,000 government-sponsored health care plans.

The GAO is a non-partisan government watchdog office responsible for examining the impact of federal laws and the use of taxpayer money. In creating this report, the GAO also discovered that insurance companies providing coverage through plans established by Obamacare are not billing the abortion coverage separately, as required.

The GAO report also confirmed that the information about abortion coverage in these insurance plans is not uniformly available to consumers. This has led many pro-life Americans and their families to inadvertently choose coverage with which they have a profound moral disagreement. Not only is this bad policy, but it is in direct opposition to the views of the majority of the American people. This year, our K of C-Marist poll found that by a 58 to 37 percent margin, Americans oppose the use of tax dollars to fund abortions.

An important piece of legislation, H.R. 7 the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, would address these issues by expanding the pro-life "Hyde Amendment" to permanently ban all public funding of abortion while also requiring every insurance plan established under Obamacare to clearly indicate whether or not it covers abortion. While the U.S. House of Representatives has acted on this legislation, it is currently stalled in the U.S. Senate.

We encourage you to contact your Senators today and tell them to act now on H.R. 7 to ensure that all Americans have access to healthcare that is transparent and does not offer morally objectionable services subsidized by taxpayers. We also encourage you to read the Supreme Knight's Op-ed on this issue at www.nationalreview.com/article/388189/obamacares-taxpayer-funded-abortions-carl-anderson.

Additionally, the full report from the GAO is available online and is important reading for all Knights and their families. You can find it at <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-14-742R>.

Thank you for all you do to promote a Culture of Life.

Knights of Columbus Supreme Council



Jerry Friederick

Father/Son Campout slated for October

The next Father/Son Squires Campout is October 17-19 at Spring Mill State Park near Mitchell, Indiana. If you are interested in attending, please contact me with your name and number of attendees. The park is about 1 hour and 45 minutes from Holy Rosary.

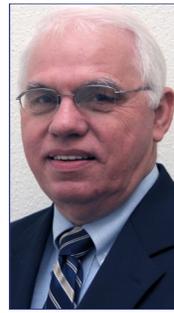
The unique items at the park are the Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom Memorial, Pioneer Village, the Twin Caves Boat Tour and, on this particular weekend, they have 1800s music playing in the village. Check it out!

Founded in 1814, the Pioneer Village has 20 historic buildings, including a three-story limestone gristmill that still grinds cornmeal. Heritage interpreters portray the year 1863 and demonstrate period crafts. On the Twin Caves Boat Tour, guides pull boats through a stream passage while highlighting cave formations and searching for cave animals, such as the endangered blind cavefish. You can learn more about the park online at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2968.htm>.

The Columbian Squires is an international organization of Catholic young men. Local Squires circles are sponsored by K of C councils and assemblies. I am still working on starting a Squires Circle at Holy Rosary, but we need more committed counselors (five minimum). Once we have enough counselors, we could meet to discuss about recruitment of boys and future direction. If you have interest in our direction, please contact me. You can learn more about the Squires online at <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/squires>.



Attractions at Spring Mill State Park include a memorial museum to astronaut Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom, a Hoosier native and the second American to fly into space. His space capsule, the "Molly Brown" is on display along with other artifacts.



**SK Don R. Murphy, FIC, FICF
Field Agent**

Protecting your family ... business?

You already know that the Knights of Columbus is here for all your personal and family financial protection needs, but did you know that the Order can help secure your business too? As your Knights of Columbus field agent, I can help you protect the continuity of your business for years to come.

Business insurance is the term used in the insurance industry to describe the use of life insurance and disability income insurance to solve certain financial needs of businesses and their owners. The products offered through the Order can cover many needs, such as:

- ◆ Economic loss to the business when a key employee dies.
- ◆ Disposition of a business owner's interest upon death or other separation from the business.

If you've worked hard to establish a business, you owe it to yourself and your family to learn about the opportunities that the Knights of Columbus can offer.

With protection for the family, the business, the farm, retirement, long term car and disability coverage, the Knights of Columbus truly is your shield for all the elements of your life.

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Ven. Fulton J. Sheen on Marriage:

Man cannot be happy if he is satiated; our zest comes from the fact that there are doors not yet opened, veils not yet lifted, notes that have not been struck. If a "love" is only physical, marriage will bring the romance to an end: the chase is ended, and the mystery is solved. Whenever any person is thus taken for granted, there is a loss of the sensitivity and delicacy which are the essential condition of friendship, joy and love in human relations. Marriage is no exception; one of its most tragic outcomes is mere possession without desire. (From *On Being Human*, 1982)

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Columbus had more than commerce on his mind in 1492

The 522nd anniversary of Christopher Columbus' landfall in America will be Sunday, Oct. 12. An entry from his logbook dated Nov. 6, 1492, indicates the propagation of the Faith was a principle concern:

"I have to say, Most Serene Princes [King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain], that if devout religious persons know the Indian language well, all these people would soon become Christians. Thus I pray to Our Lord that Your Highnesses will appoint persons of great diligence in order to bring to the Church such great numbers of peoples, and that they will convert these peoples. ... And after your days, for we are all mortal, you will leave your realms in a very tranquil state, free from heresy and wickedness, and you will be well received before the Eternal Creator."



CALENDAR

October — December 2014

Wednesday
OCT 1

Business Meeting
Priori Hall
6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday
OCT 12

Parish Breakfast
Priori Hall
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Wednesday
OCT 30

Officer Meeting
Priori Hall
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday
NOV 1

All Saints Day
Masses at 9 a.m. (Ordinary Form) and Noon (Sung-Extraordinary Form).
Schedule subject to change!

Note: All Saints is not a holy day of obligation this year as it falls on a Saturday.

Sunday
NOV 2

All Souls Day (Ordinary Form & Anglican Use)
Masses at 8 a.m. (Anglican Use) and 9:30 a.m. (Ordinary Form).

Monday
NOV 3

All Souls Day (Extraordinary Form)
Low Masses at 7:50 a.m. and Noon.
Mozart Requiem with orchestra and choir at 7 p.m.

Wednesday
NOV 5

Business Meeting
Priori Hall
6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday
NOV 15

A Knight in Paris
Priori Hall, 5:30 p.m.
Pro-Life fundraising dinner.

Monday
NOV 24

Officer Meeting
Priori Hall
7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday
DEC 3

Business Meeting
Priori Hall
6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday
DEC 6

Advent Night of Reflection
Priori Hall & Church
6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Monday
DEC 8

Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation (even though it falls on a Monday).
Mass schedule TBA.

Thursday
DEC 25

Christmas
Holy Day of Obligation.
Mass schedule TBA.



The Rev. C. Ryan McCarthy
Chaplain

A lesson on indulgences

What is an indulgence? To answer this question we must start with a few other questions, the most important of which is, “What happens when we sin?” Each sin has a personal and a communal aspect. When any of us sin, we disrupt two things. First and most importantly, we disrupt our personal relationship with God who is all good and deserving of all our love. Second, we disrupt the temporal order (the way in which the world is meant to operate, i.e. according to God’s Plan [Providence]). Our sins affect the community as a whole.

In regard to the first, St. Paul reminds us that we all have sinned and, because of sin, deserve death. It is betrayal of God’s love and the disruption of our relationship with God that leads St. Paul to teach of the death caused by sin. After all, if we separate ourselves from the love of God who is the creator of our lives and sustains us in our existence, we have chosen death. This is why we go to confession: to heal our relationship with God.

In regard to the second, things are a little more nuanced. Justice demands that any harm we cause to others specifically or to the world in general be repaired by us. This is called making restitution. Restitution is what we owe for the harm our actions have caused in our relationships with persons other than God and the world as a whole. Some things are relatively easy to calculate. If I steal five dollars from a wealthy man and he never discovers that it is missing, and then later I repent and return it without his knowledge and without him missing it, we are more or less even. Damage done and undone.

However, let’s say I steal five dollars from a poor man and he immediately misses it because he was going to use that money to buy food for his family, and as a result his family goes hungry. If I later return that five dollars only after other harm has come to himself and his family, then I owe more than five dollars because I have caused more harm than just the stolen money. I, in justice, deserved to be punished for A) causing him, his wife and his children to suffer by going hungry; B) for causing marital strife because his wife blamed him for losing the money and being an unfit husband; and C) for causing the youngest child to get sick from the stress brought on by the lack of food and arguing parents. The punishment I deserve for this is called “the temporal punishment due to sin.”

That is a whole lot to be responsible for. This is where it helps to be a community of faith, a Church. I do not have to make up for all that sin alone. I can get help. The Church has a whole treasury of merited graces stored up by Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the Saints. I need only ask for them.

However, the Church, like any good mother knows that we, emotionally, morally and educationally, need to participate in making up for the temporal damage done by our sins. (Just as any mother knows that, when a child reaches a certain age, she should no longer clean up his spilled milk, but rather should either help him clean it up or show him how to do it himself.) The Church does not want the mess from our sins just cleaned up, but wants us to become better Christians, better humans.

So, she gives us opportunities to do certain things, or say certain prayers to help us clean up the mess that our sins have caused. Indulgences are a little like bonus points from a teacher. We may have failed the first assignment, but we get a chance to make up for it by learning something else or by helping the class (the rest of the Church) in some way, both the Church here on earth (the Church Militant) and the Church in purgatory (the Church Suffering). This is the beauty of the Church’s teaching on purgatory: we are not limited to gaining indulgences for ourselves but, like in any healthy family, when we see our brothers or sisters struggling to fix what they screwed up, we can chip in and assist them as well.

The merits, infinite in value, of Jesus Christ, the Divine Redeemer of the human race, and those of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the saints, which flow superabundantly from them, are the unfailing treasury of Christ’s Church and have been entrusted to her, so that they may be applied to the remission of sins and the consequences of sin, by virtue of the power of binding and loosing which the Founder of the Church (Christ) Himself conferred on Peter and the other Apostles, and through them on their successors, the Supreme Pontiffs and Bishops. This remission is given primarily, and in the case of mortal sins necessarily, through the sacrament of Reconciliation.

However, even after mortal sin has been forgiven and, as a necessary consequence, the eternal punishment it deserves has been remitted, and even if slight or venial sin has been remitted, the forgiven sinner can need further purification, that is, be deserving of temporal punishment to be expiated in this life or in the life to come, namely, in purgatory. An indulgence, whose purpose is to remit this punishment, is drawn from the Church’s wonderful treasury mentioned above. The doctrine of faith regarding indulgences and the praiseworthy practice of gaining them confirm and apply, with special efficacy for attaining holiness, the deeply consoling mysteries of the Mystical Body of Christ and the Communion of Saints.

— William Cardinal Baum



Carl A. Anderson
Supreme Knight

A place of encounter

On New Year's Eve 1978, 77 days after he was elected pope, St. John Paul II celebrated a Te Deum Mass of Thanksgiving. In his homily, he could have spoken about many things. He chose to speak about the Holy Family and the importance of the Christian family for the Church and society.

He observed that the family “constitutes the primary, fundamental and irreplaceable community for man.” And he said that the family has as its vocation the task of protecting the dignity of the person. According to St. John Paul II, the Christian family fulfills this vocation first through the absolute mutual faithfulness of husband and wife until death and then in the way that they respect the lives of their children from the moment of conception.

“The Church,” John Paul II explained, “can never dispense herself from the obligation of guarding these two fundamental values, connected with the vocation of the family. Custody of them was entrusted to the Church by Christ.”

Therefore, he added, “it is necessary to defend these fundamental values tenaciously and firmly.” And for the next 26 years he did just that.

Almost one year to the day after St. John Paul II was elected pope, he celebrated Mass on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. On that occasion, he again chose to speak about the family. He noted that the first World Synod of Bishops that he had called would soon meet on the theme of the family, and he proceeded to offer a reflection to assist the world's bishops in their preparation for the synod.

He said, “In the sacrament of marriage, a man and a woman — who at baptism became members of Christ and hence have the duty of manifesting Christ's attitudes in their lives — are assured of the help they need to develop their love in a faithful and indissoluble union, and to respond with generosity to the gift of parenthood. As the Second Vatican Council declared: Through this sacrament, Christ himself becomes present in the life of the married couple and accompanies them, so that they may love each other and their children, just as Christ loved his Church by giving himself up for her.”

St. John Paul II understood clearly that in contemporary society the Christian family is the principal point of encounter between secular culture and the Gospel. He also understood that if the Christian family is to be faithful to its vocation, it must allow the sacraments to strengthen its life and mission. In this way, the Christian family can truly become the “domestic church.”

Recently, Pope Francis reiterated this idea of the domestic church as a place of encounter. In an address June 1, he said, “Families are the domestic church, where Jesus grows; he grows in the love of spouses, he grows in the lives of children. That is why the enemy so often attacks the family. The devil does not want the family; he tries to destroy it, to make sure that there is no love there.”

Thus, as Pope Francis so starkly reminded us, the family is a place of encounter not only on a temporal level, but also on a spiritual one.

This is why the Knights of Columbus has worked so diligently to defend and strengthen Christian family life, and it is why the Order will soon initiate a new program titled, “Building the Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive.” This new program will help our families and councils prepare for the upcoming synod of bishops on the family as well as the 2015 World Meeting of Families, which will take place in Philadelphia.

But most importantly, it will encourage every Knight of Columbus family to be, in the words of Pope Francis, a place where Jesus grows in the love of spouses and in the lives of children.

Vivat Jesus!



Pope Francis Supreme Pontiff

A time to weep

The Holy Father delivered the following homily during Mass Sept. 13, 2014, in a Redipuglia, Italy, cemetery where more than 100,000 soldiers who died in World War I are buried.

After experiencing the beauty of travelling throughout this region, where men and women work and raise their families, where children play and the elderly dream ... I now find myself here, in this place, able to say only one thing: War is madness.

Whereas God carries forward the work of creation, and we men and women are called to participate in His work, war destroys. It also ruins the most beautiful work of His hands: human beings. War ruins everything, even the bonds between brothers. War is irrational; its only plan is to bring destruction: it seeks to grow by destroying.

Greed, intolerance, the lust for power ... these motives underlie the decision to go to war, and they are too often justified by an ideology; but first there is a distorted passion or impulse. Ideology is presented as a justification and when there is no ideology, there is the response of Cain: "What does it matter to me? Am I my brother's keeper?" (cf. Gen 4:9). War does not look directly at anyone, be they elderly, children, mothers, fathers ... "What does it matter to me?"

Above the entrance to this cemetery, there hangs in the air those ironic words of war, "What does it matter to me?" Each one of the dead buried here had their own plans, their own dreams ... but their lives were cut short. Humanity said, "What does it matter to me?"

Even today, after the second failure of another world war, perhaps one can speak of a third war, one fought piecemeal, with crimes, massacres, destruction ...

In all honesty, the front page of newspapers ought to carry the headline, "What does it matter to me?" Cain would say, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

This attitude is the exact opposite of what Jesus asks of us in the Gospel. We have heard: He is in the least of His brothers; He, the King, the Judge of the world, He is the one who hungers, who thirsts, He is the stranger, the one who is sick, the prisoner ... The one who cares for his brother or sister enters into the joy of the Lord; the one who does not do so, however, who by his omissions says, "What does it matter to me?" remains excluded.

Here lie many victims. Today, we remember them. There are tears, there is sadness. From this place we remember all the victims of every war.

Today, too, the victims are many ... How is this possible? It is so because in today's world, behind the scenes, there are interests, geopolitical strategies, lust for money and power, and there is the manufacture and sale of arms, which seem to be so important!

And these plotters of terrorism, these schemers of conflicts, just like arms dealers, have engraved in their hearts, "What does it matter to me?"

It is the task of the wise to recognize errors, to feel pain, to repent, to beg for pardon and to cry.

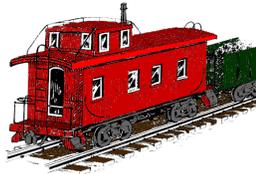
With this "What does it matter to me?" in their hearts, the merchants of war perhaps have made a great deal of money, but their corrupted hearts have lost the capacity to cry. That "What does it matter to me?" prevents the tears. Cain did not cry. The shadow of Cain hangs over us today in this cemetery. It is seen here. It is seen from 1914 right up to our own time. It is seen even in the present.

With the heart of a son, a brother, a father, I ask each of you, indeed for all of us, to have a conversion of heart: to move on from "What does it matter to me?," to tears: for each one of the fallen of this "senseless massacre," for all the victims of the mindless wars, in every age. Humanity needs to weep, and this is the time to weep.



THE EDITOR'S CABOOSE

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All Souls Day and praying for the dead

The Poor Souls are going to love Holy Rosary.

That was my initial and continuing thought upon looking at the liturgical calendar for early November. The parishioners at *la Chiesa del Santo Rosario* and we Knights who serve them have been given a privilege of which few others can boast: not one, not two, but *three* days on which to celebrate All Souls Day.

Most of the Church observes the Commemoration of All Souls on the traditional date of November 2, which this year falls on a Sunday. Therefore, the Saturday evening anticipation Mass on November 1 will also be All Souls. But we at Holy Rosary aren't like "most of the Church." We also have the Traditional Latin Mass, a.k.a. the Extraordinary Form, which uses the liturgical calendar of 1962 when All Souls couldn't be commemorated on a Sunday, the Lord's Day. Thus it is transferred to the following day, November 3.

This translates into a banner stretch of time for the Poor Souls, who will benefit tremendously from *six Masses* at Holy Rosary in three liturgical forms. *Four* of those six Masses will be sung, with the grand finale being the parish's second annual Mozart Requiem with full orchestral and choral accompaniment.

The All Souls schedule:

Saturday, November 1 — 4:30 p.m. Sung Mass, Ordinary Form.

Sunday, November 2 — 8 a.m. Sung Mass, Anglican Use; 9:30 a.m. Sung Mass, Ordinary Form. (*Note: the Extraordinary Form will mark the 21st Sunday after Pentecost at 11:30 a.m.*)

Monday, November 3 — 7:50 a.m. Low Mass, Extraordinary Form; Noon Low Mass, Extraordinary Form; 7 p.m. Sung Mass, Extraordinary Form (Mozart Requiem).

That's a lot of prayers for our deceased brethren! Take advantage of the schedule and make time to pray for your departed loved ones and all the faithful departed in purgatory. Don't forget to pray for our brother Knights who have gone before us, especially those who were members of Santo Rosario Council.

The practice of praying for the dead dates back to antiquity, well before Christianity existed. In Sacred Scripture we learn that Judas Maccabeus "made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin" (2 Macc. 12:46). St. John Chrysostom taught:

Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.

Our gifts of prayer, almsgiving, indulgences and works of penance made on behalf of the deceased help to purify the Poor Souls and release them from purgatory into the beatific vision of God. These acts can and should be done throughout the year, not just on All Souls Day. But the "high profile" of All Souls Day rightfully brings into focus our need to pray for the dead. It isn't a holy day of obligation (except when it is celebrated on a Sunday); however, it's a great idea to attend Mass that day.

If possible, try to attend as a family. It will serve as a powerful witness to our young, especially at the Mozart Requiem with the added dramatic elements of orchestra, choir and a black-draped catafalque flanked by six tall candlesticks and candles. Praying for the dead is a lesson we must pass on to future generations; after all, one day *we* will be the Poor Souls for whom they are praying.

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