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SUPREME CHAPLAIN

Forgive Us Our Trespases

Archbishop of Baltimore & Supreme Chaplain By: Archbishop William E. Lori



This Lenten season, let us counter the culture of toxic anger by cultivating a forgiving heart

HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED how quickly we sometimes pray the Our Father? So quickly, in fact, that we may even fail to consider what we're asking. Take, for example, the words, "Forgive us our trespases as we forgive those who trespass against us."

Many of us are eager to be forgiven but less eager to forgive others — and this shouldn't surprise us. We live in a culture that's often cynical, angry and lacking compassion. As the late archbishop of Chicago, Cardinal Francis George, once aptly observed, contemporary culture "permits everything and forgives nothing."

It's all too easy for us to be swept up into this culture of finger-pointing, defamation and retaliation. What's more, such attitudes are not reserved for public figures but can easily infect our personal and professional relationships. And it doesn't take a scientific survey to see that our culture of anger and unforgiveness contributes to increased anxiety, loneliness and isolation. After all, each of us is one tweet away from public denunciation and loss of reputation.

When we pray, "Forgive us our trespases as we forgive those who trespass against us," we are asking — among other things — to be delivered from this culture of comeuppance. We are not necessarily asking God to protect us from it, but praying for the grace not to engage in it ourselves. And more than that, we are asking for the grace to forgive those who have harmed us in public or in private, whether by malicious and false speech, by treachery and betrayal, or by another form of inhumane behavior.

In making this request of our heavenly Father, we are on good ground. Did not Jesus say to us, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Mt 5:44)? St. Paul echoes the Lord's words: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if your enemy is thirsty, give him something to drink" (Rom 12:20).

Jesus also tells us to forgive repeatedly and without limits: "For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you" (Mt 7:2). Indeed, forgiveness is a big part of loving our neighbors as ourselves. If we wish to prepare our hearts to receive God's mercy for the sins we have committed, then we must strive to forgive those who have sinned against us.

Who of us doesn't find this teaching difficult? It's hard enough to forgive someone who has taken our money and possessions. But it's even harder, I think, to forgive those who have betrayed our friendship, acted unethically in a professional relationship, or spread lies and half-truths about us — in a word, those who have reached into the interior of our lives to do us harm.

Yet perhaps those "who trespass against us" are doing us a favor by giving us a glimpse of how our own sinfulness offends God. When we sin, especially when we sin seriously, we are spurning and betraying his friendship and giving others scandal — that is, excuses for also betraying the Lord's friendship. Sin is a wound in the heart of an all-loving God. This should bring home to us the immensity and preciousness of God's gift of mercy. But unless we forgive those who have offended us, we are in grave danger of taking for granted God's forgiveness — his mercy that is so readily available in the sacrament of reconciliation.

As we continue through this Lenten journey in preparation for Holy Week and Easter, let us take inventory. Whom do we need to forgive? And where will we find the capacity to forgive from our hearts? Only in the One who loves us and laid down his life to save us from our sins

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STATE CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

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Greetings!

As we journey of return God in this Holy Season of Lent. We hear continuously in the scriptures an invitation that arises from the heart of God, who with open arms and longing eyes pleads with us: "Return to me with all your heart" (Joel 2:12). How many times, we make excuses and promises, telling Him: "Yes Lord, I will come to you later I'm still busy right now with my activities... I promise Lord, I will start praying tomorrow and do something good for others". We do this more often, but God is speaking to our hearts right now. The right time to listen to God is now. In our lives we always have things to do and excuses to offer but right now is the time to return to God. Returning to God with all our heart is the real journey during this Holy Season of Lent. A journey that involves our whole life, our entire being. Our Holy Father invites us to reconsider the path that we have to take, to find the best way that will lead us home with God. Pope Francis said, "Lent is not just about the little sacrifices we make, but about discerning where our hearts are directed." We can ask ourselves: Where is my life's journey in this Season of Lent taking me- towards God or towards myself? Do I serve my brothers and sisters to please the Lord, or to be praised and put myself at the center of my organization? As we return to God, Pope Francis reminded us that, "our journey back to God is blocked by our unhealthy attachments, head back by the seduction snares to our sins, by the false security of money and appearances, by the paralysis of our discontents. To embark on this journey, we have to unmask these illusions." Returning to God is not just the righteousness we show to our brothers and sisters, but our sincere relationship with the Father, with the Son, and with the Holy Spirit.

In the month of March, we celebrate the women's History month and it coincides with international Women's Day on March 8. This celebration recognizes the important role and great achievements of woman in all facets of life. A celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society and has been celebrated annually. We also commemorate the history of woman's impact in the world and to raise awareness of different issues women are facing worldwide. Not only women have important functions in every society but women also play a very important role in the Church. We all know that through the "Fiat" or "Yes" of a woman to God's Divine plan for her life has changed the course of human history. One of the most important events in all history is "God becoming man and dwell among us." It took place in history of the human race through a remarkably young, virgin, and innocent woman, who is called Mary - the mother of God. Mary is the model for those who follow her and for those who seek to change the world and helping it to grow in faith and love. Mary reveals that the strength of a woman is of utmost importance in the life of the Church and society as a whole regardless of race, nationality, or social status, as well as in the educational and missionary task of the Church today. St John Paul II described Mary as the "highest expression of the feminine genius." She placed herself at God's service, believing without seeing, she has placed herself at the service of all mankind. Reflecting on the life Mary and discovering how God's plan for mankind has unfolded through her our attention is drawn to a very crucial point: the struggle for supremacy and power between man and woman is over and a beautiful relationship of mutual respect and union in faith in the One God is what remained.

As we celebrate the Woman's History month, let us express our gratitude and giving thanks for mothers, for grand mothers, for sisters, for wives; for women in consecrated life; for professional and hard working women; for women missionaries; for women who worked in the leadership of the church and society; for women who played a role in people's and nations. We all know that, thanking them is not enough, we must make an effort in recognizing, valuing the important role of women in the Church and in our society. We have to protect the dignity and rights of all women, hearing their needs, and speaking to their hearts, treating them with respect, compassion, and openness. It's our vocation to pray for all women: to pray for those women, in the past or the present, have not been understood or appreciated in their dignity and have been subject to prejudice, being valued more for their physical appearance than for their competence or intelligence; those women who run into difficulties in moving on with their lives; for all women who are often subject to harm as a result of their positive acceptance of the gift of motherhood; for all women who are especially in war torn areas and places where survival is a daily struggle, victims of violence or sexual abuse.

Women's role is fundamental wherever there is a human relationship, wherever there is a need to take care of another, to look after another person. Women took an active part in the working world and in the family because they can offer all their capabilities and experience of dedication and care for others. Self giving is a trait of the human race as a whole, and it is one that women incarnate in their gift of self and in their care for others. These specific characteristics are cultivated in the woman through her belonging to the Church where she finds her example in Mary, whose gifts of listening, comforting, her fidelity and humility all light the path of faith for all humanity, and offer a special example for all women.

Mary the Queen of the Knights pray for us and for all women - all your daughters.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr jojo

NEW SUPREME KNIGHT



Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly

Patrick E. Kelly has been elected the 14th Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus. Starting March 1, 2021, he will serve as chief executive officer and chairman of the board of the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization, with more than 2 million members.

Mr. Kelly's election as Supreme Knight follows a distinguished career in the Knights of Columbus, the military and public service. For more than 25 years, he has a demonstrated track record of service to Church and country, which will serve him well in advancing the Knights' mission of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

Mr. Kelly has served as Deputy Supreme Knight since 2017. Prior to that, he served as Vice President for Public Policy for 11 years, spearheading the Knights' interaction with the White House, Congress and federal agencies. He has also served as State Deputy in the District of Columbia. As a longtime executive and fraternal leader of the Knights of Columbus, he has consistently strengthened its record of charity, advocacy, insurance, investment and membership growth.

Mr. Kelly served as the first executive director of the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C., and oversaw the renewal of the facility after its purchase by the Knights in 2011. During his tenure, the shrine became a leading pilgrimage site and a source of education and inspiration for Catholics throughout the United States

and the world.

Prior to his leadership roles in the Knights, Mr. Kelly pursued a lengthy career of public service. Most notably, he was Senior Advisor to the Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom at the State Department from 2005 to 2006. His responsibilities included serving as the Department's principal liaison with the Holy See and assisting with the formulation of U.S. foreign policy on religious freedom worldwide. He led U.S. delegations to the World Summit on Islamic-Christian dialogue (2005), the UN conference on interfaith cooperation (2005), and annual Sant'Egidio conferences. He has also held advisory roles on the House Intelligence Committee and the Department of Justice, where he specialized in counterterrorism and national security.

Mr. Kelly served in the United States Navy for 24 years, on land and sea and on active duty and reserve status. As a Judge Advocate General, he specialized in international and operational law and served as the Commanding Officer of the international law unit at the U.S. Naval War College. He served on the staff of the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations and aboard the USS *Guam* as the Staff Judge Advocate for Amphibious Squadron Two. His personal awards include three Navy Achievement Medals, five Navy Commendation Medals and the Meritorious Service Medal. He retired from the JAG Corps Reserve in 2016.

Mr. Kelly has served as consultant to three committees of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) for more than a decade: The Committee on Pro-life Activities, the Committee on Religious Liberty, and the Subcommittee for the Promotion and Defense of Marriage.

Mr. Kelly has been the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the March for Life since 2012. Under his leadership, the March for Life has become one of the most effective pro-life organizations in the world. He has also been a member of the Board of Directors of the National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC) since 2013. He has helped guide the NCBC in its mission to promote respect for the dignity of each human being through an understanding of how the moral teachings of the Church apply in health care and the life sciences.

Mr. Kelly holds a master's degree in theology from the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at The Catholic University of America, a law degree from Marquette University Law School and a bachelor's degree in economics from Marquette University, where he joined the Knights of Columbus in 1983.

He and his wife, Vanessa, have three daughters. They live in Connecticut.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Maryland State Newsletter will continue reprinting articles from Past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson until a body of writing from Supreme Knight Patrick Kelley is accumulated.

SUPREME KNIGHT

Passing On Our Faith



Past Supreme Knight
Carl A. Anderson

I SUSPECT ALL OF US have heard a friend say something like, “I sent my kids to Catholic schools; I took them to church; they received all their sacraments — but now they do not practice their faith, and my grandchildren are not even baptized. What happened?”

Recent polling indicates that approximately 4 out of every 10 “born and raised” Catholics in the United States no longer identify as Catholic, and, in the future, fewer than 1 in 10 Catholics now under the age of 21 will continue to practice the faith as an adult.

This trend does not affect only Catholics. The Pew Research Center found that while 76% of baby boomers identify as Christian, only 49% of millennials do; and that while 49% of baby boomers attend religious services at least once a month, only 35% of millennials do.

These numbers reveal an immense crisis for our families and our Church, a crisis in the transmission of the Christian faith from one generation to the next.

It is a crisis of evangelization — or rather a failure to evangelize. In particular, there has been an unprecedented failure to evangelize the Catholic family and to evangelize *within* the Catholic family.

Pope Francis has said that the “Christian life is actually a journey, a pilgrimage” in which we are called to “a vital, personal, authentic and solid relationship with Christ.”

Tragically, for too many children, this journey has led to a spiritual dead end.

Transmitting the faith to our children is more than reading a textbook and *requiring* participation in the sacraments. Good catechesis and sacramental practice are absolutely necessary — but they are not sufficient. There must also be, as Pope Francis reminds us, “a vital, personal, authentic and solid relationship with Christ.”

For our children, this means that there must be a lived Christian life at the center of their family.

St. John Paul II wrote in his encyclical *Redemptoris Missio (Mission of the Redeemer)*, “There cannot be two parallel lives in (our) existence: on the one hand, the so-called ‘spiritual’ life, with its values and demands; and on the other, the so-called ‘secular’ life, that is, life in a family, at work, in social relationships, in the responsibilities of public life and in culture” (59).

In other words, we have the responsibility to show our children what it means to be a disciple of Christ by how we live — and not only one hour a week, but 24/7.

This is the purpose of our Knights of Columbus program promoting the Catholic family as a domestic church — what the early Church fathers called “the church of the home.” Our domestic church program, *The Family Fully Alive*, sees in the daily activities of family life the opportunity to follow Jesus Christ more closely and in this way transmit a living faith to our children and grandchildren.

We must have not only a Church that evangelizes. We must have a “church of the home” that evangelizes.

In what Pope Francis might call a “pilgrimage of the home,” fathers must take up their own irreplaceable role.

This is why on Ash Wednesday, we made available to all our members — *and every parish* — our new 12-part video series on men’s spirituality titled *Into the Breach*. This series is an important part of our Faith in Action initiative. I urge every council to promote it fully.

We have not only the responsibility to teach our children the truths of our Catholic faith. We have the responsibility to show our children, by our personal witness, what it means to live in Christ.

This crisis calls for Knights. We all have a responsibility — and united as Knights we have tremendous resources. What is needed now is our determination to move forward.

Vivat Jesus!

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STATE DEPUTY'S MESSAGE

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As we start our Lenten journey, the pandemic has struck again. COVID related restrictions and issues relating to distancing at meetings and in the atrium has caused us to prepare for a virtual convention again this year. It has been a very disappointing year to date but with the vaccines now available we are hoping for a better end of year.

Pope Francis recently announced a Year of St. Joseph, in honor of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church. The Year began Dec. 8, 2020 and will conclude Dec. 8, 2021; special indulgences are available for the duration of the year.

The Apostolic Penitentiary also issued a decree granting special indulgences for the duration of the special year to celebrate the anniversary and "to perpetuate the entrustment of the whole Church to the powerful patronage of the Custodian of Jesus."

During this period, the faithful will have the opportunity to commit themselves "with prayer and good works, to obtain, with the help of St. Joseph, head of the heavenly Family of Nazareth, comfort and relief from the serious human and social tribulations that besiege the contemporary world today."

One special feature of this decree is an invitation to participate in a spiritual retreat that includes meditation on St. Joseph and contemplation of the Lord's Prayer. To this end, parishes in the Archdiocese of Baltimore that are dedicated to St. Joseph are opening their doors to pilgrims throughout this Year of St. Joseph.

In other news, many of you have heard that the Supreme Board of Directors have voted Patrick Kelly as our new Supreme Knight. Patrick Kelly's tenure as the Order's 14th Supreme Knight will commence March 1. He has served as Deputy Supreme Knight for four years and is a well-rounded public servant with diplomatic and military experience. Most recently, Patrick led the Knights' grassroots response to the COVID-19 pandemic titled "Leave No Neighbor Behind." The newly elected Supreme Knight is a retired Navy Captain with 24 years of military service. In 2016, he retired from the U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General's (JAG) Corps Reserve, where he specialized in international and operational law and served as the Commanding Officer of the international law unit at the United States Naval War College.

We look forward to the future of the order under Patrick Kelly and we hope that we will be returned to normalcy as soon as possible once the vaccine has filtered through our order's members.

As always I ask you to remember my motto: "We Are Servant Leaders"

Vivat Jesus

Vince Grauso

Founders Day Update

The original arrangements for Founders Day have been changed due to the Covid-19 concerns, the date remains the same, March 21, 2021. The new information is as follows:

1 PM Mass

Our Lady of the Fields Church
1070 Cecil Avenue South
Millersville, Maryland 21108

2 PM

Awards Ceremony will take place immediately after Mass in the church. There will be no dinner or reception after the awards ceremony.

Everyone who is comfortable to attend is welcome. If you have any symptoms, please stay at home and take care of yourself. There is no need to attend the Founder's Day Mass if it results in your name being mentioned at the Memorial Mass.

FIRST LADY'S MESSAGE

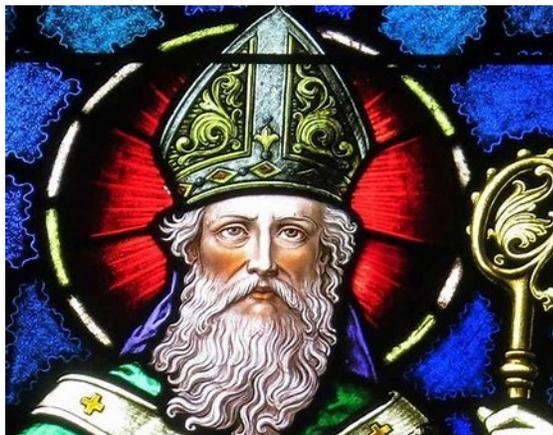
Celebrating "Saint Patrick" on March 17th

First Lady By: Mary Jane Grauso



Let us go back to Saint Patrick's time. It was during the second half of the 5th century in Britain that Saint Patrick flourished as the patron saint of Ireland credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland and responsible in part for the Christianization of the **Picts**, an ancient people of today's eastern and northeastern Scotland, and the **Anglo-Saxons**, an ancient people of today's England and Wales.

Although not much is known about the date of his birth, Patrick was born in Britain to a Romanized family. At age 16 he was torn by Irish raiders from his father's villa and carried into slavery in Ireland.



He spent six years as a herdsman there, during which he turned with fervor to his faith. Upon dreaming that the ship in which he was to escape was ready, he fled his master and found passage to Britain. Near starvation, he suffered a second brief captivity before he was reunited with his family.

He wrote a spiritual autobiography known as the *Confessio*, and his *Letter to Coroticus*, a denunciation of British mistreatment of Irish Christians.

In the *Confessio*, he tells of a dream after his return to Britain, where a letter was delivered to him titled "The Voice of the Irish." As he read it, he seemed to hear the Irish beseeching him to walk once more among them. "Deeply moved," he decides to return to Ireland. On the eve of embarking for Ireland, he had doubts of his fitness for the task. Once in the field, his hesitations vanished. Utterly confident in the Lord, he journeyed far and wide, baptizing and confirming with untiring zeal.

He lived in constant danger of martyrdom. A most humble-minded man, pouring forth a continuous song of thanks to God for having chosen him as the instrument whereby multitudes who had worshipped "idols and unclean things" had become "the people of God."

Toward the end of his life, an angel conveyed to him that he was to die at Saul, the site of his first church, despite his wishes to die within the ecclesiastical metropolis of Ireland.

"**The legend of the shamrock**" came about from Saint Patrick explaining the concept of the Holy Trinity, three persons in one God, to an unbeliever by showing him the three-leaved plant with one stalk. Traditionally, Irishmen have worn shamrocks, the national flower of Ireland, in their lapels on St. Patrick's Day, March 17.

As we continue our Lenten journey and celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Let us, as part of our Lenten introspection/reflection, all think about how we can go forth being disciples of God and spread the word of the Lord as St. Patrick did. Let us ask the Lord to give us power through his Spirit to be strong and pray that we may have our roots and foundation in love so that together with all of god's people we may have the power to understand how broad and deep Christ's love is for us. My hope and desire are that we never fail our duty, especially right now to be full of courage so that with our whole being we shall bring honor to Christ. It is a privilege to serving others and serving Christ. We need the Lord's spirit now more than ever to help us overcome all the challenges that we, our brothers and sisters, our society are faced with, beginning with Covid-19.

Maryland State Ladies Activity 50/50 Raffle Winner

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 50/50 virtual raffle. Your participation made this event a great success.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Deacon Stephen Roscher for being the big winner \$1125.

COUNCIL GROWTH

Why Join the Knights of Columbus ?

Council Growth Director By: Tom O'Hara (e-mail: tomco50@comcast.net)

This is a question that is asked by many prospective members when they are asked to join the Knights "Why should I join?" You need to have the answer and you need it to come from the heart. Everybody will have a different answer and that is more than OK. If we all had the same answer to that question it would make us recruiters that sound like door to door salesmen with a canned pitch. In looking for ideas I came across an article that I think touches all the bases. I am going to try to summarize it here for you. Hopefully it will give you some idea of what to say the next time you ask someone to join the Knights.

First know that becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support your parish, give back to your community, grow in your faith and gain exclusive access to our top-rated insurance program to protect your family. Have a personal story ready to tell that exhibits what you mean.

We are a unique "band of brothers", a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbor. Some of the things we do are support our parish with its needs, help meet the needs of those in the local community, provide "Coats for Kids" and "Food for Families". Support programs that benefit people with intellectual disabilities, aid victims of natural disasters, donate wheelchairs to people without mobility and save lives through initiatives such as the "Ultrasound Program". It is because of our network of Knights that we have the ability to accomplish all of these things and more.

Unity and Fraternity are the second and third principles of the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus was founded so that men could work together to serve their parishes and communities, protect the well being of their Catholic families and support each other in many ways along life's journey. The Knights of Columbus offers its members the opportunity to grow in their faith through the living example of a charity that evangelizes and personifies what it means to be a Catholic gentleman through the practicing of good works.

The Knights of Columbus offers stability through our top-rated life insurance program. Our insurance agents are Knights that are dedicated to helping their brother Knights protect their families, the very principle the Knights of Columbus was founded on. As an organization founded to protect the well being of Catholic families we have continued to take that mission seriously for more than 130 years.

For over a 130 years the Knights of Columbus has provided all of these opportunities for its members.

The Knights of Columbus is not just a fraternity in name. It is a brotherhood of Catholic men who each play a part in improving the world around them, one community at a time. They stand together in faith, dedicated to uphold the principles they cherish while lending their support and strength to their parish, home and fellow Knights.

The Knights of Columbus helps a man to discover how easy it is to make a difference in his life and that of others.

I hope this helps all of you the next time you are asked "Why should I join the Knights".

Vivat Jesus

Tom O'Hara

State Council Growth Director

STATE PROGRAMS

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Since we celebrate Women's History Month during March, I'd like to take a moment to recognize all the ladies in Maryland who continually contribute to the success of our Order. Let's face it, as effective as the Knights are in running great programs, typically it is the wives, daughters and granddaughters who often get us across the finish line- and keep us energized in the process!

You may not realize this, but we have 40 Ladies Auxiliaries aligned with councils in our state. I've often been impressed with how well they embrace and excel at supporting our programs; for example, they did a wonderful job working with the Box of Joy program last Fall. Special thanks to each of the presidents of the auxiliaries and to Beth Ward and Cynthia Santiago for serving as Co-Chairladies. We are blessed to have all of you standing alongside us as we strive to fulfill our mission.

The State Officers' wives also play an enormous role in the success of our Order here in Maryland and often go out of their way to ensure that wives of all brother Knights feel welcomed and appreciated. Perhaps you have met them at various Masses and functions. They include Mary Jane Grauso (Vince), Annie Powers (Chris), Kathy Salvemini (Tony), Gloria Winfrey (John), and Yolanda Hassan (Ron).

Wives of the Executive Staff never fail to step up and provide encouragement and support, as well! They include Linda Trott (Dale), Phyllis Giacalone (Jack) and Mary Messina (Paul). And it's only fitting that we extend kudos to the wives of our Chapter Presidents - Mary Messina (Paul), Mika Koscho (Jeff), and Kathleen Rector (Jose) and to the wives of our Fourth Degree leaders - Patti Thumm (Mike), Eleanor Leach (Fritz) and Lynne Feakes (Joe). All these women demonstrate a commitment to bringing out the best in their husbands and certainly are their most ardent cheerleaders!

Moving on to business matters, please remember that your written reports reflecting your best activities - one report in each of the four program categories- are due to me by March 15, 2021.

You can use the link below to download the required cover page titled "State Council Service Program Awards."

https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/state_serviceaward_p.pdf

And speaking of awards, you may want to consider attending the Founders Day Mass on March 21 at Our Lady of the Fields Church in Millersville. At the conclusion of the 1:00pm Mass we will recognize the recipients of the 2021 Community Service awards!

Don't forget to jump into some of the great webinar sessions hosted each month by PSD and Regional Training Director Steve Cohen! Here is the link to his session designed to enlighten you on programs:

YOU ARE YOUR PROGRAMS TRAINING – March 16 – 7:00 PM

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/637554429464815887>

Thanks to all of you for your continued efforts around serving those in your councils, parishes and communities. All of us are servant leaders and all of us are blessed with the amazing opportunity to carry out our important mission as members of the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus!

Terry

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

In the history of the Catholic Church, women have played a variety of roles and the church has affected societal attitudes to women worldwide in significant ways. Women constitute the majority of members of consecrated life in the Catholic Church: in 2010, there were around **721,935 professed women religious**.

Women religious have played an important role in Catholicism through convents and abbeys, particularly in the establishment of schools, hospitals, nursing homes and monastic settlements, and through religious institutes of nuns or sisters such as the **Benedictines, Dominicans, Sisters of Saint Francis, Loreto Sisters, Sisters of Mercy, Little Sisters of the Poor, Josephites, and Missionaries of Charity**.

Clare of Assisi was one of the first followers of **Saint Francis of Assisi**. She founded the **Order of Poor Ladies**, a contemplative monastic religious order for women in the Franciscan tradition, and wrote their *Rule of Life* – the first monastic rule known to have been written by a woman. Following her death, the order she founded was renamed in her honor as the **Order of Saint Clare**, commonly referred to today as the **Poor Clares**.



Joan of Arc at the Coronation of Charles VII, by Jean Auguste Dominique Ingres, 1854

Joan of Arc is considered a national heroine of France. She began life as a pious peasant girl. As with other saints of the period, Joan is said to have experienced supernatural dialogues that gave her spiritual insight and directed her actions. But, unlike typical heroines of the period, she donned male attire and, claiming divine guidance, sought out King Charles VII of France to offer help in a military campaign against the English. Taking up a sword, she achieved military victories before being captured.

Rose of Lima, the first Catholic saint of the Americas, was born in Peru in 1586, and became known for her piety. **Kateri Tekakwitha** was born around 1656 in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon, Canada. Canonized as the first Native American saint in 2012, Takakwitha lived at a time of conflict between the Mohawks and French colonists, lost her family and was scarred by smallpox before converting to Catholicism, leading to persecution from her tribesmen. She became known for her piety and charity. In 2012, she became the first Native American to be canonized by the Catholic Church.

Elizabeth Ann Seton was born in New York. She would become the first saint born in the newly declared United States of America. A Catholic convert, she was attracted to the spirituality of St. Vincent de Paul and founded a religious community dedicated to the care of the children of the poor - the first congregation of religious sisters founded in the US.



Saint Elizabeth A. Seton S.C.



Only known portrait from life of Catherine Tekawitha, c. 1690, by Fr. Chauchetière



Detail depicting Saint Clare from a fresco (c. 1320) by Simone Martini in the Lower basilica of San Francesco, Assisi



Saint Rose of Lima by Claudio Coello (1642–1693), in the Prado Museum, Madrid, Spain

The **Sisters of Mercy** was founded by **Catherine McAuley** in Dublin, Ireland, in 1831, and her nuns went on to establish hospitals and schools across the world. The **Little Sisters of the Poor** was founded in the mid-19th century by **Saint Jeanne Jugan** near Rennes, France, to care for the many impoverished elderly who lined the streets of French towns and cities.

When in 1858 **Saint Bernadette Soubirous** reported the **Lourdes apparitions** she was a 14-year-old shepherd girl. She asked the local priest to build a local chapel in Lourdes because the Lady with the Rosary beads had requested it. Eventually, a number of chapels and churches were built at Lourdes as



Venerable Sister Mary Catherine McAuley



*St. Jeanne Jugan, L.S.P.
(Mary of the Cross)*



*Saint Bernadette of
Lourdes, c. 1858*

the **Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes**—which is now a major Catholic pilgrimage site with about five million pilgrims a year.

Mary Lange, O.S.P. (1784-1882), born **Elizabeth Clarisse Lange**, was a Black Catholic religious sister who founded the **Oblate Sisters of Providence**, the first African-American religious congregation. She was also, via the Oblates, the first-ever African-American Mother Superior. The cause for her beatification was opened in the twenty-first century, and she is thus honored as a Servant of God.



*Servant of God Mary
Elizabeth Lange O.S.P.*



*Saint Marianne Cope
T.O.S.F.*

the development of America's modern hospital system. In 1883, she responded to a call from the **King of Hawaii** for help caring for leprosy sufferers. There she established hospitals and eventually went to the exile island of Molokai to nurse the dying **St Damien of Molokai** and care for the island's leper colony. She was canonized in 2012, along with **Maria Carmen Salles y Barrangeras, Anna Schaffer** and **Kateri Tekakwitha**.

For much of the early 20th century, Catholic women continued to join religious institutes in large numbers, where their influence was particularly strong in the areas of education and healthcare. **Josephine Bakhita** (ca. 1869 – 1947) was a Sudanese slave girl who became a Canossian nun; **St. Katharine Drexel** (1858–1955) worked for Native and African Americans;

Thea Bowman (1937–1990) was a religious sister, teacher, and scholar who made a major contribution to the ministry of the Catholic Church toward her fellow African Americans. She became an evangelist among her people, assisted in the production of an African American Catholic hymnal, and was a popular speaker on faith and spirituality in her final years. She helped found the National Black Sisters Conference to provide support for African-American women in Catholic religious institutes. Bowman has been designated a Servant of God.



*Saint Josephine Margaret
Bakhita, F.D.C.C.*



*Servant of God Sister Thea
Bowman FSPA*

American **Flannery O'Connor** also wrote in the middle of the 20th century from the 1940s to the 1960s. Calling herself a "Hillbilly Thomist," she expanded on St. Thomas Aquinas' thought that "grace perfects nature". Newspaperwoman turned social activist for life at all stages in all conditions, **Dorothy Day**, founded the Catholic Worker House system for homeless persons and immigrants, while writing numerous articles supporting the poor for the journal she published with the organization (*The Catholic Worker*), as well as for other news outlets well into the 1980s. Her theology showed an enhanced participation by lay people in the Church's mission.

Mary Antona Ebo F.S.M. (1924 – 2017) was an American hospital administrator, civil rights activist and **Franciscan Sister of Mary**. She marched with **Martin Luther King Jr.** in Selma in 1965, saying "I'm here because I'm a Negro, a nun, a Catholic, and because I want to bear witness."

In the latter 20th century three Catholic women were declared **Doctors of the Church**: the 16th-century Spanish mystic, **St. Teresa of Ávila** (who became the first female Doctor of the Church in 1970); the 14th-century Italian mystic **St. Catherine of Siena** and the 19th-century French nun **St Thérèse de Lisieux** (called *Doctor Amoris* or "Doctor of Love").

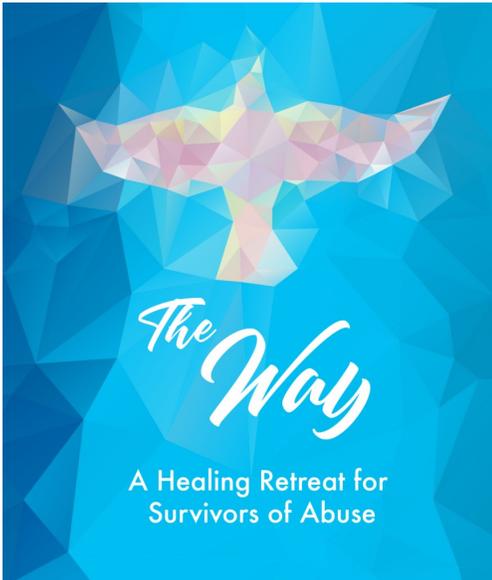


*Mary Antona Ebo at
Selma, from a 1965
newspaper photograph*

EDITORS NOTE: The Major Source for this article is the Wikipedia page *Women In The Catholic Church*. Caution is advised when using Wikipedia as a reference, not all materials meet approved Catholic doctrine.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The Way Women's Retreat – March 26-28



***Due to the Covid 19 restrictions these dates are tentative and pending city and County restrictions.**

The Way is a free, 3-day guided meditation and prayer program. It is an opportunity for healing and prayer and for survivors to reflect on God's plan for their lives.

When: March 26-28, 2021

Cost: Free!

Please register by contacting Deborah McDonald at mcdonaldd@adw.org or 301-853-4466.

More Information: <https://adw.org/the-way-retreat/>



More Information: [Maryland Catholic Women's Conference 2021 – Maryland Catholic Women's Conference](#)

AROUND MARYLAND

Sisters Call - Knights Respond

By Sir Knights Stephen Holowenzak and Charles Hayes
St Michael the Archangel Knights of Columbus Council #15084

"I have come to realize more and more that the greatest disease and the greatest suffering is to be unwanted, unloved, uncared for, to be shunned by everybody, to be just nobody to no one."

-Saint Teresa of Calcutta

The words of Saint Teresa of Calcutta are the bedrock of the Charity pledge of the Knights of Columbus. They were solemnly practiced once again when the four District 11 councils in Maryland were made aware of the need to obtain four chalices and patens to be used by visiting priests who celebrate Holy Mass at Sisters of Charity Missions in Canada, Cuba, Mexico, and Washington, D.C. The seed for this effort was planted when the St. Michael the Archangel council sang Christmas carols for the shut-ins under the care of the Sisters of Charity in Washington, D.C.

While caroling, Mother Superior, M. Lizen, MC, asked one of the Brother Knights to help them procure chalices and patens for the mission chapels. The council members discussed and agreed to act. The St. Michael's council then reached out to the other councils in District 11, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Father Rosensteel, and Holy Family, and presented the opportunity to assist the sisters with their request. Without hesitation, each council gave their full support.

Thanks to the added effort of the District Deputy from District 11, Russell R. Sutton Jr., funds were raised to purchase the patens and chalices with an engraving on the base in honor of St. Teresa of Calcutta.

The chalices were blessed on February 5, 2021 during the noon mass at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in celebration of Saint Agatha, virgin and martyr, by Monsignor Eddie Tolentino, Chaplain of Council 15084.

On February 20, 2021, Mother Superior M. Lizen, MC, joyfully received the sacred gift sets presented by GK Michael Spraggins and PGK Stephen Holowenzak for the Missionary Sisters of Charity in Mexico, Canada, Cuba, and USA. The presentation took place on the grounds of the House of the Missionary Sisters of Charity in Washington, D.C.



Council #15084 Knights and family members sing "Joy to the World".



A chalice mass set with the St. Teresa of Calcutta inscription engraved on the base of the chalice. Each chalice set bears the inscription and the unique council number of one of the four District 11 councils.



At the main altar from left to right, SK Stephen Holowenzak, PFN, GK Paul Girolami (2169); GK Robert Monagan (5547); Russell Sutton, District Deputy 11; Rev. Msgr. Eddie Tolentino, Council 15084 Chaplain; GK Michael Spraggins (15408); GK David Birley (16634); and SK Charles Hayes, FDD

AROUND MARYLAND

Book Review and Lecture Series

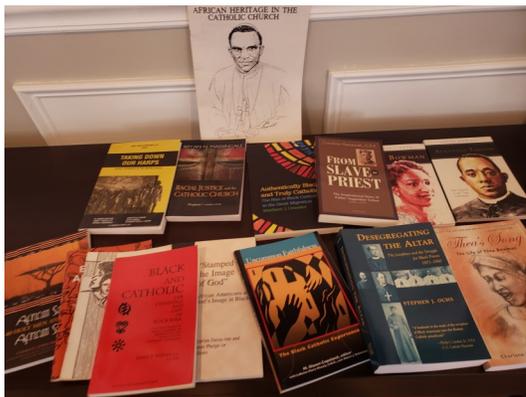
By: Leon E Alexander JR, Grand Knight, Father Michael C. Kidd Council 14455

GATHERING DURING COVID The Father **Michael C. Kidd Council 14455** has struggled just as other councils during these unusual times to remain active with meaningful activities for our brother knights. We witnessed the turmoil of the summer which caused the entire society to rethink our relationships with each other. Meanwhile, the Washington Archdiocese offered us the opportunity to relook at the emphasis of Blacks in religious life. We took on this task with the help of our parish priest, **Father Joseph Jenkins**, to highlight Blacks contributions to the Catholic Church. In this effort we embarked on a **book review and lecture series** by chronicling “*Celebrating the Black Experience in the Catholic Church.*” This undertaking had an additional meaning because our church, **Holy Family**, in Mitchellville is of historic origin because it was built in the late 1800s by newly freed slaves and sharecroppers.

Our virtual book and lecture series has been a tremendous success in bringing our brother Knights, other Holy Family Church members and even persons outside of our church community together. The range of topics have included the **Black Bishops Letter**, **Father Augustus Tolson** (from slave to becoming the first American Black Priest) and **Sister Thea Bowman**, a young woman from the Mississippi Delta rising to national prominence as a nun and educator. These sessions have been warmly received and have imparted a renewed acknowledgment that there is reason to celebrate the black experience in the Catholic Church. The church’s history represents a mosaic, and many can claim a stake in its vibrance and enduring meaning to living the good life. We share this legacy and joyfully embrace the glorious strength that the church bestows in our daily lives. We have also tied this is the purchase of materials for the Book Review and rehab of a building where these materials will be housed for members of the Parish to enjoy.

It is our future goal to expand this program beyond this fraternal year and capture the rich religious legacy of the other groups within our church and showcase their contributions to our Catholic faith.

If you would like to participate in with the Fr. Kidd Council Book Review and library, please contact DGK Larnell Johnson(larnell.johnson90@gmail.com) 240-281-4058 or James Murry PFN,PGK Faith Director. (jhmurry2@aol.com) 301-580-9558.



Book Review Materials

Members of Fr. Kidd Council install improvements on the interior of the new library in St. John’s Hall.



Library Building Improvement work crew L-R PGK Roy Cobo, Life Director Nino Forunda, GK Leon Alexander, Treasurer Kevin Renze and sons.



Discussion meeting for Sister Thea Bowman—Zoom call includes State Program Director Terry Waters, DGK Larnell Johnson, PFN, PGK James Murry. Parishioners from Holy Family Church.

AROUND MARYLAND

State Food For Families (F4F) Challenge

By: Chris Coker, State Food For Families Chairman

In November 2020, the MD State Council issued a challenge to State Councils to submit their success stories in their ministry of the Food for Families (F4F) program. There were five (5) excellent stories submitted to the State F4F Program Director Chris Coker and his recommendations were submitted to the State Council for their review and nomination. There are 2 Council winners, and each will receive \$50:

Kyle Hubbard, GK, Patuxent Council 2203, Laurel MD. Patuxent Council 2203 is unquestionably the most successful of all Councils in food relief programs within the MD Jurisdiction. This Council conducts two food distribution/relief programs: SHARE, through which the Council distributes “Value Packs” (grocery bags) of fresh produce and frozen protein items to individuals, two convents, and two food pantries in Laurel; and Food for Families, through which a team of Brother Knights recovers food items from area grocery stores for donation to local food pantries. Through SHARE in 2020, Patuxent distributed an estimated *30,586 pounds (15.3 tons) of food worth at least \$41,536*. Through Food for Families, the Council recovers an average of 300 food items worth about \$1,400 weekly.



Brother Knights and family members of Patuxent Council 2203 assemble SHARE Value Packs for program clients.

Jean-Claude Amisial, GK Council 9808 Msgr. Pennington Council 9808, Burtonsville, MD. The Council continues to support the Church of the Resurrection Parish food pantry and its weekly distribution of groceries to the less fortunate in the community. The *weekly average* donation is over 50 bags of groceries which feed from 30 - 40 families. On Nov. 14, the Council stuffed 140 bags (approximately 700 lbs.) for the Parish Thanksgiving food drive, and each bag included a \$35 gift card from Giant, with 40 of these bags being donated to Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Washington. On Sat. Nov. 21, the Council donated and distributed 28 turkeys (approximately 475 lbs.) in collaboration with the Parish Thanksgiving food drive. In December, the Council donated and supported the purchase and distribution of over 155 bags (approximately 775 lbs.) of food items and \$1,300 in Giant Food gift cards to the community.

123RD STATE CONVENTION

State Convention Chairman By: Mike Sallese

My Brother Knights,

I am sorry to report that the 123rd Annual Convention to be held in Ocean City has been cancelled for the in-person sessions. This decision was made in light of the minimal improvements made in the permissible size of social gatherings and the potential size of members and family attending the Convention. Understandably, we also have had a marked decrease in the number of Convention registrants. As we have said, we don't want anyone to be infected with the COVID as a result of our Convention.

We are working on virtual business sessions, similar to last year's 122nd Convention. Details will be forthcoming.

We will be returning all registration fees, and all monies for shirt purchases, banquet tickets, gold tournament, and Grand Knight Olympics hats. If your Council purchased an ad for the Program Booklet, please contact Ray Cilento about refunding or holding over until the next Convention.

Thank you for your understanding and please stay healthy.

Vivat Jesus!

Mike Sallese
Convention Chairman

LIFE ACTIVITIES

Life Activities Director By: John Sniezek (e-mail: johnsniezek1969@gmail.com)

Brothers - The International Day of the Unborn Child is observed every March 25 to coincide with the Feast of the Annunciation. This day was established by Pope John Paul II who viewed the day as "a positive option in favor of life and the spread of a culture for life to guarantee respect for human dignity in every situation". There are many things that your council can do to recognize the International Day of the Unborn Child and to continue to promote the dignity of Life in all its stages and in every condition. Some possibilities include: Spiritually adopting an unborn child and praying for him and his mother for nine months; organizing a Novena for Life or Rosary for Life; participating in the 40 Days for Life by praying outside an abortion clinic; inviting a Pro-Life speaker to present to your Council in person or via webinar; passing out pro-life literature at your church; promoting a Mass or prayer service for Life; setting up a "cemetery of the innocents"; or hosting a baby bottle drive to benefit a local pregnancy center.

Another great option is to organize your Council members and Parish to have your Pro-Life voices heard in Annapolis. The 2021 Maryland General Session is underway and there is a tidal wave of legislation which seeks to incrementally expand abortion in our state. See the Maryland Right to Life Bill Tracker at mdrtl.org/legislation. The TAKE ACTION tab at mdrtl.org helps advocates like you send pre-written pro-life messages to committee members. MDRTL has sent over 30,000 messages per session this way – helping us to win important battles for LIFE.

Thank you, brothers, for your continuing work in creating and promoting a culture of life.



Knights of Columbus Maryland State Council

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February 17, 2021

Worthy State Officers, Honorary State Chaplains, Associate State Chaplains, Past State Deputies, Former First Ladies, Vice Supreme Master, Masters, Executive Staff, District Deputies, Regional Advisors, Supreme Council General Agents, State Directors, State Chairmen, Ladies Auxiliary Chairladies, and Grand Knights:

Evaluating the current Maryland COVID policy, and anticipated limited relaxation of COVID restrictions by our deadline, the in-person convention of April 30 through May 2, 2021 is cancelled. Low registration numbers to date were also considered in the decision.

We had already decided to cancel any hospitality rooms because of the necessary and appropriate COVID protocols.

We have directed the Convention Committee to reimburse all registrants. The Hotel had not made any room reservations yet, so there should not be any charges by the Hotel against your credit cards.

We will be preparing a virtual convention and when the details are finalized, we will invite the District Deputies, Grand Knights, Delegates and Alternates to join the Convention. It is our intention to hold the virtual convention during the same weekend in May.

If you have any questions about the refunds, please contact the Convention Chairman Mike Sallese at 443-852-1442 or MSallese11@Verizon.net.

Please stay safe and healthy.

Fraternally yours,

Vincent Grauso
State Deputy
Maryland State Council

HISPANIC PAGE

¡El Regalo de la Vida!

By: Edwin Velis-Martinez, GK San Oscar Arnulfo Romero 17192

Según los últimos datos facilitados por el Anne Arundel Medical Center cada dos segundos, alguien en los Estados Unidos necesita sangre. ¡El Regalo de la Vida! Este elemento es esencial para cirugías, tratamiento de cáncer, enfermedades crónicas y lesiones traumáticas. Ya sea que un paciente reciba sangre completa, glóbulos rojos, plaquetas o plasma, esta atención que salva vidas comienza con la bondad de la hermano que hace una donación.

El año pasado, AAMC tuvo un excelente 2020 con las donaciones de sangre y plaquetas. La comunidad donó 7,416 unidades de sangre que salvaron hasta 22,248 vidas. Recolectando 657 plaquetas. No se podría haber llegado a esto sin el apoyo de organizaciones sin fines de lucro como Iglesias Católicas y Caballeros de Colón, lo que significa que el mensaje del primer principio de un caballero la Caridad y la donación altruista de sangre han tenido una respuesta positiva y personas enfermas o heridas que mejoraron su salud o su calidad de vida gracias a las donaciones. A pesar de este resultado, son necesarios más donantes y más donaciones por parte de nuestros Consejos de Caballeros de Colón para continuar apoyando con la salud de la población necesitada.

El tipo de sangre más solicitado por los hospitales es el tipo O. La anemia de células falciformes afecta entre 90.000 y 100.000 de personas en los EE. UU. Cada año nacen con la enfermedad unos 1.000 bebés. Los pacientes con anemia drepanocítica pueden requerir transfusiones de sangre durante toda su vida. Se espera que más de 1.8 millones de personas sean diagnosticadas con cáncer el 2021. Muchas de ellas necesitarán sangre, a veces a diario, durante su tratamiento de quimioterapia. Una sola víctima de un accidente automovilístico puede requerir hasta 100 unidades de sangre, hay una cosa de la que nadie puede negar, por lo menos ningún Caballero y es que: **DIOS NOS MANTIENE CON VIDA.**

Sin embargo, hay diversas barreras que influyen en este proceso y que varían de un donante a otro, como el miedo a las agujas, la sensación desagradable al ver sangre, el miedo a sentirse mareado o enfermo, o considerar desagradables los centros de donación de sangre y los hospitales en plena pandemia, otras circunstancias son experiencias previas negativas, moretones que hayan durado mucho tiempo u otras barreras como la percepción de poca intimidad cuando se dona sangre, problemas de horarios o dificultades para llegar al lugar de extracción. Cuando hay alguna de estas barreras, el proceso de toma de decisión acerca de la donación será más largo y más complejo. Desde este punto de vista, no se puede hacer demasiado para superar las primeras barreras, pero una buena estrategia puede ayudar a superar las tres últimas.

Para establecer nuevas estrategias de Caridad, Unidad y Fraternidad que mejoren la eficacia y la eficiencia de los donantes de sangre el Consejo 16611 San Juan Neumann de Baltimore con su Gran Caballero Jose Ramirez, y el Consejo 17192 San Oscar Arnulfo Romero en Hyattsville con su Gran Caballero Edwin Velis, y gracias al apoyo del Obispo Auxiliar de Baltimore el Padre Bruce y el Capellan el Padre Roberto Cortes, abrirán sus puertas para la primera campaña de Donación de Sangre para la Comunidad Hispana en Maryland el 14 de marzo 2021 en la parroquia Sagrado Corazon de Jesus en Baltimore y el 21 de marzo 2021 en la parroquia San Marcos Evangelista de Hyattsville.

¿Por qué es importante donar sangre?

Las donaciones de sangre contribuyen a salvar vidas y a mejorar la salud. Aquí algunos ejemplos de personas que precisan transfusiones:

- las mujeres con complicaciones obstétricas (embarazos ectópicos, hemorragias antes, durante o después del parto, etc.)
- los niños con anemia grave, a menudo causada por el paludismo o la malnutrición;
- las personas con traumatismos graves provocados por las catástrofes naturales y las causadas por el hombre; y
- muchos pacientes que se someten a intervenciones quirúrgicas y médicas complejas, y enfermos de cáncer.

Existe una necesidad constante de donaciones, ya que la sangre sólo se puede conservar durante un tiempo limitado y luego deja de ser utilizable. Las donaciones de sangre por un número suficiente de Caballeros sanos son imprescindibles para garantizar la disponibilidad de sangre segura en el momento y el lugar en que se precise.

La sangre es el regalo más valioso que podemos ofrecer a otro hermano. La decisión de donar sangre puede salvar una vida, o incluso varias: ¡El regalo de la vida!

Vivat Jesus!



Obispo Auxiliar de Baltimore el Padre Bruce, comparte con las Damas Auxiliadoras del Perpetuo Socorro de Baltimore después de la celebración de la Misa en honor a la Virgen del Altargracia de Republica Dominicana.



El Capellán del Consejo 17192 San Oscar Arnulfo Romero en Hyattsville, el Padre Roberto Cortes, bendice la imagen de la patrona de los Caballeros de Colon la Virgen de Guadalupe donada por los Caballeros hispanos a la iglesia San Marcos Evangelista de Hyattsville.



Caballeros del Consejo 17192 San Oscar Arnulfo Romero en Hyattsville tomando la temperatura a los feligreses antes de ingresar a la misa en español los domingos.

Caballeros del Consejo 16611 San Juan Neumann de Baltimore ayudando en la entrega de víveres para los familias necesitadas de la Iglesia Sagrado Corazon de Jesus en Baltimore.



Los Caballeros del Consejo 17192 San Oscar Arnulfo Romero en Hyattsville, SK Juan Suchite (izq) y Jose Martinez (der) entregando los Abrigos para los Niños necesitados de la parroquia.



Los nuevos Sir Knights de la Asamblea 3769 San Alfonso Maria de Ligorio de Annapolis, SK Amilcar Salmeron y SK Manuel Pena son escoltados por el Master Francis Leach después de asistir a la Ceremonia de 4to Grado en español.

Knights of Columbus Training Opportunities

Knights of Columbus Regional Training Director, Steve Cohen, PSD, is holding training events open to all Knights.

Listed below are the registration links for all March Training. Remember these trainings are not just for the District Deputy or the Grand Knight, they are for all members.

ALL SESSIONS ARE LIVE GOTOWEBINAR TRAININGS – THESE ARE NOT RECORDED

DELTA CHURCH DRIVE TRAINING – March 2 – 7:00 PM

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7714687465481880847>

COUNCIL EXPERIENCE TRAINING – March 8 – 7:00 PM

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2919418189588245007>

YOU ARE YOUR PROGRAMS TRAINING – March 16 – 7:00 PM

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/637554429464815887>

NEW COUNCIL MEETING FORMAT – March 22 – 7:00 PM

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/278110884205404175>



References:

Supreme Chaplain—Mt 5:44- [Matthew, CHAPTER 5 | USCCB](#)

Supreme Chaplain – Rom 12:20 - [Romans, CHAPTER 12 | USCCB](#)

Supreme Chaplain—Mt 7:2 - [Matthew, CHAPTER 7 | USCCB](#)

State Chaplain – Joel 2:12 - [Joel, CHAPTER 2 | USCCB](#)

Supreme Knight – Decline in Christianity –

[In U.S., Decline of Christianity Continues at Rapid Pace | Pew Research Center \(pewforum.org\)](#)

Supreme Knight - *Redemptoris Missio (Mission of the Redeemer)*

[Redemptoris Missio \(7 December 1990\) | John Paul II \(vatican.va\)](#)

Supreme Knight—*The Family Fully Alive - Family Fully Alive - Family Programs | Knights of Columbus (kofc.org)*

Supreme Knight—*Into The Breach - Into the Breach - Faith Programs | Knights of Columbus (kofc.org)*

State Deputy—Mid Term Meeting—[Mid-Term Meeting | Maryland State Council \(kofc-md.org\)](#)

State Deputy—Blessed Michael McGivney Documentary—<https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/index.html#>

First Lady—Confessio—[Confession | St. Patrick's Confessio](#)

First Lady—Letter to Coroticus—[Letter to the soldiers of Coroticus | St. Patrick's Confessio](#)

Incentive Car Raffle—[Incentive Car Raffle | Maryland State Council \(kofc-md.org\)](#)

123rd State Convention—<https://kofc-md.org/state-convention/>



MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

51ST ANNUAL

CAR RAFFLE

Benefit of the Charity and Scholarship Programs

GRAND PRIZE:



2021 FORD MUSTANG
or \$18,000.00 Cash Option

2nd Prize: iPad

3rd Prize: \$200.00 gift card

DRAWING: SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021
State Convention Awards Presentation

At the Virtual Convention

\$1.00 PER TICKET

\$1.00 PER TICKET

Conventions, Gifts, etc., paid to Maryland State Council-K.C. are not deductible as charitable contributions. MVA Fees, Tags, etc. additional



Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights

Baltimore, Maryland

Instituted: 1910 AD



Maryland Knights and their families are invited to participate in a special food packing event sponsored by the Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights! This faith in action activity will be done in collaboration with Cross Catholic Outreach and will take place on the morning of April 10, 2021 at Columbus Gardens in Nottingham, MD. For more information, please contact Paul Messina.

BALTIMORE CHAPTER OF GRAND KNIGHTS

FOOD PACKING EVENT

Provide nutritious meals for needy children in the world and show God's love for them through your faith in action.

40,000 MEALS



APRIL 10, 2021 | 8:30AM

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Little Sisters Of The Poor:

Next Drop-Off: 20 March 10 AM-12 Noon

February Drop Off Locations:

- **Patuxent Council #2203**, The Msgr. Keesler Parish Center, 800 Main St., Laurel, MD 20707, (At corner of Main St & St Mary's Place)
 - **St. Michael's Council #2065**, St. Michael's Club Hall, RT-5 & RT-235 Ridge, P.O. Box 131, Ridge, MD 20680
 - **Cardinal Gibbons Council #2521**, Columbus Gardens, 4301 Klosterman Ave., Nottingham, MD 21236
 - **Charles Carroll Council #15985** St. Joseph on Carrollton Manor, 5843 Manor Woods Rd., Frederick, MD 21703
 - **Father Rosensteel Council #2169**, Council Home, 9707 Rosensteel Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910
 - **Saint Louis the King #11898**, Shrine of St. Anthony, 12290 Folly Quarter Rd., Ellicott City, MD 21042
 - **Pangborn Council #1365**, Council Home, 20340 Leitersburg Pike, Hagerstown, MD 21742
- Note: If a council is planning on utilizing Pangborn Council please coordinate with the Grand Knight, Robert Skok, at rskok012@gmail.com at home (410) 672-2294 or cell (443) 710-5330

Liturgical Calendar

- Mar 3** St. Katherine Drexel
- Mar 4** St. Casimir
- Mar 8** St. John of God
- Mar 9** St. Frances of Rome
- Mar 17** St. Patrick
- Mar 18** St. Cyril of Jerusalem
- Mar 19** St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Mar 23** St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
- Mar 25** The Annunciation of the Lord
- Mar 28** Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
- Mar 29** Monday of Holy Week
- Mar 30** Tuesday of Holy Week
- Mar 31** Wednesday of Holy Week
- Apr 1** Holy Thursday
- Apr 2** Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
- Apr 3** Holy Saturday At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter
- Apr 4** Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

STATE CALENDAR

MONTH	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
MARCH 2021		BASKETBALL FREE THROW CANCELLED	ARCHBISHOP SPALDING H.S.
	3/1	MARYLAND MARCH FOR LIFE CANCELLED	ANNAPOLIS
	3/6	STATE COUNCIL "SPRING" MEETING	VIRTUAL MEETING
	3/13	MARYLAND DISTRICT EXEMPLIFICATION	VIRTUAL EXEMPLIFICATION
	3/21	FOUNDERS DAY MASS & AWARDS PRESENTATION	OUR LADY OF THE FIELDS, MIL- LERSVILLE
APRIL 2021	TBD	FAMILY DAY	
MAY 2021	4/30 – 5/2	123rd ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION	VIRTUAL MEETING
JUNE 2021	6/18-20	LEADERSHIP SEMINAR	HOLIDAY INN & CONFERENCE CENTER, SOLOMONS MD
	TBD	STATE TOUR	TBD

GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY PROMOTION

Despite Good Friday’s central role in the heart of Christianity, attendance at services remains low. In an effort to change this, councils will encourage participation in Good Friday services through a promotional campaign. Setting an example for their community, Knights will attend Good Friday services with their families and work with their pastors to encourage increased parishioner involvement at these liturgies. In conjunction with these efforts, councils will also work to educate their parishes about the plight of Christians in the Holy Land.

KNIGHTCAST Announcement

On **Feb. 25 at 8PM** Members of the Knights of Columbus will have **EXCLUSIVE** access to a **NEW** video series: **KNIGHTCAST**. Focused on faith formation and personal development

Sign Up to WATCH at
kofc.org/knightcast



*By Your holy cross,
You have redeemed
the world.*

Bring your family to the Good Friday
Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion

Date:

Time:

Contact:

GOOD FRIDAY

LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

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FAITH IN ACTION FAMILY

We encourage all to follow us on our Facebook and Instagram pages. Social Media is a convenient way for the Knights of Columbus Maryland State Council to provide more state related updates and post photos from state events.

The Facebook page and the Instagram page do not to replace the community-group newsletter or other established forms of communication. Members and their families should also continue to connect to local council pages for events in within their specific council and community; however, all official communication from your elected Maryland Officers will be posted to the official MD State page.



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The Maryland State Council Newsletter is formatted to provide you with information and to show you what's getting done and who's doing it. Its purpose is to keep you informed as to Supreme, State and Council aspects of the Knights of Columbus. We also want everyone to know of the good things happening, and perhaps to learn something new along the way about our Church, our Order, and our Founder.

Also, we invite Councils, Chapters, Assemblies, and Fourth Degree elements to submit highlights of their respective accomplishments to the Public Relations Director, Vernon Hawkins, Jr. (vhawkinsjr@aol.com) for posting on our social media platforms.

Venerable Henriette Delille

Servant of Slaves

Founder of the Sisters of the Holy Family
 New Orleans 1812 - 1862



In 1842, as slave holders vehemently defended slavery and denounced free people of African descent, Henriette Delille, a descendant of slaves, founded the Sisters of the Holy Family. The Sisters, all free women of African descent, dedicated themselves to caring for the neediest of the needy, enslaved and free.

Today the Sisters continue to follow Delille's path. In 1988, in recognition of her heroic virtues, Saint Pope John Paul II opened her Cause for Canonization, declaring her "Servant of God." In 2010, she was declared "Venerable."

Join us in
 praying for her
 beatification.