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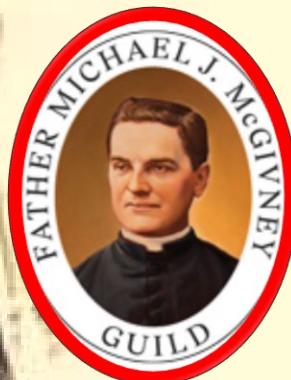
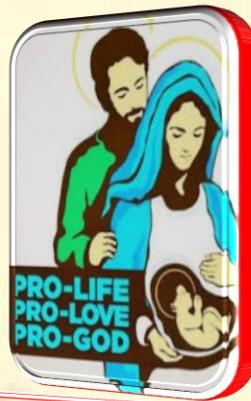
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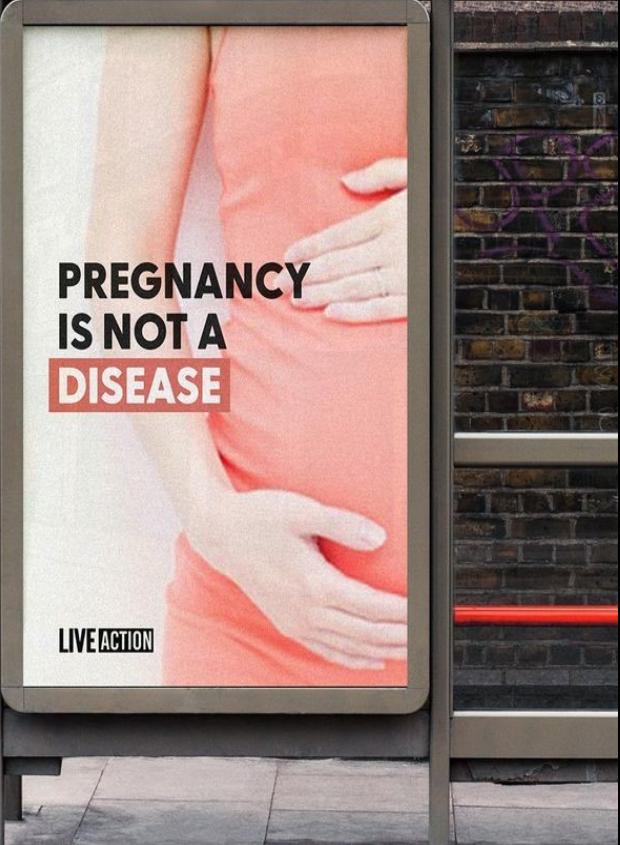


FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY of STEUBENVILLE

**Response to
President Biden's and Vice President Harris'
Statement on Roe v. Wade**

President Biden's and Vice President Harris' aggressive pro-abortion statement on the 48th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade is saddening to Catholics worldwide. The policies they have promised to put forward are harmful to the dignity of the human person and are contrary to the teachings of the Church.

Father Dave Pivonka, TOR
President, Franciscan University of Steubenville



**PREGNANCY
IS NOT A
DISEASE**

LIVE ACTION

The
greatest
destroyer
of peace
today is
abortion.

SAIN T TERESA OF CALCUTTA

From the book, *Mother Teresa of Calcutta: A Personal Portrait*



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NEW LIGHT ON THE LIFE OF ST. JOSEPH



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J** St. Joseph does not have any words recorded in Sacred Scripture, but the published meditations of an 18th-century Italian nun offer the chance to imagine the details of the Holy Family's daily life as it might have been from the perspective of the foster father of Jesus

Servant of God Mother Maria Cecilia Baij's personal revelation, described in the book "The Life of Saint Joseph," provides an intimate portrait of the life of prayer, suffering, and joy within the Holy Family.

It begins with the birth of Joseph and provides a 75-page account of his life before meeting Mary, with a focus on how God prepared him with graces for the privilege of meeting the future Mother of God.



The reader accompanies Joseph as he exults in the Incarnation within Mary's womb, endures trials on the way to Bethlehem, weeps for joy as he holds the Savior of the world in his arms, sings hymns of praise to God with Mary, works with the child Jesus in his workshop, and continually abandons himself to the will of God in the face of uncertainties.

While the Church does not consider it obligatory to believe private revelations as a matter of faith, the book has received an Imprimatur and Nihil Obstat from the Vatican officially declaring it free from doctrinal and moral error.

Pascal Parente, a professor at the Catholic University of America, translated the 18th-century manuscript into English.



"It reveals the most loving and lovable head of the Holy Family in a new light which cannot fail to impress both the mind and the heart of the reader, thereby making him a partaker of the heavenly peace and harmony that reigned in the Holy Family of Nazareth."

The manuscript was completed before Baij's death in 1766, but remained unknown until a Benedictine monk, Dom Willibrord van Heteren, found Baij's writings in 1900 in St. Peter's convent in Montefiascone, Italy, and published some excerpts.

Twenty years later, a local priest, Msgr. Peter Bergamschi, took an interest in Baij's writings in the convent archive and presented them to Pope Benedict XV in a private audience on March 17, 1920, during the month of St. Joseph. The pope encouraged Bergamaschi to publish them.

Maria Cecilia Baij was born in 1694 in Montefiascone, a hill town about 60 miles north of Rome located on the shores of Lake Bolsena. At the age of 20, she took her religious vows with the Benedictine community of Montefiascone. She was named abbess in 1743 and remained in the post until her death at the age of 72.

Baij wrote: "Sometimes, when Joseph worked very strenuously, he would approach his spouse and ask her to condescend to sing for him a hymn in praise of God, and thereby relieve his weariness. The holy virgin would readily comply with his requests. Her singing of the hymns of divine exaltation was so delightful that Joseph often was carried into ecstasy."

"He once remarked to Mary: 'My spouse, your singing alone is enough to bring comfort to every afflicted heart! What consolation you gave me through it! What relief for my weariness! What a great joy it is for me to hear you speak or sing! ...'"

"For the most holy Virgin, these words were the occasion for giving additional praise to God, the Source of all that is good. ...

MOTHER MARIA CECILIA BAIJ



The faith and culture passed down by his Irish ancestors inspired him to form the Order and impacted his vision for who the Knights would become and who they would serve around the world:

<https://bit.ly/3qTwpsn> #StPatricksDay



The Reverend Father Michael Joseph McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, has deep family roots in Ireland. His father, Patrick McGivney, hailed from the Parish of Crosserlough, and his mother, Mary (Lynch) McGivney, was born in the neighboring Parish of Castlerahan. Their eldest son, Michael, was born in America on August 12, 1852. Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882, a parish priest at St. Mary's in New Haven, Connecticut, for the widows and orphans of deceased members.

BREMERTON COUNCIL 11789



Council 11789 at Holy Trinity in Bremerton knocked it out of the park again. And their cumulative totals for the fraternal year are beyond amazing! These guys do what Knights do when times are tough. They took a "no excuses" approach, stepped into the breech, and saved lives and changed lives! Well done! The example you set is awe-inspiring.



**THANK YOU
HOLY TRINITY PARISH
for your support of the Easter Food Drive.**

**We received donations of 3,801 pounds of food
and cash/checks for \$3,271.**

**This brought our totals for the *eight* food drives
from April 2020 through March 2021 to:**

**Over 32,500 pounds
& over \$30,000!**

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**(Please continue to support the Food for Families program by
dropping off donations in the bin in the narthex. - Thank you!)**



"Leave No Neighbor Behind"
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Theodore Geisel at work on a drawing of the Grinch for "How the Grinch Stole Christmas!" in 1957.

It is hard to keep up with the cancellations these days, but for various reasons the news of Dr. Seuss struck a nerve. The Associated Press reported that six Dr. Seuss books "including *And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street* and *If I Ran the Zoo* — will stop being published because of racist and insensitive imagery." School districts "across the country have also moved away from Dr. Seuss," the AP reported, with one school district in Virginia referencing how recent "research" has "revealed strong racial undertones in many books written/illustrated by Dr. Seuss..." And the *Wall Street Journal* now reports that eBay is "sweeping" its site in order to delist the offending books.

And then there is the news that **Mr. Potato Head** will no longer be a "mister", but will instead answer to the "gender-neutral" name "Potato Head." Hasbro, which introduced the toy in 1952, says it



is “making sure all feel welcome in the Potato Head world by officially dropping the Mr. from the Mr. Potato Head brand name and logo to promote gender equality and inclusion...”

We all know that there is far more going on. But to see that we need context. For one thing, it is not merely the removal of six books; there will now be a perpetual cloud over one of the most beloved children’s authors of all time. It is a cloud that will, with time, make him and all his work less and less socially acceptable. Never mind the many wonderful, character-building lessons in Dr. Seuss books, including the message of *The Sneetches*, which taught millions of children over the decades about the evils of racism in a simple and compelling way.

What is not canceled is also important context. Amazon still sells *Mein Kampf*. Cardi B’s pornographic song “WAP” (do not look it up!) is under no threat on any platform. Instead, the Left aims at more wholesome targets. The more suspicious we become about those around us, as well as about ourselves, the more successful is the narrative that racism—the secular stand-in for original sin—is found in everything and corrupts everything.

Name one time, in history, where the group banning books and censoring speech were the good guys...



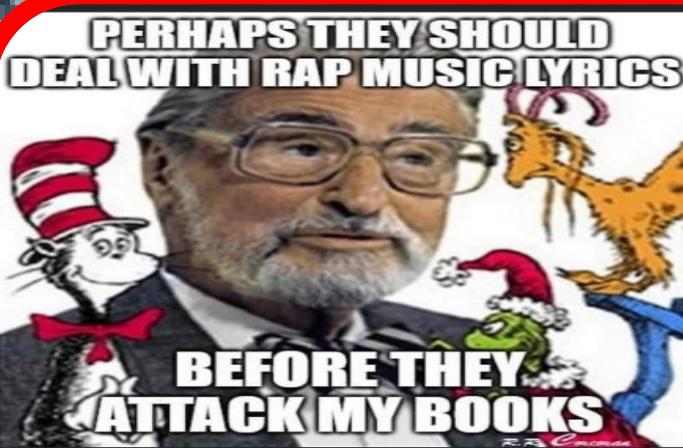


YOU SEE, BOY, PEOPLE DON'T
WANT TO HEAR YOUR OPINION ...

THEY WANT TO HEAR THEIR OPINION COMING
OUT OF YOUR MOUTH!



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KNIGHTS ON BIKES

UPDATE

WA KonB bike build update...final post until the big unveiling this May in Pasco at the Knights of Columbus state convention. The old Paughco frame looks surprisingly good considering it was headed for the scrap metal pile. Off to powder coating....

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I EXIST BECAUSE WE EXIST

An anthropologist invited children from an African tribe to play a game. He placed a bowl filled with sweet fruit by a tree. He addressed the children saying: "The one who gets to the tree first will be rewarded with all of the sweet fruits." When he signaled the children to start the race, they locked their hands together and ran toward the tree. They sat down at the tree together and shared the fruit. The astonished anthropologist asked the children why they had run together when each one of them had the opportunity to have all the fruit for themselves. The children replied "Ubuntu". Is it possible for one to be happy when everyone else is sad? **Ubuntu means:** "I exist because we exist."





Columbia

Featured in March Columbia Magazine

council 829

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

PLAYGROUND UPGRADE

Members of Bellingham (Wash.) Council 829 helped install new playground equipment at Assumption Catholic School, replacing old structures that had become worn and dangerous.

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FATHER AND SON'S TRIP TO MARKET



There was once a young man who, with his father, farmed a little piece of land. Several times a year they would load up the oxcart with vegetables and drive to the nearest city. Except for their name and the patch of ground, father and son had little in common. the old man believed in taking it easy....and the son was the go-getter type.

One morning, they loaded the cart, hitched up the oxen and set out. the young fellow figured that if they kept going all day and night, they would get to the market by next morning. He walked alongside the oxen and kept prodding them with a stick. "*Take it easy," said the old man. "you'll last longer.*" "If we get to market ahead of others,' said his son, 'we have a better chance of getting good prices.'

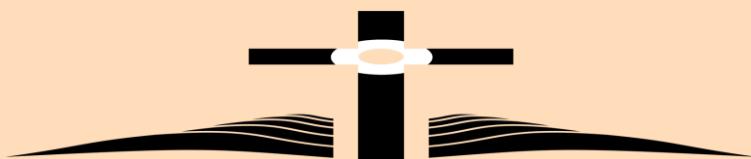
The old man pulled his hat down over his eyes and went to sleep on the seat. Four miles and four hours down the road, they came to a little house. 'Here's your uncle's place,' said the father, waking up. "Let us stop in and say hello! "We've lost an hour already,' complained the go-getter. "then a few minutes more will not matter," said his father, "My brother and I live so close, yet we see each other so seldom." The young man fidgeted while the two old men gossiped away an hour.

On the move again, the father took his turn leading the oxen. By and by, they came to a fork in the road. The old man directed the oxen to the right. The left is a shorter way, said the boy. I know it, said the old man, but this way is prettier.

Have you no respect for time? asked the impatient man. "I respect it very much, said the old fellow. That is why I like to use it for looking at pretty things. The right-hand path led us through woodland and wildflowers. The young man was so busy watching the sun sink he did not notice how lovely the sunset was.

Twilight found them in what looked like one big garden. Let us sleep here, said the old man.

This is the last trip I take with you, snapped his son. You're more interested in flowers than in making money."





That is the nicest thing you have said in a long time," smiled the old man.
A minute later he was asleep.

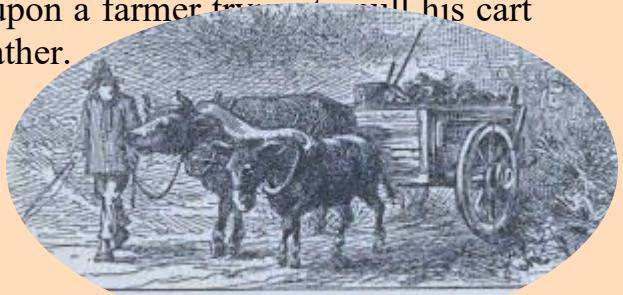
A little before sunrise, the young man shook his father awake. They hitched up and went on. A mile and an hour away they came upon a farmer trying to pull his cart out of a ditch. Let us give him a hand, said he father.

"And lose more time?" exploded the son"

"Relax," said the old man.

"You might be in a ditch some time yourself."

"By the time, the other cart was back on the road, it was almost eight o'clock.



BLOW BUT SURE.

Suddenly a great flash of lightning split the sky.

Then there was thunder.

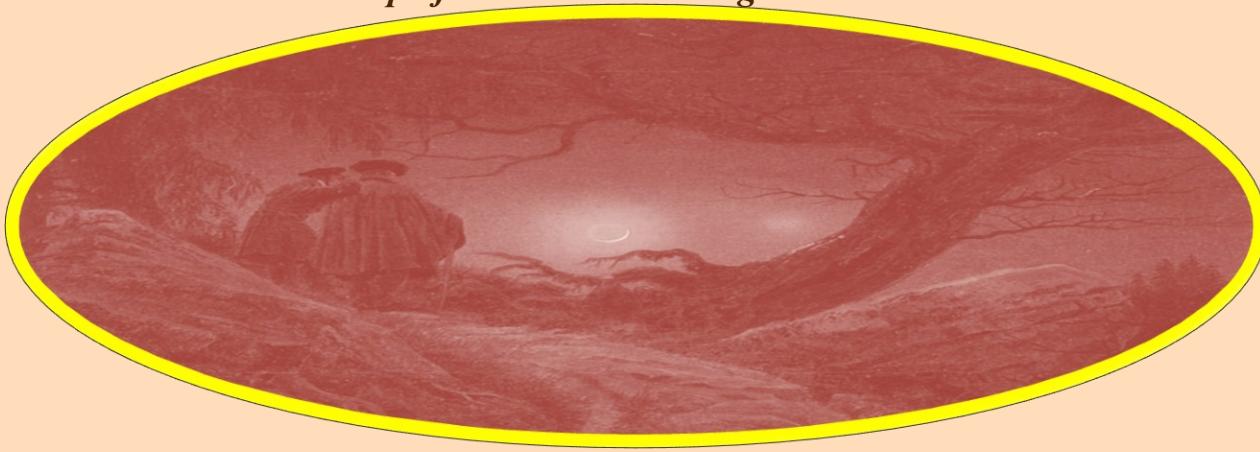
Beyond the hills, the heavens grew dark.

"Looks like a big rain in the city," said the old man.

If we had been on time, we would be sold out by now," grumbled his son.

"Take it easy," said the old gentleman, "you'll last longer."

*It was not until late in the afternoon that they got to
the top of the hill overlooking the town.*

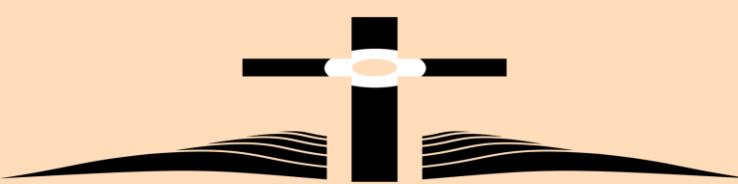


They looked down at it for a long time.

Neither of them spoke.

*Finally, the young man who had been in such a
hurry said, I see what you mean, father.*

*They turned their cart around and drove away from
what had once been the city of Hiroshima.*



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Put your principles into practice – NOW. Stop the excuses and the procrastination. This is your life! The sooner you set yourself to your spiritual program, the happier you will be. Separate yourself from the mob. Decide to be extraordinary and do what you need to do – NOW. ~ Epictetus”

"IT'S ALMOST TIME"

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



**WASHINGTON STATE
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LEADERSHIP STAGE

KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Members of Auburn Council 3598 secure a large quantity of hand sanitizer refill spray through the City of Auburn, to be shared with the other councils in District 12. Most of the product earmarked for catholic schools.

AUBURN COUNCIL 3598

Pictured from L to R: DD Don Hall, DGK Daryl Dougherty and council member Ron Manuel



FOOD DRIVE SUCCESS !



cOUNCIL 8297

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 8297 collected over 900 lbs. of food on Saturday. Big thanks to them, all the donors, and our volunteers the Williams Family. Knights of Columbus Council 8297 collected over 900 lbs. of food on Saturday. Big thanks to them, all the donors, Food Market at Kingston.

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Sponsorships INCLUDE tickets to Evening of HOPE as well as recognition at the Golf Tournament and Evening of HOPE events.

*Please note that the Evening of Hope event is separate from the Golf Tournament of Hope event which occurs a day earlier.

**For those who are unable to attend,
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Questions: Email us at

hope@wallawallacatholicschools.com or contact
Rosalie Lesko (509-520-2889)

Thank you for supporting Walla Walla Catholic Schools!



State winners pictured above. 8th Grade Winner, Clara Demarest 10th Grade winner, Bradley Gorham 11th Grade Winner, Sara Christensen Roger Willis, Council Community Committee Chairman Not shown, Avery Ly, 9th Grade Winner

The Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest is sponsored annually by the Knights of Columbus. It is an essay of between 500 to 750 words open to students from 8th-12th grades...

This year the topic was. **“How trusting in God During a Difficult time** has helped you or someone you know find the strength and hope to endure it. Consider especially those times when it was challenging. To understand why something was happening. Consider also sharing any lesson about faith and hope you or someone you know may have learned from this experience.”

This year 5 students from Holy Spirit Parish, Kennewick, participated. The council selected a grading panel of three former English teachers to score the essays. Holy Spirit Council 10653 submitted the top essay from each grade to the State Knights of Columbus and they chose the 1st place for every grade.

State winners are.

**8th Grade – Clara Demarest , 9th Grade – Avery Ly
10th Grade – Bradley Gorham 11th Grade – Sara Christensen**



PALM SUNDAY BLESSING

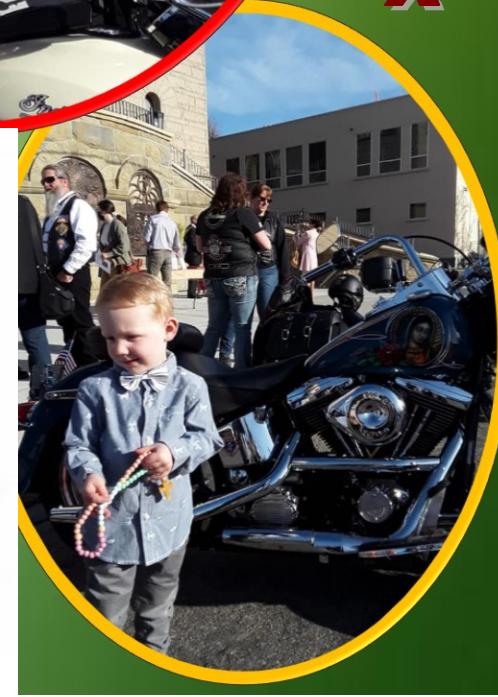
Idaho Knights on Bikes and officers President of State "Santa" and Boise POD brother "Breeze" this was a beautiful and holy occasion especially on Palm Sunday...and being blessed both body and bike by your wonderful Bishop....God is with us these men they call Knights. cannot thank you enough for your fraternal love and hospitality.

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KNIGHTS ON BIKES



OUR BLESSED UNCLE



Close relatives of Blessed Michael McGivney join Father James Sullivan outside the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Waterbury, Conn., where Father Sullivan serves as rector. Father McGivney was born and raised in Waterbury, and Immaculate Conception was his childhood parish. His relatives pictured are Margaret Ransom, with her husband, Bob, and sons, Michael, and Kevin; Eileen and Marcia Rice, Margaret's sister and mother; John Walshe and his wife, Kay; and Sister Louise Finn. Photo by Christopher Beauchamp



John Walshe, Margaret Ransom and Sister Louise Finn stood applauding among the congregation as a banner depicting Father Michael J. McGivney was unveiled. Moments earlier, the title “Blessed” had been officially bestowed upon the Knights of Columbus founder during the Mass of Beatification at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Conn., Oct. 31. But for these descendants of the McGivney family — all great-grandchildren of Father McGivney’s sister Rose — he was, and would always remain, “Uncle Mike.”

Moreover, the long-awaited day only confirmed what they already knew from family stories and his impact on their spiritual lives: Father McGivney was an ordinary person who did extraordinary things for love of God and neighbor.

“He represents what Pope Francis calls for constantly and consistently,” said Sister Louise, a member of the Congregation of Notre Dame. “The love of the Father drove Father Mike to ignore no one, to exclude no one. He lived a Catholic way of life that modeled God’s love for sinner and saint, for all of us.”



NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY



NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS

We honor National Vietnam War Veterans Day. It is a day that means a lot to us. Many men in the knights are Veterans and Vietnam War Vets. They were lucky to make it home, but they did not come home unchanged.

National Vietnam War Veterans Day on March 29 honored the men and women who served and sacrificed during the longest conflict in United States history.



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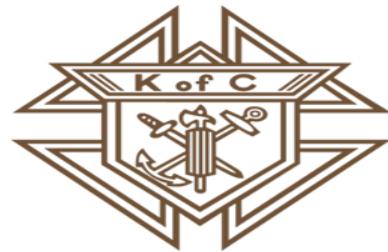
KCHELP-WESTERN WA.

Thanks to the generosity of one of our equipment donors, we were able to help a 102-year-old man have access to his home after a hospital stay. We installed a wheelchair lift in a situation where there was no room for a ramp. Thanks to several of our volunteers and few hours of their labor and expertise, it was a huge success.





HAPPY EASTER

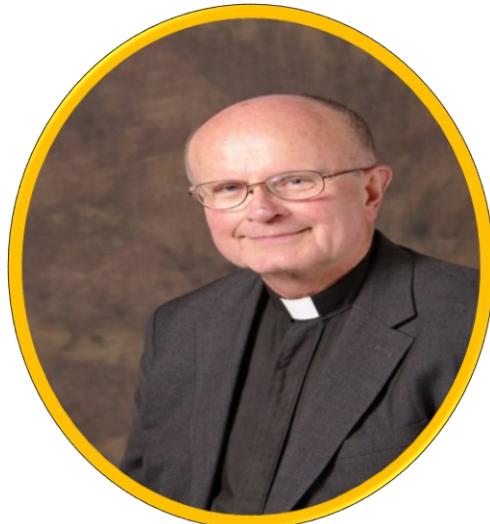


As I write this, we are just beginning our celebration of the Lord's resurrection. It is too big a celebration, however, to last just one day or one week. The Church gives us fifty days to celebrate such a triumphant event as Jesus' victory over sin and death. The fifty-day celebration will come to a climactic close with the feast of Pentecost on May 23. As Jesus leaves the earth at His Ascension, He promises to send His Holy Spirit upon the Church; The Spirit comes to empower the apostles and the whole church to carry on the work that Jesus began, but leaves unfinished.

The Holy Spirit still today comes upon the church--in you and me. We are Spirit filled people. Jesus gives you and me His Spirit to carry on the work He began but left unfinished. The Spirit equips you and me to evangelize, to share the joy of the Gospel with anyone who will listen. If they listen, even invite them to join the church.

FATHER JOSEPH AUVE

HOLY SPIRIT ~ KENNEWICK



WHEN GOD CREATED MOTHERS

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When the Good Lord was creating mothers, He was into His sixth day of "overtime" when the angel appeared and said. "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And God said, "Have you read the specs on this order?" She must be completely washable, but not plastic. Have 180 moveable parts...all replaceable. Run on black coffee and leftovers. Have a lap that disappears when she stands up. A kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair. And six pairs of hands." The angel shook her head slowly & spoke. "Six pairs of hands.... no way." It's not the hands that are causing me problems," God remarked, "it's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have." That's on the standard model?" asked the angel. God nodded.

One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, 'What are you kids doing in there?' when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she should not but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say. 'I understand and I love you' without so much as uttering a word."

God," said the angel touching his sleeve gently, "Get some rest tomorrow...." I cannot," said God, "I'm so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick...can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger...and can get a nine-year-old to stand under a shower."

The angel circled the model of a mother very slowly. "It's too soft," she sighed. But tough!" said God excitedly. "You can imagine what this mother can do or endure." Can it think?" Not only can it think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Creator. Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek. There's a leak," she pronounced. "I told You that You were trying to put too much into this model." It's not a leak," said the Lord, "It's a tear." What's it for?" It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness, and pride."

You are a genius," said the angel. Somberly, God said, "I didn't put it there."

Erma Bombeck, When God Created Mothers

FEARS: YESTERDAY AND TODAY

By STEVE SNELL



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I first knew him as a boy, small, insignificant, and poor. If he was in any way remarkable, it was through his self-perceived defects and his fears. As a child he harbored no desire to be some famous, statesman, soldier, or tycoon, (*there was a brief period in which he thought having some of superman's powers would be desirable, but that passed*), he was a simple soul who had no wish to dominate an empire but set out instead to conquer circumstance and himself.

Today he lives with his ideas and fears. He understands the world through his beliefs and fears. We are human; the ability to think rationally and abstractly makes us uniquely different from the rest of the animal kingdom. And unlike other animals, we humans are the only animals on earth who have died for our beliefs and fears. Fearful emotions include everything from low levels of concern and apprehension to intense worry, anxiety, fright, and even terror.

It seems fear serves a purpose, and its message is simple. Fear is the anticipation that something is going to happen soon that we need to be prepared for. We will need either to prepare to cope with the coming situation or do something to change it. The tragedy is that most people either try to deny their fear, or they wallow in it. He will not do this, he will respect the message that fear is trying to deliver, and if he does not, then it will continue to pursue him as it tries to get its message across.

In other words, he must not surrender to fear and amplify it by starting to think of the worst that could happen, nor should he pretend it is not there.

THE SOLUTION: Through prayer he reviewed what he was feeling fearful about and evaluated what must be done to prepare himself mentally, and with the help of the Holy Spirit he grew in strength. It was in this way through daily conversations with the Lord, in small daily resolutions and internal journeys of self-analysis that allowed him to pull back the curtains, the sun peaked in and that is how... he overcame his fears of yesterday and today, however

HE MUST REMEMBER AND NEVER FORGET!!

"The tomorrow he fears, holds the treasure he seeks."





CELEBRATING PSD JOHN WALLACE'S BIRTHDAY

BE PREPARED!

Be Prepared, it is not just the motto of the Boy Scouts, it is what we Knights need to be as we see signs that life is returning to a semblance of normalcy. We have had to deal with so many restrictions, with fear and the lack of human contact with loved ones and friends over the past year. As cases drop and vaccination rates rise, we must be ready to jump back into the breach to serve to our communities, to resume our most important work.

To be sure, we are still bound by all applicable federal, state and local guidelines, and we must follow them. We are not out of the woods, but boy, I can sure see a time when this will be but an unhappy memory for us!

Supreme is hosting a Fraternal Training Webinar on Thursday, April 22nd, at 5PM Pacific, to announce the release of the COVID Recovery Program. This simple program will help councils resume fraternal operations and support the recovery of their parishes. The program provides a flexible framework that can be adapted to pandemic circumstances in your jurisdiction. You can register at the following link:

https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1451216&tp_key=aa44120494&sti=program1 I strongly encourage you to register for this important webcast!

I would ask you and your Councils to start preparing for the coming time when we can resume business. Do you know what your priest and parish need? What about your Councils? If you are like many others, attendance has been lower than normal in your meetings. What about an effort to reach out to each man and get them excited to return when possible? Now is the time to start reaching out and planning!

I would love to hear from you on what your Councils are doing to plan – please feel free to share your thought with me at stateadvocate@kofc-wa.org.

So, my brothers, are you prepared?

Vivat Jesus! Fraternally, Tom

**Thomas C. Williams
State Advocate
Membership Director
Washington State Council, Knights of Columbus**





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PROSTATE UPDATE

My PSA number continues to rise. It made a jump of .22 in a month totaling .65 since surgery in March. That was the most current. It should be zero, but never has been, even after surgery. Lowest it has been .35. I am now assigned to an oncologist since we are certain the bees made it out of the hive/ cancer.

Now some of you might think this is a good number since you may know of someone that has a PSA number much larger than this. First question is, what was their PSA and Gleason number before surgery? Was surgery even performed? After surgery, were the numbers ever below .014, which is the threshold of cancer? If the PSA number is above .014, was your prostate totally removed? If they are/were not above a 9.5 Gleason before treatment/surgery, there situation is altogether different than mine. Mine was and is still aggressive.

I completed a CT Scan on the 10th of April here in Wenatchee and a PET Scan/CT Scan with Axumin enhancement on the 13th at the University of Washington Medical Center. I will have a follow up with my oncologist on the 15th and will report that in Steve's 2nd Edition next month.

It is possible the cancer is not large enough to see yet, but the Axumin is a specific atengine detector for prostate cancer, and is the most likely to see any cancer, or is 87% effective. When the Axumin is injected through IV, a PET Scan is performed, and the cancer should light up. That was the test on the 13th, and I will know the results of that on the 15th.

Stay tuned and continue the prayers. I still feel really good with lots of energy. Oncologist says stay active physically and mentally as much as you can tolerate. Well, that is a lot.

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ARE YOU SAVED?

Have you heard this question before? If you have been involved in some sort of Christian gathering with some of our protestant brethren, you would probably have heard it there at some time or another.

As Catholics, we are sometimes puzzled as to what that phrase means. The bible makes many references as to what it means to be saved or as to what one must do to achieve salvation: If you are rich, it is easier for you to pass through the eye of a needle than to be saved; the one who perseveres to the end (through persecution) will be saved; just having enough faith will save you, and many more.

As Catholics/Christians, we know that Jesus came to earth to lift the burden of sin from us through his death. Does that make us all saved? He died for all, did he not? The bible also tells us that 'not all will be saved'! Why is that? I believe that Jesus, by his death, opened the gates of heaven and has offered and IS offering salvation to all of us. Now what? Is that enough?

No, it is not!! Just because he has offered us salvation does not mean we are saved. We have to DO something about it... we have to lift ourselves up from our point of comfort and go to him to ACCEPT that salvation which he offers.

Now, by accepting that salvation, we are now obligated to OBEY his commandments. That is the hard part! Why? Because we, by our nature, will continue to sin. But, as a 'new child of Christ', we will be more aware of the sinfulness that surrounds us and tempts us and we can call upon his name to give us the strength to resist and he will forgive us, always.

No one said that being a follower of Christ was going to be easy. Jesus himself said that we will be persecuted if we follow him. However, if we look beyond today, we will be able to see "THE WAY" in a better light with peace and love ruling our lives. We will now be guided, protected, and happier people with the Holy Spirit directing our lives. He said it, and I believe it...and that is good enough for me.

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