

# WASHINGTON STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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**Delegates, YOU are the difference:**  
**Show up on time, bring a positive attitude**  
**and solve more problems than you cause!**

# VANCOUVER OR BUST!







## **SUPREME COUNCIL "FAMILY OF THE MONTH" AWARDS**

*Each month the Supreme Council will randomly select families that are nominated by their councils, by completing the Family of the Month form (forms must into Supreme by the 15th of the month.) Each Family will receive a Holy Family Icon from the Supreme Council.*

**The following families from Washington are winners for March, 2016. Congratulations to:**

**Tim & Kathie Drake  
Council 8201 - Spokane**

**James & Carol Daly  
Council 1909 - Lakewood**

**Ernesto & Lurida Ibale  
Council 13374 - Renton**

*We are all aware of the importance of Family & our Brother Knights.  
Close your eyes - they come drifting back to us like dreams.....maybe  
it's not their words at all but simply their images that may be wordless,  
eloquent, tongue-tied, clumsy, joyous and the giving of decades of  
**"BEING THERE."***

*Unless we take pains we often forget to thank them.....Take pains.  
Recognize them and say THANKS!*

**PUT A NEW STAR IN THE SKY WITH A  
FAMILY OF THE MONTH AWARD!!**



# COMMITT

*(Believe in yourself and your goals, if you can dream it.....)*

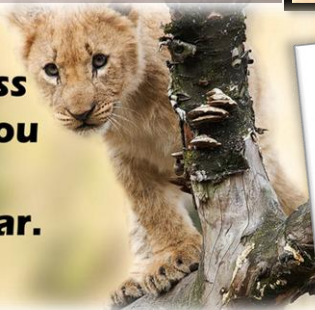
*Until you are totally committed to your goals there can be indecision, that can give you a chance to back off, **fight against this feeling** . When it comes to initiative and creation there is one basic truth: and that is, the moment one definitely commits oneself to a goal, then divine influence can join in and move with you.*

**I have learned a deep respect for one of Goethe's Couplets:**

*"Whatever you can do, or dream you can do, begin it.  
Boldness has genius, power and magic in it.*



**Boldness  
takes you  
further  
than fear.**





# Humility

One of the lesser-known treasures of the Christian tradition is the observation by the sixth-century monk Dorotheos of Gaza that the source of all conflict is that "no one will blame himself." These days our concern with shedding needless guilt and building up self-esteem can blind us to the wisdom of this saying. But if we're honest with ourselves and can peel away the layers of self-absorption, self-aggrandizement, and self-righteousness that are the basic fuel of our daily lives, we have to admit that Dorotheos might have had a clue. When we're faced with turmoil in our relationships, we might take up St. James's suggestion. No matter how hurt we feel, or how justified in our anger with those who have done us wrong, it is only when we face our own temptations to selfishness, greed, vainglory, and the like that we can begin to cultivate peace. Peace with ourselves, and peace with others.

The foundation of this peace in humility, (not to be confused with Yogi Berra's classic, "It ain't the heat, it's the humility.") is a word that for most of us has a negative connotation: a humble person is a doormat who allows others to walk all over them. But the traditional Christian understanding of humility is more realistic and even life giving: the humble person is one who recognizes his or her own place in the world.

**True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.**  
(C.S. Lewis)

**Humility is the Mother of Giants. One sees great things from the valley; only small things from the peak.**  
(G. K. Chesterton)



**Observe Jesus' humility at the Last Supper when he took off his outer garment and wrapped a towel around his waist and did the work of a slave as he washed the apostles feet.**



# OUR BEAUTIFUL WORLD

## A Prayer of Gratitude for Creation

God of the universe, We thank You for Your many good gifts -  
For the beauty of Creation and its rich and varied fruits,  
For clean water and fresh air, for food and shelter, animals and plants.  
Forgive us for the times we have taken the earth's resources  
for granted And wasted what You have given us.  
Transform our hearts and minds  
So that we would learn to care and share,  
To touch the earth with gentleness and with love,  
Respecting all living things.

*We pray for all those who suffer as a result of our waste, greed and indifference,  
And we pray that the day would come when everyone has enough food and clean  
water. Help us to respect the rights of all people and all species And help us to  
willingly share your gifts*

*Today and always. Amen.*

- Fiona Murdoch, Eco-Congregation Ireland



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Dear brother Knight,

From June 21 to July 4, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will host its annual Fortnight for Freedom under the theme “Witnesses to Freedom.” In support of this theme, the USCCB will highlight 14 men and women around the world who bear witness to authentic freedom in Christ.

As faithful Catholic American citizens, we encourage your council to work with your pastors to be fully engaged in this special celebration. For suggestions on simple activities, please visit the [USCCB’s Fortnight for Freedom website](#). Additionally, we encourage you to share the USCCB-produced 10-minute video on the importance of religious liberty that is available on the website. This could be done at a council meeting or as part of a larger parish or community celebration of the fortnight.

You can also order Knights of Columbus religious freedom signs (13”x 20”) for use at any rallies or marches for religious freedom sponsored by your council or held in your area. The signs say “Respect Religious Freedom” (#10041) and “Defend the First Amendment” (#10042). Order online at [Knights Gear](#) or send a Supply Requisition (Form #1) by mail or fax (1-800-266-6340) to the Supply Department. The cost is \$10 per 100 signs, which includes shipping and handling.

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# We must act now to stop the Middle East genocide

**By Carl Anderson**

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The world's greatest humanitarian crisis since World War II is unfolding in the Middle East. Hundreds of thousands of people in Syria and Iraq have lost their lives, and entire communities have been displaced or wiped out, while neighboring communities and cultures strain to accept millions of people fleeing years of war and terrorism.

We face the very real prospect of the extinction of many communities indigenous to the region. This crisis implores all people of good will to unite to build a world-wide effort to save these historic, indigenous minority communities regardless of race, ethnicity or religion.

The Knights of Columbus is committed to this great cause. We submitted to the State Department on March 9 and subsequently to members of Congress, a nearly 300-page report that documented the atrocities and laid out the legal analysis supporting the conclusion that genocide is occurring. Our recent fact-finding mission to Iraq found evidence of widespread rape, kidnapping, forced conversions, slavery, murder, property confiscation and forced expulsion. Many of the incidents had not been previously reported.

The State Department's declaration of genocide on March 17 marked only the second time that such a determination has been made by the U.S. government while the crime is ongoing. It is our impression that what we know today is likely to be only the tip of the iceberg. A concerted, sustained effort now needs to be undertaken to document the extent of this tragedy.

ISIS and the victims we interviewed agree on one thing. Many of those targeted were targeted because of their Christian faith. The predecessors of ISIS--the Islamic State in Iraq and Al Qaeda in Iraq—also targeted Christians.



We know that ISIS has killed thousands of Christians in Iraq, Syria, and Libya. Mass graves have been reported in Syria, and the desert between Mosul and Erbil was littered with bodies as Christians there fled too quickly to bury neighbors and family members.

Churchmen from the region, including Syriac Catholic Patriarch Ignatius Joseph III Younan, and archbishops from Aleppo, Erbil, and Mosul, have all called what is happening to their people genocide. Genocide has special meaning for Christians in the Middle East. Almost a century ago, Raphael Lemkin formulated the concept he would later call genocide to address the killing of Christians in the region during and after World War I.

Today the stakes are even higher. The number of Christians in Iraq has plummeted from more than 1.5 million to as few as 200,000. In Syria, the Christian community has been reduced by two thirds, from 1.5 million to 500,000. These people are among the longest-standing ethnic and religious communities, not only in the region, but in the world.

The United Nations must act to ensure that these ancient and vulnerable indigenous groups do not face extinction. We cannot accept one standard for human rights in this region and another standard for the rest of the world. If Christianity disappears in this region, so does the opportunity for pluralism; and the likelihood of majoritarian theocracy, or something worse, is increased.

We have a unique opportunity to change things for the better. Never before has the world's attention been so focused on the suffering of these minorities. Never has their plight been so high on the agenda of the world's governments, the vast majority of the world's Muslims, and all people of good will.

The United Nations can play a vital role by protecting the victims and refugees, by ensuring the survival of these ancient indigenous and religious communities, by punishing the perpetrators and by supporting the establishment of internationally agreed-upon standards of justice, equality, rule of law and religious freedom.

*Carl Anderson is CEO of the Knights of Columbus. This essay is based on remarks he made to a conference on Christian genocide at the United Nations on April 28.*





# COUNCIL NEWS



*Dan Schmitt and Robin Lulich of Cascade Regional Blood Services Present Church Blood Drive of the Year to Harry J Tucker Jr, Council 11780 for their Work in the Blood Drive Program!!*





St. Mary's parish in the Spokane Valley and their KC council hosted a recent 4<sup>th</sup> degree ceremony. Pictured above is Faithful Navigator Darrell Wehr, DD Stephen Sommer, our newest 4<sup>th</sup> degree members Ray Almeida and Buc Buckley, and Color Corp Commander/Grand Knight Ed Zupich. Congrats to Ray and Buc for achieving this degree level of the Order.

## Pend Oreille Council 14268



Pictured below at the annual St. Anthony's parking lot clean up is youth group member Olivia Tefft, her friend Hannah, and council FS Greg Meyer. Olivia's mom, Sasha is in the background.



# HAPPINESS OF FAMILY

**By STEVE SNELL**

*Many people, search far and wide for happiness, only to find it on their return home. A return to happiness and the values of Family, God and Country. Happiness is different things to different people, but true happiness comes from a quality within ourselves. William Henry Channing, a former chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives put it nicely when he said of Happiness:*

*"To live content with small means; to seek elegance rather than luxury, and refinement rather than fashion; to be worthy...to study hard, think quietly, talk gently, act frankly; listen to the stars and birds, to babes and sages, with open heart; to bear all cheerfully, do all bravely, await occasions, hurry never; let the spiritual conscious and unconscious grow up through the common."*

In celebrating the happiness of home and families, the Knights of Columbus has a long history of putting the welfare and importance of the family first. Family unity and happiness is a goal worth working toward to ensure families remain strong and viable. It is one of the primary responsibilities of each Council to make certain that all families become involved in the parish and the community activities. The Knights strongly encourage each council to promote the happiness and unity found in family life.

Is the happiness of home and family worth the effort? Ever heard that  
**"a picture is worth a thousand words?"**





VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Salvation has nothing to do with the tidy business of bartering -- earning God's love in return for good behavior, Pope Francis said. "If you do well you get a reward; if you do poorly you get punished. This is not the logic of Jesus," whose ability to love and forgive is unconditional and infinite, the pope said May 11 during his weekly general audience.

The pope reflected on the Gospel parable of the prodigal son, which teaches everyone is a child of God not because of one's merits or actions, but because of God's "unchanging love and ready forgiveness." The father patiently waits for his sinning son and rejoices with a celebration when he returns home, the pope said.

Even though the son tells his father, "I no longer deserve to be called your son" because of the extent of his sins, the father immediately seeks to restore "the signs of his dignity," because in his eyes, he never stopped being his child, the pope said. No one can take away this dignity of being a child of God, "not even the devil," the pope said. The father responds to his repentant son with tenderness and love; he doesn't say, "'You'll pay for this.' No. The father embraces him, he waits with love."

The parable also talks about the older son, who never strayed from the father and worked hard, obediently serving him. This older son, however, lacks the tenderness and understanding of the father, and he speaks with disdain and resentment, the pope said. "He only thinks about himself. He boasts about having always stayed by the father's side and served him; and yet, he never lived this closeness with joy." "Poor father. One son left and the other had never been truly close" to him with his heart and love, the pope said.



The older son needs the father's mercy, too, he said. The older son represents the self-righteous, he "represents us when we ask ourselves whether it's worthwhile to work so hard and then we get nothing in return." "Jesus reminds us that you stay in the house of the father not to get compensation, but because you have the dignity of being a jointly responsible child. It's not about 'bartering' with God, but following Jesus who gave himself on the cross."

God only follows the logic of love and mercy -- not the mindset of the younger son, who "thought he deserved punishment because of his sins," or of the older son, who "expected a reward for his service," the pope said. The parable, he said, does not explain what happened between the two brothers, who can "decide to join in the father's joy or refuse." The fact that it is open-ended can inspire people to reflect on what they would do, he said.

The parable teaches that everyone needs to "enter in the house of the father and share in his joy, in his celebration of mercy and brotherhood." He said, "The greatest joy for a father is to see his children recognize each other as brothers and sisters."

It teaches people to open their hearts to be merciful like the father, and it offers encouragement to parents whose child has strayed onto dangerous paths, to pastors and catechists who wonder if their efforts are in vain, and to prisoners and all people who have made mistakes and believe they do not deserve forgiveness and mercy.

No matter what happens, "I must not forget that I will never stop being a child of God, of a father who loves me and waits for my return. Even in the ugliest of situations in life, God waits for me, God wants to embrace me, God expects me."



## **BROTHERS ALL**

Brothers we are given a chance to have a one on one with Ray Lopez,  
Our Supreme Membership and Program Coordinator.

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### **The Locations & Dates will be:**

**On Monday the 16th**  
**Everett Hall**  
**2913 W Marine Dr. Everett Wa 98208**

**Tuesday the 17th**  
**St . George Catholic Church Hall**  
**5306 13th Ave S. Seattle Wa 98108**

**Wednesday the 18th**  
**Olympia at the Columbian Hall**  
**6790 Martin Way E. Olympia Wa 98503**

### **The Start times will be at 7 pm for all Locations.**

There will be a range of topics discussed including. Different aspects of Membership Recruitment, Member Retention, Supreme Programs, Insurance questions i.e. new member annuity and we will also talk about 4th Degree topics and much more. If you have specific topics that you would like to be discussed feel free to email and I will get it to Brother Ray.

Brothers we don't get a chance to have one on ones with Supreme Rep's often, Especially where we have the opportunity to have open dialogue Q and A's of any concerns and or interests that could be useful to our councils.

Again Please forward to all your Brother Knights so that we can get a good showing and ask all our Questions we might have. Brother Ray is one of our greatest and most knowledgeable assets that we have here in Washington for the Knights of Columbus. He has been able to answer all the questions I have had and also help us out when we needed. So let's use this great tool Supreme has given us in our Brother Ray Lopez.

I hope to see you all there

**Eugene Daly**



*The difference between Genius and Stupid,  
**GENIUS HAS LIMITS!***

**LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD RAN OFF WITH THE WOLF,  
HE PROMISED HER A PORK DINNER.**

**LITTLE RED WHERE IS YOUR HEAD?**

**HOW DID WE ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN?  
COMMON SENCE MUST HAVE BEEN ON VACATION!**

**YOU HAVE TO GET YOUR PARENT'S PERMISSION TO GO ON A FIELD TRIP OR TO TAKE  
AN ASPIRIN IN SCHOOL, BUT NOT TO GET AN ABORTION.**

**ONLY UNDER A GODLESS GOVERNMENT CAN YOU:  
LEGALLY KILL YOUR CHILDREN  
AND GO TO JAIL FOR DISCIPLINING THEM**

**BROTHERS, MY FELLOW AMERICANS;  
IT'S TIME TO.....**





*A father passing by his son's bedroom was astonished to see the bed was nicely made and everything was picked up. Then, he saw an envelope, propped up prominently on the pillow. It was addressed "Dad." With the worst premonition, he opened the envelope and read the letter, with trembling hands:*

Dear Dad,

It is with great regret and sorrow that I'm writing you.

I had to elope with my new girlfriend, because I didn't want to fight with Mom and you. I've fallen in love with Suzie. She is so nice, but I knew you would not approve of her because of all her piercings, tattoos, her motorcycle clothes, and the huge difference between our ages.

But it's not only the passion, Dad. She's pregnant. Suzie said that we will be very happy. She owns a trailer in the woods and has a stack of firewood for the whole winter. We share a dream of having many more children together.

Suzie has opened my eyes to the fact that marijuana doesn't really hurt anyone. We'll be growing it for ourselves and trading it with the other people in the commune for all the cocaine and ecstasy we want. In the meantime, we'll pray that science will find a cure for AIDS so Suzie can get better. She sure deserves it!

Don't worry Dad, I'm 15, and I know how to take care of myself. Someday, I'm sure we'll be back to visit so you can get to know your many grandchildren.

Love,

Your son, Joshua.

*P.S.: Dad, none of the above is true. I'm over at Jason's house. I just wanted to remind you that there are worse things in life than the school report that's on the kitchen table. Call when it is safe for me to come home!"*

# WHY ARE YOU A KNIGHT?

By Manny Aguilar, Hispanic Membership Chairman/ East

**Did someone ask you to join? Why did you say yes?**

**Was it because :**

- a. You are friends with the person who asked you?
- b. You have been "thinking about it" for some time?
- c. You felt convicted when asked?
- d. You are finally "retired" and have time?
- e. You want to serve the Lord?
- f. All or a combination of the above?



**Now that you are a Knight, what are you doing about it?**

- a. Do you attend the meetings?
- b. Do you partake of charitable and community events planned by the council?
- c. Have you volunteered to take any leadership roles in the council?
- d. Have you taken all the steps into "full" Knighthood, up to, at least, the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree?
- e. Do you look beyond your own council/parish?
- f. IF NOT, WHY NOT?

**Another serious consideration, especially for those of us who have been Knights for "decades".**

- a. Do we have the attitude that we have done ENOUGH?
- b. Do we have the attitude that we should take care of our own parish first, AND ONLY?
- c. Do we have the attitude that the monies in our General Fund are OURS?
- d. Is our goal to accumulate and build up our council bank account(s) to higher and higher quantities?
- e. Do we not need to recruit anymore?
- f. It is easy for any one of us to become complacent after a few years. The tendency towards complacency increases with the length of membership.

**LET'S REMEMBER:**

- a. If I am not active, who will be?
- b. If our council does not grow, it WILL DIE.
- c. We are in the CHARITY BUSINESS.
- d. What monies come in, must go out!
- e. The need for Charity never ends.
- f. Jesus did not "retire" from doing good works.

**WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE?**



# **DAN BERRIGAN: THE PRIEST WHO BURNED DRAFT CARDS AND TAUNTED THE FBI**

*(A man of action)*



*Jesuit Father Daniel Berrigan, an early critic of U.S. military intervention in Vietnam who for years challenged the country's reliance on military might, died April 30 at 94. He is pictured in an undated photo. (CNS files)*

## **DANIEL BERRIGAN -- RIP**

*He was also an award-winning and prolific author of some 50 books,  
a teacher, and a university educator.*



***FUNERAL MARCH FOR THE REV.***

***DANIEL BERRIGAN IN NEW YORK CITY.***

## CAMP COFFE WITH MORNING PRAYERS

Making coffee along with morning prayers was a ritual very important to the men living on the plains and was not lightly assigned to novices. Coffee, tea, and tobacco were the big medicines of the outdoors, sacrosanct from the meddling of greenhorns and nay-saying of a new generation of macrobiotic fanatics. To heck with their tiresome good health, mumblings. After pouring ice-water into a gallon coffee pot, until it was half full, you pried the lid off the stove and place the pot over the open flame. The stove had been designed, over 100 years ago, with just such an man's coffee pot in mind. Outdoors on the Dakota prairie, we boil our coffee. Percolators and the people that use them were regarded with suspicion.



Taking a can of Folgers coffee, and surrendering to the grace of the ritual, I sprinkled in just the right amount without the benefit of measurement – either you have the knack or you don't. Then I make breakfast, which in this case was a few eggs, some hash browns, bacon and toast. When this gourmet meal was ready to eat, the coffee came to a slow, sure boil, filling the camp with an enticing aroma that steamed the edge off the cold morning, just as morning prayers take the edge off the day's challenges.

*Bless us oh Lord and these thy gifts which we are about to receive .....*

# A MESSAGE ON FAMILIES

*Each year, our “**Outstanding and Remarkable**” families of Washington State are recognized in our State’s **Family of the Year** award. The winner will be selected from among the most exceptional families that were nominated in our State at a State Convention in Vancouver.*

**By Marcel P. Bergeron, PGK, PFN, FDD**

A few weeks ago, I had the pleasure and honor of reviewing a number of submittals from councils around state on their nominees for the **Family of the Year**. I would like to attest to all of you that we have some incredible Brother knights and families who day-in and day-out live a joyous and loving Catholic family life in our parishes and communities. It was not an easy task to come up a list of finalists for our State Officers to make their final selection. The families that I read about inspire us all with their love and unity for each other and all others in church communities. They have touched the lives of many people in innumerable ways. They represent the fiber and goodness of our Catholic faith and provide an inspiration and quiet leadership in all of things that they do to support parish life and outreach into the local communities. I look forward to honoring this year’s Family of the Year in Vancouver.

The Family Service Program Award truly singles out the family-service oriented projects from the many within our State Councils. The nominations for this award I received this past month were outstanding and were great examples of the most worthy projects you have conducted that have benefited our families throughout this last year. This is an area where Councils of our Order and the great jurisdiction of the State of Washington excel, reaching out and doing good works in our communities with their time, talent and treasure. We have many great Council family service projects in our state; it is such an awesome challenge to single out just one project for the Award. I also look forward to honoring this year’s Family Service Award winner in Vancouver.

Don’t forget that You and your councils still have opportunities to participate in the Food for Families program. The Knights of Columbus Food for Families Reimbursement Program was established in 2012. Under this program, local Knights of Columbus Councils or Assemblies make an annual contribution of \$500



or more, or 1000 pounds of food to a local community food bank or parish food pantry. For every \$500 or 1000 pounds of food contributed, the council or assembly is eligible for a refund of \$100 from the Supreme Council. The maximum refund a council or assembly can receive is \$500 per fraternal year.

For Columbian Squires Circles, the minimum donation is \$100, or 200 pounds of food, with each circle eligible to receive from the Supreme Council a refund of \$20 for each \$100 donated or 200 pounds of food. Reimbursement must be applied for in the fraternal year during which contributions were made.

As resources permit, councils, assemblies and circles may provide support to multiple food banks and/or food pantries. The minimum contribution to qualify for a refund is \$500 (\$100 for Squires circles) for each food bank/food pantry supported.

In addition to a refund for financial contributions, councils, assemblies and circles are also eligible to receive a Food for Families plaque (and, in successive years, date plates signifying years of participation) in recognition of manpower support provided to food banks and food pantries. Significant manpower support is required, and should be outlined in your report.

As an incentive for councils conducting these types of outreach programs, the Supreme Council will again count a qualifying Food for Families program as fulfilling all four of the Family Activities requirements for the Columbian Award. In order to qualify, councils must sponsor events with the parish community to collect a minimum of 1,000 pounds of food to be donated to a parish food pantry or community food bank. In addition, council members must contribute a minimum of 100 man-hours in the preparation/distribution/service of meals to needy people. Councils will continue to report Food for Families outreach using the Food for Families report form. The form now includes space to report financial support (for which documentation must be provided), and for personnel of the organization receiving donations of food to acknowledge receipt of the food.

Please contact me with any questions at (509) 554-4924 or [marce.bergeron@gmail.com](mailto:marce.bergeron@gmail.com).

**God Bless you, Brothers!**  
**Yours in Christ**  
**Marcel P. Bergeron, PGK, PFN, FDD**

## ***DEFENDING THE FAITH***

Brothers,

While my wife and I were working in the yard this past weekend we were visited by some Mormon Missionaries. I've encountered enough of the visits by these young missionaries that by this time I'm familiar with their method of operation. They try to be really, really nice to try to "soften" you up before they begin their presentation on the book of Mormon and their founder Joseph Smith. Theological discussions will follow in which I'm able to present to them some Catholic apologetics. When they leave I hope and pray that maybe a seed had been planted.

This visit was a little different since both my wife and I were present and we were able to act as a tag team in our discussion with the boys. Our focus was on all of the great miracles of the Church and how much physical evidence exists to support said miracles. If you don't know how Mormonism started Joseph Smith is to have translated the book of Mormon from some golden plates but an angel took the plates away - leaving no physical evidence to support his claim (UPDATE: Some archaeologists from Brigham Young University are said to have discovered the plates on the hill where Mr. Smith was visited by the angel - hmmm).

So while the Mormon boys listened (intently I hope) we proceeded to tell them, in some detail, about the Shroud of Turin, the Tilma of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano, the more recent Eucharistic Miracle in Argentina, the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima, The Face of Manoppello, and the Miracle at Lourdes. By the time we were finished they were looking at their watches and mentioning other appointments they needed to get to.

Before they left they asked if we could pray so my wife said a very nice prayer in which she prayed for God to lead us all into His truth and guide our path. And as a farewell gift, when they asked if we knew of anyone else they could visit, we gave them the name of one of our Catholic brothers who is a fantastic apologist.

We will continue to pray for these Mormon missionaries.

**Grace and Peace,**

**Andrew Kopriva**

## FERNDALE COUNCIL 7356 HIGHLIGHTED IN MAY 2016 COLUMBIAN MAGAZINE

### ROSARY GARDEN

Holy Family Council 7356 in Ferndale, Wash., dedicated a new rosary garden at St. Joseph Church. Conceived by council member Richard Brendley with help from his son, Michael, the rosary garden serves as a place of prayer and reflection on the church grounds. Though Richard passed away before the project was complete, fellow council members solicited materials and donations and volunteered many hours to construct the garden.

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### THEY WALKED AMONG US

*ST. KASSIANI- Abbess, Hymnographer*



In 843 she founded a convent outside of Constantinople and became its first abbess. A poet and composer, Kassiani wrote hundreds of hymns, of which twenty-three remain in the Orthodox liturgical books today. Her "Hymn of the Fallen Woman" is regularly sung during Holy Week: I will fervently embrace Thy sacred feet, and wipe them again with the tresses of the hair of my head, Thy feet at whose sound Eve hid herself for fear when she heard Thee walking in Paradise in the cool of the day."

During a period of fierce iconoclasm, Kassiani was arrested and scourged for fervent devotion to icons. When the persecution passed she traveled to Italy and Greece, where she died on the island of Kasos.

*"I hate the fool who acts like a philosopher; I hate the rich man who groans that he is poor; I hate the person who is forever changing his ways; I hate the judge who is a respecter of persons; I hate silence when it is time to speak."*

*St. Kassiani*



If you have money, give of your treasure;  
If you have little, give of your Heart.



**YOU WORE ME OUT TILL NEXT MONTH!**

