### St. James Council 12402

Double STAR Council (2016 – 2017)

Serving the Chancery and St. James Cathedral

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### **Grand Knight's Report**



<u>Lenten Devotion</u> - Seek the Lord in prayer and read Scripture, give alms, and sacrifice self-control through fasting.

Brother Knights,

It is indeed an honor to be called your Grand Knight once again and I thank you for giving me that privilege. Hopefully I will get it right this time. 9

I would like to wish each of you and your families a wonderful Lenten Season. Strive to come out of the Lenten Season stronger in your faith than when you first entered on Ash Wednesday.

I am pleased to report that we had a wonderful weekend up in St. Augustine for the annual March for Life. Bishop Noonan was in attendance and it was refreshing to see so many youth and young adults walking. They are the future of our pro-life movement.

This past Thursday we 'resurrected' our formal socials and got to hear a presentation on the Sanctity of Marriage in the Secular by Gigi and Willie Santiago. A big thanks to Fr. Martin for providing that lead. Deacon David Gray will be giving us an overview on Human Trafficking in February, which is open to the entire parish.

The Rise Up Catholic Men's Conference on Feb 17<sup>th</sup> is an event that you don't want to miss. This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual and it is held at Holy Family. What a wonderful way to start the Lenten Season.

The Laps for Life Ultrasound Walk and Fund Raiser website is up and running. We would love to have more of you join the St James Council 12402 team and raise money. If that doesn't interest you, please consider donating to the team. The website is <a href="www.OrlandoLapsforLife.org">www.OrlandoLapsforLife.org</a> If you prefer to donate with a check please make it out to Orlando Laps for Life and send it to the walker that you would like to support.

I want to thank the gals for helping us raise \$350 for St. James School by way of the homemade baked goods sale this past Sunday. It is our way of contributing during Catholic School Week because we appreciate the job that Ms. Dawn Helwig and her team are doing.

Over the next few weeks I will attempt to bring you up-to-speed on what a few of us Brother Knights are doing to reach out to fallen away Catholics via Catholic Radio and fallen away young adults via Young Catholic Professionals. Information on both of these subjects is included in this newsletter.

God Bless each and every one of you and your families. If we have not seen you in a while the start of the Lenten Season is the perfect time to get re-engaged. Join us at a meeting or event. We would love to see you back.

Fraternally yours, Brother George Olson Grand Knight



## Congratulations New 1<sup>st</sup> Degrees - Jan

Dr. Marcelo Farela



Please join me in welcoming Dr. Marcelo Farela to St. James Council. Dr. Marcelo was joined by his proposer, Brother Ralph Briscoe, and GK George Olson. Welcome Aboard!

#### Dennis Seda



Brother Dennis Seda joined our council on 24 Jan and was sponsored by Brother Mark Zeitler. Brother Dennis was accompanied by DD George del Campo and DGK Steven Gertel. Welcome Aboard!

### Shining Armor Award Boniface Noyongoyo



Brother Boniface achieved the honor of Shining Armor Award. Congratulations Brother Boniface on this prestigious accomplishment. A job well done.

### Chaplain's Message



My Dear Brother Knights and Esteemed Ladies,

By the time this newsletter comes out, we will have been gearing up for the Season of Lent. It seems only yesterday that we were decorating the house for Christmas. How fast time does indeed fly!

Strangely, it reminds me of the words of Qoheleth, "vanity of vanities. All is vanity!" (Ecclesiastes 1:2). The illusion of power, the worldly attachments, and constant strives and struggles that we so often get caught up in, are indeed vanity. The whole purpose of lent is a reminder for us of that. We begin with Ash Wednesday, receiving ashes on our foreheads and hearing the Church's call to repentance: "Remember you are dust, and unto dust you shall return."

As we embark on these sacred forty days, I pray that the fast and sacrifice that we choose to embrace will help us strip away the vanities of our life. For what? For a sole purpose of focusing on 'the one thing that matters' - our relationship with Jesus, who for our sake had suffered and died.

Peace to you and yours, Fr Martin

### **Financial Benefits Advisor**



### **Our Products & Services**

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The Knights of Columbus offers a complete portfolio of top-quality products to our members and their eligible family members.

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<u>Disability Income Insurance</u> – Shield Your Income from Illness and Injury

Valuable Assistance and Programs for Catholic Families. In addition to our line of products, the Knights of Columbus provides extensive services to members and their families:

#### Survivor Benefits

Our agents are there for members and their families to help them in the aftermath of the loss of a loved one.

# Congratulations Knight of the Month Gerald Tisdell



Brother Jerry Tisdell did an excellent job supporting the seminarian luncheon, a recent pancake breakfast, and attended the annual Christmas party. Congrats Brother Jerry.

### Family of the Month Steven Gertel



DGK Steven Gertel did a wonderful job stepping up as the Acting Grand Knight for the past 2 months. Brother Steven is a regular at the Feeding of the Homeless, assisted at the Coalition for the Homeless, regularly attends That Man Is You, and is a lector at St. James. Susan always supports the homemade baked goods sale, serves as a Eucharistic Minister and hosts a weekly woman's bible study. Congrats!

### Recent Events - Culture of Life March for Life - St. Augustine









Fourteen Brother Knights, spouses, and friends from St. James participated in the 12<sup>th</sup> March for Life in St. Augustine. Despite the cooler weather, there were over 3500 marchers and a tremendous showing by the youth and young adults. Bishop Noonan participated in the mass and the march which was much appreciated. Stephanie Gray gave an outstanding presentation. The event was followed by a BBQ at the St. Augustine KOA hosted by the Olsons, Fields, and Butlers. A good time was had for all.

### **Financial Benefits Advisor (Cont)**

#### **Fraternal Benefits**

In addition to our products, the Knights of Columbus offers Family Fraternal Benefits that can help our members facing unique needs. Many of these benefits are unique to the Knights of Columbus and some are free. These benefits include: guaranteed life insurance benefits for uninsurable children; death benefits available for stillborn or miscarried children; orphan benefits; and member/spouse accidental death benefits.

#### **Personalized Services**

A Comprehensive, Complimentary Financial Analysis
The Knights of Columbus provides members a complimentary
insurance and retirement needs analysis through their local field
agent. Our agents – who are also brother Knights – use "Profiles &
Forecaster," a proven industry analytical tool that helps our
members identify their risks and goals.

#### **End-of-Life Planning**

The Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook is a no-cost tool available exclusively through your Knights of Columbus field agent. The 34-page book is a comprehensive planning guide that will enable you to record personal information, identify personal wishes, and supplement legal documents.

Please call or email for an appointment for the personal financial analysis and more details.

### **Special Subjects**

Church Membership Drive—Sat & Sun, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>
We will have speakers talking about the Knights of Columbus at the tail end of each mass this weekend as we strive to give all Catholic gentlemen, aged 18 or older, an opportunity to be part of this extraordinary fraternal order. We will also have tables outside the exit doors with literature and will need Brother Knights to staff them.

Rise Up Men's Conference — Sat, Feb 17<sup>th</sup> — Holy Family Church All men are invited to the 3rd Annual Diocesan-wide Catholic Men's Conference. This will be an opportunity for men to gather together and to learn ways to live out our Catholic faith in our daily lives. In addition, lunch, confession and adoration are included for a suggested donation of only \$20. Here is the website link. https://www.orlandodiocese.org/riseup/

Human Trafficking Presentation — Thurs, Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> (Social Hall)
Deacon David Gray will be giving parishioners an overview of the
Human Trafficking situation in Central Florida and providing
information as to how we as individuals can help report suspicious
activities that we observe.

Lenten Fish Fries — Fri, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> & Fri, Mar 16<sup>th</sup> (St. James School) St. James School is asking for St. James Council help in the kitchen at both fish fries. We could use 4 members on the fryers, 4 with the fish batter, and 4 with set-up. Help with clean-up is also needed. A sign-up list to follow.

Laps for Life — Sat, Mar 10<sup>th</sup> (Bishop Moore HS)

This will be our 5<sup>th</sup> year participating in this phenomenal fund raiser. The website is up and running thanks to our very own Brother Michael Pascuzzi. A St. James Council 12402 team has been set-up. Please consider joining the team and/or donating to the team. Laps for Life information included below.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner — Sat, Mar 17<sup>th</sup> (Social Hall)
We are pleased to inform you that our very own Brother John
Charles will be entertaining this year. Tickets will go on sale in Feb
in the atrium or east wing. This is always a fun time and we hope
to fill up the social hall this year. Help is always needed in the
kitchen and with serving the meals.

### Recent Events - Church/Family Sanctity of Marriage in the Secular





Gigi and Willie Santiago gave a wonderful presentation on their trials and tribulations on marriage. They have been happily married for 33 years and have 5 children. They have been working in marriage prep and enrichment for almost 15 years and specialize in Relationship Coaching. We thank them for sharing their story with us.

### Recent Events - Church/School Homemade Baked Goods Sale



A big thanks to our wonderful spouses who baked and sold homemade baked goods on Jan 28<sup>th</sup>. We are pleased that we raised \$350 for St. James School in honor of Catholic School Week. We especially thank all of those parishioners that purchased the goodies.

### Recent Events – Youth Free Throw Contest





Coach Mark Zeitler is giving last minute instructions to the judges. We held the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual free throw contest at St. James School on Jan 27<sup>th</sup>. Turnout was not great, but we will continue to promote it moving forward. Elli Mottola, Luke Mottola, and Palmer Minton will go onto the District Level Free Throw Contest. Congratulations! A big thanks to Ms. Dawn Helwig and Brother Anthony Rodriguez.

### **Sponsors**

#### \$5 per person / month

Sign-up to be a sponsor for the next 6 months; 50/50 drawing will be held during the <u>Jun Business Meeting</u>. The 50/50 split is currently \$50. Brother Dan Wallace won the recent drawing and donated his \$65 to the council for charitable activities. Thank You Brother Dan.

Jan 2018 – Dan Wallace, Gary Gagnon, Les Castro, Steven Gertel Feb 2018 – Dan Wallace, Gary Gagnon, Les Castro, Steven Gertel Mar 2018 – Dan Wallace, Gary Gagnon, Les Castro, Steven Gertel Apr 2018 – Dan Wallace, Gary Gagnon, Les Castro, Steven Gertel May 2018 – Gary Gagnon, Steven Gertel Jun 2018 – Gary Gagnon (+2), Steven Gertel (+6)

### **Birthdays - Members**

4 Feb – Al Kravchuk
20 Feb – Dr. Luis Alicia
10 Feb – Lynn Hinson
22 Feb – GK George Olson
12 Feb – Boniface Noyongoyo
26 Feb – Bishop John Noonan
14 Feb – Dan Coombs
27 Feb – Brian Cannon
14 Feb – Timothy Phan
27 Feb – Michael Gualandri
16 Feb – Joe Lima
28 Feb – Matthew Steiger
19 Feb – Dr. Gil Lavoie

**Happy Birthday Brother Knights!** 

### **Birthdays - Spouses**

7 Feb - Carol Weigand Quartano

23 Feb – Julie Bayly

23 Feb - Gisela Briscoe

**Happy Birthday Young Ladies!** 

### **Anniversaries**

11 Feb – Walter & Susan Rutledge

14 Feb - Gary & Sherry Herring (42 years)

14 Feb – Frank & Kristi Terrizzi (19 years)

17 Feb – Giovanni & Jill Vianello (27 years)

17 Feb - Darille & Susan Starrine (34 years)

18 Feb – William & Elizabeth Simpson (52 years)

A Happy Anniversary to all of these fine couples.

### **Young Catholic Professionals**

Did You Know?

Young Catholic Professionals (YCP) is coming to Orlando and will be the 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter in the U.S. which was started back in 2010 in Dallas, TX. Our very own Dr. Anis Khalaf is on their board of directors and support has been provided by Brothers Paul Mylod and GK George Olson.

YCP provides programs that help to develop the professional, social, and spiritual lives of young adults who are primarily in their 20's or 30's. They provide life coaching, career counseling, executive mentorship, and spiritual direction.

These young adults are being prepared for increased responsibilities in their professions, in their communities, and in their churches. They are Working in Witness for Christ.



GK George Olson, Joanne Olson, & Dr. Anis Khalaf with Orlando Charter President, Anne Olszewski, and her team. Congratulations on becoming the 17<sup>th</sup> YCP Chapter in the country. Visit www.YoungCatholicProfessionals.org for more information.

### **Prayers**

- For Raul del Campo, father of DD George del Campo, who is still recovering from several health issues.
- For Catherine Kravchuk, wife of Brother Al Kravchuk, who is recovering from surgery.
- For Victor Olson, brother of GK George Olson, who has had numerous complications following a quadruple bypass and a heart valve replacement.
- For the discernment of a family member to come into the church through the waters of baptism.
- For the strength and unity of the Christian Domestic Church throughout the world.
- For the Lord to provide, in his time, a house for one of our Brother Knights to purchase.
- For special intentions.

### **Catholic Radio Update**

Did You Know?

Brothers Paul Mylod, GK George Olson, and Fr. Miguel Gonzalez have been working to bring Catholic Radio to Central Florida.

Brother Paul Mylod (Secretary) and GK George Olson (Treasurer) are 2 of the 4 Executive Board Members and Fr. Miguel is on the Advisory Board.

We are pleased to report that we have closed on an FM radio station in the Villages (90.3 FM) and went on the air for the 1<sup>st</sup> time on Friday, Jan 26<sup>th</sup>. WIGW is the call name and 24/7 programming will be provided by Relevant Radio. We will have 8 minutes per hour for local announcements, sponsorships, and public service announcements. We expect to reach between 100K and 160K people for starters.

If heading up towards Lake County be sure to tune in. There are areas in Orlando where you can get reception, especially as you get closer to Winter Garden and Clermont. Tune in.

We are hoping and praying to grow beyond Lake County. More to follow.

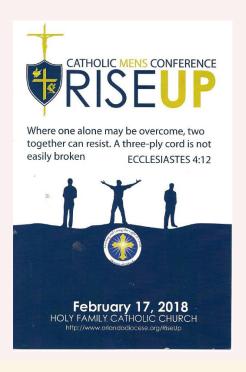
### Florida State Raffle



We have raffle tickets available. Each book has 12 tickets for \$1 each. \$6 will go to the State Council and \$6 will go to St. James Council. The big drawings will take place at the State Convention in late May. If you have not yet gotten tickets and would like a book or two please reach out to Brother Yebrail Brennan at <a href="wkb1966@qmail.com">wkb1966@qmail.com</a> Need not be present to win. We will have them available at future business meetings and a few select events.

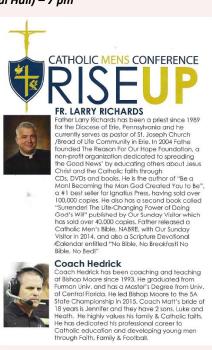
### **Upcoming Events - Feb 2018**

- ➤ Thurs, Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree (St. Francis of Assisi 834 SOBT, Apopka) – 6 pm
- Fri, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> That Man Is You Week 4 of 13 (Social Hall) 7 8 am (The Unveiling of Love thru mid-Apr)
- ➤ Sat, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> Church Membership Drive after 4 pm mass
- ➤ Sun, Feb 4<sup>th</sup> Church Membership Drive after all 5 masses
- Mon, Feb 5<sup>th</sup> − Feeding the Homeless (816 W. Central Blvd) 11:30 am − 12:45 pm
- ➤ Thurs, Feb 8<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting (East Wing) 7 pm
- $\triangleright$  Sat, Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (St. James) 8:30 am
- > Sat, Feb 10<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree (St. Mary of the Lakes, 218 Ocklawaha Ave, Eustis, FL 32726) 10:30 am
- Sat, Feb 10<sup>th</sup> Matthew Kelly Event (Assumption Catholic Church, 2403 Atlantic Blvd, Jacksonville, FL) 6 to 10 pm Are you thriving or just surviving? Do you want more energy? A deeper sense of purpose? Join us for Living Every Day with Passion & Purpose \$39 per
- > Sun, Feb 11<sup>th</sup> Donut Duty (East Wing) Sunday masses
- ➤ Wed, Feb 14<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday
- ➤ Wed, Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 40 Days for Life starts (All Women's Health Center – 431 Maitland Ave., Altamonte Springs)
- > Sat, Feb 17<sup>th</sup> Rise Up Catholic Men's Conference (Holy Family, 5125 S. Apopka Vineland Rd) -8:30 am 2 pm
- ➤ Wed, Feb 21<sup>st</sup> Free Throw Contest (Sun Ridge MS) –3 pm
- Thurs, Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> Social Human Trafficking by Deacon David Gray (Social Hall) – 7 pm
- Fri, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> Fish Fry (St. James School Gym)-more to follow
- Sun, Feb 25<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast & Homemade Baked Goods (Social Hall) – Proceeds to Laps for Life



### **Upcoming Events** – Mar & Apr 2018

- ➤ Thurs, Mar 1<sup>st</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Men's Cursillo (San Pedro Center)
- > Sat, Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> St. James School 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner & Auction (505 E. Ridgewood Street, Orlando) 6 to 10 pm
- ➤ Thurs, Mar 8<sup>th</sup> Rosary 6:15 pm; Officer Meeting 6:40 pm; Business Meeting (East Wing) – 7 pm
- > Sat, Mar 10<sup>th</sup> Laps for Life (Bishop Moore HS) 8 am to 2 pm
- ➤ Wed, Mar 14<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (Monsignor Bishop, 5727 Cornelia Ave, Orlando) – 7:30 pm
- > Thurs, Mar 15<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> Women's Cursillo (San Pedro Center)
- Fri, Mar 16<sup>th</sup> Fish Fry (St. James School Gym) more to follow
- > Sat, Mar 17<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day Dinner (Social Hall) 6 pm
- Thurs, Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> Founder's Day Mass (Chapel) 6:30 pm, Social following mass (Social Hall)
- > Sun, Mar 25<sup>th</sup> − Palm Sunday
- Sun, Mar 25<sup>th</sup> Pancake Breakfast & Homemade Baked Goods (Social Hall)
- > Fri, Mar 30<sup>th</sup> Good Friday
- Sun, Apr 1<sup>st</sup> Easter
- Mon, Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> − Feeding the Homeless (816 W. Central Blvd) 11:30 am − 12:45 pm
- Thurs, Apr 5<sup>th</sup> − 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree (St. Francis of Assisi − 834 SOBT, Apopka) − 6 pm
- ➤ Sun, Apr 8<sup>th</sup> Donut Duty (East Wing) Sunday masses
- ➤ Thurs, Apr 12<sup>th</sup> Officer Meeting 6:40 pm; Business Meeting (East Wing) 7 pm
- ➤ Sat, Apr 14<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Degree (St. James) 8:30 am
- Sun, Apr 22<sup>nd</sup> Pancake Breakfast & Homemade Baked Goods (Social Hall)
- ➤ Thurs, Apr 26<sup>th</sup> Social Shroud of Turin by Dr. Gil Lavoie (Social Hall) – 7 pm



**Building the Domestic Church**Nov 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting with Fr. Martin (Follow-up Actions)

	Topic of Discussion	Planned Actions
1	Resurrect social meetings with a 'spiritual theme' on 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of month.	Jan 25 <sup>th</sup> – Sanctity of Marriage by Gigi & Willie Santiago Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Human Trafficking by Deacon David Gray Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Founder's Day Mass by Fr. Martin / pot luck Apr 26 <sup>th</sup> – Shroud of Turin by Dr. Gil Lavoie
2	Conduct a Church Membership Drive	Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>
3	Attendance by clergy at future business meetings, when feasible	Grand Knight (GK) will send a reminder 1 & 2 weeks in advance.
4	Hand out tootsie rolls in support of Citizens with Disabilities Campaign after mass	Will schedule in parallel with the May Tootsie Roll Drives.
5	Founders Day Mass in March in honor of Fr. Michael J. McGivney	Plan for Mar 22 <sup>nd</sup> since Mar 29 <sup>th</sup> is Holy Thursday; follow with a social.
6	Possibility of a display case for the many council awards	Follow-up with Fr. Miguel is planned.
7	Get approval to include a K of C section in each week's church bulletin with upcoming events	Began in Jan 2018 and will continue – updated weekly
8	Briefly discussed several upcoming events – Fish Fry, St. Patrick's Day Dinner, & Laps for Life	Two fish fries planned – Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup> & Mar 16 <sup>th</sup> (Help is needed) St. Patrick's Day tickets will go on sale in Feb – John Charles will be back this year. Date is Mar 17 <sup>th</sup> Laps for Life website is up and running – Please consider walking and/or donating
9	How can the council help with future capital church improvement projects?	Check provided to Fr. Miguel at the Christmas Party for starters (ONGOING)
10	How else can we support the school?	<ul> <li>Council sponsored a table at the Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> Dinner &amp; Auction.</li> <li>Jan Homemade Baked Goods proceeds will go to St. James School in support of Catholic School Week. (Raised \$350)</li> <li>Color guard at the 90<sup>th</sup> Celebration mass with Bishop Noonan – coordinate with Ms. Dawn Helwig</li> </ul>
11	What other activities /charities would you like to see us engaged in?	<ul> <li>Incorporate interests of millennials, Gen X, Gen Y</li> <li>Michael Schwartz presenting at Feb business meeting</li> <li>Sponsor a mission trip? (Provided some financial support for Mexico last year; Haiti this year)</li> <li>Fr. Martin was open to a future RCIA social to discuss K of C</li> </ul>

### **Laps for Life**

St. James Council has been a leader in the Laps for Life Ultrasound Fundraiser Walk since its inception in 2014. Over \$250K has been raised through the Laps for Life Fundraiser since 2014, which resulted in the purchase of 15 ultrasound machines for local Pregnancy Centers. Nationwide it is estimated that 78% of the pregnant woman contemplating abortion who have an ultrasound and see their baby on the screen elect to have their baby. The JMJ Pregnancy Centers are witnessing a 95%+ save rate. In other words, these ultrasound machines are saving lives because they are giving these pregnant moms valuable information that they may not otherwise have access to. Our goal this year is \$80,000 – 5 ultrasound machines.

Over the past 2 years St. James Council was selected to sponsor ultrasound machines that were delivered and installed at the Ocala Pregnancy Center and the JMJ Pregnancy Center in St. Cloud. We were selected because of our fund raising and our participation in the event. Let's make it 3 years in a row.

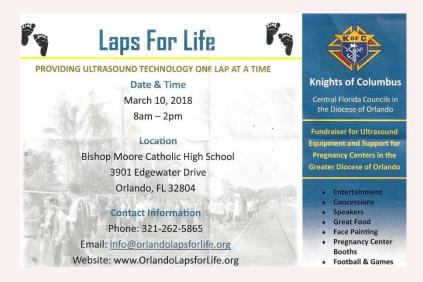
### How can you help?

You can sign-up and participate in the walk at Bishop Moore HS and have family and friends donate for each lap you walk. Bring your family members as there are plenty of activities for the children that take place on the HS football field.

You can donate to the St. James Council 12402 team as we strive to beat our fund raising efforts of last year - \$4330

You can start your own team and have friends and family join your team and/or donate to your team.

You can volunteer to work at the Bishop Moore event as we always could use help with registration, the games, concessions, etc.



### Be a part of something BIG and helping to save lives is something BIG.







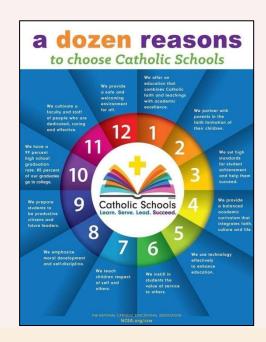
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