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Encyclical Letter, "LAUDATO SI" of the Holy Father Francis

ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

1. "LAUDATO SI", mi Signore" - "Praise to you, my Lord". In the words of this beautiful canticle,

Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. "Praise be to you, my Lord through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with colored flowers and herbs".

2-3. This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the good with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will. The violence present in our hearts, wounded by sin, is also reflected in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air and in all forms of life. This is why the earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor; she "groans in travail" (Rom 8:22). We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7); our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters.

3)....Nothing in this world is indifferent to us....Now, faced as we are with global environmental deterioration, I wish to address every person living on this planet.

MY APPEAL

13. The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change. The Creator does not abandon us; he never forsakes his loving plan or repents of having created us. Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home. Here I want to recognize, encourage & thank all those striving in countless ways to guarantee the protection of the home which we share. Particular appreciation is owed to those who tirelessly seek to resolve the tragic effects of environmental degradation on the lives of the world's poorest. Young people demand change. They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis & the sufferings of the excluded.

14. I urgently appeal, then for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all.

(Pope Francis is appealing to us to begin this dialogue in the US in preparation for his address to both Congress & the United Nations in September, 2015).

-Christopher Keenan OFM, Chaplain

The Natural Order of the World follows the universal Laws of Nature

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church the natural order was established, “Because God creates through wisdom, His creation is ordered.” (CCC 299) “In creation God laid a foundation and established laws that remain firm, on which the believer can rely with confidence, for they are the sign and pledge of the unshakable faithfulness of God’s covenant. For his part man must remain faithful to this foundation and respect the laws which the Creator has written into [the natural order]” (CCC 346). The world and universe appear from all scientific observations and calculations to have specific mathematical design that creates order. Whether you believe God created you, or you think you happen to exist because an enormous amount of coincidences produced just the right circumstances to promote life: we all have to admit, life in our universe is a great gift established in perfect mathematical order with specific rules that cannot be contradicted without the exertion of external force. The Law of Gravity is the best example, and examining the anatomy of all living beings is another illustration. I am always amazed when looking at the skeletal remains of dinosaurs, extinct and extant animals, observing how symmetrically similar our physical make-up is although we are different species. One of the most obvious facts regarding the natural law, a paradigm that can’t be denied without resorting to deceitful methods of contradiction, is that we are male and female, and each gender has a specific role to play in the procreation and survival of the human race.

In my youth the double standard was that young ladies were expected to remain chaste and pure, while young men were congratulated for their “conquests.” While acknowledging the hypocrisy of such asocial construct, at least from a pragmatic sense it was understandable, because it was the young lady who became pregnant. Unfortunately, this hypocrisy was not corrected by calling young men to live a chaste lifestyle, but by freeing young ladies of the stigma of premarital pregnancy.

The new double standard is acknowledging the natural order only when it suits our needs. There is a big difference between what feels natural or good and the laws of nature, created to order what is truly good. I am naturally inclined to drink every day, but empirical evidence (whether or not I personally suffer from hangovers another symptoms of chronic alcoholism) suggests that I don’t drink every day if I wish to live a long healthy life. That is what the late great Captain “Father Joe” Cleary would call Prudence. Another virtue you won’t see or hear too much about in the new order of reasoning is honesty. The truth has now become subjective and we are allowed to make-up our own truth. Since honesty only applies to our adversaries, not to our own conduct and statements, we can say and do anything we want. Take Planned Parenthood’s response when exposed for apparently breaking the law by arranging compensation for providing baby organs and tissue to fetal tissue peddlers: instead of a mea culpa they initiate lawsuits, claiming to be the victim. Let’s hope the judicial system dismisses these bogus lawsuits, since every other investigative reporter uses very similar tactics. The law states that as long as one person in the conversation is aware

the dialogue is being taped it is legal. This protects private conversations from third party intrusion.

The Prime Minister of a European country launched a new values initiative. I read his speech delivered in a school and I was extremely curious. Most of the speech talks about how the country needs to move forward in a different way if she is to successfully prevent her young men and women, some still teenagers, from joining terrorist groups who will to bring down Western civilization. Who could argue with such great logic? The initiative sounds like a no brainer; our young people are confused and being misled by ISIL, so we need to educate them so they are no longer duped into thinking committing a terrorist act in the Name of God is a good thing. The problem is the PM, like many politicians, has taken an issue that truly needs to be resolved, and flavored it with his ideology. He takes advantage of the fact that everyone agrees something must be done about this issue and wants something done about their young populace going off to certain death. In his relatively short speech the PM mentions three times “the despicable far right” but never explains who he is referring to or what they have done. I wonder if the people of influence to whom he was speaking understood what he meant. But why even make the issue political, and even worse refer to a portion of the population as “despicable?” How does that promote diversity, tolerance, or plurality? All the things he said he hoped his initiative would accomplish!

I may not agree with the “far right” (unless what was meant by far right is the vast majority of the earth’s citizens who believe in the sanctity of life from conception until natural death and oppose the murder of innocent children, and especially for the purpose of selling baby parts), but acknowledge they have a right to think as they do, just like people have the right to disagree with them. Nobody has the right to impose their prejudices on all of society, which is exactly what is being done in the name of diversity. The Prime Minister’s speech, whether he knows it or not, was offensive because it was divisive. The values he is promoting are his own, not everyone’s, but he feels imposing his will upon the masses is a good, not a hypocrisy. Does he realize he is acting like the radical extremist he wants to eliminate? Because that is the exact definition of extremism: insisting that everyone thinks and acts like you do, and ridicule and punish anyone who dares to think differently. That is what Muslim terrorist do and it is what radical extremist do to promote their political agenda.

There is a natural order established in the universe, by which all nature is obliged to either observe or become a victim of self-destruction. There is also a growing unnatural order in which humanity based on their great technological advancement believes they can reorder the universe to suit their desires, but ultimately they will fail, because you cannot propose a falsehood as truth, impose it on the population, and think it will stand firm. Only the Truth can stand alone, ideologies need to be upheld by force and coercion. That is the state of many democratic nations currently trying to impose heresy toward the natural law upon their citizens in an effort to satiate a minority of their constituents. Such governments are doomed to failure, just like the erroneous communist regimes that came before them. – Tom Roche

ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS
Father Julian Deeken
Sunday November 8, 2015
 9:30 am at
St. Francis of Assisi Church
135 West 31st Street, Manhattan

8th Annual 9-11 Father Mychal F. Judge

Walk of Remembrance

Sunday September 6, 2015

Rosary to precede the Mass @ St. Francis of Assisi

135 West 31st Street, NY, NY

9:00 am

For more information please call:

Steven McDonald (347) 386-9400

Bill Schillinger (917) 902-6689

John Bates (516) 238-0952

7th Annual Harvest Gala

At the

Bishop Molloy Retreat House

Honoring

Fr. Chris Cleary

&

Brother Angelo Sena, C.P.

Wednesday Oct. 14, 2015

@ 6:00 PM

Stand up for LIFE

"What Can One Person Do?"

Coming to Long Island this October ...

Pro-Lifers will have an opportunity to participate with family & friends, with people of all faiths, with people of all ages, in a huge public statement for life.

Sunday, October 4, 2015

2:00 PM—3:30PM

(rain or shine)

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&

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High School Scholarship Test

Saturday, December 5, 2015

Commencing 8:30 a.m.

All Hallows High School

111 East 164th Street

Bronx, NY 10452

(between Walton Ave. & Grand Concourse)

High School Scholarship applications will be available only after

September 30th from our Scholarship Chairman, Bill Treanor (718-885-0648) or at 98 Bay Street, Bronx, NY 10464. Completed applications must be returned by **November 25, 2015.**

2015 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

L to R : HNS President Joe Bryant, Chief Robert Strong, Owen Patrick Cur-ray, Olivia Ward, Julia Dennehy, Kathryn McGarty, John Baldassarre, Mary Tyrrell, Sedona Boyle, Commissioner Nigro, Ray Phillips.



High School Scholarships
Awards Increased!

Our High School Scholarship awards have been increased! The four awards for four years to a catholic high school will be **\$1500.00 per year for four years.** The Fordham Prep award will stay the same. The **Vincent A. McCarthy Scholarship Award for \$2000.00** and the **Captain Larry Monachelli Award for \$1500.00** are one time cash awards. (You will **NOT** be required to attend a catholic high school, but you will be required to take the High School Scholarship Test.) Please visit our web site, go to scholarship and check the Requirements for our Scholarship program. This way there will be no surprises. If you have any questions, contact us from our web site link or an E-mail: fdnyholynamesociety@verizon.net.

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Hopefully, we all have faith. Through faith we can believe in something that we cannot see, hear, taste, smell or touch. There are times in our lives when our faith is weak. At these times we can feel alone. Our attitude can be that we cannot trust anyone but ourselves; it's me against the world. No matter how successful we might be, we struggle in life. Something is missing and there is a void within us. Without faith, that void never seems to be filled.

During the times in our life when our faith is strong, life seems to go more smoothly, even when things aren't going the way we would like them. We seem to have a tolerance and patience as though things are going to improve. We have a connection to people and things around us. We have the ability to have trust in others knowing that they are not out to get us.

Faith connects each one of us to everyone else, those who are dear to us and those we either hardly know or don't even know at all. If we look at faith through the eyes of the Church, we get the complete picture. The Church is the body of Christ. It is the continuation of the presence of Jesus on earth. He is the head of the Church, we are his body. All of us are pieces that make the Church a whole structure. When members are away, structural pieces are missing and the structure itself becomes weakened. In other words, we all need each other to make us whole. If one person is missing everyone suffers.

When we look at it this way, we can understand why we should be active in the Church. If we not there for ourselves for a thousand different reasons, we might want to be there to strengthen others until we find our way.

Just as an athlete has to work out to keep his strength, we have to "work out" to strengthen our faith. We do this by reading spiritual things, attending Mass, doing good works without any benefit to ourselves, and being involved in spiritual things.

The Holy Name Retreat is a wonderful spiritual exercise. There is no spiritual connection better than being among fellow firefighters. We need each other! There is also reconciliation, conferences on the spiritual concerns of our lives, relaxation, and good food.

It's time to consider joining us in October. It is a great opportunity to help us grow in our faith.

-Stephen Damato

Fall Schedule Meetings

(All MEETINGS BEGIN AT 8:00 PM)

Monday October 5, 2015 : Burke's Restaurant

645 Bronx River Rd. off the Bronx River Parkway

(Please note this is a new venue!)

Monday November 2 2015: Hillside Swim Club, Staten Island



Captain Timothy Stackpole Annual Retreat

at the

Bishop Molloy Retreat House

from **Supper** on

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2015
through breakfast on
Thursday, Oct. 22, 2015

Call now and make your reservations:

Bishop Molloy Retreat House

718-739-1229

As firefighters it is time once again to recall 9/11. Fourteen years have passed & the memories of Timmy Stackpole & Fr. Mychal Judge remain. They were men who walked the halls of your retreat house & shared in the blessings that comes from the journey. Let us once again walk those same halls & take part in the joy that comes from the Fire Department Retreat. Review the individual pictures of 343 & remember each one in prayer. As firefighters we see the vast damage fire can cause. It can take lives, destroy entire buildings & causes untold sadness. Fire shows us a heated & burning picture & brings us close to a hellish existence. Can Hell be any different? Fight now to avoid hells fires. Each day extinguish the worlds fire by prayer, charity, & good works. The Battle is not always easy. It takes strength & courage. Put God first in your life he always helps. The line for the retreat is long so sign up now! Call the Bishop Molloy Retreat House (718) 739-1229. Take some time out to help your soul!

— Retired Battalion Chief Jim Scheppe

DUES

Reminder to Members

*Please forward your **\$10.00** dues to:*

Active Member:

Joseph Bryant

4 Maple Drive, New Hyde Park, NY 11040

Retired Members:

Joe Kelly

12 Bass Street, Staten Island, NY 10314

WALT'S RETIREE COLUMN

Hi brothers. I have enjoyed writing this column for the past twenty years . Wow has it been that long. I have always included my home phone & in the last few years my email address, you would think I would be getting some response but as of late the mail has dried up. I haven't been able to get around to all the events that I have in the past and would enjoy some input a story or two, a joke to pass along. For past few years I have been attending the meetings held by Mahopac Retired Firefighters assoc. What a great group of brothers, the meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of the month anywhere from 50 to 100 attend the meetings, they usually have a guest speaker and the topics are varied an interesting. I would like to see a larger turn out we meet at 10 am so no crying "I can't drive at night". One of the men you old timers should remember is Larry Whitmore who came on the job in a 1965 & was assigned to Engine 61. Larry then worked in Ladder 56 for 8 years on Monroe avenue in with 42 engine during the War years 1968 to mid-1976 when 2 or 3 all hands a tour was not unusual did I hear of sleeping in the hose bed because it wasn't worth the time to go to the bunk room half way there another run would come in" 25 runs a tour". Larry went on to worked in ladder 46 up to making Lt. in 1981. Larry spent a lot of time at the Rock training probe's his specialty was the ropes and the saying he is remembered for is Stay out of Harm's Way. Larry last assignment Ladder 61, Oh did I mention He trained the first women in F.D.N.Y. History & trained F.B.I. in rope rescue. Larry's son, Christopher was on the job & retired out my old house Engine 68 & Ladder 49 first due Yankee Stadium. Did I mention I drove ladder 49's old 4 wheel drive around the bases during first renovation of the Stadium THAT'S another story? Larry's wife Carol is happy to have him out of harm's way. Larry has two sons & a daughter, his daughter Susan was the first women motorcycle cop in N.Y.P.D. History & worked in highway 1. Larry is now living in Fla. He is a Eucharistic minister to nursing homes & home bounds. May god bless our service men & the firefighters who go to war each tour. If you have a joke, a story or want to contact an

old friend Walter Whitmore 126 Windermere dr. Yonkers N.Y. 914 779 1826, email wpwhitmore126@gmail.com

Have you ever attended a "RETREAT"?

Maybe this would be a wonderful time for you to set aside some time to share it with your fellow firefighters both active and retired.

The Chinese have a saying which goes " May you live in changing times." These are indeed changing times & we as Catholics must in some instances adapt to these changes. Unfortunately, many times we have to go into more detail as to what these changes mean to each of us. Some look at it with fear, others with expectations, some with hope, & others with despair. "Where are we going? Is heard over & over with no answer.

One of the most useful ways of retaining one;s stability,one's religious balance & sanity in a fast changing world, is that period of recollection, of thinking & praying that is traditionally called a RETREAT.

How often have all of us said "Thank goodness it's Friday" as you near the end of a hectic week? Yes, we all long for a chance to stop, relax, rest up & think. This is what a retreat offers each of us. This is what we can give ourselves at least once. With retreat conferences, liturgy,& sacraments, prayer & reflection, you can be renewed in your religious life, which will definitely, better equip you to live in today's world.

You may surprise yourself & others with your calmness, cheerfulness, & strength as you go back to a demanding world of daily work, inside & outside of home, in the midst of change and Crisis. (Buffalonian Newsletter)

Congratulations Once Again to Our 2015 Men of the Year!

Picture from Left to Right: Pres. HNS Chief Joe Bryant (Retired), Chief Joe Brosi, LT. Kevin McCutchan, Rev. Chris Keenan O.F.M., Chief Thomas Glavin, Ray Phillips



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Presidents Message

I want to thank everyone who joined us for our Jubilee 2015, a great success thanks to you. Mass at 10:15 am was celebrated by Cardinal Dolan who later surprised us & joined us for Breakfast at the Hotel. Our honorees were Father Chris Keenan, Fire Department Chaplain & Chief Thomas Galvan, Assistant Chief of Department. The Father Mychal Judge Humanitarian Award was presented to Lieutenant Kevin McCutchan & the Officers and Members of Engine 73 and Ladder 42. Next year the mass and breakfast will be held on Sunday, April 24, 2016.

I hope you all enjoyed your summer! Now that the summer is winding down our pace starts to increase. The Father Mychal Judge Walk of Remembrance will be held on Sunday, September 6th at St Francis of Assisi Church on 31st Street, across from Eng. 1 & Ladder 24. At 9 am we will pray the rosary followed by Mass at 9:30 am. After mass we will make our way down to the World Trade Center, stopping at various fire houses & police precincts along the way.

Our first meeting will be Monday, October 5th at Burke's Restaurant in Yonkers, 645 Bronx River Road just off the Bronx River Parkway. Our second meeting will be on Monday, November 2nd & the Hillside Swim club on Staten Island. The 7th Annual Harvest Gala at the Bishop Molloy Retreat House will take place on Wednesday, October 14th at 6 pm. This will be followed by the Timothy Stackpole Retreat from supper on Tuesday, October 20 through breakfast on Thursday October 22nd. If you cannot join us for the entire program come for a "24".

The Annual Father Julian Deekan Memorial Mass, remembering all our departed members will be held on November 8th at the 9:30 am mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church on 31st Street followed by the Police and Fire Line of Duty Widows Luncheon that afternoon at the Pennsylvania Hotel on West 33rd Street. All members that have children eligible for our High School Scholarship Test mark down Saturday, December 5th. The test is held at All Hallows High School in the Bronx. Members must be in good standing and have submitted an application to Bill Treanor, our scholarship chairman.

We are looking for Holy Name members that have enthusiasm and energy to help enrich our society by becoming a member of our board. Give us a call or send us an email if you are interested. There are many positions that are available, from chairmanships to committee members to officers on the board. No experience necessary and on the job training and assistance will be provided by your present board members. Most of the work can be done in the fire house or at home. Remember to have fun and stay safe! - Joe Bryant

PAYROLL DUES DEDUCTION CHECK-OFF

The Holy Name Society, Manhattan, Bronx, & Staten Island is a tax exempt, catholic & fraternal organization which has served the FDNY for nearly 100 years, both uniform and civilian. We are starting to go green by providing **ACTIVE MEMBERS ONLY** with a **PAYROLL DEDUCTION**. To enroll go to www.nyc.gov/ess, **CLICK:** Payroll & Compensations, **GO TO:** Deduction Information, **CLICK:** Inquiries, **FIND:** FDNY Fraternal Organizations, **CLICK ON:** Holy Name Society.

New Members or members who have moved, transferred, or retired please notify us at fdnyholynamesociety.com We need your help to keep our records up to date! Remember to include your Name, Address, Phone Number, Rank, & Assigned Unit!