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REFLECTIONS FROM ISSAQAH

Oh Steve,

We have all had a bad month with the home sequestering. I want to complement you, AGAIN, for your hard work putting this all together. I have no photo for you as we as a K of C Council have had no meetings or activities. I will instead include a photo of our resident eagles.

I've been all over the USA in the meantime and abandoned Florida when they turned the lights off on March twentieth.

I am in the process of home sequestering while I go through thirty years of 35mm slides and other accomplishments/failures of an eightieth year. Although I have not read about it, I am sure our 2020 state convention has been cancelled so I/you have not much to look forward to.

Stay healthy and keep your positive outlook on life. Know that I for one, look forward to your monthly missive.

Peace and good health, **Ernie Linnemann, St. Joseph's, Issaquah**

PS: I'll send you the eagles from another computer. Attached is base to final turn to SEATAC, Mt. Rainier on 21 Mar 2020. TPA to SEA about 10:00 PDST



Steve,

As promised in my last email, attached find our resident eagles who frequent our neighborhood the past few weeks. Although not very appropriate for K of C activities they are our American symbol of strength honesty and survival. Perhaps they are reminding us to preserver amid our few weeks of inconvenience and struggle.

For you and everyone, stay healthy and be ready to fight tomorrow.

Peace, E, Linnemann, 7907 Issaquah



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**WOULDN'T YOU JUST LOVE TO STEP
BACK IN TIME AND BE IN GRANDMA'S
KITCHEN AGAIN?**



To live a rich life has nothing
to do with money...



**Our grandparents were a lot
smarter than some give them credit
for.**



SIX LITTLE STORIES WITH LOTS OF MEANINGS

- (1). Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer, all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella. That is faith.
- (2). When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. That is trust.
- (3). Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. That is hope.
- (4). We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That is confidence.
- (5). We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. That is love.
- (6). On an old man's shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience.' That is attitude.

Have a happy day and live your life like these six stories. Remember - Good friends are the rare jewels of life, difficult to find and impossible to replace!!

**SUCCESS is never owned, IT'S RENTED.
And rent is due EVERY DAY.**



I REMEMBER

EQUIPPING OUR FUTURE SAINTS

The National Catholic Youth Conference in Atlanta

By STEVE SNELL

I was asked several years ago to be a chaperone for a group of young people from eastern Washington who would be traveling to Atlanta, Georgia for the National Catholic Youth Conference. My daughter Katie was a member of the group; this was an added plus for me. The time I spent with the people on the trip was a joy, a breath of fresh air from the Holy Spirit.

“ITS COOL TO BE CATHOLIC.”

Thousands of Catholic Teenagers with shirts on that say, “I Pray”, “Catholic to the Max,” and “Discover Jesus” running down the aisles of a huge arena to get front row seats for Mass, not for a rock concert or a major sports event but for Mass. Yes, something special was going on in Atlanta. Yes, something special is going on within our Church. Enthusiasm and energy, fire and excitement, faith and praise are knocking at the door. The Young are coming home, bringing with them the fresh breath of life and promise the liturgy speaks of.

The Mass on the last night of the Conference was a celebration of life. Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory of Atlanta was the main celebrant for the Mass. The Archbishop and more than 120 priests and deacons and 15 bishops entered escorted by teenagers waving colorful kites on long poles, liturgical dancers filled the arena with incense and the youth choir sang “Come Holy Spirit, send down your fire.” In his homily, the Archbishop said God’s “great act of becoming a man like us allows him to have a personal understanding of our makeup, it also allows him to know what goes through the minds and hearts of young people,” and said, “I have every confidence to believe that he is in our midst even as we speak of him.”

"COMMUNION, over 20,000 people going to Communion is awesome, bishops and priests went to various stations throughout the stadium. We all went forward to receive Christ in the Eucharist and then we returned to our seats to kneel or stand in silent prayer or song.

After the final blessing and procession, joyful noise burst forth and kites flew throughout the arena. Steve Angrisano the emcee, came into the alter area as everyone was lingering, not ready to leave after the two-hour liturgy. He asked the young people to do three things; to pray, to gather with their community and to participate in the sacraments. "We need you – believe, believe, believe," he told them.

The group of youths from various dioceses who had led the prayer services and songs throughout the event, then led all in one last song, "Winds of Change," the conferences theme.

I know that on this night the Lord heard our prayer because he was with us, you could feel him by your side and in your heart.

There were other attractions besides the speakers and the liturgies; there were opportunities to experience various forms of prayer – including listening to a high school Choir from Taizé, France, to praying the rosary to a contemporary mix of music - and to join in Eucharistic adoration. There were opportunities to make rosaries, prayer journals and blankets for newborns. They filled donated backpacks with toiletries, learned about fair-trade products and played a pro-life "Jeopardy" game and putt-putt golf with seminarians as a part of Peachtree Corners, the theme park that allowed teens to explore different aspects of their mind, body and spirit.

One of the "highlights" of the trip was a scheduled – non-Catholic event for the members of the Spokane diocese. We were guests of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Home Church of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., on their 45th Annual Men's Day Observance. We were welcomed at the front door, we were welcomed from the Pulpit and during their service they have a fellowship portion in which they welcome visitors and a vast majority of the congregation came forward and shook our hands and welcomed us to their Church.

They had a guest speaker for their Men's Day Observance, The Reverend Dr. H. Beecher Hicks; Jr. is the Senior Servant of the 6,000-member historic Metropolitan Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. In November 1993, Ebony magazine honored Dr. Hicks with the designation of one of America's "Fifteen Greatest African American Preachers." At the end of Dr. Hick's sermon, punctuated by many "standing ovations" from Baptists and Catholics alike, no one would doubt the designation made by Ebony about the speaking skills of Dr. Hicks. This man was a throwback to the great Orators of the past. Also, the music at this service was of extremely high quality and of a professional grade. If song is a form of prayer and we teach that it is, then heaven and anyone who could hear it was "dancing in the street." After the service we went over to the final resting place of Dr. Martin Luther King and viewed his eternal flame. Overall, this was a great experience for every one of us.



We met some great people from across this country and beyond and in the end that will be one of the "great" memories we take home. **WHEN**, you see young people stop what they are doing and raise their hand in prayer over a fallen companion in distress, **WHEN**, you walk down the street in a huge city and experience young people chanting for God, **WHEN**, you see young people repeatedly caring for each other and giving Bishops Standing ovations, **WHEN**, you see, hear and feel this then you will understand why, at that time & place it was, "**COOL TO BE CATHOLIC**". Brothers lets grow that in our heart today.



MORE THAN 2,000 MEN JOIN K OF C AMID PANDEMIC

More than 2,000 men joined the Knights of Columbus during the first ever online Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity held on April 16. The exemplification was hosted digitally by the Supreme Council as a

unique opportunity for men to join the Order in a time of social distancing and minimizing mass gatherings.

In his introductory remarks to the exemplification, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson emphasized that the Knights of Columbus' principles — charity, unity and fraternity— are “needed now more than ever.”

The online event took just under 40 minutes and nearly every jurisdiction in the United States and Canada was represented. Pennsylvania, Michigan, Texas and California were among the jurisdictions with the highest new member totals.

“Catholic men in our state, even during these times, want to belong to an organization like the Knights of Columbus to help others,” said William Chasse, the state deputy of Michigan, on the Order’s opportunity to increase its charitable impact. “The more that join the more we can help.”

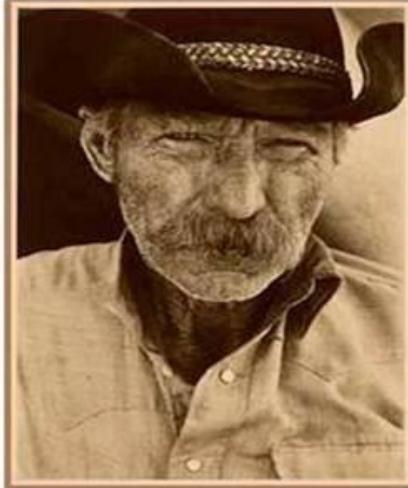
Pennsylvania State Deputy Mark Jago was pleased with the turnout, saying it’s “not surprising that Catholic men want to join us in our mission to serve others, especially now.”

In addition to new men joining, more than 7,000 first- and second-degree members were able to obtain their third degree, and thousands more Knights and family members were able to observe and support the candidates. The new, public exemplification debuted earlier this year, with the first taking place at St. Mary’s Church in New Haven, Conn., where the Order was founded.

This historic online event was organized by the Knights of Columbus’s newly formed Fraternal Excellence Department lead by Retired Navy Captain Tom McCaffrey. The Knights of Columbus is also adapting its charitable outreach during the COVID-19 pandemic, launching the new program “Leave No Neighbor Behind.” The program encourages Knights to lead their families, protect their parishes and serve their communities through a variety of charitable initiatives that also keeps members safe.

Here are the Five Rules for Men to Follow for a Happy Life that Russell J. Larsen had inscribed on his headstone in Logan, Utah. He died not knowing that he would someday win the....

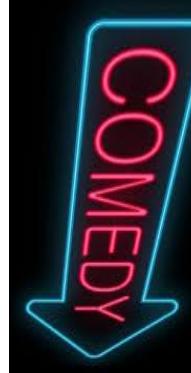
"Coolest Headstone" contest..."



A COWBOY TOMBSTONE

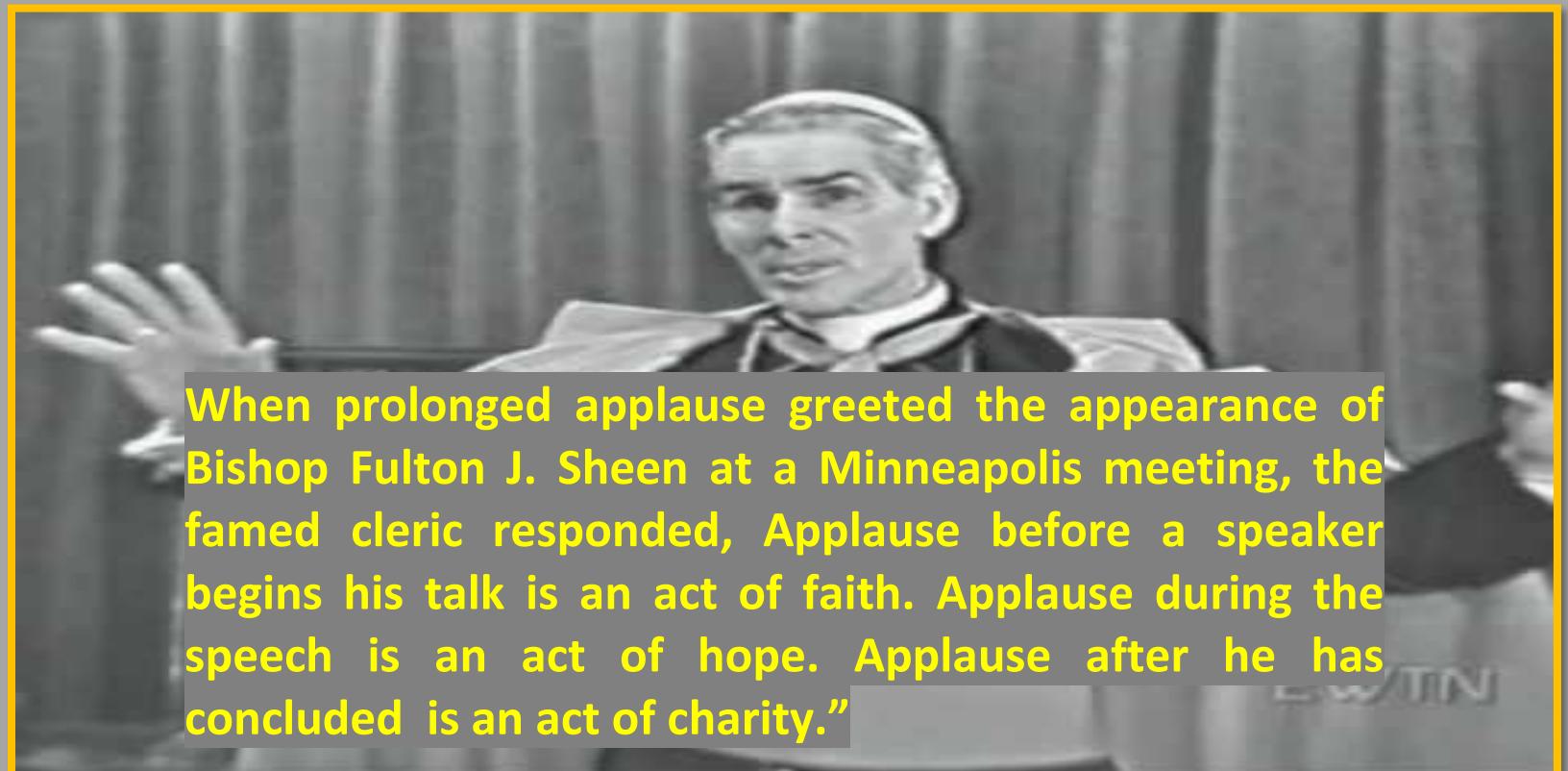
FIVE RULES FOR MEN TO FOLLOW FOR A HAPPY LIFE

1. It's important to have a woman who helps at home, cooks from time to time, cleans up, and has a job.
2. It's important to have a woman who can make you laugh.
3. It's important to have a woman who you can trust, and doesn't lie to you.
4. It's important to have a woman who is good in bed, and likes to be with you.
5. It's very, very important that these four women do not know each other or you could end up dead like me.



A PASTOR, A PRIEST AND A RABBI WALK INTO A BAR...

Two guys are sitting on a bar stool. One starts to insult the other one. He screams, "I slept with your mother!" The bar gets quiet as everyone listens to see what the other man will do. The first again yells, "I SLEPT WITH YOUR MOTHER!" The other man says, "Go home, dad. You're drunk."



When prolonged applause greeted the appearance of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen at a Minneapolis meeting, the famed cleric responded, Applause before a speaker begins his talk is an act of faith. Applause during the speech is an act of hope. Applause after he has concluded is an act of charity."



Hilarious Things My Mother Taught Me...

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE . "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
2. My mother taught me RELIGION. "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
3. My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL . "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"
4. My mother taught me LOGIC. " Because I said so, that's why."
5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC. "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT. "Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident."
7. My mother taught me IRONY "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM. "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
10. My mother taught me about STAMINA. "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

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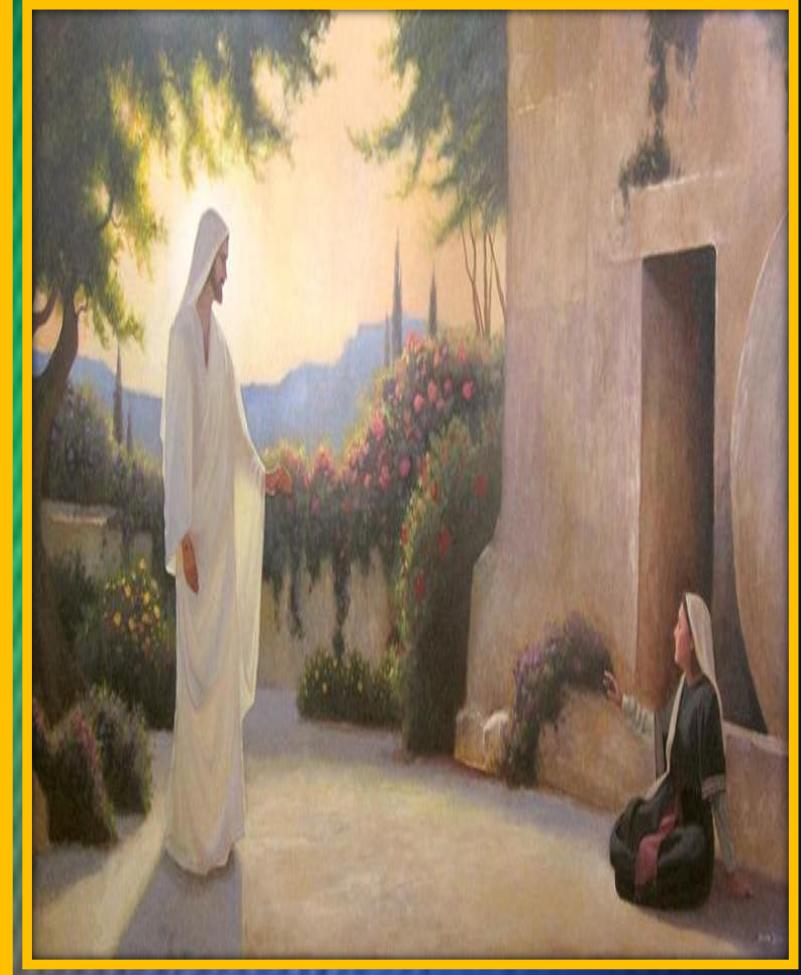
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STUCK UP. I'M NOT ANTI-SOCIAL. I
TREASURE MY SOLITUDE. I'M NOT A FAN
OF SMALL TALK. I PREFER A FEW CLOSE
FRIENDS. I AM RESERVED, UNTIL I'M NOT.
I APPRECIATE TRUE CONNECTION. AS A
KNIGHT "YOU" ARE CONNECTED.
IN HIS NAME, "OUR" MISSION MATTERS.**

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Washington State Council



Shut Everything Down!

I'm not willing to risk
death just to preserve
our way of life!



Oh really...



K of C Insurance Agents: Your Partners During COVID-19



Supporting your domestic church means helping keep your family financially protected. Our agents remain committed to offering you this protection

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Social distancing has put a lot of things on hold, but Knights of Columbus agents continue to serve members and their families, helping them identify financial solutions that give them protection and peace of mind.

Agents throughout the United States and Canada have gone digital, holding meetings with members and their families via Skype, as well as submitting and processing applications electronically.

“This is becoming a great medium for our members,” said Knights of Columbus General Agent Chris Stark of Fort Worth, Texas. “They love the convenience of being able to chat over Skype. This is going to change the way we interact with our members long-term — and for the better.”

“People have a lot of uncertainty right now,” Stark continued. “We’ve got small business owners. We have got people furloughed. We have got people switching careers. And we have got many people with more time on their hands than they expected. We are having some deep conversations with members and their families every day about how they can protect themselves financially, and how the Knights fit into that picture.” **To find out more contact your agent today**

Informed Parents of Washington

****Good News for Those of the Catholic Faith!!****

The Washington State Catholic Conference (WSCC) has just released a letter, signed by every Bishop in the State of WA, encouraging all Catholics to sign Referendum 90. You are encouraged to sign R-90 and have been empowered to ask your priest if he will help.

Some suggestions on how your parish can help:

- 1)** Have your church promote signing R90 on its social media platforms and on any mass emailing's
- 2)** Request to set up a "drive through" style signing in your church parking lot (using safe social distancing guidelines) for parishioners to come by and sign the petition
- 3)** Set up a petition signing in your church vestibule, provided the governor allows citizens return to mass before the 1 Jun deadline

IPOW has a church friendly social media banner available for download on our website at InformedParentsofWashington.com under the "resources" tab--your front office does not even have to create one. You can also download the letter from the Bishops, a single page printout with curricula examples, along with instructions on how to collect signatures on the same "Resources" page.

InformedParentsofWashington.com is also unveiling a mass listing of R-90 signing locations across the state. You can see if there is a signing in your local area or, if you set one up at your parish, email us and we will add it to the list.

A big THANK YOU to the Bishops for stepping up and supporting Referendum-90!

Informed Parents of Washington

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All the examples we post on this page are from actual curricula currently recommended by OSPI as meeting their standards and in use by several districts right now. Currently, Washington State Legislators have introduced 4 bills to mandate CSE to every school in Washington, grades K-12. While every school must teach a curriculum that meets CSE standards, districts will not be mandated to use one curriculum, which is why we provide examples from each of the most popular choices. Make no mistake, they are all bad. We are not against sexual education, but we are absolutely against the inappropriate, pleasure-based components within CSE that we feel harm our children. Any curriculum that follows CSE guidelines is unacceptable. Elementary age children do not need to learn about masturbation. Teens should not be told that the pull-out method is more effective than they think. Kids should not be taught that sexting is as innocent as watching a movie together, schools should not be suggesting co-bathing as an alternative.

We maintain that because CSE is not appropriate for any child it should not be given as an option to opt-in or opt-out of. We reject the Legislature's false attempt at appeasement by offering to allow kids to "opt- out" because we know that is never truly an option



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PEEKING THROUGH THE CURTAINS AT GREAT LEADERS

. By **STEVE SNELL**

What is it that sets a successful leader apart from an average leader? Is it down to pure and simple luck, or is it all having a great idea and a great plan in place? (*keep in mind what Mike Tyson said “everyone has a plan ‘til they get punched in the mouth”*) Well, make no mistake this all is a nice set of factors that will contribute to the outcome, but they have little to do with what makes a “creative leader” succeed in our world..

Every great leader has key attributes that allow him or her to succeed when others fail. This is an attempt to identify the qualities that these leaders share and that are keys to their success. I begin by asking the question: what are the thoughts and action patterns of winning leaders? My observational research has uncovered general patterns of what they are and are not as a group. This information I will present in the following 10-point profile:

LEADERSHIP

- 1) Leaders are hard driving doers committed to excelling in whatever they do. **They communicate.**
- 2) They are willing to deal with problems in a positive manor and they will fight until they get it right. **They communicate.**
- 3) They are smart natural and patient leaders who can inspire others, they can link others to participate in their vision. **They communicate.**
- 4) They are men and women of vision – obsessed with their goal/opportunity. **They communicate.**
- 5) Strong individuals with good judgment, **communicate** – “street smarts”.
- 6) Interested in using their leadership experience to **communicate** deeper meaning to their mission and personal life.
- 7) They do not like big risks. They would rather take calculated limited risks that can yield positive rewards. **They communicate.**
- 8) They work hard. They rarely stop even after initial goals are met. They go on to other opportunities. **They communicate**
- 9) They can tolerate and in fact seem to enjoy the challenging nature of their work. **They communicate.**
- 10) They share power and credit and in fact they, **communicate teamwork.**

As if the above list was not formidable enough, on to another list developed by your pro bono strategic thinker, that offers us a more intimate perspective on the behaviors of winners. Today's successful leaders are committed to convert the current disruption into an opportunity for growth and greatness. Below mom's oldest, presents six themes that he feels characterize great leaders:

- 1) **Commitment and determination** – they are very tenacious in the pursuit of their dreams. They make huge sacrifices such as working unlimited hours a week.
- 2) **They have a special kind of leadership** – they are hero makers and great teachers as well as great students. They will share the credit with their members they go to great effort to treat everyone fairly.
- 3) **They are obsessed with opportunity;** in other words, they have a good nose for finding “added value” everywhere.
- 4) **Risk and uncertainty** –they seem comfortable with this in fact they thrive on it.
- 5) **They are highly creative and possess the ability to adapt to almost any problem.** They are excellent problem solvers and they are not afraid of fear or failure, in fact they learn from it – **they learn quickly!**
- 6) They are highly motivated to excel in all undertakings. They are not competitive with anyone within their group. They are total “team players”; you want them on your side. **Another outstanding trait is their excellent sense of humor.**

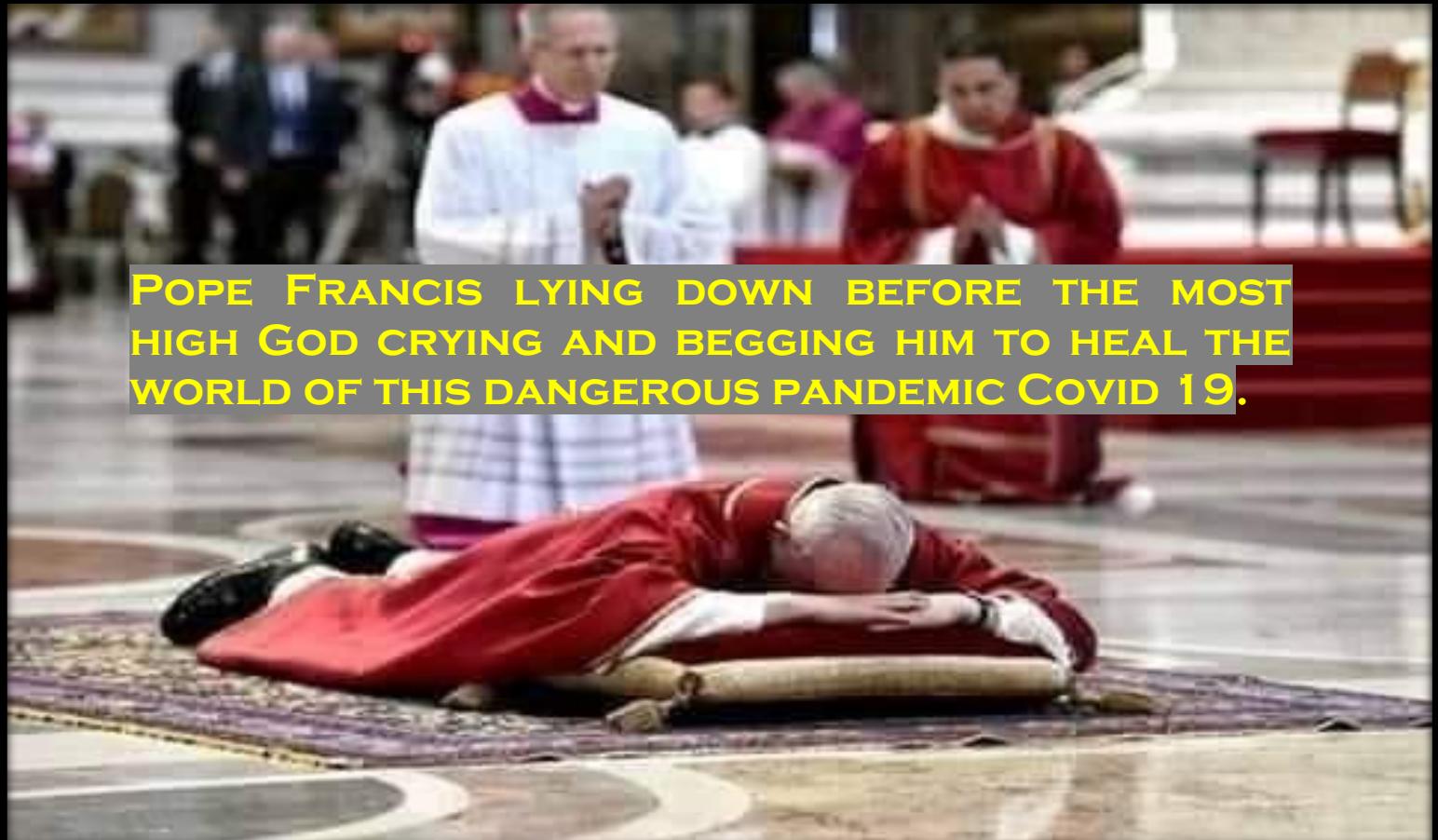
Simply, a leader is one who undertakes something new or remakes something old and eventually succeeds. Leaders may fail, and often they do, but there are no doers who are failures. Successful leadership only looks upon failure as a stepping-stone. Brothers we must prepare ourselves to deal with the next challenge without surrendering our values, civil rights, or our way of life. **One door close, another opens. IN HIS NAME NEVER STOP TRYING.**

One final thought: without a passion to succeed and grow as a person, all this means nothing

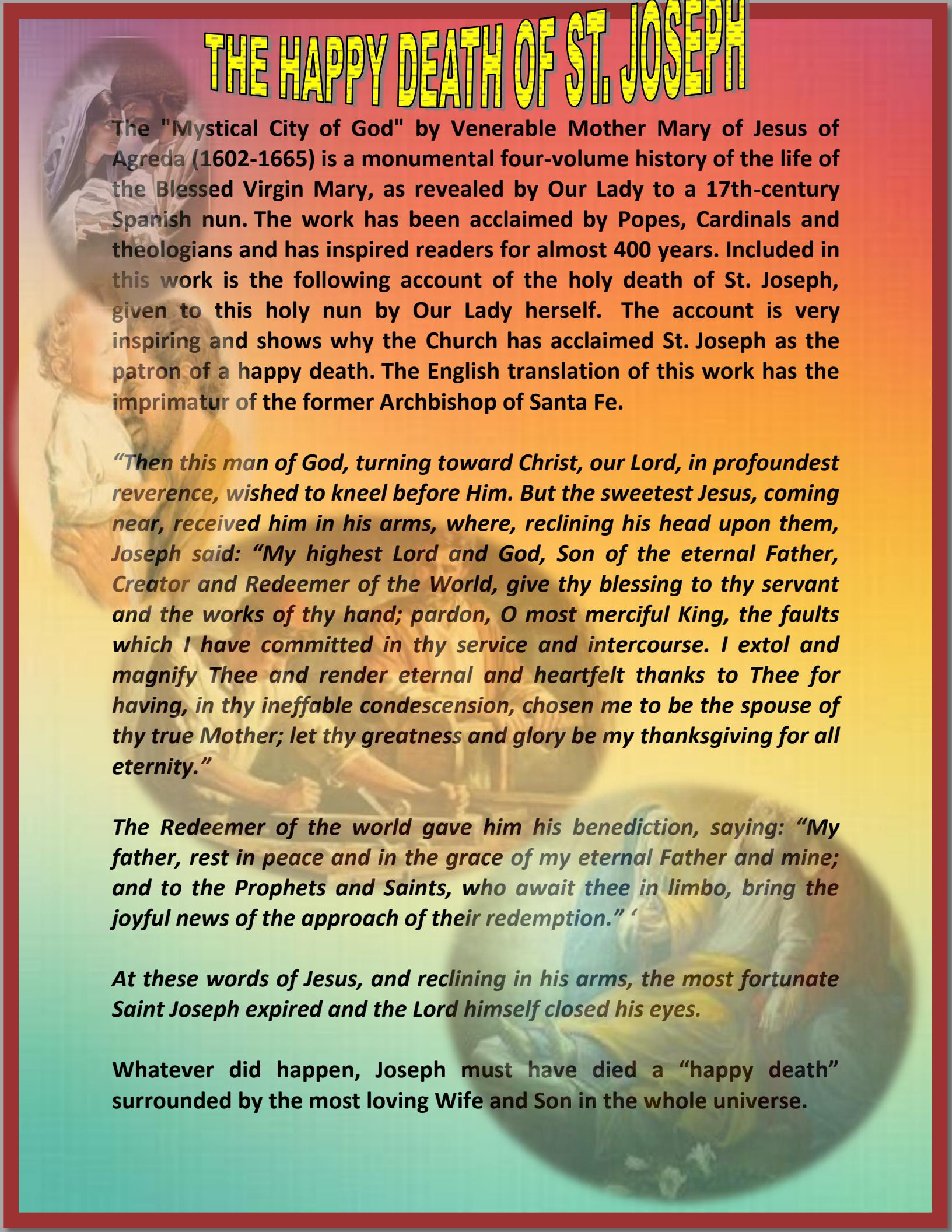
THE MAN WHO RAISED JESUS

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Saint Joseph is different from most Saints in that he is considered the second holiest man to ever live, and the second holiest Saint after the Blessed Mother. Yet he is hardly mentioned in scripture. That is because he is not the center of the story. Rather, he disappeared into his mission of caring and providing for Jesus. He instructed Jesus as a child, held authority over the holy family, and took responsibility in leading them in the faith. At the same time, he was a disciple of Christ, learning of Heavenly things from his Son, who in turn learned how to be a human man. Honor the feast day of Saint Joseph the Worker. The Church honors all laborers around the world, especially fathers who provide for their families, as Saint Joseph did for the child Jesus. Today is an excellent day to pray the Litany of Saint Joseph, remembering how important the role of fatherhood is in the Church and in society.



POPE FRANCIS LYING DOWN BEFORE THE MOST HIGH GOD CRYING AND BEGGING HIM TO HEAL THE WORLD OF THIS DANGEROUS PANDEMIC Covid 19.



THE HAPPY DEATH OF ST. JOSEPH

The "Mystical City of God" by Venerable Mother Mary of Jesus of Agreda (1602-1665) is a monumental four-volume history of the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as revealed by Our Lady to a 17th-century Spanish nun. The work has been acclaimed by Popes, Cardinals and theologians and has inspired readers for almost 400 years. Included in this work is the following account of the holy death of St. Joseph, given to this holy nun by Our Lady herself. The account is very inspiring and shows why the Church has acclaimed St. Joseph as the patron of a happy death. The English translation of this work has the imprimatur of the former Archbishop of Santa Fe.

"Then this man of God, turning toward Christ, our Lord, in profoundest reverence, wished to kneel before Him. But the sweetest Jesus, coming near, received him in his arms, where, reclining his head upon them, Joseph said: "My highest Lord and God, Son of the eternal Father, Creator and Redeemer of the World, give thy blessing to thy servant and the works of thy hand; pardon, O most merciful King, the faults which I have committed in thy service and intercourse. I extol and magnify Thee and render eternal and heartfelt thanks to Thee for having, in thy ineffable condescension, chosen me to be the spouse of thy true Mother; let thy greatness and glory be my thanksgiving for all eternity."

The Redeemer of the world gave him his benediction, saying: "My father, rest in peace and in the grace of my eternal Father and mine; and to the Prophets and Saints, who await thee in limbo, bring the joyful news of the approach of their redemption."

At these words of Jesus, and reclining in his arms, the most fortunate Saint Joseph expired and the Lord himself closed his eyes.

Whatever did happen, Joseph must have died a "happy death" surrounded by the most loving Wife and Son in the whole universe.

ANOTHER CRISIS

A genuine crisis.... using fear almost always enhances the power of central authoritarian government's leadership/control. President Obama's chief of staff Rahm Emanuel famously said in 2008, "You never want a crisis to go to waste. I mean, it's an opportunity to do things that you think you could not do before."

In such crisis, certain leaders who have always favored a more authoritarian approach to governance will use this moment to impose or regulate (control, tax, politicize) and gain power. Watch your back brothers, do not give up the rights your fathers died for.

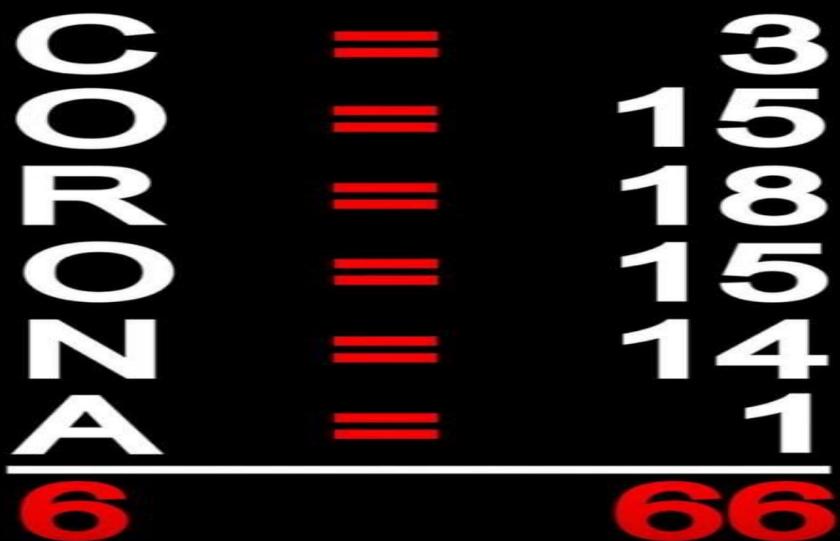
Many are advocating for economic bailouts but know that there will certainly be conditions: Capitalism as we know it will likely be changed forever. When the government is called upon to protect you on the downside, they can be expected to demand control the right to regulate, (control, tax, politicize) the upside.

**BY
STEVE
SNELL**

Now, we do not have the benefit of 20/20 hindsight yet. We are still in the midst of the crisis. Confusion reigns, and the need for clarity is paramount. The future is not about hunkering down... it is about finding the bright spots and moving forward. The cost should not be only measured just on the financial debit, but we should also be aware that the most crippling cost may turn out to be in the damage to our civil rights. If they can shut down our churches using fear, then the power of FDR's statement.... "**the only thing we have to fear is...fear itself –** becomes part of today's hope killing reality. The point is saving lives is important, this is not to be denied, but for the sake of our children's future and our way of life we must consider all the costs, (*without fear we are free*). Pray the rosary.



Drive-thru Holy Communion was available, at both
St Augustine, Oak Harbor and St Mary, Coupeville.



“If you add up the number of letters in CORONA, then add up the corresponding number represented by each letter in the alphabet, you get 666.”



EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY



KNIGHTS ON BIKES

As the subject line states today is the official eighth anniversary of the **Washington State Knights on Bikes**....KUDOS brothers for all your help and support we have come a long way. Over the last couple days, I have given a great deal of personal thought and reflection to our work and mission as Catholic Gentlemen motorcycle evangelist. Going thru my archives I found many great pictures of events and outings that we have done here in Washington and thought I would share just a few.



The first picture I love..... in it we see our State Founder and first president Tommy Rosati (far left kneeling with coffee cup), and also our second president Mike Rutland "Slider" (centered sitting with his wife Lady Lina standing behind him) along with several other recognized and honored founding members.

Then there is the picture of “**Wild Bill**” sitting on the “Sweet Charity” Father McGivney tribute bike.... probably our most dedicated and hardworking member who will never be able set behind the controls of a bike...**Big Fraternal Hug and Kudos** “**Wild Bill**”. And then the picture of the 12” KofC crest with the Gold Cross of Christ over the top.....the comment says it all.

Well today brothers is indeed a great day for Washington State Knights on Bikes and a perfect day to put on your vest and go for a ride.....see you out there, **Prayers your Way!**

“In God We Trust and Ride.”

TFMM
“Blanco”



WE'RE GETTING THE BAND BACK TOGETHER





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GREAT WOMEN SAINTS!

MONTHLY QUIZ



Kyle and I went on a pilgrimage in September 2019 to visit abbeys and Great Women Saints of France. See if you can identify who we saw and where we went in this monthly quiz:

BY KARL HADLEY PSD, FMFD, FVSM

She was born at Domremy in Champagne, France, in January 1412, the youngest of a family of five. Her father was a poor peasant farmer. She never learned to read or write.

At the age of thirteen, in 1425, she first became conscious of voices, recognizing them individually as St. Michael, St. Margaret, St. Catherine, and others.

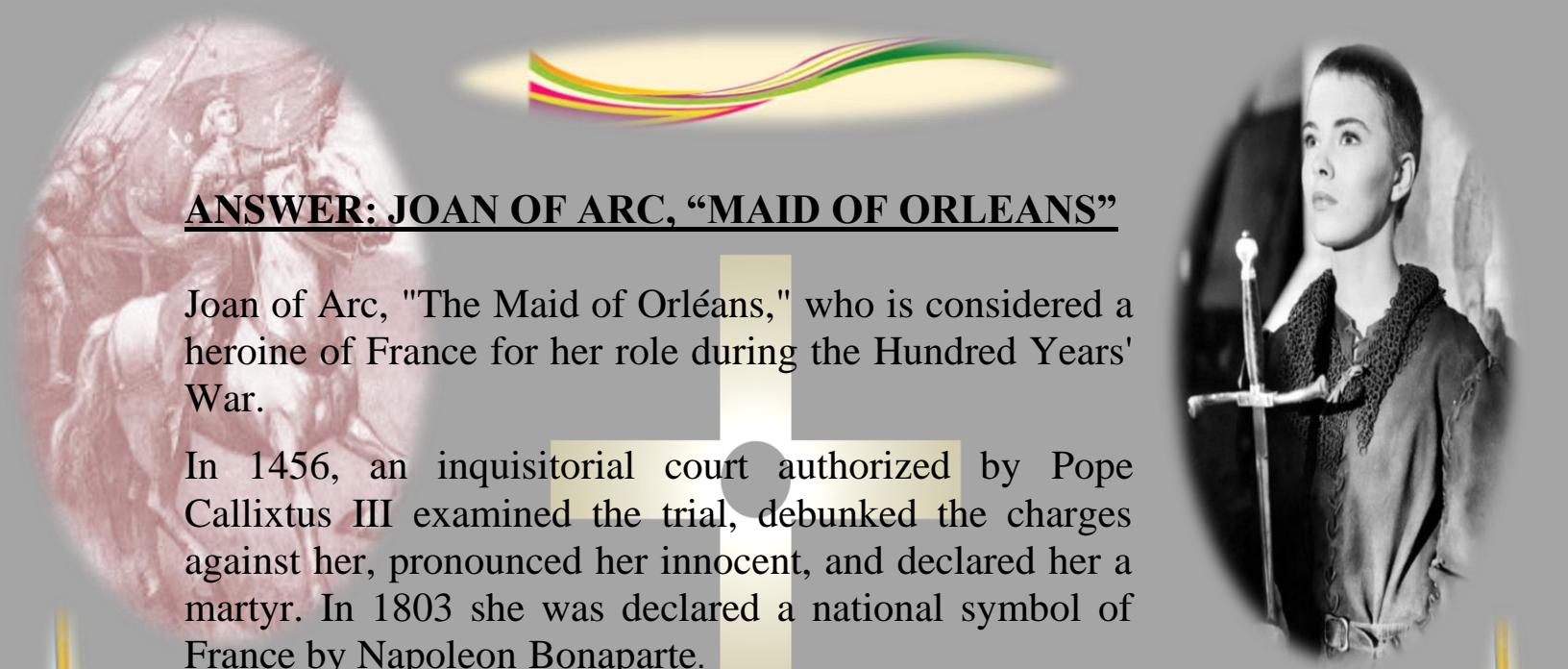
By 1428, she no longer doubted that she was bidden to go to the help of Charles VII and recover France from English domination.

The unanointed King Charles VII sent Joan to the Siege of Orléans as part of a relief army. She gained prominence after the siege was lifted only nine days later.

Several additional swift victories led to the coronation of Charles VII in 1429 at Reims Cathedral.

On May 23, 1430, she was captured at Compiegne by a group of French nobles allied with the English. She was put on trial by the pro-English bishop Pierre Cauchon on a variety of charges. After Cauchon declared her guilty, she was burned at the stake on May 30, 1431, dying at nineteen years of age. After death, her ashes were thrown into the Seine.

WHO WAS SHE?



ANSWER: JOAN OF ARC, "MAID OF ORLEANS"

Joan of Arc, "The Maid of Orléans," who is considered a heroine of France for her role during the Hundred Years' War.

In 1456, an inquisitorial court authorized by Pope Callixtus III examined the trial, debunked the charges against her, pronounced her innocent, and declared her a martyr. In 1803 she was declared a national symbol of France by Napoleon Bonaparte.

She was beatified in 1909 and canonized in 1920. **St. Joan of Arc** one of the nine secondary patron saints of France, along with Saint Denis, Saint Martin of Tours, Saint Louis, Saint Michael, Saint Rémi, Saint Petronilla, Saint Radegund and Saint Thérèse of Lisieux.

Joan of Arc (1412–1431) was formally canonized as a saint of the Roman Catholic Church on 16 May 1920 by Pope Benedict XV in his bull *Divina disponente*, which concluded the canonization process that the Sacred Congregation of Rites instigated after a petition of 1869 of the French Catholic hierarchy.

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TALKING TO THE WALL

A female journalist heard about an old man who had been going to the Western Wall to pray, twice a day, every day, for a long, long time.

So, she went to check it out.

She went to the Western Wall and there he was, walking slowly up to the holy site.

She watched him pray and after about 45 minutes, when he turned to leave, using a cane, and moving very slowly, she approached him for an interview.

"Pardon me, sir, I'm Rebecca Smith from CNN. What is your name?

"Morris Feinberg," he replied.

"Sir, how long have you been coming to the Western Wall and praying?"

"For about 60 years."

"That's amazing! What did you pray for 60 years?? "

"I pray for peace between the Christians, Jews and the Muslims."

"I pray for all the wars and all the hatred to stop."

"I pray for all our children to grow up safely as responsible adults and to love their fellow man."

"I pray that politicians tell us the truth and put the interests of the people ahead of their own interests."

"How do you feel after doing this for 60 years?"

"Like I'm talking to a wall."

SEE YOU NEXT MONTH, UNTIL THEN!



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