



WASHINGTON STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

"THE SECOND EDITION"

JULY 2020

BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATERS

THE CHALLENGE WILL BE TOO MEET

TROUBLE'S DARK AND DEVASTATING FURY.

WILL YOU STAND UP TO THEM PROUDLY?

(There's power in confidence)

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"LEAVE NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND"

even Councils on the Kitsap Peninsula hosted individual food drives to benefit food banks in their respective communities on June 28th from noon to 3 PM. Holy Trinity Council 11789 in Bremerton has shown incredible leadership and inspiration for this effort. They have already held 3 food drives, all during the Covid-19 shutdown period, where they have collected over 7 tons of food and \$14,000 in monetary donations. The other Councils were working hard to make a difference in their communities on the 28th.

Council 1789 has leveraged their planning and marketing approaches to the other Councils. this is the flyer that they produced for Council 8297...



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BILL DEWEY 360-621-7790

“Leave No Neighbor Behind”
Peninsula-wide Food Drive

Canned goods...

and other non-perishable foodstuff

Also taking Cash and Check Donations!

Sunday, June 28th, noon-3PM
NK High School, West parking lot directly across Caldart from St. Olaf's entrance at 18943 Caldart Ave NE, Poulsbo
All donations go to the Poulsbo Fishline

An Easy-peasy Drive-through Food Drive: Drive-up & Drop-off.

Other Participating Churches:

- * St. Nicholas, Gig Harbor
- * Holy Trinity, Bremerton
- * St. Gabriel, Port Orchard
- * Prince of Peace, Belfair
- * Naval Base Kitsap, Bangor
- * Star of the Sea, Brem. (*on 27th*)

Donations go to:

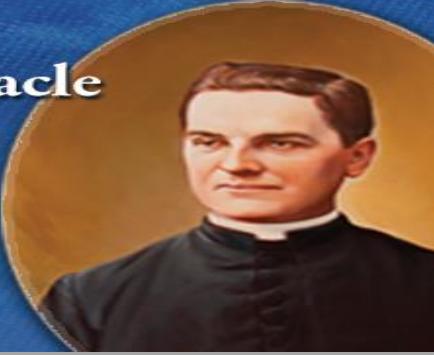
- * St. Vincent de Paul
- * St. Gabriel Care and Share
- * South Kitsap Helpline
- * North Mason Food Bank
- * Central Kitsap Food Bank
- and others!*

Point of Contact:
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360-981-3179



*A 3-hour event to ensure we
“Leave no neighbor behind.”*

**Pope approves Father McGivney's miracle
saving the life of an unborn child.
K of C founder to be beatified!**



CURE OPENS DOOR TO FATHER MCGIVNEY'S BEATIFICATION

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Five years ago, Dan and Michelle Schachle prayed to Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney to intercede with God to save their son, still in his mother's womb, who was given no hope of surviving a life-threatening case of fetal hydrops.



WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE

(Dangerous challenges, not for sissies)



*"Courage is an internal resolution to go forward despite the challenges; Cowardice is submissive surrender to circumstances. Courage breeds creativity: Cowardice represses fear and is mastered by it. Cowardice asks the question, is it safe? Expediency asks the question, is it politically correct Vanity asks the question, is it popular? But conscience asks the question, is it right?
..... (Where is Superman when you need him?)*

BY STEVE SNELL

ON OUR CURRENT ISSUES.....Is it possible, that what we are defending may not be the same as what the protesters are attacking, just as the windmills attacked by Don Quixote were not the giants that he saw. The protesters in the manner of Don Quixote have identified their targeted truth, yet they do not always respond to the core or the true reality of things; today's reality is broader and cannot be contained; in the limited granular logic of the herd driven protesters, their avowed mission (*actions*) are simply unable to embrace the diversity the whole, they take out one part and call it the whole. The methods they use give credence to the phrase...the cure causes more devastation (*harm*) to their well-intended protests than to the validity of their cause. Herd mentality can unintentionally destroy a cause...
NOTE: *History has proven that it is easier to fool a man than to convince a man he has been fooled; his cause hijacked.*

My brothers, the unborn, the young, the old, the homeless, the racially abused, the poor & destitute matter. **We all matter**, if for no other reason than our Creator said so. We must use the strength of our humanity to carry on for the good of all. **Your actions shape your legacy.**



Your cause is a garden.
Your actions are the seeds.
You can grow flowers.
Or you can grow weeds.



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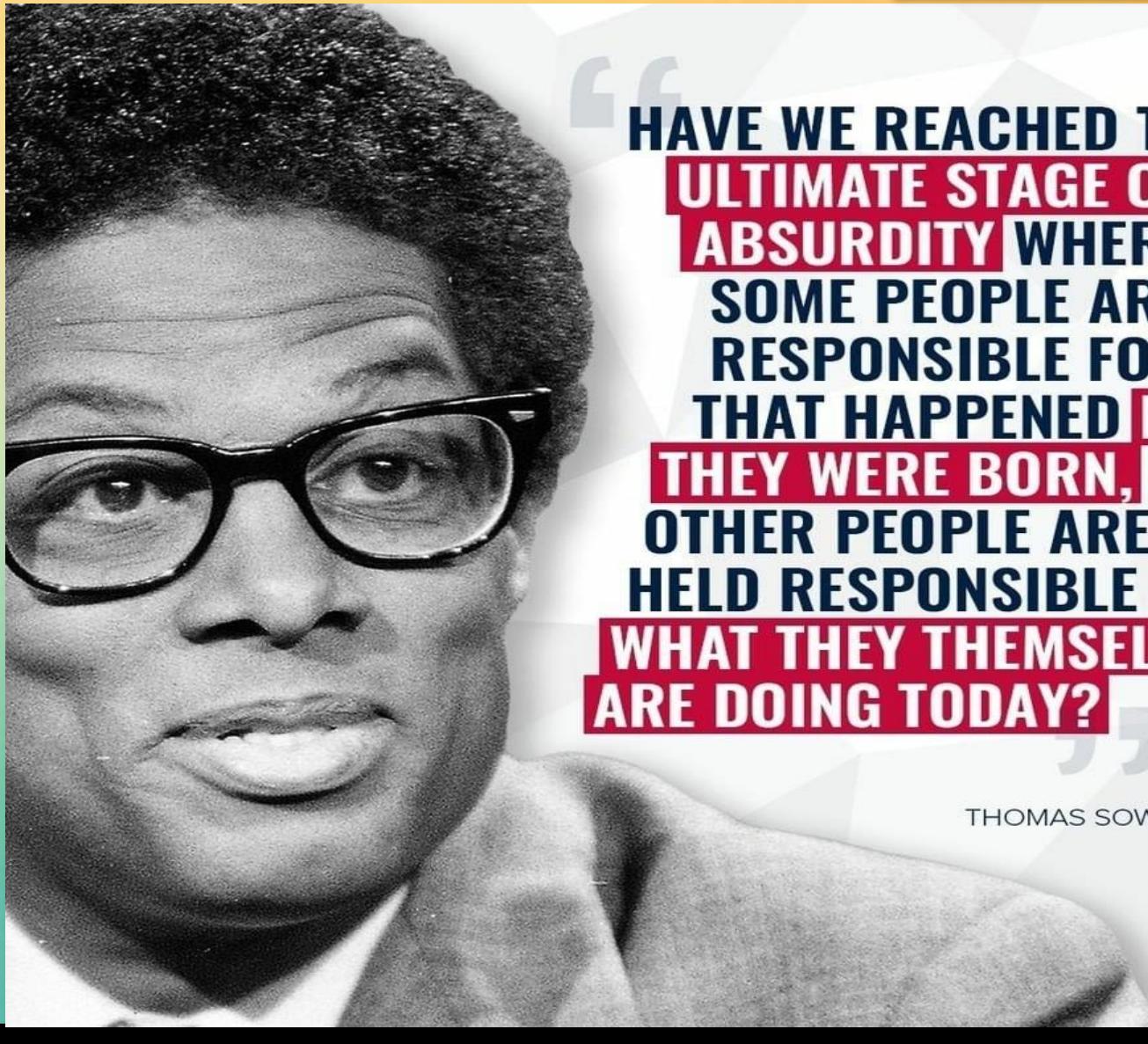
**THE DUMBING DOWN
OF SOCIETY IS
COMPLETE.**

HOW I LEARNED TO MIND MY OWN BUSINESS:

I was walking past the mental hospital the other day, and all the patients were shouting, "13...13...13."

The fence was too high to see over, but I saw a little gap in the planks, so I looked through to see what was going on.

Some idiot poked me in the eye with a stick, then they all started shouting, "14...14...14."



**HAVE WE REACHED THE
ULTIMATE STAGE OF
ABSURDITY WHERE
SOME PEOPLE ARE HELD
RESPONSIBLE FOR THINGS
THAT HAPPENED BEFORE
THEY WERE BORN, WHILE
OTHER PEOPLE ARE NOT
HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR
WHAT THEY THEMSELVES
ARE DOING TODAY?**

THOMAS SOWELL

SUPREME COURT BACKS LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR



WASHINGTON, D.C., July 8, 2020— The US Supreme Court ruled 7-2 Wednesday in a decision siding with the Little Sisters of the Poor and their bid to stop being forced to distribute abortifacient and contraceptive drugs to their employees.

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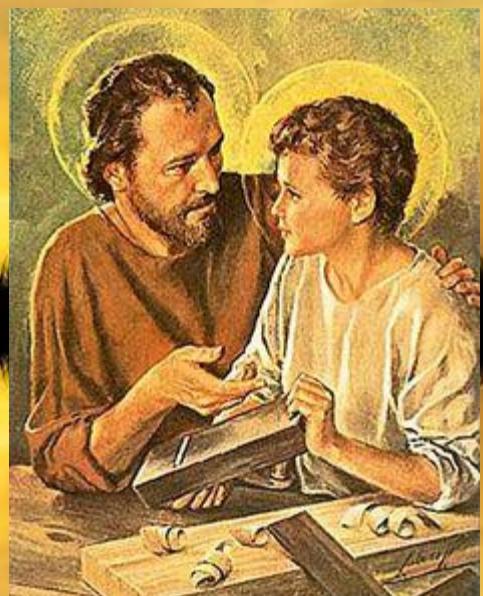


Pope Francis needs our prayers. Pope Francis is sick, and this is the second time in a month he has fallen. Pope Francis only has one lung because the other has been removed due to infection. He needs more of our prayers than ever before. We ask all Catholics and non-Catholics around the world to pray for Pope Francis so that he can continue his reforms and help the poor as leaders of humanity.

Our goal is to reach ten million Hail Mary for Pope. Campaign has just begun. Share this message with 5 groups to support the work of Pope Francis. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. You are blessed among women and Jesus, the fruit of your womb, is blessed. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us poor sinners now and at the hour of our death.



FATHER'S DAY



"No greater joy can I have than this, to hear that my children follow the truth" - (3 John 1:4)



Model car contest for all ages!



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS®**

2nd Annual St Columban Council 17152

COATS FOR KIDS

New Date!

Car Show August 22nd ,2020

9am—2pm

St Columban Catholic Church

506 1st St S Yelm, WA..

You can **SAVE** your spot by mailing your \$20 check now !

Payable to St Columban Council 17152

KOFC Coats for Kids Car Show at 506 1ST St S. Yelm WA 98597

Show is open to all years, makes and models

Everyone is welcome Trophies for Awesome 7(Participants vote) , People's , Knights Choice and Father Favorite. Model car contest for all ages.

Registration fee is \$20 per Vehicle and opens at 8:30am, awards at 1:30pm. Donations are also accepted .

Food and beverage will be available for purchase.

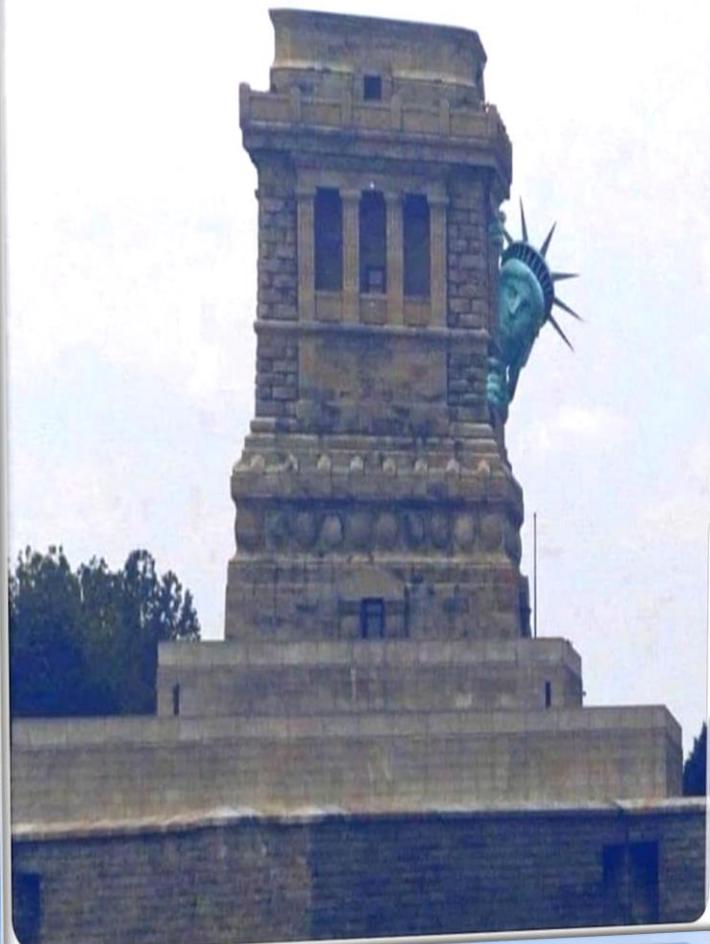
All proceeds help fund our Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids coat drive that helps give a kids in our community a new winter jacket distributed on Black Friday.

For show information or questions you may have please contact Darren Johnson at 253-709-4588 or email darrenejohnson61@gmail.com

SUMMITED BY DARREN E. JOHNSON



Am I next?



OUR TROOPS PROTECTING THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL

CAN I ASK A QUESTION?

FEAR - PHASE ONE

Thank god for the above statement by Socrates, Questions, questions, questions. They disturbed. They provoke. They exhilarate. They intimidate. They make you feel like you may not be all that sane (logical). This from observation and personal experience can make you feel like the ground is shaking and shifting under your very own feet, But not from an earthquake, it's because of that old Greek guy's famous contribution to ideas has lasted over the centuries as one of the most required elements of any concept or idea. **FEAR of being asked to explain can be debilitating or it can be a great opportunity. Being prepared lessens the fear. Ask God for help!**

IS FEAR DANGEROUS?

Yes! Anyone who is different today faces harassment, whether it is in the way he looks, or in the positions he takes on issues. And when the price of being different from the herd is a cold fear, then the freedom as we know it in our political and daily life is gone.

NOTE: (Display courage to overcome fear.) Fathers and Mothers strengthen and encourage your children instead of protecting them to the point of weakness.



WHY SHOULD WE USE THE SOCRATIC METHOD TODAY?

The Socratic method of asking Questions was his way of helping us gaining a better understanding of our ideas, their nature, and their potential for excellence. There are times when asking and answering a question can help make better informed decisions that will Improve people's life choices. Despite popular belief, the more questions you ask, the stronger your footing will become on the issues. The better informed you are the better you will know yourself. The more you can plan out a meaningful path for you and your country's future. Questions can open doors for you. Why not step up and become a lover of questions, a freelance thinker, find a more creative way of seeing the world and spreading God's Word. Why not give it a try? Why not make it a fun adventure?Are we there yet????

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FEAR - PHASE TWO

By STEVE SNELL

He overcame his fears of yesterday and today.

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

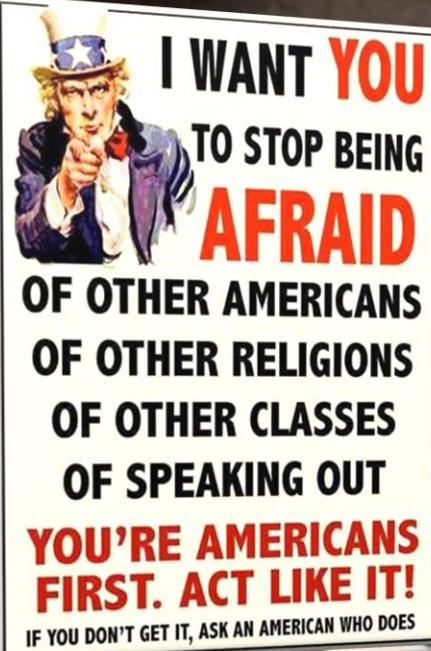
He lives by his ideas and fears. He understands the world through his beliefs and fears. I am a man; the ability to think rationally and abstractly makes me uniquely different from the rest of the animal kingdom. And unlike other animals, we humans are the only animals on earth who have died for our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

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

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

The Solution: He reviewed what he was feeling fearful about and evaluated what must be done to prepare him mentally. He prepared for what actions He needed to take to deal with the situation in the best possible way. It was in this way in small daily resolutions and internal journeys of self-analysis that allowed him to pull back the curtains, the sun peaked in and that is how..... I looked her in the eye and said to the priest, "**"I Do".** (*It is not easy being me*)

' WELL, BLOW ME DOWN '



POPEYE
91 years old

COURAGE AND STRENGTH GO HAND-IN-HAND



How Knights Added “Under God” to the Pledge

Patriotism and faith compelled Knights to petition U.S. government to make addition in the early 1950s



The original Pledge had no references to God. However, the Knights personally inserted “under God” into their recitations at the opening of Fourth Degree assembly meetings in 1951. Momentum grew within the Knights to petition the United States Congress to revise the Pledge.

At the time, Supreme Knight Luke Hart was president of the National Fraternal Congress of America, which adopted “under God” into its own Pledge recitations in 1952. From that year until 1954, the Supreme Council repeatedly sent copies of their resolutions to members of Congress, U.S. senators, Vice President Richard Nixon, and President Eisenhower.

The appeals received generally positive feedback, with Rep. Louis C. Rabaut of Michigan introducing one of 17 eventual congressional resolutions to officially add “under God.” Significant support for the movement grew when Presbyterian minister George Docherty preached about the words, saying, “To omit the words ‘under God’ in the Pledge of Allegiance is to omit the definitive character of the American way of life.” President Eisenhower was in attendance and heard the sermon.

The congressional resolution was adopted by the House and Senate, and President Eisenhower signed it on June 14, 1954. Several years later, St. John Paul XXIII “expressed his gratification” to the Knights of Columbus for their advocacy because “some 30 million children, at the beginning of each school day, acknowledged the existence of God and their dependence upon Divine Providence.”





To My Husband

I DIDN'T MARRY YOU
SO I COULD LIVE WITH YOU



I Married You



BECAUSE →

I Can Not Live Without You

♥ I MAY NOT BE

Your first Date
Your first Kiss
Your first Love ♥



∞ BUT I JUST WANT TO BE ∞

Your Last Everything

∞ Never Forget ∞

How Special YOU ARE TO ME



♥ I Love You

FOREVER AND ALWAYS

Love, Your Wife



DO NOT FORGET US OLD GUYS

The Order is changing, the young guys are taking the reins. What with online degrees, becoming an online Knight, the lack of need for Councils, the name changes that will most likely come, it has been popular to ignore the old guys in the Order. Well I am here to tell you that we still have something to contribute!

Us OLD guys are the ones with the Alphabet Soup behind our names.

Us OLD guys are the corporate knowledge of the Order even though we sometimes have memory lapses. We are the backbone of the Order. The young guys are too busy working and earning money for their families, being in their family's lives, especially if they have children.

Us OLD guys are the ones that work events, cook the pancakes, and at one time even stood an honor guard or two when we had the Regalia. Most of us are on fixed incomes and cannot afford the new duds so the Legal Honor Guard is not an option for us anymore. But we still show up to functions, support our Parishes, Families and Community.

Us OLD guys live, breath and sleep Knights of Columbus or whatever it will be called in the future. But the general consensus among us OLD guys is that we are being put out to pasture because the young ones don't value our opinion, the Traditions of the Knights of Columbus and the lessons we, the OLD guys have learned.

Us OLD guys have purchased all the insurance we can and now are unhealthy and cannot buy any more so many of us OLD guys feel they hold less value to the younger Knights and are being shelved. In a few years, stop by and ask the OLD Brother Knight what happened to the Knights of Columbus of old that our Blessed founder Michael J. McGivney founded oh so many years ago.

I thank you for your time.

Peter Caldwell PGK, PFN, FDD

Former Marshal, Former Color Corps Commander

Past State Vocations Chairman, Past State New Council

Development Chairman, Past State Member Development Chairman.



SPOKANE BISHOP RESPONDS TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES RACISM VIDEO



CREDIT SPOKESMAN REVIEW & CATHOLIC NEWS AGENCY

Remarks by Rob McCann, the chief executive of Catholic Charities of Eastern Washington, have drawn outrage from members of the Catholic community who accuse him of making overbroad “generalizations” about systemic racism and the complicity of white church members.

McCann expressed solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement in a video released several weeks ago, capturing the attention of Catholic groups nationwide amid protests police brutality and racial injustice. Among the most vocal critics of the video is Spokane’s Catholic bishop, Thomas Daly, who said in a statement Monday the church has been “roiled” by McCann’s message.

“When Rob spoke of the church as racist, himself as racist and essentially all white people are racist – I thought it was a very simplistic way to look at the tragedy of racism,” Daly said in an interview with The Spokesman-Review.

Daly said he has received many calls and emails from church members who feel McCann spoke too broadly about racism and ignored positive things the church has done.

“No, not everybody is racist by sheer skin color,” Daly said.

McCann declined a request for an interview on Monday, but recently he issued a statement on the Catholic Charities website to clarify the remarks he made in the video. “Though I meant the video to begin a humble examination of my role and Catholic Charities’ role in systemic racism, it was perceived as an attack on the church,” McCann wrote. “And though I meant the video to begin healing rifts within our community, it resulted in some people becoming further entrenched in their positions.”

McCann said his Spokane-based organization, which runs numerous charitable operations including a homeless shelter and low-income housing programs, has been the target of “violent and hateful language” in response to his video.

“There also has now been violence committed against my wife and children at my home,” McCann wrote. “For all of my best intentions, these past weeks have been marked by hurt and sadness from all involved.”

He later added, “As an individual with white privilege, I certainly have had moments where I could and should have done more to be actively anti-racist. I am not saying that all white people are racists or that all Catholics are racist.”

Daly noted that the diocese recently issued a statement condemning institutional racism amid the protests sparked by the killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis police. But in his statement Monday, the bishop criticized McCann for continuing to support the sweeping movement that has fallen under the Black Lives Matter umbrella.

Daly accused members of that movement of failing to condemn violence and looting at protests. He wrote that “one need not stand with BLM to stand for Black lives.”



Rob McCann, President & CEO of Catholic Charities in Spokane on Nov. 21, 2019. His video message about systemic racism sparked controversy among some Catholics in Spokane.

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ST. MARY MAGDALENE:

Mary Magdalene is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. The precise dates of her birth and death are unknown, but we do know she was present with Christ during his public ministry, death, and resurrection. She is mentioned at least a dozen times in the Gospels. Mary Magdalene has long been regarded as a prostitute or sexually immoral in western Christianity, but this is not supported in the scriptures. It is believed she was a Jewish woman who lived among Gentiles, living as they did. The Gospels agree that Mary was originally a great sinner. Jesus cast seven demons out of her when he met her. After this, she told several women she associated with and these women also became followers. There is also debate over if Mary Magdalene is the same unnamed woman, a sinner, who weeps and washes Jesus' feet with her hair in the Gospel of John. Scholars are skeptical this is the same person. Despite the scholarly dispute over her background, what she did in her subsequent life, after meeting Jesus, is much more significant. She was certainly a sinner whom Jesus saved, giving us an example of how no person is beyond the saving grace of God. During Jesus' ministry, it is believed that Mary Magdalene followed him, part of a semi-permanent entourage who served Jesus and his Disciples. Mary likely watched the crucifixion from a distance along with the other women who followed Christ during His ministry. Mary was present when Christ rose from the dead, visiting his tomb to anoint his body only to find the stone rolled away and Christ, very much alive, sitting at the place they laid Him. She was the first witness to His resurrection. After the death of Christ, a legend states that she remained among the early Christians. After fourteen years, she was allegedly put into a boat by Jews, along with several other saints of the early Church, and set adrift without sails or oars. The boat landed in southern France, where she spent the remaining years of her life living in solitude, in a cave. St. Mary Magdalene's feast day is July 22. She is the patroness of converts, repentant sinners, sexual temptation, pharmacists, tanners and women, and many other places and causes. Catholic.org



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TWO ABBEYS



Kyle and I have visited two abbeys in Europe that have a few things in common – can you guess what?

BY KARL HADLEY PSD, FMFD, FVSM

One abbey was founded about 640 AD and is one of the most celebrated monasteries of Western Europe. The abbey is situated on the banks of the Loire river. The community was scattered by the French revolution. Nevertheless, a presence remained continually: the parish was held by a monk disguised as a secular priest. There were numerous attempts to restore the monastery throughout the 19th century. Finally, in 1944, the community was restored to the abbey and today about 40 monks remain.

Another monastery in Italy was sacked by the invading Lombard's around 570 and abandoned. The second monastery was Established around 718 and was sacked in 883 by Saracens and abandoned again. The monastery was rebuilt in 949. Many monks rose to become bishops and cardinals, and three popes were drawn from the abbey: Stephen IX (1057–58), Victor III (1086–87) and Gelasius II (1118–19). The buildings were destroyed by an earthquake in 1349. In 1799, it was sacked again by Napoleon's French troops during the French Revolutionary Wars. The abbey was dissolved by the Italian government in 1866, but the building became a national monument with the monks as custodians of its treasures. In 1944, during World War II the building was destroyed by Allied bombing. It was rebuilt after the war.

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The Fleury Abbey
Is the Benedictine
Monastery of St Benoit
sur Loire in Loiret, France.



Monte Casino is a historic hilltop abbey in Italy founded in AD 529 by Benedict of Nursia. Once established at Monte Casino, Benedict never left. He wrote the Benedictine Rule that became the founding principle for Western monasticism. He is believed to have died of a fever at Monte Casino on March 21, 547, not long after his twin sister, Saint Scholastica, died at her nearby convent, and was buried in the same place as his sister.



Mommolus, the second Abbot of Fleury, is said to have transferred the relics of St. Benedict from Monte Casino when that abbey fell into decay after the ravages of the Lombard's in the seventh century.

However, the monks of Monte Casino maintain that the earthly remains of St. Benedict and his twin sister St. Scholastica rest today at Monte Casino. A black marble scroll on their tomb states: "St. Benedict and St. Scholastica were never separated in spirit during their life nor are their bodies separated in their death."



FIRST CATHOLIC NATIVE AMERICAN SAINT

"Celebrating St. Kateri Tekakwitha" -- the first Catholic Native American to be canonized -- won BEST PHOTOGRAPH – Color Category in the Catholic Press Association's media awards. Appearing in the October 2019 issue of Columbia, the judges' comment about the photograph was, "Really vivid colors. Connection to Catholic life clear. Impressive that the subject was so sharp, and the background was blurred behind her. Nice photo that was full of technical skill and emotion." St. Kateri's feast day is celebrated by the Catholic Church. St. Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us!



*"St. Kateri
is a beacon
of hope and
reconciliation for
our Indigenous people
in the Americas."*

Graydon Nicholas
Former- Lt. Gov. of New Brunswick
Member of the Maliseet First Nation Tribe
Knights of Columbus Supreme Warden

THE WOODCHUCKERS

The Woodchuckers are led by Brother Knight Mike Courtright of Council 8297 at St Olaf's in Poulsbo. Several other Council 8297 Brother Knights are part of the team. Well done.



Our regular wood chucking group meets every Monday from 8 am – 10 am. Have time tomorrow? Join us for a work party! We would love to see you join the team. All you need is a pair of gloves and a positive attitude! If you are interested, please contact volunteer@fishlinehelps.org. I would love to introduce you to Michael C., Lead Woodchucker volunteer!

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Our beloved
#SanGabrielMission, founded in 1771, devastated by fire before dawn. St. Junípero Serra, pray for this land that you helped to found.



Marion County Sheriff's Office is with **Donna Carroll** and 4 others.

4 hrs ·

Happening Now

Deputies were called out to the Queen of peace Catholic Church on Southwest Highway 200 after a man drove his vehicle into the front doors and then lit a fire while parishioners were inside. He then led deputies on a vehicle chase and was soon captured. No serious injuries reported at this time. As more information becomes available, it will be released.



HOLY TRINITY ASSEMBLY 3097

District Master Larry Shaw just completed Installation of Officers for Holy Trinity Assembly 3097. And, also Knighted the two newest Sir Knights in Western Washington. Congrats to all!



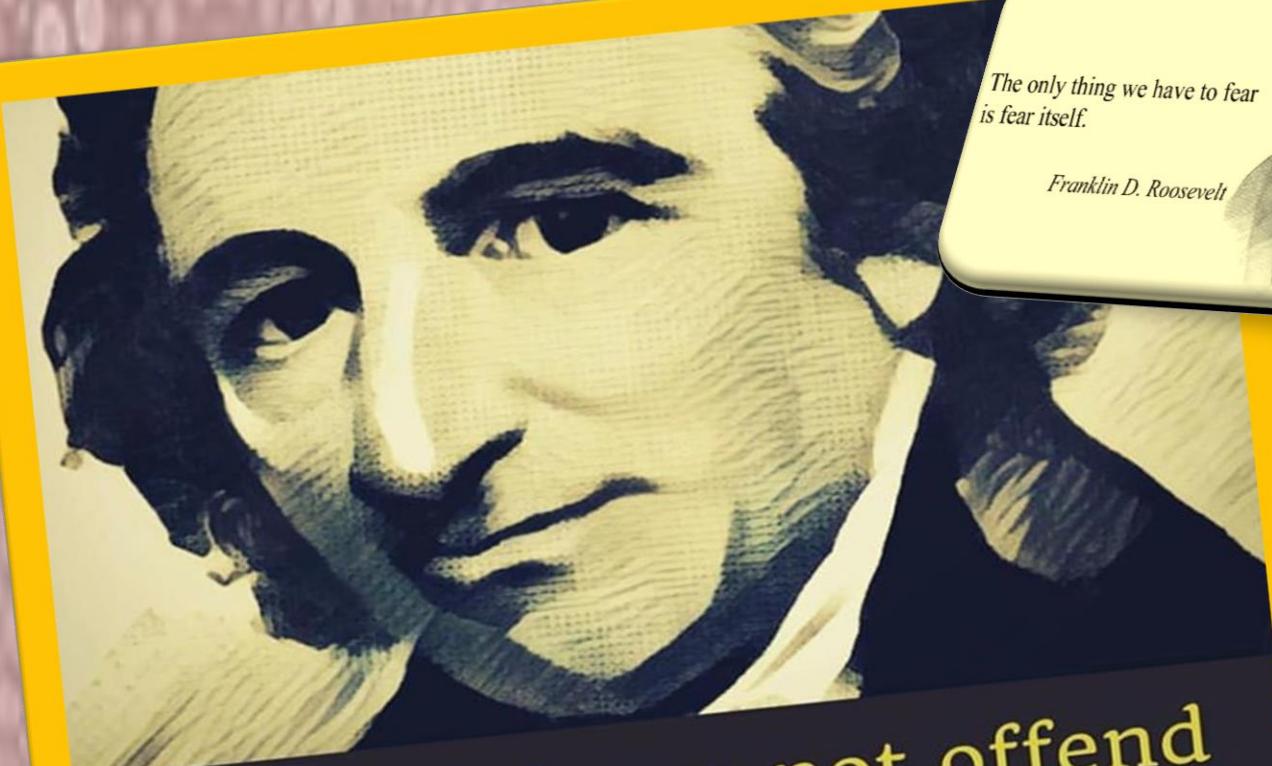
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**COMPLETED INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR
HOLY TRINITY COUNCIL 11789. CONGRATS TO
AN INCREDIBLE CORP OF OFFICERS FOR
AN INCREDIBLY SUCCESSFUL COUNCIL!**

COUNCIL 11789

SUBMITTED BY LARRY DEVLIN





The only thing we have to fear
is fear itself.

Franklin D. Roosevelt



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He who dares not offend
cannot be honest.

Thomas Paine

1776

A quote from Pope Francis: "The world has great fear and spreads it. Often it makes this the key for interpreting history, and not infrequently adopts it as a strategy to build a world based on walls and trenches. We too can understand the reasons for fear, but we cannot embrace it, 'for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.' Let us draw from this spirit, and go: open doors, build bridges; weave bonds; establish friendships; promote unity. Be men of prayer: never neglect it, especially in silent adoration, the true source of all your work. Fear inhabits the dark of the past, but it has a weakness: it is temporary. The future belongs to the light! The future belongs to Christ!"

— Meeting of papal diplomats, Sept. 17, 2016

CATHOLIC HUMOR

A priest, a minister and a rabbi are discussing when life begins. The priests says, "It begins at conception". The minister says, "Life begins at 24 weeks gestation". The rabbi says, "You are both wrong, Life begins when the kids move out of the house and the dog dies."

A priest was driving and gets stopped for speeding. The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine on the floor of the car.

He says, "Father, have you been drinking? "Just water," says the priest, fingers crossed. The trooper says, "Then why do I smell wine?" The priest looks at the bottle and says, "Praise be to God! He's done it again!"

A Jewish businessman in America decided to send his son to Israel to absorb some of the culture of the homeland. When the son returned, the father asked him to tell him about his trip.

The son said, "Pop, I had a great time in Israel. By the way, I converted to Christianity." "Oy vey," said the father. "What have I done?"

He decided to go ask his friend Jacob what to do. Jacob said, "Funny you should ask. I too sent my son to Israel, and he also came back a Christian. Perhaps we should go see the rabbi and ask him what we should do."

So they went to see the Rabbi. The Rabbi said, "Funny you should ask. I too sent my son to Israel. He also came back a Christian. What is happening to our young people? Perhaps we should go talk to God and ask him what to do. "The three of them prayed and explained what had happened to their sons and asked God what to do. Suddenly a voice came loud and clear from Heaven. The Voice said, "funny you should ask, I too sent my son to Israel..."

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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPREME KNIGHT



*Here is what the Knights of Columbus
emailed out as a "message from the Supreme Knight":*

"Brother Knights:

We are all aware of the troubling events that are occurring today, including attacks on statues of historical figures such as Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass and our Order's namesake, Christopher Columbus. Statues of saints have also been vandalized, including those honoring St. Junipero Serra, St. Louis and even the Blessed Virgin Mary, and houses of worship and other religious symbols have been attacked. These are not merely attacking on statues and history. They are increasingly attacking on Catholics and people of faith.

In the late 19th century, the Knights of Columbus took its name at a time of intense anti-Catholicism. Our founding members wanted to show that Catholics played an essential role in the exploration and development of America since its earliest days, and that a Catholic could be both a good citizen and a good Catholic.



However, anti-Catholicism persisted. In the 1920s, the Ku Klux Klan tried to stop Columbus Day celebrations and opposed Columbus statues simply because Columbus was a Catholic. We opposed the KKK then and have continued to stand up against bigotry directed at Catholics and others.

We stood up against the persecution of Catholics in Mexico in the 1920s, spoke out for the Jews of Germany in the 1930s and worked for religious freedom behind the Iron Curtain during the Cold War. Today, we are rebuilding Christian communities in the Middle East that were targeted for genocide. Each of us can be proud of our history of standing up for the most vulnerable among us.

While our faith calls us to be respectful of different perspectives, acts of vandalism are crimes against all who cherish democracy and mutual respect. The Knights of Columbus remains firm in its condemnation of all forms of racism and violence, including political violence. With churches, statues, and religious symbols subject to vandalism and attack, we call upon elected officials and leaders at every level to defend the religious freedom of all.

Vivat Jesus!

Carl A. Anderson

Supreme Knight™





"Goodbye always makes my
throat hurt."

-Charlie Brown



SEE YOU NEXT MONTH