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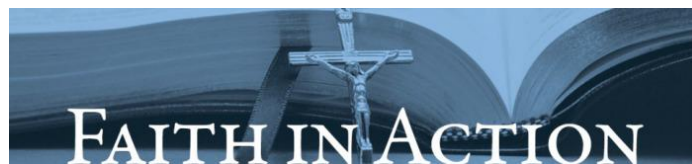
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SEPTEMBER 2024 SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter said to him in reply, “You are the Messiah.” (Gospel for Sept. 15, Mk 8:29)

Peter was the first of the apostles to openly profess Jesus as the awaited Messiah, the Christ or anointed one. Today, every Christian is called to proclaim in word and deed that Jesus is the Christ. We must never lose the awe and wonder of recognizing Jesus as the Messiah and Savior, especially when we encounter him in the sacrament of penance and in the Mass.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to make Peter’s profession of faith — “You are the Messiah” — a frequent aspiration, or short prayer, you recite throughout each day, perhaps writing it down some place you will see it regularly to remind yourself.

Questions for Reflection:

When you say the name of Jesus Christ, are you mindful of what this truly means? When you approach a priest for confession, are you fully cognizant that the absolution you receive through the priest comes from Christ himself? When you approach holy Communion, do you recognize and contemplate Jesus’ real presence in the Eucharist you receive?

Vice Supreme Master Chris Foley

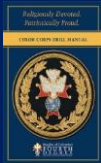
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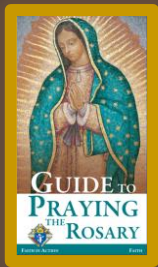
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VSM Message September 2024

Worthy Sir Knights, last month in Quebec our Supreme Knight introduced the theme of this year when he called us to remain “*on mission*.” He recalled not only the mission given to us by our founder, Father McGivney but also the commission given to the Apostles by Our Lord Jesus Christ. This reminds us of our baptismal commission to be disciples – to grow in relationship to Jesus and invite others to join us in the ways we’re growing.

Into this environment of renewed excitement of discipleship and the mission, we welcome our new district masters as they begin their terms of office. They are well prepared for their roles thanks to the Supreme Master and his training team who created and presented a “New Master Training” program that covered all their responsibilities and shared best practices from across the Order. I am confident they will step off smartly with a “we will succeed” attitude to build a district and province culture of positivity. The overarching tone for the Fourth Degree leadership this year is success through forward-looking planning to achieve assigned goals. Every leader in the province needs a plan containing assigned and personal goals for growth, recruitment, activities, member engagement and enrichment. I have a plan, the Masters have a plan, to reach their assigned and personal goals and help assemblies grow in service to Church and community and be the patriotic Catholic citizens we all pledged to be.

Every Faithful Navigator needs a plan to lead his assembly to grow in service to Church, Country and community. These plans need to be in written form and available for monthly review. No leader should just “think” he’ll achieve his goals. He should have a document that defines how to achieve them and measure his progress towards them. At a minimum, to grow the membership, to support the Bishops and Priests, and demonstrate and teach the principle of patriotism should be the mission of every assembly.

We are *on mission*, in the words of our Supreme Knight; we must have “the zeal of Father McGivney to build the next generation of Catholic men by growing the organization and forming Catholic men in faith and virtue, so they’re prepared to serve as missionary disciples.”

Being on mission is a focused activity - to go out, to seek, to find something or someone, to share something, to achieve an objective. The phrase “having a mission” conjures up all sorts of images and thoughts of military operations and nowadays of sports teams using “weapons” to score points and win games. But there is another side for us being *on mission*; which is to welcome, invite, embrace who we find. Our mission is to seek out those Catholic men and families who are not yet Knights or Sir Knights and invite them to join us. Our “weapons” to achieve the objective of welcoming a new member are the rosary, prayer, the story of Father McGivney, the work of the Order and the manner in which we live our lives as men who are religiously devoted and patriotically proud.

This is not an easy mission, but it is a necessary one because a not-so-subtle anti-Catholic discrimination is re-emerging and we are engaged in what our Supreme Knight describes as "... not just fighting legal and policy battles. We are fighting what John Paul II described as a 'culture of death' and what Pope Francis has called a 'throwaway culture.'"

The very foundations of our spiritual lives are under attack, none of us can be a spectator. At our baptism we were commissioned to be missionary disciples. It is time to act, to advance the truths of our faith and the goals of our Order. For guidance we have the Church and our Order. For inspiration we look to our savior, Jesus Christ, and our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, who challenged the evils and wrongdoings, overcame the obstacles and lived their lives in service to others. Indeed, "The days of easy faith are over," as Supreme Knight Kelly says. It is time for each of us as St. Paul tells us, to stand firm, with integrity as a breastplate, carrying the shield of faith, wearing salvation as a helmet, and carrying the Word of God as a sword. As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI reminded us: "It is imperative that the entire Catholic community in the United States comes to realize the grave threats to the Church's public moral witness."

Our Church is in need of men willing to be the strong right arm of the Church. When we stand united, our Order is a force for the defense of our faith, our families, and one another.

Our mission - grow our membership and defend our faith, families and one another.
Are you willing to accomplish this mission?

Ut Prosim,
(That I may be of use)

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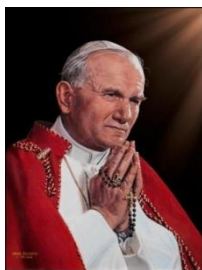
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Saint John Paul's Prayer for Peace



Lord Jesus Christ, who is called the Prince of Peace,
who are yourself our peace and reconciliation,
who so often said, "Peace to you," grant us peace.
Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice,
and brotherly love.
Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace.
Enlighten our rulers that they may
guarantee and defend the great gift of peace.
May all peoples on the earth
become as brothers and sisters.
May longed for peace blossom forth
and reign always over us all.
- Pope John Paul II



Colorado Master William Furstenberger



William Furstenberger graduated from Greeley Central High School in 1967. He attended Southern Colorado State College in Pueblo where he earned his BS in Political Science, with a minor in Geography. From there, he continued his Teachers Education at the University of Northern Colorado where he received his Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction in 1974. William met his beautiful wife of 52 years, Pat, while studying at UNC. William taught high school in Elizabeth, Colorado for 5 years, then took an internship with the National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration in Atlanta, Georgia. Eventually they moved to Michigan to pursue his Doctorate Degree, graduating with an Education Specialist Degree in 1982. William and Pat moved to Cripple Creek, Colorado in 1984 where they raised their family for 14 years. In 1998 they moved to Windsor, CO and started attending Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church.

William's journey with the Knights of Columbus began in 2007 when he became a member, rising to the rank of Sir Knight in 2008. In subsequent years he assumed various leadership roles, including serving as Faithful Navigator from 2010-2012 and as District Marshal from 2012-2016. He held the position of Grand Knight of Council 11575 from 2015-2016, followed by his current role as Adjunct District Marshal since 2016. Additionally, he served as District Deputy in District 1 from 2017-2021.

"I feel strongly that the opportunity to be District Master is my vocation and that the Lord is calling me with courage, faith, hope and trust. I plan to expand the 4th degree by focusing on supporting existing members with education, leadership programs and a shared sense of purpose within the assembly. I will continue to promote attendance at the C.O.R meetings, aiming to nurture and fortify Catholic men in their faith and virtue. Additionally, I will focus on recruitment initiatives emphasizing the exclusive advantages and experiences accessible to 4th degree members, including engagement in Honor Guards, patriotic activities/events and the acquisition of leadership proficiencies essential for effective organizational management. I plan to introduce a unique program designed to encourage engagement with veterans in need and individuals experiencing homelessness. I will personally promote adherence to the guidelines outlined in the 4th Degree Color Corps Manual, and I will personally commit to continuing my involvement in the Honor Guard. As the new Master of the Colorado District in the John H. Reddin Province, I look forward to visiting assemblies across the state promoting joint initiatives that align with the mission of the 4th degree and promote the bond of brotherhood, patriotism, civic engagement, service to others and also engage in the mission of the Catholic Church".

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Dear Brother Sir Knights,

As we continue the Fraternal Year 2024-2025, I am pleased to introduce myself as the new Colorado District Master, effective September 1st. I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude for the hard work and dedication of District Master Dave Davis, who has just completed four years. His contributions have been invaluable, and I look forward to building upon the solid foundation he has laid.

Our Assemblies have always embraced the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. I believe with your dedication and commitment that we can achieve even greater success in these areas. I want to encourage you to actively participate in the Star Assembly Program this year.

As we approach the Fall season, I want to remind you to send in any past-due forms asap. This would include Form 186 (Report of Assembly Officers Chosen for the Term) which was due on June 30th and Form 1315 (Annual Assembly Audit Report) which was due on August 1st. Printed at the bottom of these forms are instructions about where to send them.

In the seven geographical areas of Colorado, there may need to be some changes in the number of Assemblies. Some Assemblies are inactive, and a few did not accept the change in regalia. Some of the Sir Knights were unhappy with decisions made years ago and a few have closed or become mission parishes. Changes are needed to revitalize these Assemblies. We must support those facing these challenges.

I urge each of you to take an active role in the upcoming initiatives and activities planned for this year. Whether it's through participation in our charitable events, attending meetings, or recruiting new members, your involvement is crucial to our success. Together we can make a meaningful impact on our communities and continue to grow in our faith and fraternity.

Upcoming Exemplifications scheduled at this time:

- Oct. 12, 2024 – Ft. Lupton – Assembly 3858 – St. William's Church
- Nov. 9, 2024 – Highlands Ranch – Assembly 3353 – Pax Christi Church (no frills)
- June 7, 2025 – Littleton – Assembly 2813 – St Francis Cabrini Church

Vivat Jesus!
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Sir Knights and Brothers All,

The blessings of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ be with all of you!

I am humbled to be selected as the State of New Mexico's next District Master for the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus. I'm walking and leading in the shadows of giants such as our own PSD and Former VSM Richard Espinosa.

As I begin my leadership, I will emphasize to all Sir Knights, Faithful Navigators, Color Corps Commanders, and District Marshals that the 4th Degree is the strong and **visible** right arm of the Knights of Columbus and our Holy Mother Church. As such, we need to emphasize and demonstrate that presence in our Assembly's and Council's, in our Parishes, and in our communities. This doesn't occur through the virtual presence on a computer screen – it occurs when we don our patriotic uniforms, coats and ties with our 4th degree pins, or even simply our assembly polo shirts. It is personified when we actively engage in our parishes and communities to evangelize and model those principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism which are the foundation of our Order. **I challenge all my brother knights to step up to role model those principles – the Order and the Catholic Church will be stronger as a result!**

I have developed an Action Plan for the Fraternal Year and have coordinated its basic elements (if not finite details) with our Worthy State Deputy, Anthony Salazar, to ensure it is in alignment with the plans and activities of the NM State Council.

Coming Events:

Here is a reminder of some key activities on the near horizon where the 4th Degree should have a strong presence:

- Blue Mass – Tuesday, September 10th, 12:00 pm, Queen of Heaven Parish, Albuquerque
- 4th Degree Exemplification – Saturday, September 14th, 12:00 pm showtime, St Jude Thadeus Parish, Albuquerque
- Rosary Rally – Sunday, October 6th, Albuquerque Civic Plaza

I will be holding my first meeting with my District Marshal Team on the morning of Saturday, September 14th, preceding the 4th Degree Exemplification. This first meeting will be in-person with a virtual option in case of the inability to travel to Albuquerque. The agenda will include a deeper discussion on the NM 4th Degree Action Plan, training on the roles of District Marshals and my expectations, and a couple brainstorming topics on a major historical Knights of Columbus milestone that will be celebrated in early 2025.

Recent Happenings:

The 4th Degree was well represented at the State Organizational Meeting in July. Besides posting and retiring the Colors, we also provided a Color Corps team for the Procession and Recession of the Mass at Queen of Heaven that Saturday evening.



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We've also been completing Installation of Officer Ceremonies across the State. Former Worthy Master Rudy Archibeque allowed me the honor of installing the officers of Assembly 3773, Pope St John Paul II, on Monday, August 12th. I was humbled by his offer and even more so when he served as my Marshal.



Lastly, please ensure we render honors to deceased Knights and families when asked to do so. Even a single Sir Knight in Uniform at a Rosary and/or Mass of Christian Burial is never forgotten by the loved ones of the deceased.

Uniform Talk

Reminder, that when wearing the 4th Degree Uniform, the 'Social Baldric' is never worn. The only baldric appropriate for the Uniform is the Service Baldric and it is only worn when carrying the sword or a flag during a Color Guard or Honor Guard event.

Viva Cristo Rey and Vivat Jesus!



Saint Jose,
Littlest soldier of
Christ,
whose last bloody
steps
brought you to the
arms
of our Lady and our
Lord.
Keep healthy and
strong
the steps of our Lord's
soldiers who remain
here on earth,
so that they may have
your strength to
endure
and preserve to the
end.
Amen

Viva Cristo Rey!

Saint Jose Sanchez
Del Rio,
Pray for the Patriotic
Degree of the Knights
of Columbus



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John H. Reddin Province
District of New Mexico



Patriotic Exemplification Saturday, September 14, 2024, Albuquerque, NM

HOSTED BY:	St Jude, Assembly #3186
PLACE:	John Conway Center 5712 Paradise Blvd NW Albuquerque, New Mexico 87114
DATE/TIME:	Saturday, September 14, 2024 11:30 am – 12:30 pm Check in. (Bring current 3rd Degree Membership Card) 12:30 pm Candidates report to District Master 1:00 pm Exemplification begins NO ENTRY DURING THE EXEMPLIFICATION Current membership card required to show membership number.
PRICE:	\$80.00 per Candidate
DRESS:	Wearing of a black, navy blue or dark gray business suit (no sport coat) with long-sleeve, white dress shirt, long <u>neck-tie</u> or bow tie, black shoes and socks.

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VIVAT JESUS!

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From Senior District Marshal Chuck Dubois

On Thursday, July 18, 2024, Master of the Fourth Degree Rudy Archibeque installed Officers for the 2024-25 year of Father A. M. Mandalari Assembly #682.

This was like a homecoming for the Master. Father A.M. Mandalari was where Rudy and I did our Fourth Degree. Master Rudy has always been there to help and assist our assembly. I just want to thank him for all the splendid work he did as the Master of the Fourth Degree for New Mexico. We will miss him, but I know he will be around to assist us in our programs.

I want to wish Geoff Bacon immense success as the Master elect for the State of New Mexico.



From North New Mexico District Marshal Roger Martinez

Greetings Sir Knights,

This time of year is like spring for us, we have just had our elections, and the promise of continued greatness is at our fingertips. First, we thank our Brothers who have served and lead our assemblies in the past year especially Our Worthy District Master Rudy Archibeque. You are an inspiration to me and many others. Thank you for serving! Next, we welcome our new leaders, especially our new District Master Geoff Bacon. And of course, thank you to all the officers who continue to serve our assemblies.

I find much joy in serving this quarter as I have been busy with Installing Officers in the Northern Region. The Santa Fe Assembly, Santiago Assembly in Taos, Our Lady Assembly in Raton have all had their officers installed. Both Los Alamos and Los Padres Assembly in Española are both on deck to be installed in the next couple of weeks.

Meanwhile, Santiago Assembly in Taos continues to serve both its parishes in the Taos area and in civic duties.

In July they served Honor Guard for the local Taos Fiesta at Holy Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, followed immediately with a Color Guard in Procession and at the Kit Carson Park for the Fiesta Opening Ceremonies, they Posted Colors for the Taos Schools invited by the new Superintendent as the teachers gathered for their Orientation.



A special note is that this is the second time they were asked by the Taos Pueblo to Post with the Taos Pueblo Flag, this has truly been an honor, not only for Santiago Assembly, but for the Knights of Columbus as a whole, in particular as this ceremony was held on the anniversary of the Pueblo Revolt. We celebrate the brotherhood our order has come to share with the Taos Pueblo People.

As school is starting, Santiago Assembly is on board ready to serve Color Guards for local football and volleyball games in both the Taos Schools and in the Questa Schools.

A tus ordenes,
Roger Martinez, District Marshal

From East New Mexico District Marshal Ed Martinez

I would like to express my thanks to our Master of the Fourth Degree, Rudy Archibeque, for his service and for allowing me to assist during our degree events. I also want to extend my congratulations to our new WMFD Elect, SK Geoff Bacon.

On July 27, 2024, I had the privilege of accompanying District Deputy 13, Max Pino, to Tucumcari, NM. My visit was to provide Fourth Degree support and visibility at a scheduled membership drive to reinstate St. Anne's Council 6937 in Hammond Hall. The drive, which turned out to be successful, was conducted by our State Deputy Anthony Salazar, State Secretary Clinton CJ Deeley, State Treasurer Erick Kirby, Council Reactivation Chairman PSD Francisco Gomez, and District Deputy Max Pino. Previous and new members attended and showed a willingness to have the Council reinstated during our conversations with them.

On August 11, 2024, following the 9:00 A.M. mass at St. Anne's Church in Tucumcari, NM, a successful Third-Degree Exemplification was conducted to reinstate Council 6937. The leading Investing Officer was our New Mexico State Deputy Anthony Salazar, overseeing Regional Growth Director Supreme Council Marty Yzaguirre and Supreme Council Field Agent James Matise. The Presiding Officer was District Deputy 13 Max Pino with opening and closing prayers by SK Rev. Deacon Paul Benoit. Presenters were Grand Knight James Johnson and two brother Knights from Portales Council 8304. Nine new candidates were added to Council 6937. The official Reactivation date is pending approval of forms. Congratulations to all our new 3rd Degree Brothers.



DM Ed Martinez & PSD Francisco Gomez

Thanks to Lady Shirley and Lady Luana



Council 4205 conducted its first 3rd Degree Exemplification for the new fraternal year at the Sacred Heart Church in Clovis, N.M., on August 4, 2024. The Presiding Officer was Grand Knight Sean Little, the Investing Officer was District Deputy Max Pino, and attending was Field Agent James Matise. During each 3rd Degree Exemplification, I provide our new Brothers with an overview of the 4th Degree and invite them to join our Order of Knighthood with the principle of Patriotism. Thanks to all our Brother Knights and Sir Knights who attended and participated. Congratulations to our new 3rd Degree Knights: David Reeb and Eric Archuleta. I wish you all the best and everyday Blessings. Vivat Jesus! Viva Cristo Rey!



Our Lady of Belen Fiesta Mass Assembly 687

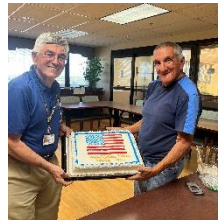


From Steve Budenski VAVS Representative

Steven M Budenski from Assembly 3732 runs the State VAVS Program coordinating between 8 Assemblies in the state with monthly Cake and Punch.

I am asking more knights and families to volunteer in the Knights of Columbus group at the VA Hospital in Albuquerque and clinics in New Mexico.

Contact Jason or Wayland at 505-256-2771 in building 53 to **donate** the items below and **apply** for volunteering at veteran's places. QR code at the end of the article to direct knights on VA current needs online listing. Contact Jason for new ID & fingerprinting (505-256-2771). The Volunteer Service Department has changed to the VA Center for Development & Civic Engagement.



John Naranjo (L) Steve Budenski (R)

I want to thank Assembly 2324 FN Ray Lagarde for allowing Steve to order and purchase cake and punch for August.

Note: on the cake place the Assembly number and Happy Birthday Veterans. A flag can be on too if not costing extra. Also, if any local Assemblies or Councils wish to help in this program contact 505-489-1218.

Schedule 2024

Jan—1905 FN Charlie Greigo Mike Chavez 505-712-5318, NO Cake. sfsmm@msn.com. No cake.

Feb—3732 FN Patrick B Greigo, 505-948-8135, tirebent2308@yahoo.com

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Expired VA ID cards will be extended due to National ID Department has priorities and volunteers cannot get the cards now. Also, people who had fingerprints done call the PIV office to schedule PIV pickup at 505-265-1711 operator. If Knights want to contact Ricardo, Jason, & Wayland at (505)265-1711 ext. 6429 to process VA ID expired cards.

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Utah Master Nick Nielson

Brother Sir Knights,

Quick introduction, my name is Nick Nielson and I am the newly appointed District Master for Utah. As a Past State Deputy, Former District Deputy, Past Grand Knight, and Past Faithful Navigator I am excited for this next chapter in my service to the Knights of Columbus and our Catholic community here in Utah.

In Utah I am still in the early stages of taking over the role of District Master, we have some changes coming soon and will be rolling out our plan for the year. With that being said, we have already started working with the State Deputy and State Council to get up and running. The State Deputy in Utah is Frank Carmona who made time for the 4th degree to present at the State's Organizational/Kick Off meeting where a majority of the councils were represented. We have our first 4th degree exemplification planned for October 12th. Utah's State Deputy is excited to work hand in hand with the 4th Degree so that we can both grow and have no division between us.

I hope to use this newsletter to share some ideas and activities that the 4th Degree is doing here in Utah, and I look forward to reading what is happening in other districts around the John H Reddin Province.

This past month in August we had two 4th Degree members pass away, Sir Knight Robert Flores and Sir Knight Tom Blockovich, PFN. I am proud to know we had an Honor Guard present for both funerals.



I would like to extend my gratitude to Bob Masse Jr, PSD & FMFD for his service as District Master for the past two years. We look forward to his continued support here in Utah.

Vivat Jesus!
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A Prayer for Our Country

A Prayer for Our Country

O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.

Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life. *Amen.*



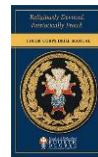
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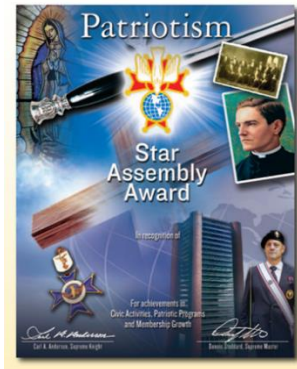


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Culture of Life



Celebrate the Gospel of Life

O Mary,
bright dawn of the new world,
Mother of the living,
to you do we entrust the cause of life:
Look down, O Mother,
upon the vast numbers
of babies not allowed to be born,
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,
of men and women
who are victims of brutal violence,
of the elderly and the sick killed
by indifference or out of misguided mercy.
Grant that all who believe in your Son
may proclaim *the Gospel of life*
with honesty and love
to the people of our time.
Obtain for them the grace
to *accept that Gospel*
as a gift ever new,
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude
throughout their lives
and the courage to bear witness to it
resolutely, in order to build,
together with all people of good will,
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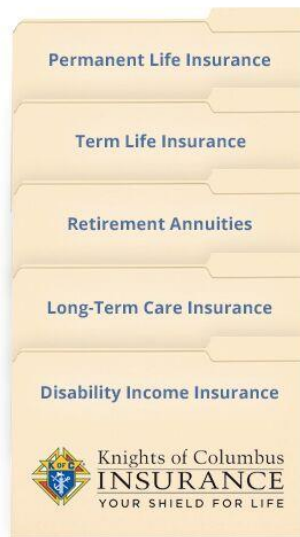
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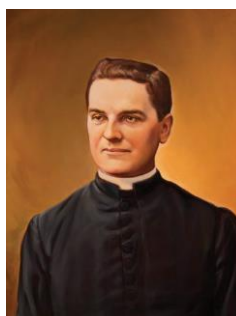
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Knight's Prayer



Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our Order. Keep us true to our pledge, to extend the kingship of thy divine son on earth. Through Thine intercession, win for us the grace, ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues that should characterize those especially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware that as your Knights, we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our Order appreciated. Accept, O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion, of Thy Servants, the Knights of Columbus.



Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle,
be our protection against
the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.



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