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Brother Knights,

We are entering the third month of the Supreme year and we have been very active. Ben has completed the online State Program report, and has it up on our State website. This will make it much easier to do your reports if you enter your programs monthly. It keeps a cumulative total of all your programs. Thanks Ben.

Unfortunately, there have been more reports of some Priests harming young people. There have been a couple of reports in the Jackson Diocese. We have gathered information from the Diocese, Supreme, and a statement from the National Bishops spokesperson. We have made all this available with links on the State website www.kofc-MS.org. Hopefully this gives you

access to a lot of good information. I have asked the State Officers not to make statements to the press as a representative of the Knights. I prefer to refer them to the information on our website or they contact Supreme. The links we have on our website and the information on the Supreme website have been vetted by professionals. Most of us do not have experience with dealing with the media, so I prefer to let the professionals speak through the links on our website. There is no doubt that this is a serious matter and a lot of children have been harmed. The numbers printed in the press talk about 300 offenders. This is a very small portion of the Priests that work so hard to serve us. The vast majority of our Priests do great work and serve their Parishes well. They take care of all of us, young & old. We need to support our good Priests and Clergy during these trying times.

What is happening makes it even more important that the Knights required to complete the Safe Kids program, get it done as soon as possible. I did the online part myself, as the SD is required to complete the course. It took less than an hour, and I got a lot of good information about how to spot predators. With the proper training, I Pray we can help catch these offenders before they harm anymore kids.

Typically, we get a lot of drops and suspensions after the State Convention. I am going to continue the program that Noel has used the past two years. We recommend that you try to suspend 4 or 5, as needed, each year and not let the numbers build up. However, we are going to insist that the proper procedure is followed. You have to have a retention committee chairman to follow the proper procedures. If you do not have one, appoint one and send the 365 to Supreme, reflecting the appointment. The FS cannot be the retention committee chairman or serve on the committee. Typically, it is a Trustee. We have had two Councils drop around 30 members. In the case of a Council's dropping large numbers, we are going to ask you to send us your notes on contacting each of these. Mike Kassouf is going to send out the guidelines on proper billing procedure.

As I am writing this, it looks like the storm in the Gulf did not do too much damage. If you know of a brother Knight in need of help, because of the storm, let me or Jerry Schmuck know.

Vivat Jesus,
Philip

Philip Jabour

State Deputy

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Knights of Columbus



August 21, 2018

Worthy Chaplains and Dear Brother Knights,

The issues that have come to light concerning sexual abuse by Archbishop Theodore McCarrick and in the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report are cause for grave concern among Catholics and Brother Knights. Many feel deeply betrayed by those whom they long held in high regard. Such concerns are shared not just in the United States, but in Europe, Latin America and elsewhere.

These sins of commission and omission have sent the Church we love, the Church we serve and the Church that Jesus Christ established into convulsions. Sadly, the disgrace not only is borne by the perpetrators, it hurts us all, as does the silence of shepherds who have ignored the cries of their flocks.

There are many wonderful and faithful laborers in the vineyard of the Lord among our priests and bishops. However, it is clear that in addition to devastating criminal acts, we have seen many other moral failings by clergy that represent a crisis of commitment to the Gospel.

Too often the needs of victims have been subordinated to a distorted sense of mercy toward the perpetrators or an instinct for clerical self-preservation. The sexual acts — both criminal and non-criminal — highlight the need to recover a respect for and a renewed commitment to the priestly promises of celibacy.

The Knights of Columbus has supported the pastoral and charitable work of our bishops and priests since our founding by the Venerable Father Michael McGivney. We understand that the priest should lead the parish and the bishop should be the center of unity in a diocese. But we — like all Catholics — are painfully aware of the wreckage that ensues when elements of this leadership are abdicated by evil actions whether directly perpetrated or covered up.

Now, the Knights of Columbus — laymen, priests and chaplains together — will have an important role to play in rebuilding the Church. We must commit the Knights of Columbus to work for repentance, reform and rebuilding of the Church.

Repentance should include a full accounting of the misdeeds by those who have committed them. Archbishop McCarrick and others at fault owe us a full account of their actions, motivations and cover-ups. After years of having us confess to them, it is now time for them to come clean about what they have done and what they have failed to do.

This will also help increase the recognition that clerical sexual abuse is a global problem that must be addressed at the highest levels of the Catholic Church. Moreover, priests and bishops who refuse to live according to their promises of celibacy should be removed from public ministry, not out of retribution, but for the protection of the faithful and to prevent future variations of the scandal we now suffer.

Reform must include many good ideas that have been proposed, such as a full and complete investigation of sexual abuse led by an independent commission that includes laity; complete transparency by the Catholic hierarchy into all matters of criminal sexual misconduct past or future; an expansion of the zero tolerance policy to include sexual activity or misconduct by clerics including bishops, and by seminarians; and a call for faithfulness by all members of the clergy, including bishops. There must also be an independent ethics hotline for reporting of criminal and other conduct at odds with Catholic teaching on the clerical state of life; and there must be protections against retaliation.

Such reforms will be difficult for a Church largely unused to them, and we must support our bishops and our priests in embracing these reforms in order to rebuild.

We can help to rebuild our Church in several ways. Above all else, Knights — and our chaplains — must embrace love of God and love of neighbor. This is Christ's great commandment and the founding mission of our Order. It is also exactly the opposite of the rejection of God and exploitation of neighbor that our Church has witnessed in these scandals.

Shortly before becoming Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger decried the "filth" in the Church "even among those, who in the priesthood, ought to belong totally" to Christ. He also provided the antidote, stating at other times that what the Church needs now more than anything else is "saints." Pope Francis reiterated Pope Benedict's sentiments in his letter on Aug. 20.

In the days ahead, the Knights of Columbus will help renew our Church on a national level through a Novena of Masses in reparation for these sins that have so grievously wounded the Body of Christ. I take this opportunity to ask that you offer this Novena of Masses for our Church at your earliest opportunity.

Beginning in November, the Knights of Columbus will sponsor, in cooperation with the Shrine of St. Jean Vianney in Ars, France, a national tour of the relic of the heart of this great patron saint of priests. In the coming weeks, I will share more details with you about this initiative. We will also continue to strengthen and rebuild our Church at the level of our families and parishes through our Building the Domestic Church program. Its twin elements of imbuing families with faith and strengthening parish life are critical to providing a Catholic Church that rebuilds based on the Gospel principles of love of God and love of neighbor. Together with our recently announced "Faith In Action" initiative, we will strive to make our parishes truly become, in the words of Pope Francis, "a family of families."

Now is the time for all brother Knights to stand steadfast in faith, as Catholics and as gentlemen. We will assist priests, bishops and our fellow Catholics in helping the Church chart a course for the future that puts Christ at the center, so that truly we may say, “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

This is the moment in which Knights — including in a special way our priest members — can be part of a great renewal for good in our Church. And as we strive to follow the Lord more closely in the days ahead, may he deliver us from every evil and in his mercy graciously grant his Church peace and unity.

In closing, know that your faithful witness and sacrifice can bring inspiration and hope to millions of your fellow Catholics. It will be needed in the days ahead more than ever before. And to every priest and bishop whose commitment and dedication to our Order and to our Church has been faithful and exemplary, please accept my gratitude in both a personal way and on behalf of the Knights of Columbus.

Let each one of us prayerfully invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, so that in the words of St. Maximilian Kolbe, our hearts would be cleansed and themselves become immaculate, similar and like unto her own heart.

Fraternally,

Carl A. Anderson

Supreme Knight

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FAITH IN ACTION

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A NEW MODEL FOR A NEW ERA



From left: Photos by Spirit Juice Studios, Greg Gibson, Slav Zatoka Images, Patrick Murphy-Racey

Faith in Action

The new Faith in Action program model for Knights of Columbus-related activities went into effect for the 2018-2019 fraternal year beginning July 1. Replacing and updating the longstanding “Surge... with Service” model, the simplified Faith in Action model features four instead of six program categories: Faith, Family, Community and Life.

In his address to state deputies June 8 (see page 17), Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson urged K of C leaders to “embrace wholeheartedly” the new model.

Supplementing an initial overview of Faith in Action, which was published in the June issue of Columbia, this special report includes some frequently asked questions about the new model as well as details about new programs.

What is Faith in Action?

Faith in Action is the new umbrella program covering all Supreme Council-recommended programs. It replaces “Surge... with Service,” which began in 1971, and is divided into four categories of programs: Faith, Family, Community and Life.

Why were these categories chosen?

They represent our main priorities as an Order: The primary goal is to strengthen men and their families in the Catholic faith. We also emphasize the vital role that a devout and loyal family plays in modern society. Additionally, a critical part of our mission as Knights is to spread a spirit of charity throughout our community. Finally, both as Knights of Columbus and as followers of Christ, we have an obligation to “be committed to the defense of life in all its stages and in every condition” (St. John Paul II).

Why the change?

Faith in Action simplifies what councils are called to do. It offers a stronger call to action, inspiring Knights to lead their families and parishes in quality, faith-filled family programs. The new model takes its inspiration from the Order’s Building the Domestic Church program. Spiritual renewal is at the center of the new model, especially the renewal of family, council and parish life.

How does a council know what programs to conduct?

A council may develop and conduct any program that makes a difference in their parish or community. However, the Supreme Council does recommend 32 programs – eight for each category.

To receive the Columbian Award, a council must earn a total of 16 program credits and complete the required program in each of the four categories. Featured programs earn councils two credits, while all other Supreme-Council recommended programs earn councils a single credit. How can I learn more about the new program model?

For more details, talk to your grand knight and local district deputy. Additional information can be found at kofc.org/faithinaction
New K of C Programs

The Supreme Council has introduced nine new programs within the Faith in Action model. Complementing featured programs — e.g., the Re-fund Support Vocations Program (RSVP), Food For Families and the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative, to name a few — as well as other existing K of C initiatives, this brings the total number of recommended programs to 32 (eight in each category).

FAITH

Spiritual Reflection Program

Creating fraternal opportunities for prayer and reflection, such as retreats, produces spiritually vibrant councils. Under the guidance of their chaplain, councils can attend a retreat or day of reflection together, or they can hold low-cost retreats of their own. Such events might be open only to council members or men of the parish — or to entire families.

Holy Hour

Eucharistic adoration deepens our personal relationship with Christ. Councils can organize their Holy Hours in a variety of ways and incorporate things such as the sacrament of reconciliation and prayer for particular intentions. A K of C Holy Hour prepared for men of the parish could also include a reflection, communal rosary, prayers for the intercession of Father McGivney or St. Joseph, and other components decided by the council.

Sacramental Gifts

The sacraments are milestone events in the lives of Catholic families. Councils can support parish families at these pivotal moments by praying for recipients of the sacraments and by offering them specific gifts, such as rosaries or books, to mark the significance of occasions such as baptism, first Communion, confirmation and marriage.

FAMILY

Family Prayer Night

Catholics often struggle to find opportunities to socialize and/or pray together with other faith-filled Catholic families. Family Prayer Night is an opportunity for council members, their families and the whole parish community to come together for an evening of prayer, dinner and fellowship.

Good Friday Family Promotion

Knights are encouraged to attend Good Friday liturgies with their families and to work with their pastors to foster increased parish involvement, promoting a better understanding of the centrality of Holy Week to our Catholic faith. Councils will also work to educate their parishes about the plight of persecuted Christians in the Holy Land and elsewhere.

COMMUNITY

Helping Hands

Inspired by Father McGivney's witness of charity for widows and orphans, this program is designed to build upon the important work many councils already do to care for disadvantaged members of our communities. All councils are called to aid those in most need in their community through any number of activities, such as serving at or running a soup kitchen or repairing the facilities of a local service organization.

LIFE

Mass for People with Special Needs

Councils are called to welcome individuals or families who might not regularly attend scheduled Masses due to special needs resulting from physical, emotional, mental or cognitive conditions. Annually, a council will sponsor a Mass for people with special needs that may be the first of many steps toward integrating participants more fully into the sacramental and social life of the parish.

Pregnancy Center Support

More than 3,000 pro-life pregnancy centers operate in K of C jurisdictions. Councils can "adopt" one of these centers that help pregnant women during pregnancy and following the birth of their newborn children and provide material, financial, labor and other support throughout the year.

Novena for Life

Knights are committed to defending the right to life of every human being from the moment of conception to natural death. Councils will promote a novena — nine days of prayer — to build up a culture of life in our parishes, homes and wider community. Knights and their families will come together in both public and private acts of prayer to promote the protection of life.

REQUIRED PROGRAMS

In order to earn the Columbian Award, councils must conduct one required program from each program category. These four required programs are:

- **Spiritual Reflection (Faith)**
- **Consecration to the Holy Family (Family)**
- **Helping Hands (Community)**
- **Novena for Life (Life)**

THE MCGIVNEY LETTERS

8/1/2018

by Kevin Coyne

THE SURVIVING WRITINGS OF THE KNIGHTS' FOUNDER SHOW A PASTOR DETERMINED TO MEET THE SPIRITUAL AND TEMPORAL NEEDS OF HIS PEOPLE

Father Michael J. McGivney

Illustration by John Folley

Just 13 letters and a few quotes recorded by the local newspapers — that is what remains of all the words written and spoken by Father Michael J. McGivney across his 38 years. Much of what we know about him comes from the testimonies of people who knew him, but what do his own words tell us?

Some of his letters are of a kind that priests write routinely, such as a recommendation to his bishop on behalf of a young man discerning a religious vocation. But more than half of the letters chart the earliest days of the Knights of Columbus — the spiritual vision behind it, as well as its practical workings and the initial challenges it faced.

SHEPHERD OF SOULS

Father McGivney's earliest surviving letter shows that he could bear a heavy load. "I have been alone all summer with the whole work of a parish on my shoulders," he wrote in October 1878 to Father Alphonse Magnien, a favorite professor at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, where he had graduated the previous year. Father McGivney was referring to his first assignment — at St. Mary's Church, a New Haven parish struggling with a \$165,000 debt (approximately \$3.8 million today, adjusted for inflation) and an ill pastor. "I have not had time for even one day's vacation since I left," he added.

The young curate was not the kind of priest who believed his ministry ended with the Mass. He walked fast but spoke slowly, with perfect diction and the authority of faith, in a voice so clear and pleasant that an old blind man, not even Catholic himself, came to Mass each Sunday just to hear it. Father McGivney was — as William Geary, a founding member of the Knights, would later write — "a great favorite of the people, and was particularly intimate with the energetic pushing go-ahead young men."

His ministry didn't end with his parish either. He made regular pastoral rounds to the local jail, where his spiritual counsel was especially prized by James "Chip" Smith, a young man sentenced to death for killing a police chief. Five days before the execution date, Father McGivney celebrated a High Mass for Smith at the jail Aug. 28, 1882, after which he said, with his voice breaking: "I am requested by Mr. Smith to ask pardon for all faults he may have had and all offenses he may have committed, and at his request I ask for the prayers of all of you, that when next Friday comes he may die a holy death."

As reported that day in the New Haven Daily Palladium, he then asked for prayers for everyone who would be present at the execution, himself included. "To me this duty comes with almost a crushing weight. If I could consistently with my duty be far away from here next Friday, I should escape perhaps the most trying ordeal of my life, but this sad duty is placed my way by providence and must be fulfilled."

ESTABLISHING THE ORDER

Father McGivney's vision extended far beyond New Haven, too. "By permission of our Rt. Rev. Bishop, and in accordance with an Act of the Legislature of the State of Connecticut, we have formed an organization under the name of the Knights of Columbus," he wrote in April 1882 to a long list of parish priests in Connecticut. He saw the fledgling Order as addressing a pressing need of the Catholic Church in America, and concluded with an earnest request: "that you will exert your influence in the formation of a Council in your parish."

Father McGivney was disappointed at the initial response. "Our beginning is extremely slow," he wrote two months later to Michael Edmonds, secretary of another fraternal society, the Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters. "The Order I was endeavoring to establish fell back almost lifeless but not dead."

After continuing to promote the Knights' founding ideals of charity and unity, the young priest was encouraged when he heard from some men in Meriden, Conn., the following year. They had read about the Knights in *The Pilot*, Boston's Catholic newspaper, and wanted to know how they could start a council of their own. Father McGivney replied quickly.

"I am glad to hear that the Meriden Catholic young men are not behind their age in looking for their own benefit," he wrote to P.J. Ford on April 17, 1883. "You will see that when we are well established in the diocese, we can bid defiance to the secret societies and bring our fellow Catholics to enjoy without any danger to their faith all the benefits which those societies offer as inducements to enter them."

In an Aug. 25, 1883, letter to the editor of *The Connecticut Catholic*, he wrote, "We are advancing slowly, but surely."

Eleven councils would be established by November 1884, when Father McGivney was named pastor of St. Thomas Church in Thomaston.

"I have been with you for seven long years, visiting your sick and guiding the steps of your children in the paths in which they should go," he said in his farewell homily on Nov. 10. "Wherever I go, the memory of the people of St. Mary's and their great kindness to me will always be uppermost in my heart."

Parishioners wept openly in the pews. "Never, it seemed, was a congregation so affected by the parting address of a clergyman as the great audience which filled St. Mary's yesterday," the *New Haven Evening Register* reported. "There was never a more energetic or hardworking young priest stationed in New Haven than he."

'INCALCULABLE GOOD'

At his new parish, Father McGivney established the 18th K of C council in April 1885, at a time when councils were forming at a rate of two per month.

In May, he crafted one of the most eloquent of his extant letters, which was a sharp defense of the Order against doubters. When a priest writing anonymously to *The Connecticut Catholic* questioned whether the Knights of Columbus was itself just the kind of "secret society" the Church proscribed, Father McGivney sent a tart reply.

Not only was the Order categorically not a secret society, he wrote, but: "The constitution and by-laws of the Knights of Columbus contain nothing collusive to the rules of the Church. Although but a few years organized, the Order has effected incalculable good in many households."

Just a few weeks before Father McGivney wrote that letter, the Knights had paid out their first death benefit; and just a few weeks after he wrote it, he rode in a carriage at the head of a line of 1,500 Knights who paraded through downtown New Haven. He no longer served as the supreme secretary but remained the Order's supreme chaplain, and its spiritual heart. The last piece of writing we have from his hand is a post-card sent to William Geary in February 1886, announcing an upcoming visit back to New Haven.

"[W]ill try to find you all information I can regarding K of C," he wrote.

When Father McGivney died Aug. 14, 1890, at age 38, his survivors included 6,000 members of the Order that started in the basement of St. Mary's Church Oct. 2, 1881.

"[W]hen we look back at the gathering of the sixteen members on that fateful Sunday afternoon," Geary, who was among those 16, later wrote, "we can fully realize in their action the hand of Divine Providence."

Father McGivney's name, Geary concluded, "is written upon the heart of every true Knight of Columbus, and his name will be revered for generations to come."

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Father McGivney's letter to Connecticut priests

Father McGivney's letter to Connecticut priests, typed on Supreme Council letterhead with the words "Unity and Charity" visible on the seal, was written shortly after the Order was officially incorporated in 1882. Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Archives

Father McGivney on the Knights of Columbus

In the 13 surviving documents written by Venerable Michael McGivney, there are numerous references to the Knights of Columbus and its founding mission. Here are four excerpts of Father McGivney's writing about the Order.

"Our primary object is to prevent people from entering Secret Societies, by offering the same, if not better, advantages to our members. Secondly, to unite the men of our Faith throughout the diocese of Hartford, that we may thereby gain strength to aid each other in time of sickness; to provide for decent burial, and to render pecuniary assistance to the families of deceased members." — To Connecticut parish priests, April 1882

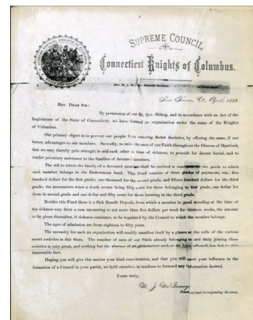
"You ask what is the membership. We only number about a hundred yet. The reason of this small number for the time established is that I have met with great opposition from the Foresters — a very strong organization in this state, especially among our young men — and again because anything new is always a hard thing to maintain." — To Martin I.J. Griffin of Philadelphia, Feb. 12, 1883

"We have set the wheel in motion, and with willing cooperation in a work that tends so much to our own welfare, we venture to say that soon, very soon, the Order of the Knights of Columbus will hold a prominent place among the best Catholic cooperative corporations in the Union. ... 'Unity and Charity' is our motto. Unity in order to gain strength to be charitable to each other in benevolence whilst we live and in bestowing financial aid to those whom we have to mourn our loss." — Letter to The Connecticut Catholic, Aug. 25, 1883

"The Order of the Knights of Columbus is the same now as when first instituted. viz.: It is an Order composed of Catholics and instituted for the welfare of Catholic families. ... Not only in sickness, but when death takes the support of the family away, the Knights of Columbus comes to the relief of the widow and the orphan in a very substantial manner." — Letter in response to "Clericus" in The Connecticut Catholic, May 30, 1885
Father McGivney's letter to Connecticut priests, typed on Supreme Council letterhead with the words "Unity and Charity" visible on the seal, was written shortly after the Order was officially incorporated in 1882. Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Archives



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Membership Aug 2018

Brother Knights, the supreme convention is winding down and I write this. Our state once again achieved Circle of Honor status giving Noel a repeat Circle of Honor award and the state its first three-peat. We are already a full month into the new fraternal year for Supreme and member recruitment is starting to speed up. Already 21 new members have joined councils through the first degree. Additionally, 5 men have entered through the e-member program. However many councils have also cleaned up their rolls in the first month so our state overall status doesn't look good on paper, but I know that those councils who have suspended members are also looking to rebuild and strengthen their ranks. In the state incentive program 4 councils have already met or exceeded their recruiting goals for the state year. These are Council 2969 Clarksdale, Council 11541 Gulfport, Council 14051 Olive Branch, and Council 15121 Poplarville. If these council meet their insurance goals, and maintain them throughout the state year, they will be receiving steak dinners courtesy of the state council. As for the individual incentive program, 4 Knights have made the first two steps on their way to the \$50 gift card/check. They need to recruit a total of five new members by the end of September and they will not only qualify for award from state, but also a \$50 gift credit for use at KnightsGear from Supreme. Let's keep up the good work and give Philip a Circle of Honor award next year at the Supreme Convention.

Charles Hahn
State Membership Director

Council 8285, Jackson

Council 8285, Jackson hosted a potluck dinner after the parish vigil mass August 4 for Msgr. Elvin Sunds, Pastor of St. Therese Church, who is celebrating 45 years as a Priest. Msgr. Sunds shared his event with Sr. Magdalena Carrillo, MGSps, whom he introduced to the parish as new Pastoral Associate the same weekend. Sr. Magdalena, who comes to Mississippi from the Diocese of Wichita KS, will work in Hispanic ministry and religious preparation. A half-dozen KC Brothers supplied the main course and sides and parishioners rounded out the meal with sides and desserts.



Visitors from Meridian with Msgr. Elvin Sunds



Sr. Magdalena Carrillo, Cathy Gospodarski, John Bradshaw, Doug Simmons, 8285 Lector

Council 15131 of St. Richard Catholic Church, Jackson

The new officers for Council 15131 of St. Richard Catholic Church, Jackson Ms. Pastor Rev. John Bohn. The Installation was followed by a dinner at Drago.s Seafood Restaurant.

Front Row L-R: Guy Heying (State Advocate), Rev Nick Adam (Chaplain), Craig Harrell (DD #5), Mike Hart, Harold Hardin, Charles Caskey, John Curley, Andre DeGruy.

Back Row L-R: John Wren, Louis Clifford (GK), Greg Hampton, Chris Lombard, Robert Munroe (PGK) and Robert Steadman. The Installation was followed by a dinner at Drago.s Seafood Restaurant.



Council 10901 pizza buffet

Andy Reynolds, "Pizza Chef", shows off his baking technique prior to treating Knights of Columbus Council 10901 members and their families to a pizza buffet on July 29th at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Oxford. The Knights of Council 10901 observe the 5th Sunday of the Month with a Corporate Communion followed by a meal prepared by one of the Brother Knights. Andy, a recent Grand Knight of the Council, learned how to make pizza, starting with the dough to mixing familiar pizza toppings from his mother. The Knights were treated to a selection of cheese, pepperoni, and pepperoni and sausage pizza on the 5th Sunday, July 29th. Andy made 10 - 14 inch pizzas with nothing left but slightly soiled pizza pans to wash. Needless to say, there were no scraps left over. Andy Reynolds was subsequently voted Knight of the Month (July) for his efforts. (Photo, Gene Buglewicz)



Council 9543, St. Francis of Assisi, Madison

Accompanied by his wife Xiomara, John Lacourrege waits for District Deputy Dennis Antici to confer upon him the Jewel of Office as Grand Knight of Council 9543 of the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, August 4. "When I was approached about being nominated to be the next Grand Knight of Council 9543," Lacourrege said, "I must admit to having been intimidated a bit by the prospect of following in the footsteps of the long line of fine gentlemen who have preceded me. Our beloved council has a long tradition, stretching back some thirty years, of excellence in so many of the special services the Knights of Columbus provide to the church, its parishioners, families and the community. The decision to accept the honor and responsibility of its stewardship for the year ahead would have been harder were I not surrounded by men of such quality as comprise it. I am humbled by the their trust."



Left to right: PGK Larry Roberts, John and Xiomara Lacourrege, and District Deputy Dennis Antici. Photo taken by Sheri Krause.

Tupelo Assembly 2131

Honor Guard for Tupelo Assembly 2131 Faithful Navigator Steven Thomas Sevier



Assembly 2734

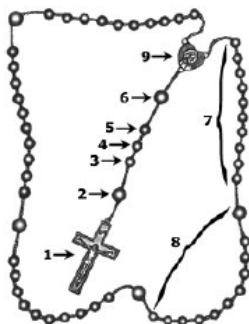
Knights of Columbus Assembly 2734 was able to place our 3rd U.S. Flag and lighted flagpole at Sacred Heart Catholic Church today.



Chaplet of Divine Mercy

This is a prayer that we open our meetings with. I am putting it in the Magnolia Knight for anyone to use.

How to Recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy



The Chaplet of Mercy is recited using ordinary rosary beads of five decades. The Chaplet is sometimes preceded by two opening prayers from the Diary of Saint Faustina and followed by a closing prayer.

1. Make the Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

2. Optional Opening Prayers

You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

3. Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen.

4. Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

5. The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

6. The Eternal Father

Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.

7. On the Ten Small Beads of Each Decade

For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

8. Repeat for the remaining decades

Saying the "Eternal Father" (6) on the "Our Father" bead and then 10 "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion" (7) on the following "Hail Mary" beads.

9. Conclude with Holy God (Repeat three times)

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

10. Optional Closing Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion — inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.