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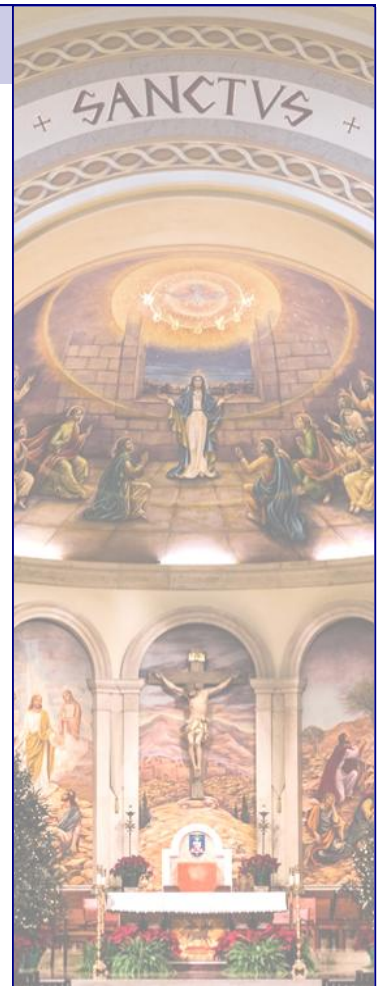
FROM THE GRAND KNIGHT

Dear Brothers,
As we enter the summer months, I want to thank each of you for your continued service, fraternity, and witness to our parish community. June gives us several opportunities to remain active and united, including the Assembly Meeting on Monday, June 8, the Membership Meeting on Thursday, June 11, and the Church's celebration of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, June 12. As we approach the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul on June 29, let us remember their courage, fidelity, and missionary zeal as models for our own work as Catholic men.

Looking ahead, July and August will be full months for both faith and service. We will celebrate the Feast of St. Thomas on July 3, the 250th birthday of the United States on July 4, our Office Induction Ceremony and Dinner on July 9, and the Feast of St. James on July 25. In August, we will continue our charitable work by feeding the homeless at the Christian Service Center on August 3, and we will mark important feast days including the Transfiguration of the Lord and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please also mark your calendars for our August 23 Pancake Breakfast and Homemade Baked Goods event. Thank you again for all you do for the Council, our parish, and the Church.

Leading up to the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11, the eve of the solemnity of the Sacred Heart. Knights and their families are encouraged to participate by praying a novena June 3-11. "Our hope is that greater charity will be exercised throughout our country, and that in the heart of Christ we will rediscover the unity that seems to be slipping away from us in today's divisive culture," said Archbishop Alexander Sample of Portland, Oregon, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee for Religious Liberty and a longtime Knight. "That in the heart of Christ we will find ourselves to be friends again, even with those with whom we disagree."

Phil Perfito
Grand Knight
Council 12402



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Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism

Business meetings on 2nd Thursday of the month at 7pm in the Social Center



OUR PARISH AND FAITH



*Our Chaplain:
Very Reverend
Miguel González*



*PGK Chris Ewing
Faith Director*

Mass Schedule

Vigil (Saturday) 4:00PM
Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 11:00AM & 5:00PM

Daily Mass

Monday-Friday 7:00AM & 12:10PM
Saturday 8:00AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday-Friday 11:30AM
Saturday:9:00AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday-Friday 7:30AM-12:00PM

Holy Days of Obligation, 2026

Corpus Christi — June 7
Solemnity of All Saints — November 1
First Sunday of Advent — November 29
Solemnity of the Immaculate
Conception — December 8
Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord
Jesus Christ (Christmas) — December

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FAITH DIRECTOR

Brothers,
Over the past two months, we have continued to live through a rich season in the life of the Church: the Easter season, the Ascension, and now the approach of Pentecost. This is a good time for us to remember that the work of the Knights is never simply “activity.” Our work is meant to flow from the Resurrection, to strengthen the parish, to support our priests and deacons, and to help Catholic men become more faithful husbands, fathers, friends, and servants.

A major upcoming event for our Diocese is the Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. Eight men will be ordained by Bishop John Noonan on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe. The Diocese has announced that the ordinandi are Juan Carrión, Guido Eugster, Olman Hernández, Steven Lang, Robert Light, Efrain Macías, John Quirk III, and Daniel Vélez Rubio. Wives are welcome, and there should be plenty of seating. A registration form will be sent for completion. I strongly encourage our council to pray for these men and their families, and, where possible, to attend in support of this important moment in the life of the Diocese.

We should also note with gratitude the recent priestly ordination of Deacon Daniel Bassile and Deacon Sinclair Cushmore, which took place at St. James Cathedral on May 23, 2026. These ordinations are a beautiful reminder that vocations remain a living sign of hope in our local Church, and they should encourage us to continue praying intentionally for priests, deacons, seminarians, religious, and holy marriages.

In the broader life of the Church, Pope Leo XIV has continued to emphasize peace, human dignity, and moral responsibility in a time marked by war, social fragmentation, and rapid technological change. His 2026 World Day of Peace message calls Catholics toward an “unarmed and disarming” peace, a theme that fits well with the Knights’ vocation to charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. As Catholic men, we can support this not only through words, but through the way we lead our families, speak to one another, serve the vulnerable, and remain steady in public witness.

For our council, the invitation is simple: stay close to the sacraments, support the parish, pray for vocations, and look for concrete ways to serve. Over the next month, I encourage each brother to consider one practical act of faith: attend the diaconate ordination, invite another Catholic man to join us, make a good confession, pray a rosary for vocations, or offer quiet support to a brother Knight or parish family in need.

May the Holy Spirit renew our council, strengthen our families, and make us faithful servants of Christ and His Church.

Vivat Jesus,

SK Chris Ewing, PGK



MEMBERSHIP




*PGK George Olson
Membership Director*

Brothers,
I am pleased to report that our council brought in 21 new members this fraternal year against a Supreme goal of 10. We welcome all of our new Brother Knights and extend a special thanks to our Fraternal Benefits Advisor, Brian Lazusky. Since the April newsletter Jonathan Mangiante joined our council. One of our newest members, Chris Morales, will be taking on membership starting in July. Needless to say it has been a very rewarding year for me and for our council and Chris will have our support as he undertakes this new role.

Vivat Jesus!
Brother George Olson

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5	I HEREBY RECOMMEND THE ABOVE APPLICANT FOR MEMBERSHIP. PRINTED NAME OF PROPOSER _____			I HEREBY DECLARE AND AGREE THAT (a) THE ABOVE IS TRUE AND CORRECT, (b) I WILL UPHOLD THE CHARTER, CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND ANY OF ITS COUNCILS IN WHICH I HOLD MEMBERSHIP, (c) THE DECISIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL CONTROL IN ALL MATTERS, (d) I ACCEPT THE PRIVACY POLICY WHICH CAN BE FOUND AT http://www.kofc.org/en/policies/index.html , and (e) THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MAY VERIFY THE INFORMATION PROVIDED.		
PROPOSER'S MEMBER NUMBER (required) _____			X	SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____		
DATE _____			X	SIGNATURE OF GRAND KNIGHT _____		
SIGNATURE OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY _____			SIGNATURE OF GRAND KNIGHT _____			

READ IMPORTANT TERMS ON REVERSE. NEW MEMBERS CAN ALSO JOIN THROUGH www.kofc.org/join. *DOES NOT APPLY TO PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS.

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“In following Jesus, like St James, we know that even in difficulties we are on the right path.”

Pope Benedict XVI at his General Audience on June 21, 2006



EVENTS

Jun

Mon, Jun 8 th – Assembly Meeting, Monsignor Bishop, 7:00 pm

Thurs, Jun 11 th – Membership Meeting, Social Hall, 7:00 pm

Fri, Jun 12 th – Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Mon, Jun 29 th – Solemnity of Saint Peter and Paul

Jul

Fri, Jul 3 rd – Feast of St Thomas

Sat, Jul 4 th – 250 th Birthday of the U.S.

Thurs, Jul 9 th – Office Induction Ceremony & Dinner, 6 pm – TBD

Mon, Jul 13 th – Assembly Meeting, Monsignor Bishop, 7:00 pm

Sat, Jul 25 th – Feast of St James

Aug

Mon, Aug 3 rd – Feed the Homeless, Christian Service Center, 11:30 am

Thurs, Aug 6 th – Transfiguration of the Lord

Mon, Aug 10 th – Assembly Meeting, Monsignor Bishop, 7:00 pm

Thurs, Aug 13 th – Membership Meeting, Social Hall, 7:00 pm

Sat, Aug 15 th – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sat, Aug 23 rd – Pancake Breakfast & Homemade Baked Goods, Social Hall

*Note: 1st Monday of the even months Feed the Homeless

**Note: Patriotic Rosary: 2nd Monday of the month at the Assembly Hall at 5:30 or use this weblink to join online:

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CATHEDRAL BULLETIN



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DIOCESE EVENTS



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FROM THE LIFE DIRECTOR



*SK Les Castro
Life Director*

Brothers,
The Central Florida Laps for Life donation total continues to increase. The amount received now is \$100, 276 which is 80% of this year's goal.

The JMJ “Breakfast for Babies” campaign took place on April 26th. Our council participated and donated \$1300 to the cause.

Thanks to George Olsen for his efforts in getting \$800 of that through the ASAP program. 3 councils did donate funds through breakfasts and another 17 distributed donation cards to their parishioners. Total donations for the campaign were

\$11,207.

Last month the Supreme Court made a ruling that blocked a stay by the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals that halted distribution of the abortion drug mifepristone without an in-person doctor visit. Mail order delivery of the drug, even into states with bans on abortion, has resulted in over 60% of abortions completed this way. Louisiana had filed a lawsuit against the practice and the ruling will stand until the lawsuit plays out in the courts.

Six states now have instituted the “Just in Case” program, supported by Planned Parenthood, that allows non-pregnant women to obtain chemical abortion pills and have them on hand should they become pregnant. Shelf life for the pills is two years.

Congress must act by July 4th to extend the ban on federal tax dollars flowing to abortion facilities. Congressional action stopped payment to these operations for one year. In the year before the ban, Planned Parenthood alone received \$832 million in taxpayer dollars according to National Right Life. In response to the Dobbs decision, the last fiscal year saw Planned Parenthood affiliates distribute \$3.7 million to over 12,000 patients to overcome obstacles to getting abortions including expenses for travel to other states. All of these circumstances resulted in reports that abortions in these clinics have doubled since 2022.

After the spring campaign, 40 Days for Life reported that since its inception, their efforts have saved 26,512 babies and closed 185 abortion facilities.

From the USCCB “Walking With Mom’s Newsletter” we read: “One of the most important works of mercy is that of accompanying another person in their time of need. Accompaniment is not found on the traditional list of the works of mercy, but it is at the heart of how the Church fulfills the Gospel. To accompany someone is to come alongside them and support them with our presence as much as with our material resources. Perhaps the greatest fruit of accompanying someone in need is the gift of hope they receive.”



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Pope Benedict XVI at his General Audience on June 21, 2006*

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HELP RECOGNIZE YOUR FELLOW KNIGHTS

Seeking all Council members help in selecting the deserving Knight and Family of the month. Below are the criteria for each Award. The more people we have observing the commendable actions of potential awardees, the more significant the awards become. If you have a nominee, write up your justification for the award and send to Grand Knight, Chris Ewing, profcewing@gmail.com.

Thanks in advance for your involvement.

Knight of the Month Factors to consider in their search for a 'Knight of the Month':

- Has the member made significant contributions to the Church, community and/or council?
- Does the member have a robust prayer-life that goes beyond weekly Mass attendance?
- Is the member a true Catholic gentleman?
- Does the member exemplify the virtues of Knighthood?
- Does he serve as a model man to his brothers?
- The 'Knight of the Month' nominated doesn't need to be a "super Knight".

The nominated member should be a Knight that lives traditional Christian values according to his state in life (single or married) and deserves recognition for doing so.

Nomination Sources

- Nominations can be made from any council member for 'Knight of the Month'.
- Sources of member nominations can come from parish priests, council members, ministry leaders with active Knights serving their ministry, etc. These sources can also be used to get additional background information on their church, community, or ministry activities.
- Provide justification for your nomination when submitting.

Family of the Month Factors to consider in their search for a 'Family of the Month':

- Has the family made significant contributions to the Church, community and/or council?
- Is the family tight knit?
- Does the family spend quality time together?
- Does the family attend weekly Mass together?
- Does the family pray together outside of Mass?
- Does the family serve as a model of Catholic family values?
- The "Family of the Month" nominated family doesn't need to be a "super family". The nominated family should be a family that lives traditional Christian family values and deserves recognition for doing so.
- It is not required that the catholic gentlemen be a Knight to be eligible for the Family of the Month.

Nomination Sources

- Nominations can be made from any council member who knows of council member families or parish families that support family life.
- Sources of nominations can come from parish priests, neighbors, council members, ministry leaders, etc. They can be used to get recommendations, references and evaluations concerning council families. They can also speak directly to the families being considered.
- Provide justification for your nomination when submitting.





SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE



*Archbishop William Lori
Supreme Chaplain*

JUNE 2026

“[W]hoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.” (Gospel for June 28, Mt 10:38)

Our fallen human condition involves a measure of suffering and trials. Our commitment as disciples of Jesus, Scripture tells us, necessarily means taking up our own crosses willingly. God will grant us the strength to endure all trials if we remain faithful, and our suffering can prove redemptive if we accept it and unite it to the passion of Christ. This doesn't mean we can't take steps to alleviate our suffering, but we are called to courageously bear our crosses, even when faced with persecution, and to thereby participate in the saving work of Christ.

CHALLENGE BY SUPREME CHAPLAIN ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM E. LORI:

This month, I challenge you to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet each day with the intention of uniting your daily sufferings with Christ's passion and in solidarity with all persecuted Christians around the world.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

Do you carry your cross willingly, or do you feel it is forced upon you? Where do you turn when you need help with the weight of your cross? To prayer and the sacraments? To your family, friends and brother Knights?



YEARS OF SERVICE

Member	Date	Number of Years
Mr Timothy C Galvin	06-27-1958	68
Mr Daniel M Witucki	06-06-1978	48
Mr Robert Wilson PGK	06-19-2001	25
Mr Patrick J Hayes	06-22-2006	20
Mr Alec L Sithong	06-14-2008	18
Mr Daniel R Almaguer	06-25-2009	17
Mr John A Mc Intosh	06-08-2011	15
Mr Angel E Sanchez	06-18-2011	15
Mr John P Meehan	06-24-2012	14
Mr Jonathan C Brown	06-10-2013	13
Michael F Pascuzzi	06-10-2015	11
Mr Timothy X Phan	06-27-2015	11
Francesco T Terrizzi	06-14-2017	9
Mr Alexander C Trauger	06-14-2017	9
Miguel P Kaled	06-27-2018	8
Hector Cordova Sr	06-08-2019	7
Mr Michael A Cordova	06-08-2019	7
Mr Godfrey Weir Alexander	06-09-2022	4
Mr Thomas E Dukes	06-29-2022	4
Mr Brian Kirwan	06-05-2023	3
Mr Daniel E O Loane	06-06-2023	3
Mr Troy D Collins	06-08-2023	3
Vrv Miguel A Gonzalez	07-19-1994	32
Mr James B Bayly	07-24-1997	29
Christopher J Ewing	07-11-2006	20
Mr Thomas J Jensen	07-13-2016	10
Raymond Thaddeus McCormack	07-23-2020	6
Mr Lorenz Oberhauser	07-29-2020	6
Mr Louis Adams	07-31-2023	3
Mr Desmond Nichols	07-10-2025	1
Jesse Collins	07-15-2025	1



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS—MEMBERS

Member	Date
Mr Ian Hamilton	06-02-1999
Mr Christopher Morales	06-07-1988
Mr Daniel W Wallace	06-11-1957
Mr James B Coward	06-14-1976
Mr Steve Kerestes	06-16-1977
Dr Anis A Khalaf	06-19-1982
Mr V Edward Gold Jr	06-23-1963
Mr Daniel E O Loane	06-24-1958
Joseph S Cimijotti	07-02-1970
Neri Olea	07-04-1986
Gerrit A Lemmen	07-06-1977
Mr Christopher A Marquette	07-06-1966
Kraig N Johnson	07-08-1959
Philip D Perfito	07-11-1979
Mr Felipe Villalona I	07-11-2001
Mr George del Campo, PFN PGK	07-12-1960
Mr Thomas M Matthews	07-17-1950
Deacon Patrick K McAvoy	07-22-1967
Mr Timothy A Norton	07-24-1947
Mr Charles McNulty	07-25-1963
Dr Javier E Martinez	07-31-1969



UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

Member	Wife	Date
Mr Ian Hamilton	Megan Hamilton	06-07-2024
Mr Patrick J Hayes	Margaret-Jo Hayes	06-09-1984
Mr Joshua G del	Katherine del Cam-	06-13-2015
James V Hutcherson	Maureen	06-22-2012
Stephen F Leo	Sheron Leo	06-22-2018
Mr Fred Grob	Jacqueline Grob	06-25-2005
Dr Javier E Martinez	Laura Martinez	06-25-1996
John T Griffin III	Jean Griffin	06-29-1996
Mr Eligio R Colon	Teresita Colon	07-06-2013
Mr Marvin Jay Lem-	Janet Lemmen	07-10-1976
Christopher Groom	Alvida Groom	07-12-2003
Mr Daniel E O	Wendy Grant	07-17-2021
Mr Andy A Sojourn-	Lisa Sojourner	07-24-2010

SPOUSE BIRTHDAYS

Member	Wife	Date
Fernando Pinhal	Winnie Pinhal	06-01
Mr Mark T Zeitler	Elizabeth Zeitler	06-01
Mr Alexander C Trauger	Aileen Trauger	06-03
Mr John B Forester	Karen Brown	06-04
Mr Peter C Tilley	Wendy Tilley	06-07
Mr John C Vasse	Lokelani Vasse	06-14
Mr Christopher C Walker	Priscilla Walker	06-21
Mr Lynn J Hinson	Evelyn Hinson	06-28
John T Griffin III	Jean Griffin	06-29
Richard A Paolo	Tanya Paolo	07-06
Mr Eligio R Colon	Teresita Colon	07-07
Mr Carmine J Bonacci	Peg Bonacci	07-10
Mr Wesley C Powell	Lisa Powell	07-16
Dr Anis A Khalaf	Gabriela Khalaf	07-17
Mr John D Rice PGK	Ruth Rice	07-17
Mr Lorenz Oberhauser	Arielle Oberhauser	07-18
George R Olson PGK	Joanne Olson	07-19
Mr James J Byrne	Alyse DiGaetano	07-23
Mr Denney Caberto	Mariko Caberto	07-30



INFORMATION ON THE 4TH DEGREE

Florida District 4th Degree Website: <https://www.floridakofc.org/Fourth-Degree-Officers>

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*SK George del Campo
4th degree representative*

NEW PRIESTS CHOSEN TO BE EUCHARIST FOR OTHERS



Deacon Sinclair Cushmore sits between Father John Giel, left, and Bishop John Noonan. To Bishop Noonan's right is Deacon Daniel Bassile, at the Chrism Mass, March 30, 2026.

[Read More Here](#)



SPIRITUAL CARE MINISTERS NEEDED

There is an urgent need for **Catholic Spiritual Care Ministers** at Orlando Regional Medical Center (ORMC). Deacons, men in formation, and their wives (if trained as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion) are invited to serve.

This ministry offers compassionate presence, prayer, and sacramental coordination for patients and families in a 1,700-bed hospital. Deacons are especially suited to provide hope, calm, and witness to Christ in moments of suffering. Volunteers help arrange for Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation, partnering with priests serving at ORMC.

Currently, only four Catholic volunteers serve weekly. Those called to this vital ministry are encouraged to contact **Deacon Bryan Zornik** (bzornik@orlandodiocese.org) for more information.



Pathways to Care always welcomes volunteers and projects. Some of our volunteers provide on-site activities and games for our residents or assist with food preparation and service, building and grounds maintenance, and clerical support. Please fill out the [inquiry form here](#) or for more information about how you can help, please call **(407) 388-0245**.

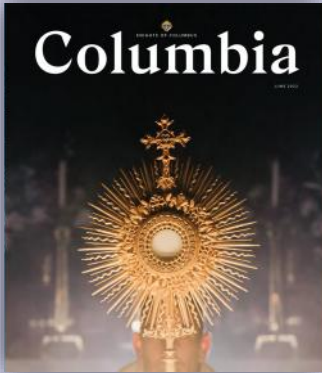
PARTNERSHIP WITH RELEVANT RADIO



Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and other K of C leaders were guests on Relevant Radio's The Drew Mariani Show on Nov. 15, speaking about men's faith, Christ-centered leadership, ethical investing and more. The show celebrated a new partnership between the Knights and [Relevant Radio](#) that aims to highlight the Order's charitable work, spiritual programs and financial services to new audiences. Listen to the episode any time at the show's [website](#) or on your favorite podcast app.



OPPORTUNITIES



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MORE OPPORTUNITIES

Prison Ministry Volunteers Needed

“For I was imprisoned and you visited me... I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:36, 40).

St Peter Claver Prison Ministry is an Orlando Council St. Vincent DePaul Special Works mentorship program that encourages prisoners and newly released citizens on becoming self-sufficient. For more information contact: Carlos Benitez, Program Manager at (407) 614-2355 and see their website www.spcpmorlando.org.

St. Vincent de Paul Orlando Needs You – Great service hours!

Volunteer opportunities are available in our stores and food pantries— great for young people needing community service hours! Continues through the end of July. Check us out at svdporlando.org

Catholic Charities Needs Food Distribution Volunteers

Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to help distribute food at its Agape Mission Markets in Orlando on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Visit cfcc.org/volunteer for more information and to sign up.

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS NEEDED

St. James continues to need volunteers to serve as Hospitality Ministers at all the English Masses. Hospitality Ministers function as ushers and greeters and will also staff the new Welcome Table. Right now, there are more open positions than there are available ushers at the English Masses. The goal is to reach a point where people need only serve two or three times a month. If you or your wife is interested in serving as an usher, please contact Billy Martinez, Liturgy Manager, at 407-563-8251 or Dan Wallace at 407-484-0550.

Ultrasound Initiative & Helping Life Fund: Building a Culture of Life

The Knights of Columbus are committed to defending life. Two key programs in Florida— the Ultrasound Initiative and the Helping Life Fund—are making a powerful difference for mothers and babies across our state.

Ultrasound Initiative

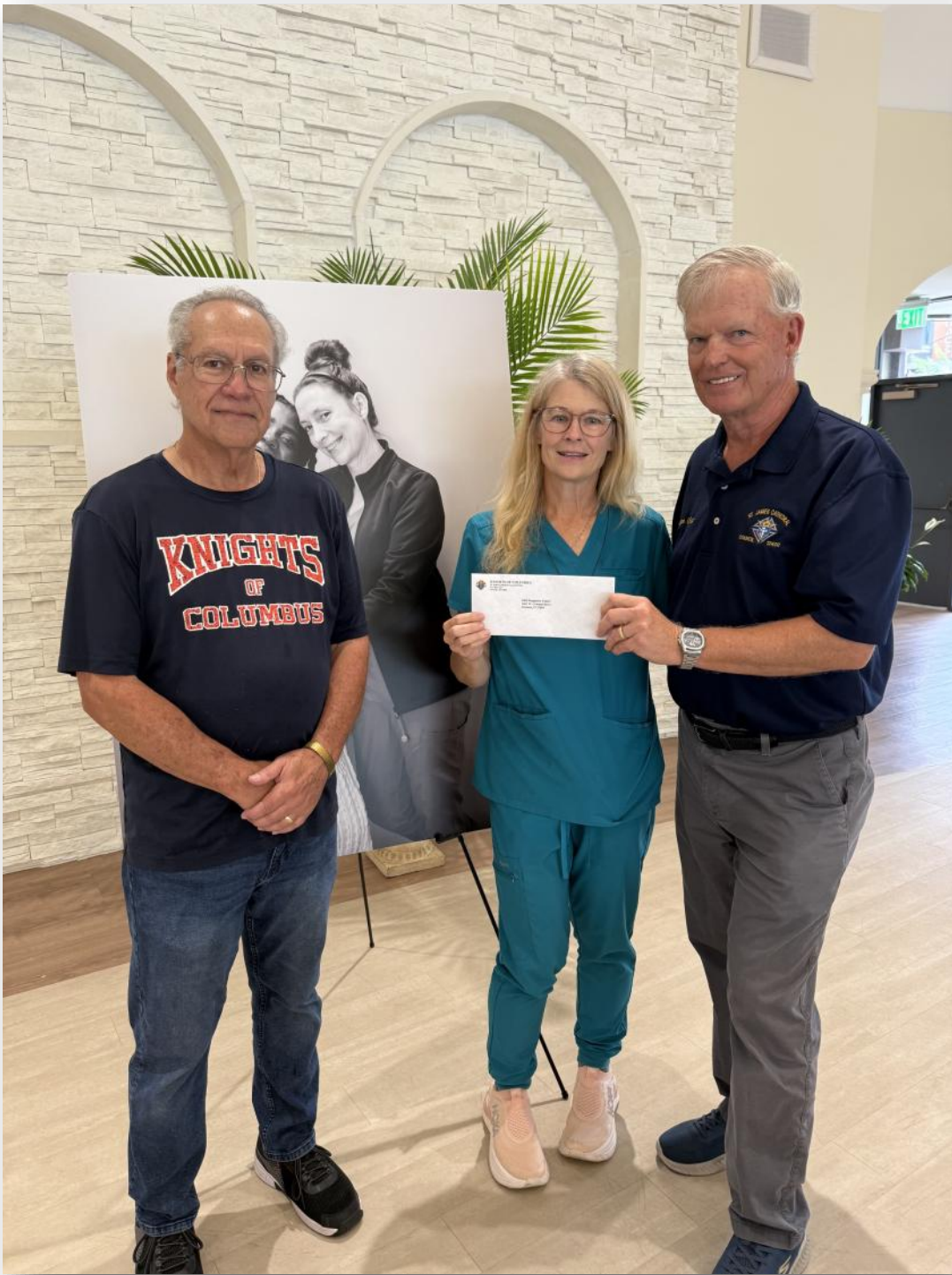
Since 2009, Knights have helped place over 1,900 ultrasound machines, valued at \$91 million, in pro-life clinics and pregnancy centers—135 of those here in Florida. Local councils fund half the cost; the Supreme Council covers the rest. For fully funded mobile units, Supreme may cover 100% of the ultrasound machine cost.

Ultrasound machines are life-saving tools. Up to 80% of abortion-minded women choose life after viewing an image of their unborn child.

Ask your local pregnancy center:

- Do they need a new, or replacement machine?
- Are they opening a new location?
- Would a mobile unit help serve more women?

To learn more, contact Jason O’Neill at jason.c.oneill@gmail.com or 302-530-7101.



Presenting 2 checks to JMJ - \$500 from the pancake breakfast and \$800 from the Aid & Support After Pregnancy (ASAP program).



FROM THE WORTHY LECTURER

Over the next several weeks, our attention will be drawn to the celebrations of the semisesquicentennial of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. As we honor the 250th anniversary of our nation, we should remember also the contributions of Catholic Americans to the development of the nation.

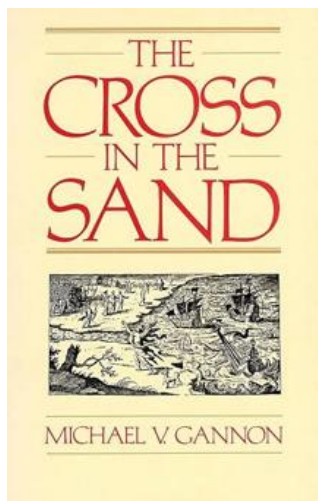
The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has produced the American 250 Video Series focusing on many of these contributions, beginning with a conversation about Catholic life during the colonial era. Subsequent episodes released so far discuss immigration, the role of Catholic liturgy and devotions in American culture, the Catholic commitment to healthcare and the role of Catholic military chaplains.

You may find links to these episodes and other America 250 activities at <http://www.usccb.org/weholdthesetruths>.

If you're looking for some good reading over the summer, here are two suggestions:



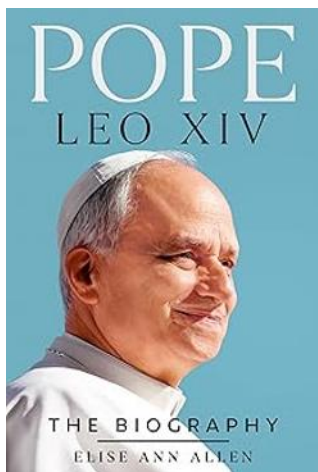
*SK Dan Wallace
Worthy Lecturer*



The Cross in the Sand by Michael V. Gannon tells the fascinating story of the early centuries of the Catholic Church in Florida from its discovery in 1513 through the creation of the Diocese of St. Augustine in the 1870's.

Interestingly, much of this early history occurs some sixty years before the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock.

First published in 1965, this is the definitive history of the Catholic Church in Florida.



Pope Leo XIV by Elise Ann Allen is a detailed biography of the Pope based in part on two one-on-one interviews between the author and His Holiness that took place at Castel Gandolfo several months following his election.

Originally released in Spanish in Peru last November, this English version was released in late April.

It is a very interesting story of how the Pope shepherded his people as a pastor and a bishop and provides a glimpse into what we might expect from him during his papacy.



Knights of Columbus: A Legacy of Charity and Faith

The Knights of Columbus were founded in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney with a mission of charity. The Order quickly expanded beyond the United States, and during World War I, they established welcoming huts offering free services to all. In the 1920s, the Knights advocated for anti-defamation and religious freedom. They renewed their commitment to volunteer service during the Great Depression and later focused on combating communism and fascism post-World War II. In the 1950s, they played a key role in adding "under God" to the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance. The Knights continued to support ecclesial reform and strengthen ties with the Vatican, especially during John Paul II's pontificate.

Into the new millennium, they maintained their charitable work, aiding displaced Christians in the 2010s. The beatification of Father McGivney in 2020 marked a new chapter, with the Order launching initiatives to deepen faith and fraternity. The Knights' history is a testament to their enduring dedication to charity and service.



FATHER MCGIVNEY CANONIZATION PRAYER

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church.

Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray: Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be



Every Knight of Columbus should be a member of the Fr McGivney Guild. There is no cost and it will keep you up to date on efforts to canonize our founder. www.fathermcgivney.org

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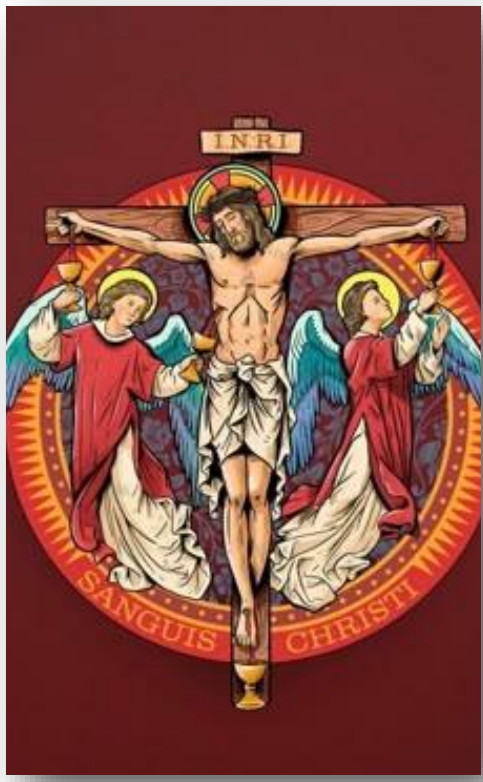
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Every member of the Knights of Columbus in the Florida jurisdiction is listed on the Florida K of C website. Financial Secretaries update council lists on the Supreme and State websites at least quarterly.

Review the brief YouTube video at <https://youtu.be/IVS3XkgiUs> to learn how to gain initial access and log on and how to review and correct or confirm your personal information. To access the video, copy and paste the link into your browser.

All Knights are strongly encouraged to access the Supreme website at www.KofC.org and the State website at www.FloridaKofC.org.

Did you know that the State of Florida Council has a YouTube Channel? Well, they do! This is a place where we can put in videos of the all the great things that we do as Knights in the State of Florida.

The link to the YouTube page is https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoaref73b_rOdtGJXLgf4TQ Be sure to subscribe to the channel so you will be notified when new videos are added.

Thanks to everyone who has sent in their dues! Remember, you can also pay online here:
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