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Knights of Columbus

**FOURTH
DEGREE**

Patriotic degree of the Order.



“VIVA CRISTO REY”



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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



Vice Supreme Master Richard Espinosa

Smile: Ask God today for the grace to be extra joyful and to share the light of Christ with those most in need of love and mercy.

Roe vs. Wade was a land mark decision of the US Supreme court in which the court ruled that the Constitution of the United States protects a pregnant woman's liberty to choose to have an abortion without excessive government restriction.

January 22, 2020 was the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. Throughout the month of January, Pro Life Marches took place in our country. The largest march is in Washington D.C. Tens of thousands crowded Constitution Avenue and for the first time, there was an address by a US President, President Donald J Trump.

I attended the Mass and March in Santa Fe New Mexico. After the Mass the three New Mexico Bishops, Archbishop John Wester, Archdiocese of Santa Fe, Bishop Peter Baldacchino, Diocese of Las Cruces and Bishop James Wall, Diocese of Gallup New Mexico led a procession and rally to the Capital.



There we heard pro life speakers and WE WERE ABLE TO VISIT LEGISLATORS. I want to thank District Master Clint Deeley of New Mexico and all Sir Knights who participated. The Sir Knights stood out as they were stationed behind the podium at the roundhouse.



We start a new calendar year and our membership numbers are as follows,

	<u>Member's</u>	<u>Quota</u>	<u>MTD</u>	<u>YTD</u>	<u>%</u>
Arizona	4,669	327	27	85	25
Colorado	4,413	309	2	64	20
New Mexico	2,181	153	3	37	24
Utah	1,112	78	2	14	17

I spoke with Masters in January and Arizona and Colorado are close to establishing new Assemblies. There are still 5 months left in the fraternal year, let's reach our goals in membership and programs.

The new Unity Fraternity and Charity Degree is going to help our membership. Be sure to attend the new degree and remind new Third Degree members that the Fourth Degree is the only exemplification in which they get knighted.

Martin Luther King Jr. quote; "Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase".

VIVA CRISTO REY

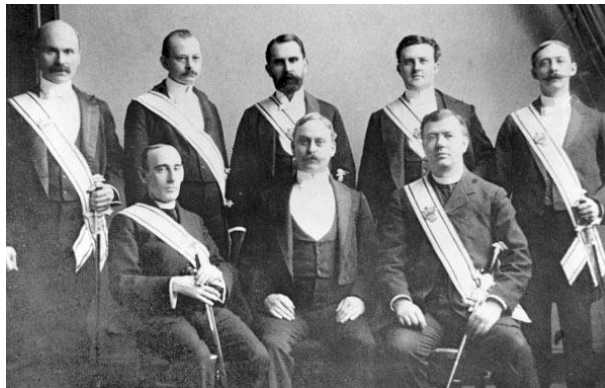
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Happy 120th Anniversary Sir Knights

The first exemplification of the Fourth Degree takes place on Feb. 22, 1900, in New York City; 1,100 Knights receive the degree. The following May, another 750 Knights take the degree in Boston.



The first exemplification of the Fourth Degree takes place Feb. 22, 1900 in New York.

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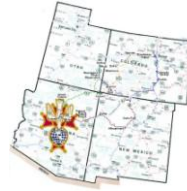
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Arizona Master Bryant Sayers, PSD

How many of you have one of these? (hold up staff) A staff can be very useful and necessary in our day to day life. We can use it to lean on when we become tired after walking a long distance; it can prevent us from falling if we are hiking up or coming down from a steep mountain; and we can use it to defend ourselves. But we can also use it to remind ourselves of the strength and love of God. Did you know the staff is used several times in the Bible to represent the power and Spirit of God?

In the Old Testament, God uses the staff of Moses to perform many powerful miracles in order to free the Israelites from slavery.

We are all familiar with this verse from Psalm 23: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff comfort me." In this example, the staff of the Good Shepherd is a means of guidance and protection.

In the New Testament reading from Mark, Chapter 6 verse 8, Jesus tells His Apostles "to take nothing for their journey except a staff". This gave the Apostles the ability to keep their life simple.

In all three of these examples, the staff is an observable sign used by God. He did not have to use anything but His power to accomplish what He needed but, without the visible sign of the staff, it would have been difficult.

Moses would not have been able to convince the Egyptians or the Israelites that he was sent by God to free them from slavery. How often do we ask for signs from God in order to believe that He is playing an important role in our lives?

And how often do we go through a difficult time in our lives and feel like we are all alone? Like the Psalmist, we need to know that our Good Shepherd is there with us, using his staff to guide us through the tough times and protect us from harm.

In the final example, the Apostles were reminded to rely on the power of grace and God's intervention for their words and on the hospitality of others. In these modern times, that seems the most difficult thing to do - - to rely on others and to live life simply.

As a Knight of Columbus, what is your staff? Do you show others the power God has in your life? Do you believe in the protection and guidance of the Good Shepherd when times become difficult? Are you willing to live life simply and trust in the grace and love of God to provide what you need?

You don't need to have a staff such as this (hold up staff) to convince others of the role God plays in your life. You can show others by how you live that He is your staff. He is there to lean on when you get tired, He will prevent you from falling when the road is rough, and He will defend and protect you when you face the enemy.

Share your staff with others. Let them see, by your example, how you carry it through life and how it brings you comfort.

Vivat Jesus!

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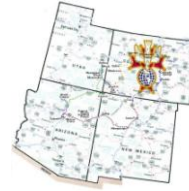
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Colorado District Master

The Colorado District is looking with great anticipation the implementation of the new combined 1st, 2nd and 3rd degrees as we plan to have a presence at the new degrees to promote and recruit members into the 4th degree. As noted previously, gone is the excuse that they do not have the time to attend 2nd or 3rd degrees to be eligible for membership into the 4th degree as they will now be 3rd degree Knights when they join our Order.

The District is also in the planning stages for the Biennial meeting. This year's meeting will be held at the Bethlehem Assembly 1966 in Northglenn on April 4th. Last biennial meeting attracted 85 members representing over 30 assemblies and we hope to exceed that number this year.

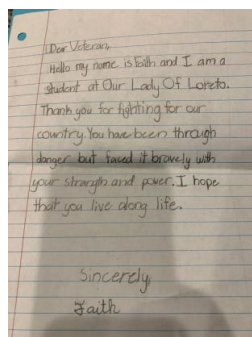
The District continues to promote its upcoming 4th Degree exemplification scheduled for February 22, 2020, exactly 120 years to the day of the first 4th Degree held on February 22, 1900 in New York City. Our goal is for 120 candidates, one for each year of the anniversary with the selling points being the exact date of the anniversary and Supreme's issuance of a special certificate for the 4th degrees held from January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020.

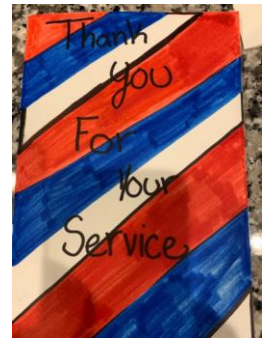
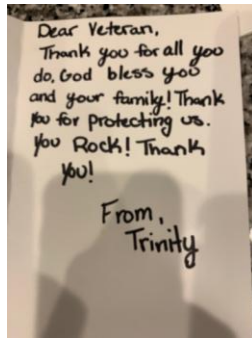
The Colorado District was active in July with a number of Right to Life activities culminating with the participation of Knights at the Right to Life March at the Capital in Denver. Knights and parishioners from various parishes participated in this annual event and have done so for many years.



For the 3rd year, the Father Vincent Capodanno Assembly 2617 in Foxfield sponsored an appreciation program for our Veterans. The students from Our Lady of Loreto Catholic school (300 students, 1st to 8th grade) made handcrafted “Thank You” Cards for the Veterans. Typically the program was held in conjunction with Valentine’s Day but at the request of the Veterans Home, the event was moved a couple of weeks prior to Valentine’s Day as that is a very busy time for patients and staff. The event this year was planned for “National Catholic School Week”. The program was renamed from “Valentines for Vets” to “Let’s Thank Our Vets”. This year the program included the delivery of cards to all the veterans’ homes in Colorado. Additionally, 50 students from Our Lady of Loreto Catholic School were selected to make a trip to the Colorado Veterans Home located a Fitzsimmons to personally hand deliver cards to the veterans living at that facility.

As part of the program, the assembly had Veteran Prayer cards made to pass out to all veterans in the parish on Veterans Day last November and with the prayer cards left, they were placed inside each thank you card. The parents of the school children were included and encouraged to have a conversation with their children about how to politely enter a resident’s room, thank them for their service, share the cards and candy, engage in a short conversation and wish them well but more importantly help prepare the children to see residents that may be physically injured or recovering. The children delivered over 100 thank you cards to the residents. There were 5 Knights in regalia or suits and social baldrics accompanying the students throughout the visit.





Assembly 3138 in Evergreen, Conifer and Bailey conducted a Christmas Wreath retrieval/removal of wreaths as a cleanup from the Christmas season at Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver and the Horn Cemetery in Bailey. Also for the month of January, the assembly participated in a monthly Knights of Columbus/Parish rosary service.

From my District Marshal, Robert Knapp of the Colorado Springs diocese, his report contains the following activities in the Colorado Springs area:

Worthy District Master Roger,

The attached pictures are from the dedication of the Saint Peter On This Rock Parish Ministry Center on Jan 15. Fr. Gregory has given a room (Fr. McGivney room) in the new center to the Knights of Columbus our use.



We are in the process of creating a display case that will contain the recently retired capes and chapeaus. The State Deputy, Third and Fourth Degree Knights from Colorado Springs area Councils and Assemblies joined with St Mary's High School Students for Life & the Diocese of Colorado Springs Respect Life Apostolate to walk in the Rocky Mountain March for Life Monday, January 20, 2020 in recognition of the 47th anniversary of Roe v. Wade and in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Fourth Degree Honor Guard supported the Bishop's Mass.

Rocky Mountain March for Life

Monday, January 20, 2020

In recognition of the 47th anniversary of Roe v. Wade and in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

At the sidewalk near the Planned Parenthood facility on 3480 Centennial Blvd.

- 8:15 – 8:45 a.m. *Park at Corpus Christi / shuttle to PP sidewalk
- 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Prayer and Speakers
- 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Line up for March & Eucharistic Procession
- 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. *March to Corpus Christi Catholic Church
- 11:30 – 12:00 p.m. Adoration and Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Mass with Bishop Sheridan (4th Degree Honor Guard)
- 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Pizza Lunch & Fellowship – Parish Hall

It looks like we will have 10-12 candidates for 4th Degree Exemplification on Feb 22. On a side note our presence at funerals for our brother Knights is making a difference. Not only do we bring comfort to the families we inspire other Knights to move up. After Jim Rooney's funeral this week three Knights committed to obtaining the new regalia.

Robert Knapp, Colorado Springs Marshal

Journey With the Spirit
Spread the Gospel By Words and Works
Vivat Jesus

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New Mexico Master Clint J Deeley

My Fellow Sir Knights,

I pray you are having a great 2020 so far. With the month of February, there are five months left in the Fraternal Year.

In this past month, there were Diocesan District Meetings that conducted the new Combined Degree. We also had an Exemplification in Grants on January 25th. The Class Honoree was Sir Knight Levi Leyba. We had 16 candidates become Sir Knights. Thank you to our great Exemplification Team, District Marshals, and Assembly 2218 for hosting this great event!

For this month, remember to complete Assembly Audits and begin the paperwork for the Annual Awards you can earn; Civic Award, Star Assembly! Please do not wait until June 30th to complete. There are more Diocesan District Meetings and Degree Exemplifications. If there is one in your local area, please take the time and welcome our new Fraternal Brothers and invite them to become a Sir Knight of the Patriotic Degree. Look at what you can do as an Assembly to support your Priests, Parishes and Councils for the beginning of Lent that begins February 26th.

March is right around the corner, there will be two Exemplifications March 7th, in Las Cruces and March 28th in Roswell. Please look at either of these dates to get your candidates to become Sir Knights.

Here are some upcoming events for your calendar:

- March 7th, 4th Degree Exemplification, Las Cruces, NM
- March 28th, 4th Degree Exemplification, Roswell, NM
- April 25th, Biennial Meeting, Lamy Building, Albuquerque, NM
- May 15-17, New Mexico State K of C Convention, Albuquerque, NM
- June 13th, 4th Degree Exemplification, Northern NM

Lastly, please consider making an Assembly, Council donation for the Archdiocese of Military Service. This is a very important cause that will help support the military chaplain Seminarians. Please send me any donations and I will consolidate the donations for the District and send after the State Convention.

Below is the letter I received from our Supreme Master, Dennis Stoddard:

Worthy Vice Supreme Masters and District Masters of the Fr. McGivney Province,

So close and yet so far away.

As of today, we have collected \$1,985,133.51 of our \$2 million dollar goal for our military chaplain seminarian support. We now have a balance of just \$14,866.49 due to the Archdiocese of Military Services, USA by June 30, 2020.

My brothers, I know this has been a long, uphill battle for you to reach the goal of \$2 million dollars.

We are blessed that our brother knights and their families have been so very generous. I also know that you are tired of hearing from me, so please, silence me by collecting the 14K needed as soon as possible.

Again, I beg you to press our masters, faithful navigators, grand knights, state deputies, and yes, our ladies auxiliaries for just a \$25.00 donation to this most worthy cause. Some can spare little, yet others more.

For he who has much, much is expected.

Look at what's happening in the middle east right now, we have many brother knights and Catholic servicewomen in harm's way, in a country where there is no Catholic Church to visit and pray. Their only hope is that of our brave Catholic Priest Chaplains, who volunteer to be in harm's way as well to bring the sacraments to our brave military members. Please don't let them down. We must meet this goal and soon.

Help me raise the balance and please pray for military vocations.

Fraternally,

Dennis J. Stoddard

Supreme Master

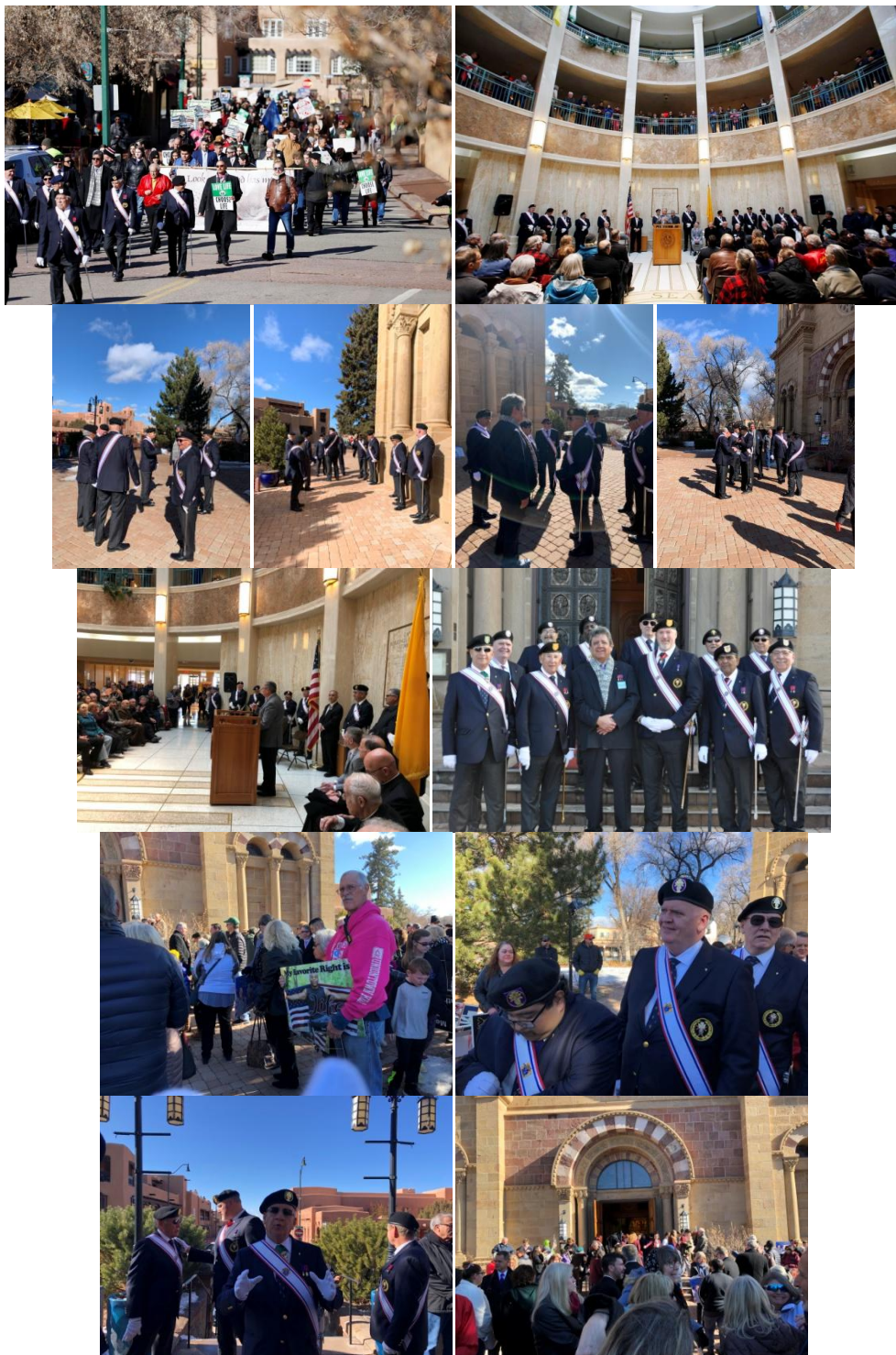
Please pray for the ones we have lost and please do not forget the wives and families left behind for they will need our prayers and help.

Thank you for all the good works that you all do!

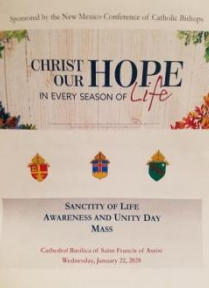
Vivat Jesus!
CJ
Clinton Deeley
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Sanctity of Life Awareness and Unity Day in Santa Fe, New Mexico – January 17, 2020

New Mexico Knights were front and center at the Sanctity of Life March in Santa Fe on January 17. The 3 New Mexico Bishops were present and after Mass at the Cathedral, a march was held thru the streets of Santa Fe to the Roundhouse (State Capital).







From Rev. Brian L. Kachelmeier, Redeemer Lutheran Church, at the 2020 Santa Fe Sanctity of Life Awareness and Unity Day

In the beginning was the Word. He created everything out of nothing. God saw all that He had made and it was very good, טוב מאד, muy bien. There was no sin. Yet, it was not good that Adam was alone. Why? Without the gift of a wife, there would be no gift of life. As God formed Adam from the ground, He built Eve from the side of man. She was a woman with a womb. A woman is like a building. She is built to house life. From the womb of a woman, we are formed and built by God.

Originally in the garden, God cultivated a culture of life. However, the serpent quickly slithered in, to plant sin, and to cultivate a culture of death. In our day, we live in a corrupted culture that tries to separate the womb from the woman. It tries to sever the baby from the womb. To those of the world, there is no room in the womb for life. For them, it is a place of death, a tomb. They exhume the body from the tomb. They dig the body out of the womb. They choose to disembodied babies and discard them away.

We live in a land with the threat of the abortionist's knife, where God gives the gift of life. We live in a land with abortion being distributed as a secular sacrament, and babies are sacrificed to appease guilty consciences. We see the mess we have made. It is very bad, רע מאד, muy mal. We live in a world after the Fall. The world has been deceived by the deceiver. And the devil hates babies. Why? Each baby recalls the crushed head of the serpent by the Seed of the Virgin. Each conception reminds the devil of the holy incarnation. Each birth from the womb reminds the devil of the Christ who came from the tomb. Each baby recalls the defeat of the devil. The devil hates this promise. He wants babies to be disembodied and discarded.

We gather this day to choose life where there is death, to confess Christ where there is sin. For only in Christ can we find forgiveness and have healing. Jesus was put to death for our trespasses and raised to life for our justification. The Seed of the Virgin was planted in the ground to cultivate a culture of life on earth. We gather this day as gardeners and guardians of life.

We walk for the wee ones in the womb who cannot walk at all. We stand up for the smallest among us who cannot stand at all. We work for the wee ones in the womb who cannot work at all. We speak up for the smallest among us who cannot speak at all. Why? Satan is a liar and a murderer. He does not want the truth of the Lord's Word to be heard. He does not want us to rejoice in God's Voice which gives life.

Therefore, when we walk, stand up, work, and speak up, we show forth the victory of Christ over the tyranny of the Old Evil Foe. We walk for life. We stand for the truth. We work for life. We speak the truth. Jesus is the Truth. Jesus is the Life. He is the eternal Word. He is the Incarnate Word. He is the Final Word. He is the beginning and the end. Amen.

Rev. Brian L. Kachelmeier
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Thank you Reverend Brian for sharing

On January 18, 2020, Archbishop Lamy Council 4227 Albuquerque NM. hosted the new Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity Degree and thirty men made the Degree. State Officers were in attendance, along Vice Supreme Master Richard Espinosa and District Master Clint Deeley.



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Utah Master Frank Carmona, PFN

This New Decade 2020 has started with a bang in Utah. With the distribution of 3000 plus warm socks to our US Veterans at the SLVA and Catholic Community Services refugees on Tuesday, January 6, 2020, gathering Honor Guard members to guiding the precession for the Mid-Year Meeting Mass, saying farewell to our departed Four-Degree Brothers, providing comfort and a visual Color Guard for the Mass of the Unborn with Bishop Oscar Solis, participating and organizing The Utah March for Life 2020 also with Bishop Solis, and honoring our clergy by being present at our newly ordain Deacons Mass. February is looking up to be a busy month with the kick-off with the “Tim Tebow’s Night to Shine Foundation” Arch of Knights at the Flourishing Grace Christian Church in Bountiful Utah and the Special Olympics opening games. In February, we prepare to guide the Saint Patrick’s Day Parade with our Color Guard and families directly behind us. What a year 2020 is turning out to be.

4th-Degree District Project No. 3 January – March 2020

\$1000 Scholarship Tickets on Sale Now!

The Utah State Convention is just around the corner, and we need to give away a \$1000 Scholarship a deserving young graduating Catholic high school student. How can we do this, you ask? Easy! We sell tickets for the opportunity to win prizes: 12 for \$10. The leadership of the Utah Fourth-Degree voted at the biannual meeting in 2018 to adopt this project and move it forward. FVSM Chuck Dover is spearheading this project along with your District Marshals and Faithful Navigators. Please contact them to receive your tickets or to turn in sold ones. Remember, there great opportunities to win. Let’s sell them at bingo, church gatherings, work, VA, and any other place people carry money on them. Good luck, Sir Knights, and happy selling.

Utah March for Life 2020 Recap

MARCH FOR LIFE UTAH was held on January 25, 2020, at the Utah State Capitol at 1:00 pm. This was the fifth year that the MARCH FOR LIFE UTAH was held. Five years ago, two dedicated women decided that something had to be done for the protection of the unborn child. Pro-Life Utah was established and is going strong today as the coordinating agency that puts on the MARCH FOR LIFE UTAH. Four years ago, there were approximately 200 people that walked the MARCH FOR LIFE in downtown Salt Lake City. On January 25, 2020, that number now exceeded 2500 marchers.

Although small in comparison to the March for Life in Washington DC, the presence of people marching for the protection of the unborn child here in Utah is a major accomplishment. Catholic participation has grown each year as well and will continue to grow because of our faith and devotion to God and the dignity of life that we hold so dear.

This year's increase in participation was due to several factors. Through the Knight of Columbus Director of Life for Utah and his participation with Pro-life Utah and The Salt Lake Diocese Respect for Life Commission, information was given and provided to both agencies and the Utah Knights of Columbus "Leaders" webpage on the upcoming March.

Most Reverent Oscar Solis, Bishop of the Diocese of Salt Lake City, was asked to give the opening prayer for the March. To heighten the participation of Catholics in the Diocese, a Rosary, led by Bishop Solis and four Parish Priests from the Diocese, was said before the March began.

Many priests from the Diocese came and, together with Bishop Solis, led their flocks in March. The Knights of Columbus "Love Life" posters abounded throughout the March which indicated why everyone was there. Life is precious and must be protected, especially for those who cannot defend themselves.

Our work is not done, and every effort to make it better for next year will begin immediately. Through the Respect for Life Commission, Knights of Columbus, and Parish Respect for Life Ministers, new and better ways will be developed to bring more Catholics and their friends to the March for Life in 2021. It is essential that our voices be heard here in Utah and to have a voice for the protection of the unborn child from the moment of conception to natural death. God gave all of us life, and we must do everything we can to protect this precious gift.

To All My Brother Knights

Saturday, January 25, 2020, was a beautiful and blessed day. My heart and love go out to all my Brother Knights, their family members and friends that attended this year's March for Life. The participation was outstanding, and to see all those Knights of Columbus posters being carried by many people instilled in me the desire to continue to promote this event each year.

Bishop Solis opened with the Rosary at 12:15, and four other Priests also lead a Joyful Mystery. Bishop Solis gave a wonderful opening prayer, and then he marched with us which heightened the meaning of the March. As Jesus told his Apostles, "***When two or more of you are gathered in my name, I am with you.***" ***Our Lord Jesus Christ was definitely with us yesterday.***

Bishop Solis expressed his desire to see more of his Sir Knights at events at the Cathedral and at other events that Sir Knights participate in. We are his Honor Guard, and we bring the identity of the Knights of Columbus to all who see us in our new uniform or our tuxes. As Sir Knights, let us honor our Bishop's request and come in force to represent our Church and the Knights of Columbus wherever that may be.

Vivat Jesus
Robert Van Parys, PGK, PFN
Utah District Pro-Life Director
Assembly 2636 CCC

Assembly 2577 Sandy Utah

Sir Knights,

Last month was a very busy month full of several Pro-Life activities for our assembly. I just wanted to give you a quick update on what all took place and how things went.

Novena: First, we had our nine-day Novena for Life. Since we are using the USCCB online Novena, I have no real way of knowing how many of our Knights or parishioners signed up for this. We did hand out event cards at all three Mass times the weekend of Feb 18/19. Thank you, fellow Knights and Ushers, who help hand these out.

Mass for the Unborn: On Tuesday, January 21, 2020, evening was the Mass for the Unborn, and it was held at the Cathedral with Bishop Solis presiding. Several clergies were there participating as well including our own Fr. Tilley and Fr. Dominic - Thank you both for being there! We had seven Sir Knights providing an Honor Guard. At the end of Mass, candles were lit and the lights dimmed. It was a powerful moment. We then concluded Mass by carrying our candles out front and placing them on the steps. Bishop Solis gave a special blessing and the Honor Guard stood in pairs guarding the candles until 10 pm. Thank you to our Sir Knights who participated in this Mass.

Elementary School Mass: On Wednesday, Jan. 22nd, Fr. Tilley officiated the morning Mass for the elementary school students and incorporated a pro-life theme into his homily. The Knights provided Rosary Rings and various prayer cards for all of the students.

Mass for the Unborn - St. John the Baptist Draper, UT: In the evening, Fr. Tilley held a special Mass for the Unborn, a period of Benediction, and then a Rosary was held. Thank you to SK Guy Allen for leading the Rosary! I do have to admit; I was very disappointed in the attendance at this Mass. There were about 50 people there and only a handful of Knights. Brother, this is a serious and important issue. Your presence has a huge impact not only on this movement but on others as well as you will see in the following write up on the March for Life. So please, if at all possible, make it a point to participate and attend some or all of these events next year!

March for Life: The week then concluded on Saturday with the 5th annual Utah March for Life at the Utah State Capital. Brothers, if you were not there, you missed a great event. The first year this event was held, there were about 50 attendees. Last year there were slightly over 1,000. This year the organizers hoped to double that. Well, they exceeded their goal, with over 2,500 people attending! The upper level of the Capital was packed! Bishop Solis was there and gave a terrific opening prayer which everyone complimented him on. And there were numerous Knights from all over the area. I spoke with Brothers from Park City, the Cathedral, Bountiful, Ogden, Magna, Tooele, and more. St. Thomas More organized an event of their own and chartered one Juan Diego bus which they filled. St. Joseph the Worker parish did the same filling two Juan Diego buses. St. John's own Respect Life Committee director

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Tina Pisenti was very involved in the planning and organizing of this event and was tasked with doing Catholic outreach which she did throughout the valley. Did you hear the ad spots on 101AM Relevant Radio? Thank her. And she was there at the event helping set up and organize ushers - all that after just having had three surgeries the week before!

At 12:15 pm, a rosary was held in the rotunda area. It was packed with Catholics! Bishop Solis kicked off the rosary, Fr. Tilley led a decade, and other priests did the other three in attendance in both Spanish and English. SK Bob Van Parys, Utah State Life Director, did a great job in preparing for and organizing for the Knights in preparation for this event. He brought a few hundred KofC green and white Pro-Life signs and we handed these out to anyone who wanted one. I have to say, as I looked out over the Capital hall and especially during the March, those were the dominant sign seen throughout. People noticed the Knights throughout the day and were VERY thankful for our participation and help. So Brothers, your presence does matter!

The official event began at 1 pm; various awards were given, and several speakers gave powerful talks, including State Senator Dan McCay, who will be sponsoring pro-life legislation in the coming session.

After the speaking portion of the event, everyone filed out to the front of the Capital to begin the March. Event organizers led the March with their banner, and directly following were the Knights of Columbus with our banner, the Bishop and the Honor Guard walking with him. I want to thank our fellow Knight John Marcinek who helped me carry the banner throughout the March and Brother Karl who helped man the Knights table inside. As we walked up and around the Capital and neared the backside, I looked back over the line of walkers filling the street and there were still people coming out from inside to form the March. And to top it all off the weather was perfect!

Next year we pray for an even larger event and greater attendance at all of the pro-life events. More importantly, though, we pray for the day that these events will no longer be needed!

I want to give a very special thank you to Fr. Tilley, who supported our efforts, expanded our week's events, held special Mass' and attended both the Mass for the Unborn and the March. All of that with his already packed schedule. Thank you, Fr. Tilley!

Vivat Jesus!
Patrick Schmitt
Pro-Life Director
Assembly 2577

4th-Degree District Project No. 4 April – June 2020 (coming up)

Kids in Crises Stuffed Animal Drive

In 2019 The Utah District collected and donated over 4000 stuffed animals to various police, fire, and EMP high crime agencies around the state. With the leadership of District Marshal Richard Vigor, this event was possible. DM Richard Vigor is a retired Sheriff Sergeant and West Valley PD Officer, it was his tenacious and his ability to communicate with various agencies, churches, GKS, FNS, PSDs, and the State Council that the Utah District was successful with our new project. We spent over two (2) weeks distributing all the plush animals to the high crime agencies. Receiving recognition from the top Cop in the city was a great accomplishment, but knowing one of our collected plush animals was in those police cars, fire trucks, or ambulance made this project a success. This year I am proud to say that DM Richard Vigor will be spearheading this wonderful project.

Patriotic Degree Exemplifications:

WHEN: March 21, 2020
WHERE: St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Ch
Catholic Ch
725 S 250 E, Hyde Park, UT 84318
84118
Faithful Navigator Andy Beck
andybeck427@gmail.com

WHEN: June 13, 2020
WHERE: Saint Francis Xavier
4501 West 5215 South, Kearns, UT
Faithful Navigator Tom Johnson
50tomjohnson@gmail.com

Clergy Only Patriotic Exemplification

WHEN: April 22, 2020
WHERE: Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church 1375 Spring Ln, Salt Lake City, UT 84117
Please invite all Deacons, Priest, MSRs, and other Clergy members that are no part of the Patriotic Degree. We will provide dinner after the Degree. Open to all current 4th Degree Members to witness the degree. Faithful Navigators and Grand Knights, please accompany your Clergy to this ceremony.

Requirements to advance to the Patriotic Degree are current Third (3rd) Degree Knight in good standing, \$70 fee, wear a dark suit or tuxedo, tie, black shoes, dress shirt, and a completed Form 4 (NO JEANS or POLO SHIRTS).

“For the Spirit, God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love, and self-discipline.”

-Timothy 1:7

“Peace be with you” -John 20:19

God Bless You and God Bless America!

Viva Christo Rey!!!

Frank Carmona

Utah District Master

March for Life Utah - January 25, 2020







Uniform Talk



We are pleased to welcome “The Supply Room” (TSR) as the new distributor of Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree regalia.

TSR is a world-class, leading distributor of military and law enforcement uniforms, located in Oxford, Alabama. In addition to 100+ years of experience and a solid reputation for quality, they will offer customer service representatives dedicated to Knights of Columbus uniform orders.

Our uniforms will remain of the highest quality, while the cost will drop to \$449. Because of the transition, all ordering of uniforms will be suspended Nov. 1 and resume on Dec. 1.

What to know:

- As before, orders may be placed at kofcuniform.com.
- The customer service number remains the same and is available at 1-833-562-4327.
- TSR customer service is able to assist with questions regarding uniforms ordered from the previous fulfillment company.

We remain grateful to our Sir Knights and are proud of the dignity and respect with which you represent the Order in your parishes and communities.

Thank you for letting us serve you.

The Color Corp of the Patriotic Degree

Purpose of the Color Corps

When knighthood was in flower, knights carried the sword to defend their God, their Church, their country and their fellow man according to the code of chivalry. Today, Sir Knights wear regalia and carry the sword to honor Christ and His apostles, especially on religious and civic occasions specified in this manual. Hence, the primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to encourage active Catholic citizenship and foster the spirit of patriotism in members and the community at large.

The Color Corps members exemplify all the principles of our Order:

Charity - by the gift of their time and energies necessary to practice, perfect and perform the ceremonials and sword drill;

Unity – by the united efforts of Sir Knights to practice and perfect a coordinated drill for the good of the Church and the Order;

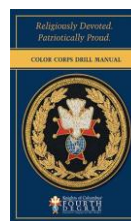
Fraternity – by expressing an “Esprit de Corps,” sharing a common desire for drill excellence and camaraderie; and

Patriotism – by performing precision drill as a salute to God and to country and visually exhibiting a love for both.

The public appearance of Fourth Degree Knights as a Color Corps at religious and civic functions is an important activity of each assembly. By these public demonstrations, their loyalty and patriotism bring credit to themselves and to the Knights of Columbus.



4th Degree Uniform
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Make This Your 2019-2020 Fraternal Year Goal

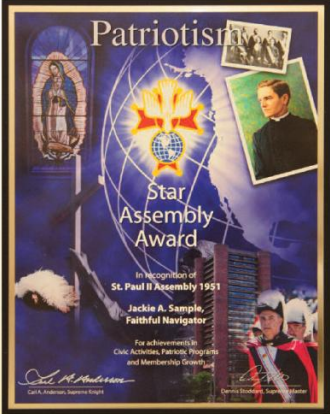
Earn The Star Assembly Award!

The Star Assembly Award was first awarded in 2016 for the 2015-2016 fraternal year.

Assemblies that excel in membership recruitment, sponsoring patriotic programs in their communities, report to the Supreme Council office and keep their members and others informed of assembly activities are eligible to earn the Star Assembly Award.


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Star Assembly Award



**Religiously Devoted.
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Your Assembly can earn the Star Assembly Award by completing the following:

- * Earn the Fourth Degree Civic award
- * Enter the to be a patriot competition
- * Meeting the assembly new membership goal of 7%
 - * Submit the report of officers 186 due July 1st
- * Submit the annual survey of fraternal activity 1728 due January 31st
 - * Submit the annual assembly audit report 1315
- * Publish a monthly newsletter or bulletin for assembly members

The Star Assembly Award is an honor that brings unity to the Assembly.
The pride exemplified by the assembly when it is awarded.

Let's work in achieving this goal.

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Letter to Mommy and Daddy
after Abortion

Mommy... why did you hurt me?

Daddy did you know?

Why didn't you fight for my life?

Jesus said I would have looked just like you

Your hair, your eyes, and even your smile

I know you didn't mean it Mommy

Daddy I know you love me.

Daddy, you will never get to see me

You'll miss my first words, you'll miss me fall and get up.

Mommy, you'll never get to comb my hair or paint my nails, you'll miss me go to kindergarten

You guys will miss my whole life And I will to....

But don't worry, I am with Jesus now.... Next time think about what you are doing, and who you are hurting,

I AM A PERSON

Mommy, Daddy, I love you, wish you would have loved me too

By: *Danielle Martinez*

Culture of Life

“Among the vulnerable for whom the church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us. Nowadays efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this... Precisely because this involves the internal consistency of our message about the value of the human person, the Church cannot be expected to change her position on this question... It is not ‘progressive’ to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life...” *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis

In union with the Magisterial teachings of the Church and the Holy Father, the Knights of Columbus stands strong in its conviction that every human life is a gift of God, endowed with certain inalienable rights — the first among these being the right to life. Even in the midst of difficulties and uncertainties, we believe that human life is sacred and inviolable, and ought to be defended with maximum determination. To this end, the Knights of Columbus supports policies that promote a Culture of Life and opposes legislative efforts that promote abortion, contraception, sterilization, cloning, the destruction of embryos, assisted suicide, and euthanasia.

One of the most effective ways in which the Knights of Columbus has promoted a Culture of Life and helped thousands of women save their children is through the Ultrasound Initiative. As of October 2019, the initiative has funded and placed 1134 ultrasound machines — valued at more than \$54 million — in all 50 states, Mexico, Canada, and countries in South America and Africa. Thousands of babies have been saved, and the lives of countless mothers, fathers, and families have been enhanced thanks to the work of the Knights.

Our Order’s steadfast defense and promotion of a Culture of Life is grounded on our ultimate assurance that in the natural law written in the heart of every person is the recognition that human life is sacred from its very beginning to its end. In the depths of our consciousness, human intellect knows that the very source of its existence—i.e. human life—ought to be protected and celebrated. In that regard, the message of the Knights of Columbus extends far beyond our Order and our religious creed; it is a universal message that every person of good will can come to affirm.

The right to life is unlike any other right. It is the most basic right and the condition of all other personal rights, constituting the foundation of every human community and the political community itself. St. John Paul II famously noted that if human life itself is not respected, then respect for all other rights—for example, the right to health, to marriage, to culture, to religion—is “false and illusory.” Human rights of every kind are “incomprehensible” without the right to life. Our Order, therefore, joins the universal Church in acknowledging the dignity of human life and in its efforts to achieve legal and constitutional protection for every human person at the international, national, state, and local levels.

Furthermore, in accordance with the teachings of St. John Paul II in *Evangelium Vitae*, we affirm that “abortion and euthanasia are [...] crimes which no human law can claim to legitimize. There is no obligation in conscience to obey such laws; instead there is a grave and clear obligation to oppose them by conscientious objection.... In the case of an intrinsically unjust law, such as a law permitting abortion or euthanasia, it is therefore never licit to obey it, or to ‘take part in a propaganda campaign in favor of such a law, or vote for it.’”

To read more or donate to the Ultrasound Initiative, please [click here](#).

Did You Know?

THE NATIONAL FLAG

1. HISTORY

a. Before we became a nation, our land knew many flags. Long ago, the Norsemen probed our coastal waters sailing under the banner of the black raven. Columbus carried a Spanish flag across the seas. The pilgrims carried the flag of Great Britain. The Dutch colonists brought their striped flag to New Amsterdam. The French explored the continent under the royal fleur-de-lis.

Each native Indian tribe had its own totem and insignia. Immigrants of every race and nationality, in seeking a new allegiance, have brought their symbols of loyalty to our shores.

b. During our Revolution, various banners were used by the not-yet-united colonies. A green pine tree with the motto, “An Appeal To Heaven,” was popular with our young Navy. The rattlesnake's warning, “Don't Tread On Me,” was displayed by aroused colonists along the Atlantic seaboard. The Moultrie “Liberty” flag, a large blue banner with a white crescent in the upper corner, rallied the defenders of Charleston, South Carolina, in 1776. The Bunker Hill flag was a blue banner with a white canton filled with a red cross and a small green pine. The flag of the maritime colony of Rhode Island bore a blue anchor under the word “Hope.” Strikingly similar to the stars and stripes was the flag carried by the Green Mountain Boys of Vermont at the Battle of Bennington on 16 August 1777.

c. The first flag of the colonies to have any resemblance to the present Stars and Stripes was the “Grand Union Flag,” sometimes referred to as the “Congress Colors.” When Washington took command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1776, he stood under the “Grand Union Flag” which continued to show a dependence upon Great Britain. The flag consisted of thirteen stripes, alternately red and white, representing the Thirteen Colonies, with a blue field in the upper left hand corner bearing the crosses of St. George (England) and St. Andrew (Scotland), signifying union with the mother country.

d. The first Stars and Stripes was created by the Continental Congress on 14 June 1777. This date is now observed nationally as “Flag Day.”

e. In this flag the thirteen stars, representing a constellation, were arranged in a variety of designs. (Congress did not specify the arrangement of the thirteen stars on the blue union, except to say that they should represent a new constellation.) The most popular — with the stars in a circle so that no state could claim precedence over another — is known as the Betsy Ross flag, in honor of the seamstress who is supposed to have sewn the first one.

f. The first Navy Stars and Stripes had the stars arranged in staggered formation in alternate lines and rows of threes and twos on a blue field. A close inspection of this arrangement of the stars shows a distinct outline of the diagonal Xshaped cross and the cross of St. George of the English flag. This indicates how difficult it was for the colonists, even at this late date, to break away entirely from the British flag under which they had been born and had lived all the years of their lives.

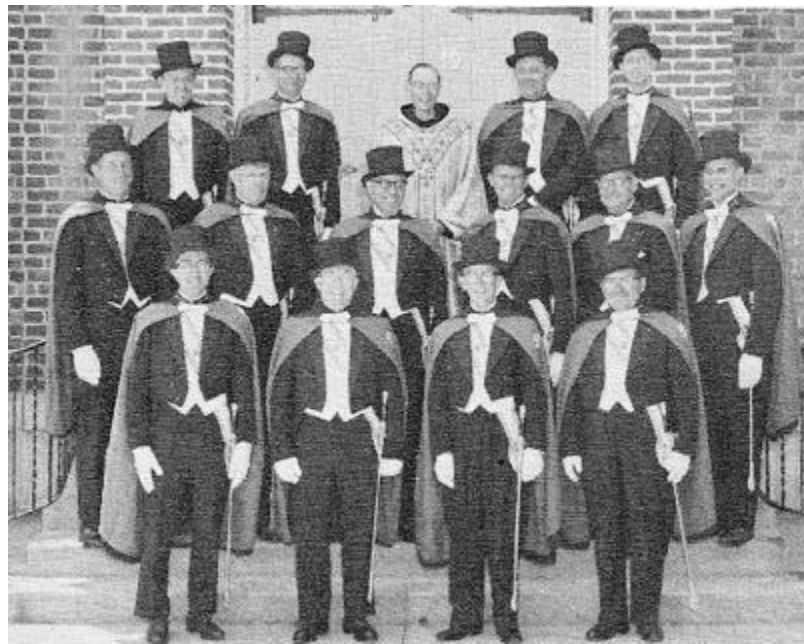
g. As the American frontier expanded, two new States were added to the Union, and these were incorporated into the flag. This meant that two stars and two stripes were added to the design — making a total of fifteen each. It was this flag that withstood enemy bombardment at Fort McHenry, Maryland, 13-14 September 1814, and inspired Francis Scott Key to write the “Star Spangled Banner.”

h. Realizing that the flag would become unwieldy with a stripe for each new state, Captain Samuel C. Reid, USN, suggested to Congress that the stripes remain thirteen in number to represent the Thirteen Colonies, and that a star be added to the blue field for each new state coming into the Union. A law of April 4, 1818, that resulted requires that a star be added for each new state on the 4th of July after its admission.

i. Since 1818, each new state has brought a new star for the flag. A 48-star flag came along with admission of Arizona and New Mexico in 1912. Alaska added a 49th star in 1959, and Hawaii paved the way for 50 stars in 1960. This growing pattern of stars could be said to reflect the growing dimensions of America's responsibilities, as the thirteen stripes reflect the constant strength of our country's traditions.

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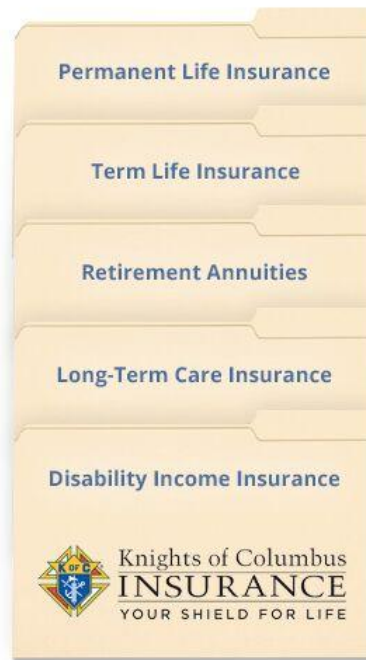


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Knights' Prayer



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.

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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.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father

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