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MESSAGE FROM SPIRITUAL ADVISOR Msgr. Edward House



Msgr. Shlemon Warduni speaks about celebrations that brought a "renewed hope" in the Christian community. Today a pilgrimage to Ur in the sign of mercy, in the company of some Muslims. But the

drama of the exodus has taken on "frightening dimensions" amid political uncertainty. A cabinet reshuffle to overcome sectarian divisions.

Baghdad (AsiaNews) - In a difficult political, social and institutional climate, Iraqi Christians celebrated the Easter holidays "with renewed hope" both in Baghdad and in the north, in Iraqi Kurdistan, where they have been hosted refugees from Mosul.

The faithful participated in liturgies "with joy and without any incidents of violence" Msgr. Shlemon Warduni, Chaldean auxiliary bishop of Baghdad, tells AsiaNews. He speaks of a Holy Week spent "in a peaceful

atmosphere", with churches "crowded" and "no incidents".

During services the Patriarch Sako, bishops and priests focused on the value of mercy, taking up the themes of the Jubilee Year proclaimed by Pope Francis. However, the initiatives did not end with Easter and today Msgr. Warduni will be going on a pilgrimage with his parishioners "to Ur of the Chaldeans", where "we will pray for peace."

"There will also be Muslims of Chaldean origins with us – says the archbishop - with whom we will read passages of Holy Scripture and a few paragraphs of the Pope's letter." We want to be apostles of mercy, he adds, "hoping that the Lord will accept our prayers."

Bishop of Baghdad: Amid political crisis and violence, a peaceful Easter for Christians



Among the reasons for optimism for the Chaldean community, is the first, timid opening by the executive regarding the age old question of Christian properties, homes and businesses in the capital, seized or seriously damaged by criminal gangs and extremist groups. These targeted attacks and violence were

denounced on several occasions in the past by leaders of the Church. "The prime minister - says the Auxiliary Bishop - assured that if proper documents are presented, the property and the goods will be returned or compensated. Let's hope so, it would be a great thing for Christians".

Meanwhile, uncertainty reigns over the executive, with the reshuffle of the government team. Haider al Abadi submitted to Parliament a list of names, from which the new ministers will be chosen. The nominations were made on the basis of "competence, professionalism and integrity," said the prime minister - who had to withstand the attacks of his predecessor Nouri al-Maliki - and should lead to the reduction from 23 to 16 new ministries. Unchanged those of defense and interior, in the forefront of the fight against the Islamic State (IS).

The government's objective is to restore unity to the country and overcome sectarian divisions that have led to the violence. The move by the Chief Executive, who is supported behind the scenes by the Grand Ayatollah al-Sistani, has been welcomed even by Shiite leader Moqtada al-Sadr, who has ordered an end to the protests of his supporters in the course of 13 days near the Green Zone in Baghdad.

In Iraq, continues Msgr. Warduni, "we lack security, just look at the fighting and the ongoing violence in Fallujah, Ramadi, Mosul." Christians are "tired of empty promises of politicians, government and institutions. In fact there is a pervasive "fear", dominated by a feeling of "agitation for car bombs, suicide bombers". And the reshuffle within the executive "contributes to the uncertainty," although the hope is that it will mark a turning point for the country.

Recently, international organizations have released a report according to which the Christian community has dwindled since 2003. From 1.4 million at the turn of the millennium, this year, there are only 275 thousand faithful, a decline of

about 80%. "Speaking of numbers is not simple - says the auxiliary bishop of Baghdad - and we do not have an official count." However, it is certain that we are facing an exodus of a "huge and frightening" dimension, a source of "great sorrow" for the Chaldean Church and that endangers the very survival of the country. "Maybe 80% is a bit 'too much, but it can be stated with certainty - continues the prelate - that at least 60/65% [approximately two thirds] of the Christian community left the country and only 2% of these have so far come back".

As long as the West, Europe, the United States "continue to trade weapons, there will be no peace. Wars are fought with weapons - says the bishop - first stop selling them, then talk about reconstruction, development".

PRAYER NETWORK

In charity, we pray for:

Brother Loy De Mello
Richard Cupido, grandson
of Brother Guido
Linda Cupido, daughter-
in-law of Brother Guido
Concetta Iantomasi,
mother of Brother Vincent
Shannon Wilken, daughter of Bro. Michael
Nelligan



Prayer for Healing

Almighty and merciful Father, by the power of your command, drive away from me all forms of sickness and disease. Restore strength to my body and joy to my spirit, so that in my renewed health, I may bless and serve you, now and forever more.

To be included in the Prayer Network, contact Bro. Vic Lefebvre at 905-336-3056 or by e-mail at kofcholyrosary@outlook.com

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

In my calendar, when Lent is over and we celebrate Easter, it is time for a new beginning. It is time for us to renew ourselves; time for us to resolve to live our faith and show our Parish and the Aldershot community that we are proud to be Catholic men; members of the Knights of Columbus.

March was "Special Olympics" month for our Council. Under the leadership of our Program Chairman Ken Fleming, we led the Councils of Burlington to promote the Special Olympics movement. Of course one of the benefits is the promotion of the Knights of Columbus

From the Proclamation of "Special Olympics Week" by the City Council to the Flag Raising at City Hall and the Bottle Drives and other special events, it was a great showing. A special thank you to Brother Ken and all the brother Knights too many to mention.

Program Chairman Ken Fleming and I will be representing our Council at the annual State Convention in Toronto during the weekend of April 22 to 24. This event is open to all Third Degree members. Details of the weekend can be found in the Event Calendar and News Announcements sections in our Website.

I look forward to see you at our meeting on Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00.

Don Prescott
Grand Knight

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Vincent Iantomasi – April 5
Ron Lehocki – April 13
Loy De Mello – April 30

**CALENDAR
OF
COUNCIL EVENTS**

- Apr. 5 – Business Meeting
Apr. 8 – Refugee Family Concert
Friday night – 7:00 pm
Burlington Performing Arts Centre
Apr. 13 – Gospel of Luke Study Series
With Bishop Daniel Mieh
Holy Rosary Parish Centre
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Apr. 14 – Pasta Fund Raiser for
Holy Family School in Oakville
Holy Trinity Catholic High School
2420 Sixth Line, Oakville
Apr 22 to 24 – State Convention
International Plaza Hotel
655 Dixon Road
Toronto
Details in our Website
May 3 – Business Meeting
May 7 & 8 – Roses for Life
Collection after all Masses
May 8 – Mother's Day

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March Events

DISTRICT 67 – FLAG RELAY

The early part of the month of March was dominated by the Knights of Columbus province wide Flag Relay. It was District 67's turn to host the flag from March 7th until March 13th.

Representatives from all 6 councils in the District joined the committee that organized the events for the week. In the picture below you can see our own Don Prescott, James and Steve Montague from Marian Council in Oakville, Rejean St. Onge and Tim O'Brien from St Antoine-Daniel council, District Deputy Steve Reynolds, Tom O'Brien representing Msgr. James Corbett Warren Memorial council, David Fisher from Mary Mother of God council, Mario Carr from Msgr. James Corbett Warren council, Cate Hawkins of the Special Olympics and Ken Fleming. Missing from the picture was John D'Addario of Msgr. James Corbett Warren Memorial council and Stephen Clarke from St. Gabriel's council. I would also like to thank the other Knights from our council that helped out during the week. David Lord, Stan Semeniuk, Willie Joki, Sam Cervoni, Michael McNamara, Hugh Johns and any others that I missed.



Knights of Columbus District 67 Flag Relay
March 7 -13, 2016

FLAG RAISING AT BURLINGTON CITY HALL – MARCH 7th

The flag arrived in Burlington on March 7th and the week was kicked off with the Burlington Flag raising ceremony at city hall. The city declared the week to be “Special Olympics week” and the proclamation was read at the flag raising event by Deputy Mayor Blair Lancaster. A cheque was also presented to Cate Hawkins of Special Olympics Burlington for \$1,000 from all 4 Burlington councils.



*The Corporation of the City of Burlington
Office of the Mayor*

PROCLAMATION

Whereas the Knights of Columbus and Special Olympics have a longstanding relationship where the Knights are truly dedicated to the athletes, families and mission of the Special Olympics; and

Whereas the Knights of Columbus are an Official Partner of the Special Olympics and have been one of the largest supporters by donating their time to Special Olympics competitions, fundraisers, events and donation drives; and

Whereas beginning January 4th 2016, a “flag relay” has been instituted by the Knights all across Ontario to help raise awareness of the Special Olympics Organization and to showcase the Knight’s support and commitment to the cause; and

Whereas six special flags will be circulated throughout Ontario to be displayed in each of the 113 Districts of the Knights of Columbus, with a flag being raised at Burlington City Hall on Monday March 7th. The movement of the flags throughout the province will be completed by mid-May after which will be held the 2016 Special Olympics Provincial School Championships in Durham Region.

Therefore I Rick Goldring, Mayor of the City of Burlington do hereby proclaim

March 7th to March 13th, 2016 as

“Special Olympics Week in Burlington”

and do commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our municipality.

Dated this 29th day of February 2016

Mayor Rick Goldring



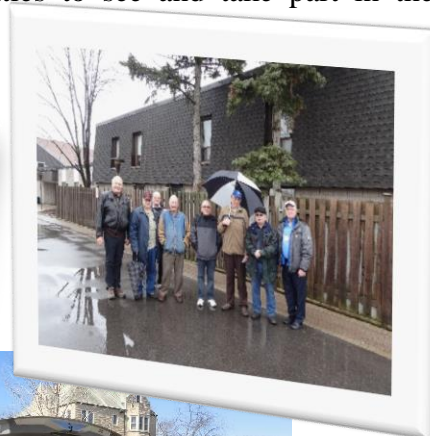
Grand Knight Tim O'Brien of St Antoine Daniel Council organized coffee and pastries at the café in St. Philippe church for all of the participants after the flag raising ceremony.

“MERCİ BEAUCOUP” Tim for all the work you, your council and parishioners did to make this a special event.



BOTTLE DRIVES

Another highlight of the week was the six bottle drives conducted by the Knights of council 5073, council 10061 and our 15920 council. We raised a total of \$900 that will be given to the Burlington Special Olympics. They will use the funds to continue to provide opportunities to showcase the skills and dignity of the athletes. They also bring together communities to see and take part in the transformative power of sports.



ATHLETES NIGHT – MARCH 10th

On Thursday March 10th, we held an “Athletes Night” at Haber Center to help showcase the talents of the Special Olympics people. Knights and Special Olympians from Oakville joined their Burlington counterparts in this fun event. We were treated to a basketball game, a Rhythmic gymnastics demonstration and a floor hockey game. Everybody came out a winner and the capacity crowd had a great time. Members of the Halton Police and Burlington Fire fighters came out to help and to celebrate with the athletes. Thanks to Brother Derek Baranowski of St Gabriel’s council for getting the fire fighters out and arranging for a piper to lead the parade of athletes. A special thank you to the Colour Guard from Pope John Paul II Assembly and also from Bishop Reding Assembly in Oakville. Deputy Mayor Blair Lancaster and Oakville Councillor Cathy Duddeck were there as well to add to the festivities.



OAKVILLE FLAG RAISING

On Friday March 11th, the Oakville Knights lead by SK Steve and SK James Montague organized an amazing Flag Raising ceremony at Oakville Town Hall.

According to Oakville Mayor Rob Burton this was the largest flag raising ceremony ever held at the Oakville Town Hall. It was quite a site to see. Virtually every public service organization in Oakville was there to help raise awareness of the Special Olympics movement. Members of the Regional and city police in full uniform, Firefighters with their trucks and paramedics and ambulance attendants with their lights flashing made it a very impressive event.

There were many other dignitaries including MPP Kevin Flynn and Ward 2 Regional Councillor Cathy Duddeck.

A cheque for \$1,000 was presented to the Special Olympics from the 2 Knights of Columbus Councils in Oakville.

The flag remained over the town of Oakville until Monday March 14th, when it was transferred to the next Knights of Columbus district.

The flag will end up in Durham region in time for the Special Olympics Provincial School games to be held June 1-3.





Other events in March

Refugee family fund

With all of the other things going on this quarter we have to be careful that we don't take our eyes off **our major programme for this year to raise funds for the refugees**. Some funds have been generated from events like the Valentines dinner / dance but we missed the St. Patrick's Day opportunity.

Our major event is **the "Big Band" concert** to be held at the Performing Arts Center on Friday evening April 8th. Ticket sales are running a little short of expectations as of this writing and so we all must make a major push over the next few days to promote this event. We have an opportunity to make a big dent in our commitment to the church with the Big Band concert so let's do everything we can to help Brother Vic to get the people of Burlington out to this great event.

We will be working on other events over the next few months and we are always looking for ideas so if you have any suggestions please let Don or myself know.

Stations of the Cross

Many of our Knights came out on each Friday during Lent to participate in the Stations of The Cross. This is an excellent way for us to demonstrate to the people of the parish that we are very much a part of the fabric of the parish and we are involved in all aspects of the church. Fund raising is not the only way we have to help the parish.

Holy Rosary Retreat

On Tuesday March 22, the CWL sponsored a Retreat for all members of the Parish. Knights from our council were encouraged to participate in this event

Holy Week

Many of our Knights participated in Holy Week ceremonies at the church including Holy Thursday "Mass of the Lord's Supper". On Good Friday, our Knights carried the cross to help commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Easter Sunday is the last day of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday), and is the beginning of the Easter season of the liturgical year.

Founder's Day Mass

Thursday March 31 was the Founder's Day Mass held this year at St Raphael's church.

Knights in Action March 2016

Big Band Concert

Our Financial Secretary Vic Lefebvre has been working very hard to promote the April 8 "Big Band" concert to raise money for the Refugee program for Holy Rosary. Please make sure you promote this event and get your tickets.



Second Anniversary of our Council

Our Council was formally instituted on March 29th 2014 and so this month we celebrate two years of growth and a great record of achievement. We should all be proud of the many contributions we have made to our parish and our community.



**HAPPY 2nd ANNIVERSARY
COUNCIL 15920 !!**

Cob's Bakery –every Sunday

Brother Aeneas and his merry troop of volunteers continues to ensure that all of the excess baked goods available from the Cob's bread store in north Burlington is delivered to the Good Shepherd food bank every Sunday evening between 6 and 8 PM.

Thanks again to Aeneas and his wife Barb along with Master Vic Lefebvre and all of the other knights that help out. Thank you to all of the Knights that pitched in to cover the Sundays that Brother Aeneas is basking in the warm sun down south.

