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Chaplain's Message



August is the final chance most get for a get-a-way vacation. Soon it will be time to start planning for the school days ahead, so with gusto we plow into August looking for a chance to just lay back!

Taking a break is great because sometimes during the busy times, it is almost impossible to sit down and think. Quiet time, especially is valuable, since it allows the wheels in our head to spin and we can project and dream a little.

While summers provide some break time, we really should be wise enough to build in some time during our busy schedules to be able to breathe. We are not machines and we need to refresh ourselves. Every day we need to refresh ourselves, and while it is not always possible to spend a portion of the day on ourselves, we need to value ourselves enough to know that we can't give to others what we haven't gotten ourselves. (Contd. P.2)

Grand Knight's Message

August 2015

I would like to address the topic of marriage now a month after the misguided ruling by the Supreme Court ruling regarding the necessity that States recognize 'Same Sex Marriage.'

When did the Supreme Court earn the God given ability to define or redefine marriage?

As you know, marriage is the sacramental union of man and woman which came into being long before These United States or any other governing body or community. Our faith in God as the author of life who created us calls us to be witnesses of His Authority when called to matrimony. We understand that the good of marriage is ultimately to open ourselves for the good of the other and especially for the good of our children whom God gives through natural as well as adoptive means.

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(Chaplain)

The Great Commandment, "Love God and your neighbor as yourself", asserts the necessity of caring enough about your own well-being to actually plan it into your schedule. Even with children, parents need to spell each other for some "alone time" to re-invigorate their minds and souls. If we are exhausted, it will show itself in all we do and hurt our relationships as we snap back in fatigue and anger. God knew what he was talking about. Happiness starts with the self!

People who are spiritually open sometimes make the mistake of thinking that the more they suffer, the happier God is! Kind of twisted in light of the fact that God created us to be happy with him, and not just when we move into his kingdom, but right here and right now!

The trick, of course, is how to build a healthy schedule with enough flexibility that it won't be destroyed by the surprise changes that come every day. Maybe it begins by not over-packing our days. Why do so many have such crammed agendas? Nobody is forcing all this "activity" on them but themselves. Are they afraid of missing out on something? Well, they already are! They are missing the chance to be together and just talk and get to know each other. The alternative is to grow up separated from each other and grow up strangers to each other. That doesn't sound too cool!

The most important thing we have to give each other is ourselves. To know each other and the blessings and challenges of our differences makes us aware of the tremendous variety and richness that is the human experience. We reflect the abundance of God. We should relax in the abundance of the experience and just enjoy it!

(Grand Knight)

So how is God's plan of matrimonial design and union possible in same sex marriage? I'm sorry, Supreme Court, but nowhere.

The argument has been made that love has no boundaries. I do not deny this. However there is no true love (wishing the good of the other) under such circumstances where such feelings materialize into actions inconsistent with natural law.

What do we do now? Do not wait for the Supreme Court to make it right, instead we can make it right by saying the things that need to be said and most importantly saying these things with love in our hearts for those who are struggling with same sex inclinations. Our Holy Father has asked us to go out to the world and seek the marginalized. No doubt there are many who feel that way. However, they need to know they belong to God and need to know someone will help carry their cross for they are not alone.

May I recommend if you know someone struggling with such difficulty to visit www.couragerc.org. They are an apostolate endowed by the Holy See to help those with homosexual tendencies and "in helping individuals gain a greater understanding and appreciation of the Church's teachings, especially in the area of chastity, courage extends the Church's invitation to a life of peace and grace. In chaste living, one finds the peace and grace to grow in Christian maturity."

Meanwhile please pray for our brothers and sisters who have stumbled and lost their way; may their lives be turned to know the peace of Christ!

Joe Laquidara

The Spectrum Canteen

The Spectrum Canteen will be held on Monday, Aug. 13th, at 6:30 PM. All volunteers are welcome to help us serve the food.

Mike Carpenter

Joseph F. Lamb Assembly 0665

Brothers,

Your Assembly takes a vacation during July & August.

I have been informed that the up-coming Exemplification will be combined with the Military Ball on November 22nd 2015. It will take place at the Fiesta, in Wood-Ridge, NJ. There is no further info at this time.

The Exemplification on April 17th 2016 is scheduled for the Sheridan Tara in Parsippany. Please refer to last month's newsletter for information, on Tuxedo purchases or rentals. For further information Please contact Battalion Commander George Thompson Jr. getjr.koc@gmail.com

Al Lukievics, PFN, PGK

August and September, 2015

- 08/08 Hot Meals.....9:00 AM
- 08/12 FR. McGivney's Birthday
- 08/15 Assumption Day
- 08/21 Friday Night Dinner.....6:00 PM

Sept.

- 09/07 Labor Day
- 09/08 First Degree.....7:00 PM
- 09/11 Patriot Day
- 09/18 Friday Night Dinner.....6:00 PM

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Please pray for Barbara Stewart who had surgery for knee replacement and now is in rehab in another hospital

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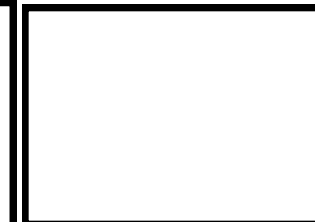
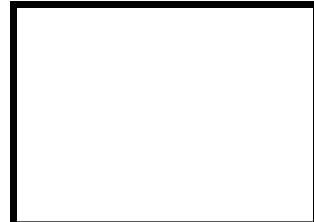
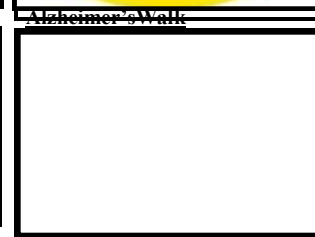
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