

"One day, a professor entered the classroom and asked his students to prepare for a surprise test. They all waited anxiously at their desks for the exam to begin. The professor handed out the exams with the text facing down, as usual. Once he handed them all out, he asked the students to turn over the papers.

To everyone's surprise, there were no questions – just a black dot in the center of the sheet of paper. The professor, seeing the expression on everyone's faces, told them the following:

"I want you to write about what you see there". The students, confused, got started on the inexplicable task.

At the end of the class, the professor took all the exams and started reading them out loud, in front of all the students. All of them defined the black dot, trying to explain its position in the center of the sheet.

After all had been read, the classroom silent, the professor started to explain: "I'm not going to grade you on this, I just wanted to give you something to think about. Not one of you wrote about the white part of the paper. Everyone focused on the black dot – and the same happens in our lives.

We have a white piece of paper to observe and enjoy, but we focus on the dark spots. Our life is a gift and we always have reasons to celebrate – our family and friends around us, the job that provides our livelihood, the miracles we see every day...

However we insist on focusing on the dark spot – the health issues that bother us, the lack of money, and the complicated family relationship. The dark spots are very small when compared to everything we have in our lives. Take your eyes away from the black dots in your life. Enjoy each of your blessings. Be happy and live a life filled with love!"

The above reflection has been around for a while but it is worth repeating. Our Lord has bestowed so many blessings on us yet, at times, we only focus on what we perceive as problems and troubles that we allow to consume us. This is when we need to stop, pray, and give thanks. But remember, don't just pray when times are tough but also when times are good.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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CLUB STEWARD NEWS:

CULTURE OF LIFE

Our Del Rosa Council has been a partner to the Life Dynamics organization, with Mark Crutcher as its head, for more than 25 years. Recently, in his latest letter, Mark expressed the following, "The abortion lobby is frantically trying to mainstream and de-stigmatize abortion. To make that happen, one of their latest strategies is to push the idea that having an abortion is no different and no more significant - than any other routine decision a woman might make."

It was not too long ago that these same pro-abortion people were arguing that abortion was the hardest decision that a woman would ever face, and that no one else had a right to be involved. Now, they have done an about face and are defending their position that no one has a right to be involved because having an abortion is just a part of everyday life; "no big deal." They can't have it both ways! However, realizing that today, as compared to other times, it is more difficult to sell the public on the goodness of abortion, their present pitch is to minimize the significant, evil nature of abortion.

We must not let them get away with such a fake belief. Let us remain on the offense and portray the truths about abortion as we know them. This is a battle that we can win and must win. Above all, let us continue to pray for the success of our efforts.

Submitted by: John Rozzi, Director

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First, I must apologize for not having a July article, but getting ready to leave for Washington for several weeks, I flat out forgot to write an article and I had no computer at my home in rural Washington state.

Dear Brother Knights, family and friends of Council 4488,

As the "Dog Days" of humidity and heat are upon us who live in Southern California, I hope all of you find a nice cool beverage of your choice, an easy chair to read the KC bulletin, and time at a pool, or air conditioned domicile.

Here is some food for thought as we walk with Jesus Christ and ask His Blessed Mother whose Assumption we honor on the 15th August to lead us to Him, the Eternal Word.

Venerable Fulton Sheen, remarked that if gimmicks are used to appeal for vocations to the priesthood or the consecrated religious life, then gimmicks will be what you get. We all want our parish priests, or order priests to be Alter Christus by the witness of their faith, prayer life and charity serving the people of God, Holy Mother Church.

Regretfully, we do not always see that kind of religious. Some want notoriety, vacations and all expense paid cruises for being on board, or even more disturbing is hearing a priest say he is too busy to hear confessions or offer the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass reverently, and give homilies that truly inspire or instruct.

Father Gerard Saguto, Superior of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, has this to say about developing vocations. "Discernment of vocations is actually something quite simple: it consists of good prayer habits and moral character, seeking wise and consistent counsel, profitable use of the Sacraments, devotion to Our Lady, and the courage to admit that God may be inviting him to special ministry as an ordained priest, even when some would ask why would you give up family, money or fame to serve God and His people."

Paraphrasing further, he gives us parents or grandparents some pointers as how we can encourage a young man or young woman to be open to God's call to the priesthood for a man, or to become a bride of Christ as a nun. Practice the faith at home by regularly attending Holy Mass, praying as a family, especially the Holy Rosary, and to speak highly of what a blessing a call from God your son or daughter may be receiving, and NOT shutting the door for selfish personal goals we may have wanted for our children. Read Matthew 19 very carefully about the rich young man.

As a footnote, this vibrant, young order is regularly averaging 8 ordinations a year from Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in Denton, Nebraska.

Truly, food for thought along with the regular summer fare of barbecue burgers, hot dogs and beer. Have a most blessed August and our Bible class continues to invite you and your friends to study the word of God and the teachings of Our Holy Catholic Church every Wednesday evening at the hall between 7 and 9 p.m.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam, SK Bob Herness, Church Director, Council 4488



Knights Of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary Council 4488



As we begin a new business year, I want to thank my fellow officers from the past year -Judy Figueroa, Angie Vargas, Elena Klopfer, and Renate Huddleston - as well as all of the Knights' Ladies for their hard work and fundraising success in the past year. It was a successful and fun year full of terrific events and culminated by 14 scholarships awarded to local high school seniors.

The changes in the Ladies' officers are as follows: Judy moves from President to Vice President, and I from Parlimentarian to President; Elena and Renate continue in their roles as Secretary and Treasurer respectively; and Teresa Delgado joins as Parlimentarian.

On Saturday, July 22nd, past president Judy Figueroa hosted the Knights' Ladies and their guests at the annual Knights' Ladies Appreciation Luncheon. Judy put on a terrific event that made us all feel special and appreciated. Thank you once again, Judy! During the event, Judy presented the annual Knights' Lady of the Year award to Jenny Diaz for the most service hours contributed. Jenny, we appreciate all your time and hard work! In addition, Judy presented a special award, the Honorary Knights' Lady of the year, to long-time member Lucy Zamora in recognition of her many years of service.

Even during these "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer" the Ladies are busy preparing for the coming year. During August we will spend a morning cleaning and reorganizing our storage cabinets, hold the all-important annual Planning and Budget meeting, and conduct a financial audit of the past year. Planning is underway for the Knights' Ladies Memorial Mass which will be held on October 8th, and for the fall Bingo Luncheon fundraiser (thank you to Viola Perez and Terry Yanez for volunteering to chair the committee!).

May God bless the Knights' Ladies this year as we joyfully continue the good work He has called us to do.

Sincerely, Evy Trevino Knights' Ladies President



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