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Chaplain's Reflection Forgiving the Unpardonable Sin

Perhaps the most scandalous story in all of the Gospels is of the woman caught in adultery whom the local religious leaders brought before Jesus seeking her condemnation. Jesus stuns them by not only forgiving this unpardonable crime, but indeed, giving absolution even before the "sinner" confesses.

Adultery was the greatest crime of the ancient world because it destroyed so much of its social fabric. The act of adultery leaves in its wake many terrible consequences that are not undone by an act of forgiveness. Although Jesus does not condemn the woman, he does order her to go and sin no more in order to make what recompense she can.

Adultery is the ultimate act of a broken bond of trust between a man and a women. Adultery is the extreme opposite of God's faithfulness to us. Throughout the history of Israel, God has time and again forgiven the sins of an unfaithful nation. This incident in the gospel shows how God will also forgive the unfaithfulness of his individual servants, even ones who break the most sacred trust in all human relations.

The gospel tells us nothing of the circumstances of the woman caught in adultery. Since it takes two to tango, certainly she was enabled in her sin. Not only from her adulterous partner, but also from the attitudes of the culture and society in which she lived. Communities share in the responsibility for sin in that they support structures than aid and abet it.

Make no mistake, Jesus regards adultery as a terrible crime. Yet he admonishes the crowd regarding who should throw the first stone because he does not want it or the Pharisees to sit in judgment as though they were God. Jesus does not want us to judge the moral culpability of others even when we know an action is always wrong in an objective sense. That judgment is God's alone. Only God knows what is in a person's heart.

Jesus shows us the model for forgiveness. We must always forgive no matter what the consequences of a sin might be or how it affects us. Of course, since we are fallen creatures we cannot forgive as easily as God. That means that there are many times that God has forgiven someone when we have not.

Grand Knight's Station

"Preach the gospel and if necessary, use words!"

Have you read your July/August *Columbia* magazine and article, "No Greater Love"? Kendrick Castillo was an amazing young man and the embodiment of a Knight of Columbus even before his heroic actions on May 7.

I spoke with Joseph Nguyen last week. He is the FS PGK of Southwest Denver Council #4844 and FN FDD of Mother Seton Assembly #1843. He wrote a moving tribute titled "Forever A Brother Knight" about Kendrick Castillo, also in *Columbia*. What I wish I could convey is the love and admiration in Joe's voice as we spoke about Kendrick. When I asked what he could tell me about Kendrick, his first response was "you could feel his smile before he even entered the room." In three years Kendrick, together with his father, logged 2,600 hours of community service. And when the attack occurred that killed Kendrick, he was three days away from his first degree. Kendrick was awarded his Admission Degree, posthumously, at his Celebration of Life service.

John and Maria Castillo and Joseph Nguyen will attend the Supreme Convention in August. Kendrick's father John will address the convention. And there will also be an Everyday Heroes YouTube video released about Kendrick at the Convention. I am looking forward to viewing it. The Convention in Minneapolis is August 6-8.

Our Crab feast will be held on Saturday, September 14. Tickets need to be purchased in advance. Our Council Picnic has been rescheduled to Sunday, September 15, as there was a conflict with the Fourth Degree Officers installation scheduled for Sunday, September 22. Please mark your calendars for all three events.

And you have probably forgotten (maybe missed it) the article in the May *Columbia* about proposed changes in meeting format. Updates will be provided.

Finally, I wish to offer a heartfelt and very big thank you to all who made the Father Rosensteel Council #2169 Officers Installation such a success. Let's build on this terrific beginning to our Fraternal Year and continue Rosensteel Strong!

> Vivat Jesus! Gus Gusman

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Fr. Rosensteel's 88th Annual Crabfeast



Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 5 to 8 p.m. Crabs, Beer, Wine Musical Guest: Shawn Hillman Price: \$50 per person Steamed Crabs, Fried Chicken, Corn on the Cob Contact PGK Rob Seubert for info 240-286-1905 Tickets Need to be Purchased in Advance

Remember in your prayers:



Sick: Russ Sutton III, son of Russell Sutton Lexi Thomas Jamie Donnelly, wife of Dave Donnelly Charles Raisch Josephine E. Brown, wife of PGK Charlie Brown Bob Ward, brother of John Ward

Deceased:

Doris Griffin, mother of Tom Griffin Sir Knight Michael Joseph Roberts Rose MacGillvary John Eugene Trammell, father of Donna Stocker and father-inlaw of Tim Stocker

In case of illness or death of a member, please contact Financial Secretary Michael Koon.

Chaplain's Reflection Forgiving the Unpardonable Sin

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We do not fully understand the depths of God's limitless mercy. The most hardened criminal was once a cute little baby that brought joy to all around him. He did not turn to the dark side by himself. He was molded by many evil forces around him so he too may have been a victim of those same evil forces which took over his soul.

We should remember this when we do not feel inclined to forgive someone for a much lesser act. Because we just "know" he or she is not sorry. We need to recognize that we corporately share in the responsibility for the sins of others.

God's forgiveness is His gift to all of us. It brings peace even though it cannot make the world right again. But, then again. God never promised us a rose garden in this life. He only promised us eternal life. We are only sojourners on the road to eternal life. Like all of our other earthly journeys, there will be setbacks along the way. That is why Jesus told the Pharisees *Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone*.

Forgive and rest in God's peace.

Deacon Alan Jeeves

The Best of Rosensteel

Knight of the Month - The August Knight of the Month has been a member since 2010, obtaining his Second Degree in 2014. He maintains our council website, updates the *Knight Life* archive as well as events and pictures. You can see him around the Council and he is a willing volunteer when something needs to be done. He is one of the Knights who has helped in maintaining other Brother Knights' yards and just recently provided his time to aid the Council in protecting one of our neighbors from the stormwater runoff from our property.

Please join me in congratulating and thanking Brother Tim Twomey as the Father Rosensteel Knight of the Month.

Family of the Month - Members of the August Family of the Month are longstanding contributors to Father Rosensteel Council. They can be seen at the Council on a regular basis. All three have worked on kitchen crews in addition to participating in a variety of under-the-radar volunteer efforts. Mike and son Dave participate on the Rosensteel softball team and can be seen with grandson Logan on the bench (how's that for three generations!). And they have stepped up and agreed to serve on the Clubhouse Committee. And wife/mother Bonnie is a longstanding Maryknight.

So the next time you see the Donnelly Family, congratulate them and thank them for their service to the Council!

Save the Date for the Council Picnic!



The Father Rosensteel Annual Council Picnic has been scheduled for Sunday, September 15. All are welcome! Further details will be announced as the date approaches.

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Council Calendar	Fraternal Insurance			
AUGUST 6 Business Meeting 20 Social Meeting SEPTEMBER	Many people are frightened of long-term care costs — for good reason. Most people over 65 eventually will need help with daily living tasks, such as bathing, eating or dressing. Men will need assistance for an average of 2.2 years while women will need it for 3.7 years, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration on Aging. Many will rely on unpaid care from spouses or children.			
 Labor Day Business Meeting Bowling League Opening Day Maryknights Memorial Mass Council Crab Feast Council Picnic Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Social Meeting/Formulation Degree 	However, Medicare won't help. Medicare and private health insurance typically don't cover these "custodial" expenses, which can quickly wipe out the \$126,000 median retirement sav- ings for people age 65 to 74. People who exhaust their savings could wind up on Medicaid, the government health program for the indigent that pays for about half of all nursing home and cus- todial care.			
OCTOBER 1 Business Meeting 15 Social Meeting	Everyone needs a plan. Everyone approaching retirement age should consider their potential risks and have a plan to deal with long-term care expenses, financial planners say.			
27 Children's Halloween Party	 The options include: Long-term care insurance. The average annual premium for a 55-year-old couple was \$3,050 in 2019, according to the Annual Annual Term Term Term For the Annual Statement of the Annual			
 5 Business Meeting 19 Social Meeting 23 Needy Food Baskets 28 Thanksgiving 	the American Association for Long-Term Care Insurance. Premiums are higher for older people, and those with chronic conditions might not qualify. Policies typically cover a por- tion of long-term care costs for a defined period such as three years.			
	• Contingency reserve. People with substantial investments			
Maryknights	could earmark some of those assets for long-term care. The investments can produce income until there's a need for long -term care and then be sold to pay for a nursing home or home health aide.			
<i>(Continued from page 6)</i> As you may know, we have agreed to forgo the Charity Ball so that we can help The National Coun- cil for People with Disabilities put on a special fund- raiser. On Friday, November 8, it will host a dinner and Silent Auction where it plans to present the Su- preme Grand Knight with an award for his continued support of programs for persons with disabilities.	 Spending down to Medicaid. People who don't have much saved or who face a catastrophic long-term care cost that wipes out their savings could end up depending on <u>Medicaid</u>. There are ways to protect at least some assets for spouses, but those typically require planning with an elder law attorney's help. You can get a referral from the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. Fortunately, the Knights of Columbus provides a plan for its membersplease contact me and I'll review this for you. 			
We are being asked to provide guidance and support for the event in areas of the auction, decorations and logistics and to lend support to the Knights wherever we can to help our Council put its best foot forward as we welcome visitors and guests from the NCPD, the Supreme Council and the Archdiocese of Wash- ington. Margie Cuff has agreed to be the liaison for the event. If you are able to help please contact her. Much more information to come! Keep Cool! Stay Safe! Enjoy the remainder of your summer! Margie Cuff	Knights of Columbus* INSURANCE YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE Brian Graham, MORT, CLU, ChFC 301-962-0045 3807 Calvert Place Kensington, MD 20895 brian.graham@kofc.org Protecting Catholic families since 1882. Life Insurance • Long-Term Care Insurance Retirement Annuities • Disability Insurance			

Margie Cuff

2019–2020 Fraternal Year Installation



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Newly installed Grand Knight Gus Gusman, center, leads a team of officers for the Fraternal Year which began July 1 (partially shown at the podium is District Deputy Andy Michaels).

Maryknight Past President and Chair of the State Ladies Auxiliary Beth Ward introduces (from left to right) Teresa Hodge, Margie Cuff (standing in for Julie Cuff), Donna Stocker, Jeanne Berman and Susan Wiant as newly installed Maryknight officers.



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ROSENSTEEL RETIREES CLUB OFFICERS 2019 - 2020

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The world famous Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris was nearly destroyed by fire on April 15. The roof and the spire were totally destroyed. Fire alarms sounded in the late afternoon, but no fire was actually observed until 20 minutes later and by the time firefighters responded to the cathedral almost 40 minutes had expired. The cathedral is located on the lle de la Cite, a small island in the Seine River. Accessibility problems added to the difficulty of getting firefighting equipment on the scene.

This historic Gothic Cathedral built in the 12th century and a famous landmark of Paris immediately drew world-wide attention to the crisis. Its famous flying buttresses, stained glass windows, carved gargoyles and many priceless Catholic relics, paintings and statues were in danger of being lost. Almost all these treasures, including a large organ, were saved.

President Macron of France came to the scene and later honored all the firefighters who fought the fire at a ceremony at the Elysee Palace. He pledged that France would rebuild the cathedral. Of course, it is not well known that the government of France has strict secularization laws and it "owns" all churches built before 1905. Notre Dame is given to the Catholic Church to use into perpetuity. The church is only responsible for normal maintenance expenses.

Notre Dame University in South Bend, IN, has pledged \$100,000. Many private donors and corporations like Disney throughout the world have pledged millions of funds toward rebuilding. The National Shrine in Washington has initiated an online site for donating funds for Notre Dame.

How often do you say "I'm sorry." Perhaps you've uttered some inappropriate words or offended some person. A priest recently pointed out that those words are more about how you personally feel. It's not really directed toward the person whom you have offended. Consider this, he stated. You may feel sorry personally for your actions, but are you "contrite?"

The key factor is true repentance. If not, one is like a Pharisee just going through the motions, but still being arrogant. A person with true repentance and sorrow for a wrongful act prays to God and does penance.

The Montgomery County Fair opens on August 9. There is free parking and shuttle service from the Lake Forest Mall. Senior Day is on Tuesday the 13th and everyone over 62 years of age enters free of charge. Consult mcagfair.com for details.

This month's luncheon is on Tuesday, August 27. Do you know someone who needs a ride to the Council? If you can assist, talk to members who may be alone. Friends helping friends; we are all happy to assist each other.

Thomas Leonard

Maryknights Officers 2019-2020



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Congratulations to all our newly installed Council officers! The Installation was well attended and our new Grand Knight Gus Gusman has started his year on good footing.

Our officers were sworn in by fellow Maryknight, past president and Chair of the State Ladies Auxiliary Beth Ward. Susan Wiant, Jeanne Berman, Julie Cuff (proxy stand in Margie), Teresa Hodge and Donna Stocker accepted their duties as defined and agreed to do their best for the Maryknights. We have no doubt about that, ladies, and promise to support you to the best of our ability.

Maryknights- this means ALL of us! Without a lot of cooperation, we cannot continue to operate as the best auxiliary in the state. More of us need to step forward and become involved in the charitable activities we have long supported as well as supporting our Council. The best way to foster change is to be present and make yourself heard. President Sue Wiant asks all members of the Executive Board to attend an organizational meeting for the new year on Thursday, August 8, at 7:30 p.m. (place TBD). Please note the time change. Any Maryknight who wishes may attend this meeting but those required & expected to attend are: the immediate past president; the five officers & parliamentarian; and the chairs of the standing committees (Hospitality, Membership, Ways and Means, Fellowship, Communications, Program, Publicity, Charity Ball, Special Activity and Anniversary Party). Chairs of our special committees are encouraged to attend as well: (Adopt-a-Soldier, Birthright, Card Party, Cell phones, Christ Child Society, Gift of Sight, Maryknight Sisters, Pillow Project, Rosary and Toiletries).

Mark your calendar now for future Executive Board meetings to be held at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays BEFORE the second Monday and General meetings at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month (September thru June).

Our Memorial Mass and first official meeting takes place on Monday, September 9, with Mass beginning at 7 p.m. and the meeting to follow. Traditionally the Board members provide the refreshments for this meeting but feel free to contribute if you are so inclined.

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SEPTEMBER 2019

- 3 Business Meeting
- 9 Maryknights Memorial Mass
- 17 Social Meeting, Formulation Degree

AUGUST 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1. Mannion	2. Team 1, Calcutt/ Sullivan - Spiced shrimp platter Pistol Pete, Hardman	3. Dollymore, Bromley & Mullaney
4.	5. D'Antuono	6. Business Meeting	7.	8. Carrescia, Horner	9. Team 2, AOH - Italian hoagies, linguini with clam sauce Carey, Conway, DeVol, Wigmore	10. McKinney
11.	12.	13.	14.	15.	16. Team 3, Neff - Fried shrimp platter	17.
Carey, Conway	D'Antuono				Lynch and Lyon, Dassing	Sullivan
18. Horner Memorial Rosary	19. D'Antuono	20. Social Meeting Langley	21. Chuck Hozdic	22. Maddox	23. Team 4, Marks - Aggie crab imperial Beane and Eddie McCaw	24.
25.	26. D'Antuono	27. Retirees Luncheon Culkin and DeVol	28. Cavaliere	29.	30. Team 5, Girolami - sausage subs with peppers and onions Ladies Night: Luanne, Diane and Margie	31.
September 1.	2. Labor Day				Plate and margie	