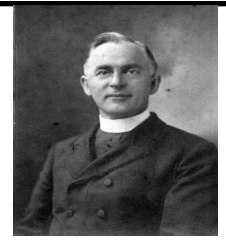




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Chaplain's Reflection Enduring More Than We Can Handle

All of us have faced difficult life situations that we find overwhelming. It could be a family crisis, a bad medical prognosis, a debilitating accident, the loss of a home or job, a natural disaster or something else. We try to handle these the best way that we can, but often we fall very short. We not only do not like having to endure such circumstances, but we can easily get down on ourselves for handling them poorly.

Unfortunately, many of us that have faced such situations have been "reminded" by well meaning people, perhaps even clergy, that "God never sends us more than we can handle." Yet, we know from our own personal experience that the world is filled with people who are dealt more than they can handle. We may even be one of them. Where did this idea come from?

It is actually a misinterpretation of a passage in St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. Paul wrote:

No trial has come to you but what is human. God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it. (1 Cor 10:13).

The word "trial" actually refers to "temptations" which we can choose to control and that God will give us the grace to overcome if we ask. It does not refer to the trials we may encounter during our lives over which we have no control. This passage is so easily misinterpreted that it has been omitted from the Lectionary used at Mass. You will never hear this passage read at any daily or Sunday Mass. That is why you have never heard a homily about it.

Suffering and misfortune are hard to understand. Why do some people suffer so little and others so much? Theologians and philosophers have wrestled with this issue for millenia. Jesus specifically told us that our personal circumstances were not due to any sin of ours or of our parents. So God is not punishing us through the misfortunes

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Grand Knight's Station "Fishers of Men"

Dear Rosensteel Family,

It is hard to believe we are already in the month of August. Our July Council Installation went well, unfortunately we were not able to broadcast it over the internet. The Maryknights held their installation as well and it attended by our Deputy Grand Knight Tim Stocker and Trustee Gus Gusman. We wish the best to Nancy Koski in yet another tour as president for the Maryknights. We look forward to working together to cast a wide net for new members.



In my last article, I discussed our Council legacy. One aspect of our Council legacy is the number of families that have generational members. These families have enjoyed the many events, volunteerism and comradery in unity. I have spoken to members and the children of members with fond memories of the many functions and the fun we have in our volunteering. If you have a son or daughter, urge he or she to seek the joy and benefits of being a Knight or Maryknight.

Despite the halt Covid put on many organizations, our Council thrived and continued to support our church, family, friends and community. We are in the planning phase of many events and charitable endeavors; it's a good time to be a part of something extraordinary! Do not let the opportunity to be "Fishers of Men" pass you by.

August is one of the best of the summer months. Ocean waters are warm, sun is perfect, cooler nights and beautiful sunsets. As we depart for our family vacations, keep in mind two important Liturgical feasts of this month. We celebrate the Transfiguration (August 6) and the Feast of the Assumption of Mary (August 15). The Holy Father's intention for the month of August is "Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel." As Knights we are called to be leaders in our faith, lead our families through these important liturgical feasts and intentions during our time of rest and relaxation.

Due to many schedule conflicts some of the upcoming events will be postponed until September. Look for the Council picnic and installation party schedule to be sent via e-mail and the next *Knight Life*, likely toward the middle to end of the month. If you are in town, join us for incredibly delicious Friday night dinners and socialization. Wish you all a wonderful vacation season and hope to see you soon.

Frank Zarrelli

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If any of these ideas are of interest to you, please don't hesitate to contact me so that we can set up an income plan that is tax favored that you will not outlive.

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In case of illness or death of a member, please contact Financial Secretary Kevin Carey.

From the Financial Secretary

Thank you to all members who have paid their dues in a timely manner. If you have forgotten or need to check your status, please contact FS Kevin Carey at kdcarey@loyola.edu.

For Knights with dues in arrears of greater than three years, you have been sent an Intent To Retain which is the last straw; those members have 60 days to make payment or will resigned from the Council for non-payment of dues. October 1 is the deadline.

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Kevin Carey

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The Little Sisters of the Poor collection continues on Saturday, August 21, from 10 a.m. – noon. Drop-off may be in the front of the Council, depending on space needed for the Forest Glen Flea Market which is also being held on Council grounds. I hope you attend.

Most in need are financial donations (checks payable to Little Sisters of the Poor) and donations of non-perishable foods, including canned food, individually wrapped snacks, juice boxes and drinks, water, cereal and individual applesauce or fruits.

Personal cleaning supplies such as unscented body wash and shampoo, deodorant and toothpaste also help. Please bring your items to the Council over the next few weeks at Friday night dinners or that Saturday morning. **\$10 in items from just 30 individuals can make a huge difference – let's aim for that goal in August.**

We had a very good collection last month, so let's keep it going. Many thanks to the many members and Maryknights who have contributed, especially to those who so generously donate each month. The Sisters and the people they serve truly appreciate it.

Paul Girolami



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Cross Catholic Outreach is offering a virtual retreat specifically for Knights of Columbus and Catholic men that focuses on St. Joseph as a role model for all of us. This retreat is scheduled for the morning of Saturday, August 28, and includes prayer, discussion and Mass. Registration is now open. For more information, contact Maryland State Faith Director Lou Woods at lou933061@msn.com. Note that this retreat is open to all Knights in Maryland - and Catholic men in your parishes. Invite them as well!

Chaplain's Reflection Enduring More Than We Can Handle

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in our lives.

It is certainly uncomfortable to consider that much, perhaps even most, of the world suffers more than we do. But it would be wrong to rationalize that great suffering has not happened to us because we are somehow closer to God or that we are leading a morally superior life.

God loves all of his people equally. God does not want to see anyone suffer, even those who oppose Him. However, we have no control over the circumstances of our birth, the robustness of our health or the natural length of our lives. This capriciousness of life means that not every living creature will have equal joy or endure equal suffering. God's ways are not our ways and his purposes are inscrutable. But, God does not deliberately test any of us.

We can be sure that God's merciful love will always surround us. God is always there beside us to share in our joys, but especially our suffering and sorrows. At times, we will endure more than we can handle. But God does not expect us to handle this. No, God wants us to hand over our tribulations to Him, to offer them up. God does not want us to try to rely on our own strength. Instead, God wants us to rely on His strength.

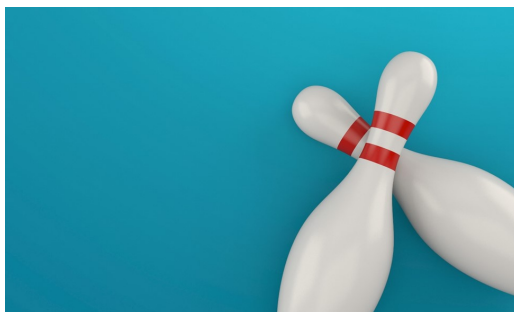
If we keep believing that God will not give us more than we can handle, we set ourselves up to lose heart whenever we are facing things that are too much for us. Instead, we should remember that God is the ultimate good. We should have faith that God always has our eventual good in mind. We do not have to like what is happening, but remembering this can help us live through it.

Deacon Alan Jeeves

Duckpin Bowling - The Return

If you're a veteran of the Council's duckpin bowling outings or even if you haven't bowled in years, consider joining as Retirees Duckpin Bowling returns this September.

There's room for beginners. Just contact Dave Morgan at 301-466-9665 for more information.



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Dear Maryknights,

While the “dog days” of August are upon us, it’s not all bad news! August at our house means the garden will be ready to harvest – tomatoes, peppers of all varieties, beets, carrots, radishes, garlic, potatoes and more. Gallons of sauce, chiles rellenos and frozen veg processing in my near future. If you have a vegetable garden, hope you too will be reaping a great harvest.

Maryknights Officers for the 2021-2022 year were installed on July 21. Congratulations to our new leadership: Nancy Koski, president; Rebecca Phelps, vice president; Nora Dutton, treasurer; Carol Walper, secretary; and Donna Stocker, historian. We are ready to support you in the coming year.

KUDOS - Our last charity collection of our 2020-2021 sororal year for shelter helpers went well. Helen Vallone reports that Shepherd’s Table received 100 pounds of socks, gloves, dishes, 10 bags of clothing, 10 pounds of feminine items, salad dressing and a \$25 donation. Interfaith in Rockville received 25 pounds of clothing, toiletries, bras and socks and a \$130 donation. Both shelters were very grateful for the donations. Great job, Helen!

There were a few cookbooks left if anyone has not purchased one yet. You cannot go wrong, so visit the Maryknight website and get yours before they are gone.

REFLECTION - Thanks to Franciscan Media for this timely reflection: Things have become so divided and tense that we often no longer offer people any grace or understanding. To move forward, that has to change. Please pray, *“Dear God, help us to reclaim our sense of compassion for others, even when we find it difficult to do so. May we treat our brothers and sisters as we would wish to be treated. You created each of us in your image, thus making everyone worthy of our love and compassion. Amen.”*

When dealing with a situation that is frustrating or that you don’t understand, stop for a moment and put yourself in the other person’s shoes. Try to see the situation from his or her perspective.

*Wishing you a blessed month,
 Peggy Seleski*



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22 - First Day of Autumn

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1.	2. D'Antuono Happy Hour	3. Council Monthly Meeting Dollymore, Mullaney, Bromley	4. Gusman, Mannion	5.	6. 5:30 p.m. - Rosensteel Family Rosary Mannion	7.
8.	9. D'Antuono Happy Hour	10. State Training Seminar	11. Gusman, Mannion	12. Cavaliere	13. 5:30 p.m. - Rosensteel Family Rosary Mannion	14.
15.	16. D'Antuono Happy Hour, Dassing	17. Sullivan	18. Gusman, Mannion	19. Nick, Colburn	20. 5:30 p.m. - Rosensteel Family Rosary	21. Little Sisters of the Poor Collection
22.	23. D'Antuono Happy Hour	24. DeVol, Culkin	25. Gusman, Mannion	26.	27. 5:30 p.m. - Rosensteel Family Rosary Mannion	28.
29.	30. D'Antuono Happy Hour	31.	September 1.			