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**Bishop: Marriage is for life, so choose wisely**

Abuja, Nigeria, Jul 30, 2018 / 11:23 am  
(CNA/EWTN News).- A thriving and holy marriage depends on choosing a suitable spouse, having realistic expectations for the difficulties of marriage, and understanding the role of God’s grace in Christian life, according to a Nigerian bishop.  

“You do not choose when and where you are born, you may or may not choose what school you attend, but you alone can choose who your spouse will be. And because this is a critical life decision, it can mar one's life when a wrong choice is made,” said Bishop Anselm Umoren, auxiliary bishop in Abuja, at a July ceremony launching a book on marriage written by Henrietta Okechukwu, a counselor in Abuja.
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At the ceremony, the bishop noted that “many young people, having observed the tragic situation of marriage and family life today, are giving up hope of ever starting a family. I have heard and seen young people today who say, ‘If this is what marriage is, I prefer to remain single’. This seems to be the chorus on the lips of many young people in our society,” according to the Catholic News Service of Nigeria.

Those young people who do marry, he said, “go into marriage relationships with skewed values. Many young people want to marry a wealthy partner and are desperately seeking a life of comfort without seeking the values that make for a happy and holy life. They therefore end up mortgaging their lives and exchanging their happiness for the temporary pleasures of life.”

“On Valentine's Day in 2014, Pope Francis addressed 10,000 young couples preparing for marriage at a special Valentine's celebration in St Peter's Square in Rome. In his address, the pope spoke to the engaged couples about love and about lasting fidelity in marriage and encouraged them not to be afraid to make the life-long commitment that marriage entails. But the pope also expressed his sadness that many marriages today do not last long. This mentality, he says, has affected many young people who now see marriage as a temporary arrangement according to their own preferences,” Umoren said.
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“This is why today many young couples seem to be overtaken by excessive planning and preparation for wedding, with exotic wedding gowns, elaborate photo shoots, and huge financial spending, without giving much attention to the spiritual and mental preparation for marriage.”

“They spend a lot of time and resources preparing for wedding instead of preparing for marriage. The wedding ceremony takes only a couple of hours, but the life after wedding lasts ‘till death do us part’. We need to help today's young people to focus on this priority,” he added, while praising Okechukwua’s book.

The book, “Understanding your spouse before and after saying ‘I do,’” has not been released in the United States.

The bishop urged dating couples to reflect carefully on their values, and those of their partner, encouraging them not to marry if they do not share a common commitment to the permanence of marriage, to faith and to the Gospel.
“We are inundated almost on a daily basis with harrowing tales of husband and wife who are unable to live together under the same roof and sometimes resort to violence even to the point of killing a partner,” he said of his own pastoral experience in the Diocese of Abuja.

“It is better to put an end to an incompatible relationship today than to find yourself in an unhappy and sorrowful marriage tomorrow.”
A Message from our Worthy Grand Knight

Brother Knights

This past month has had a lot of events to reflect on. We had our induction of New Officers on July 11th. Thanks to SK Rudy Gonzales for planning a great meal. With all the commotion, we were able to get our new Budget for 2018-2019 approved, thank you to all who attended to make this possible. Last but definitely not least, We lost a Brother that meant a lot of different things to many.

With the passing of Martin Hernandez this Past Sunday, July 22, 2018 at 3:49pm, those that knew him will be grieving for a long time. I was fortunate and blessed to be holding his hand when our Lord and Savior called him to his side. The last words he spoke to me was “I love you, Man” and I responded in kind. This I will remember forever.

Martin truly believed in “forgive and forget”. His actions always spoke louder than words. He gave his heart and soul to the Knights, Parish, family and friends. He was the one you could always depend on.

Gentlemen, life is precious, short and uncertain. Take the time to give your loved ones that extra hug or kiss and tell them you love them. Those words may not come easy to everyone, but I promise you will have no regrets in the end. We know from the promises God made to us, by doing his Will, we will be reunited with our loved ones and friends to receive the Love and Grace of our Heavenly Father forever.

I am certain, when Martin arrived at the Golden Gate, he was told “Good Job, You did Well, Come, meet your Father”

Rest in Peace Brother, you will be missed.

In His Service

Vivat Jesus

Viva Cristo Rey

Hal Lane GK, SK
In Memoriam
Martin Hernandez

Words cannot express the sorrow for the loss of our loving friend and brother, Martin Hernandez.

For those that knew him well, know that he was a soldier in the Army that served his country proudly; know that he loved the outdoors in fishing and hunting, know that he loved cheering on his Texas teams, the Aggies and the Astros, know that he loved the Knights and all his brothers, and know that he loved his wife Rachel, Brit and all of his family. We are all stronger, and better persons for having known Martin for a short time in his life. As Hal said “. . . he touched so many lives! There is always that one person in your life that really seems to make a difference, personally and spiritually. That person for me was Martin. He became as much of a brother as possible!”
In Memoriam Martin Hernandez

We will always remember Martin for his enthusiasm; his unwavering love for the military, his country, the Knights, and his family; his passion for anything he believed in, his dedication to follow through when he set out to accomplish something; and his love for each of us!
Many of us can still picture him in our mind when he led the Army service song at the Veteran’s day ceremony last year in the chapel, and the heartwarming rehearsal of every degree team practice and his strong sounding of “. . . the devil goes about like a roaring lion”; the 4th degree Christmas parties; his dedicated presence in the kitchen frying fish each year during Lent; the placing of flags for Memorial day; or the many passionate talks he gave at the council or assembly meetings to bring out a point.

We will miss him, but we will never forget him! It will never be the same without him! We will see him again someday!

Please keep Rachel and her family in your prayers, and pray for the soul of Martin as he united with God in heaven. May he rest in peace.
You are all invited to celebrate the life of Martin, that Rachel and daughter Brit are planning on having at Wine 101, in downtown Bulverde this Sunday, August 5th, from 5-8pm. The owner of Wine 101 has been very gracious in letting them have the use of their establishment. So, If you would like to catch the slide show, share some of the good times that you had with Martin, visit with the family, please stop by.
It’s a Long Race – Nobody Finishes it Alone

By Mr. Tim Bennett

I met a wonderful man today. Well, the truth is that I’ve kind of known of this man for a while because he is a fellow parishioner, but today I got to know him a bit more and he touched my life in a small, yet meaningful way. For reasons of circumstance, we had an opportunity to connect on a personal level and I was nourished by it. As men from different generations and completely separate stages in life, there is no obvious reason why the two of us might connect, but I think we found a simple, yet valuable intersection of our lives. It’s not as if we are now best friends, but our lives crossed, rather than just passed by each other and he touched my life. I hope that I might have done the same for him.

I have a busy life, but who doesn’t? I think I sometimes get caught up in my busy life and don’t always take time to recognize and accept the goodness that is all around me. What am I rushing towards? It better be heaven, right? Well, I can’t get there on my own. My obvious way to heaven is through Jesus and I know He is there for me, but I think I’m probably missing a lot of the help He is presenting out there for me. I have the support of an incredible wife, wonderful family, caring friends, and a loving Church. God has blessed me with all of those things and I see them. However, simple moments like today remind me that He has laid out more for me, and that I occasionally have to slow down to recognize and benefit from those things.
It’s a Long Race – Nobody Finishes it Alone

After my interaction today, I got to thinking about all that I might be missing on my ride through life. Maybe it’s a bit hokey, but I thought of my race through life as if it were a bike race (probably because I used to love cycling and sometimes wish I still had time for it). I recognize that Jesus is my bike. Without Him, the race doesn’t exist. I have to keep pedaling, but it is He who will carry me to the finish line. (Yes, bikes break down, but Jesus is an indestructible bike – stick with me here.) My friends and family are my teammates. We draft off of one another and strategize together to maximize our abilities. We use our strengths to help each other and get assistance with our weaknesses and when we struggle. If I break away and try to do it on my own, I tire quickly and eventually fall back into their support. I can’t do it alone, I need them.

So how does this man I met today fit into the race? That man is the race volunteer who is along the route handing out full bottles of water, bananas, and protein bars. I don’t have enough pockets in my shirt or water bottles on my bike to carry all of the nourishment that I need on this race. Sure I can get some from my teammates, but we need outside support or else we will all bonk before the finish line. The thing is, I can’t zip past that volunteer at 25 miles per hour and get what I need; our handoff won’t be successful and I’ll never get what he is offering to me. In order for our transaction to be successful, I need to slow down and focus on grasping what he is extending out to me. I don’t have to come to a complete stop to accept his offering, but I do need to actively receive it. Also, if I just zip on by because I’m feeling fine then maybe I’ll regret it a few miles down the road when fatigue or that muscle cramp hits me.
Today, I also realized that I must be that race volunteer more frequently. It’s great to be surrounded by friends and family and support them as we ride together, but I don’t think God put me here just to ride my own race. I do need to take time from my own race to offer necessary support to others. Whether it be a complete stranger or an acquaintance with whom I’ve never really shared a personal moment, I should recognize that they are also in a race and that I have the ability to assist them. A smile, a genuine greeting, a helping hand, or a 5-minute conversation could be real nourishment for anyone. I’ll probably never know the difference my aid provides, but I do know that similar assistance often helps to get me over the next hill or to the next water station.

Tim and his wife are living their dream with their 9 children in rural western North Carolina. Over the past twenty years, Tim has been a Marine Corps officer, public school teacher, federal employee, and government contractor.

Congratulations on completing your 2nd & 3rd Degrees

Stephen Roederer
August Birthdays

Jose VAlicea
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Paul A Gittinger
Rudy A Gonzales
Charles L Hughes
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Jeffrey D Tharp

“Today, amid so much darkness we need to see the light of hope and to be men and women who bring hope to others.”

Pope Francis
FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT FOR  
August 1, 2018  
Total Membership : 213  
which includes 74 Insurance, 12 Honorary and 28 Honorary Life  
Awards Program

Payments were due by December 31, 2017. There are 3 Knights who have not paid their dues for 2018 for a total of $90.00. Knight Alert Letters were mailed to these Knights on May 16, 2018. Please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council 8521 and mail to Joe Vocks, Financial Secretary, 923 River Way Spring Branch, TX 78070.

Fatherhood is a vocation in God’s service to be not held lightly or frivolously, but with the serious determination of serious men.  
– Fr. Lawrence Lovasik –
Aug 4th – Sock Hop

Aug 8th - Council Meeting, St. Johns Hall 7p.m

AUG 12th – Father McGivney’s Birthday

Aug 15th - Officers Meeting St. Johns Hall 7p.m

AUG 15th – Assumption Day
Sep 3rd – Labor Day

Sep 8th – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin

Sep 8th – Fall exemplification – Dallas

Sep 11th – Patriot Day

Sep 12th - Council Meeting, St. Johns Hall 7p.m

Sep 17th – 1st degree exemplification rehearsal, St. Johns hall

Sep 19th - Officers Meeting, St. Johns Hall 7p.m

Sep 28th – Clergy and religious appreciation dinner
There's Only One Good Thing About Trouble—

It may be the best thing that ever happened to you. Sound outrageous? The plain truth is you might be right where God can help you most—whether you're facing financial trouble, grief, illness, a wrenching personal situation or even a to-do list that never seems to get done. The Truth About Trouble shows how the trials of life can lead to greater maturity and intimacy with God in key areas such as:

- Discerning God's will for your life
- Discovering an inner peace that's unshakable
- Knowing what's important, even in busy times
- Releasing the power of gratitude in your life
- Making real change possible

Read The Truth About Trouble and discover a new perspective that will change the way you look at trouble—and lead to spiritual growth you never thought possible.

Recommended books for Men

The Truth About Trouble: How Hard Times Can Draw You Closer to God Paperback – March 11, 2005
by Michael Scanlan T.O.R. (Author), Jim Manney (Contributor)
Officers for the 2018-2019 Texas State Council fraternal year. They are (L-R) Bob Goss, State Advocate; Pat Henz, State Warden; T. Mark Evans, State Deputy, Alfredo Vela, State Secretary; Diego Pena, State Treasurer, Doug Oldmixon, Immediate Past State Deputy. The fraternal year begins July 1, 2018.

This Year's Theme is "Let Your Light Shine".
Insurance Q & A

Do I need life insurance?
Yes, the chances are you do need life insurance, whether it’s for paying funeral expenses, replacing income, providing money for your child’s education, protecting your home or many other reasons. Unfortunately, too many people don’t know the value of a life insurance policy and go without any or adequate coverage.

Is the Knights of Columbus financially strong?
Yes. The Order is one of the strongest organizations from which you can purchase insurance, as assessments by independent evaluators consistently show. Our margin of safety is among the best in the industry. The Knights of Columbus annually receives the highest ratings given by the A.M. Best Company and Standard & Poor’s.

What exactly are dividends?
Dividends are the divisible surplus the Order has left over after paying expenses and setting aside the necessary amounts to assure that future benefits are fully funded. Dividends develop from favorable experience, such as people living longer than expected or from interest earnings higher than those guaranteed in their policy. Remember, the payment of dividends cannot be guaranteed.

If I have questions about my insurance policy, or have an interest in learning more about the products the Order offers, whom should I ask?
Your professional Knights of Columbus agent can answer any questions you may have. Even if you are not currently a policyholder, a field agent, who is also a brother Knight is available to meet with you at your convenience the needs of you and your family. To identify your agent, call 1-800-345-KOFC (1-800-345-5632).
"If you believe what you like in the Gospel, and reject what you don't like, it is not the Gospel you believe, but yourself."

- St. Augustine of Hippo