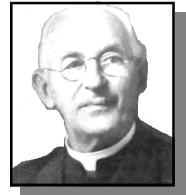




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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Fr. José Cortes



Paul VI

On October 19, Pope Francis beatified Pope Paul VI in Rome. Paul VI was elected Pope on 21 June 1963. Amid numerous challenges, he brought Vatican Council II to a successful conclusion.

He suffered greatly because of the succession of crises that affected the Church in those years, but he found great solace in his courageous transmission of the faith, securing the doctrinal foundations of the Church in a period of ideological upheaval. A few months before he died, he wrote: "There is great unrest at this time in the Church and what they are questioning is the faith. I am alarmed, when I reflect on the Catholic world, that non-Catholic thinking sometimes seems to prevail within Catholicism and it could happen that this non-Catholic thinking within Catholicism will become stronger in the future. But it will never represent the Church's thinking. A small flock must survive, no matter how small it may be." We can see how these words can be applied to what is now happening in the church.

He showed a marked capacity for mediation in every field. He was prudent in his decisions, tenacious in affirming principles, and understanding of human weakness. His character was reserved, humble and kindly, trusting and serene, and possessed of an exceptional human sensitivity. He was a man of profound spirituality.

Repeatedly, Paul VI invited all the faithful to bear witness to Christ in the contemporary world. He believed that the way to reach people is through the witness of an authentically Christian life. In the apostolic exhortation wrote: "Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses."

Paul VI died at Castel Gandolfo following a brief illness on 6 August 1978, the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord, while reciting the *Our Father*. Let us pray that the intercession of the newly beatified Pope Paul VI will help us to be audacious witnesses of Jesus Christ.

Fr. José



The Maryknights Charity Ball and Silent Auction

Saturday Nov. 15 6-11 PM
(silent auction ends at 8:15 PM)

\$45 includes Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, door prizes, dinner and dancing to the music of

The Hall Brothers

For reservations contact
Marge Fait 301-598-7064
or Betty Beltz 301-770-7928
(Advance reservations only)

To benefit
 Sacred Heart Home
Member of Sisters Servants of Mary International

All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet

Sunday Nov. 2nd
8:00-11 AM



Fresh Fruit, Pancakes,
French Toast, Eggs, Bacon,
Sausage, Potatoes, Pastries,
Toast, Juice, Coffee & Tea.

Congratulations !

these Rosensteel Knights have earned their **Second Degree!**

- Mike Davis
- Joseph Delaney
- Rev. Ettore A. Ferrario
- Abraham Jacobs
- Michael Marinari
- John McHale
- Michael Quinn IV
- Tim Twomey
- James White

Come help fill bags with groceries for our less fortunate neighbors.

Saturday, Nov. 22
7 AM Emerald Room
Call Tim Sullivan
301.942.3368 or just show up!



GRAND KNIGHT'S STATION

Frank Cavaliere

"Men and Women for Others"

Be Worthy... and a Little Thankful Too:



By the time these words are scanned by your eyes, November will have arrived or pretty close to it. And there's no doubt that this month is most associated with our national holiday of Thanksgiving. And perhaps one way to look at the holiday is to consider the two halves of the compound word itself, so let's take the "thanks" and then the consider the "giving."

So what to be thankful for this November 2014? Well, how about waking up indoors? Many people in our country don't. How about stepping into a shower each morning and, not only that, fully expecting some liquid to cascade upon oneself? And hot liquid at that. Yes, water – many, many people here in the U.S. and, again, around the globe are in dire need of clean, fresh water. Having a way to heat it is a whole other matter. According to the World Health Organization, a sizable portion of the world's population has never taken an indoor shower with hot water and/or soap of any kind. So let's give thanks for that too.

How about being reasonably certain that a knockdown, drag out discussion over political beliefs at the Knights' Room bar late one evening (yes, a shout out to myself, Spike and Eddie) doesn't result in being led away from your home at night by some shadowy state security forces, never to be seen again? In the United States, that doesn't happen. Rest of the world? You only need to scan the headlines.

How about walking into your local grocery store and stopping just for a moment to stare at its expanse before you? You have at your disposal an incredible array of food (not to mention Pringles, but – trust me – nothing good happens when devouring an entire can) available for purchase. How many of our fellow humans don't have access nor funds for such bounty? Millions, I'd suspect.

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Now onto the “giving” half. As you well know, Rosensteel Council has a well deserved reputation for helping the less fortunate. We’re looking at you, Chancellor Terrence Moore and Past Grand Knight Mike Miller, who have successfully teamed up to go from pillar to post in an effort raise money for the annual Tootsie Roll campaign. So far the news is very encouraging – you have once again opened your wallets in a big way to help the less fortunate among us in the metropolitan Washington, DC, area.

And we’re also taking a thankful glance toward Brother Knights Tim Sullivan and Tom Murphy who once again this year have been co-coordinating the Council’s Needy Food Basket Drive. Yes, right here in our own backyards, people don’t have enough to eat and insufficient funds to purchase the essentials. Your generous donations of time and money help fill those bare pantries.

Are there more people within our

Council to thank? Are you kidding? Do you know the Maryknights and what they do for others? How about the Horn-er Brothers and their Nuns’ Appreciation Night held each April? And Bill Dassing and his family for hosting the Children’s Halloween Party each year. And Bob Wigmore’s efforts for youth sports activities. The list is impressive and, I’m pleased to report, growing.

So come time for turkey and football, take a glance upward and say a quick prayer of thanks for belonging to such a terrific religious organization and living in a pretty terrific country, despite its warts. Remember, being Worthy around these parts is nice, but being grateful for our lives and God’s multiple blessings, well yes, we all should be darn thankful for that too.

Enjoy the month, please come visit us if you haven’t been at the Council for awhile and, as always, say prayers for the less fortunate. I’ll be back here, God willing of course, in December.

Godspeed, Frank C.

Family of the Month

Under the dedicated guidance of Terrence Moore (yes, there’s that name again), the Squires (both boys and girls, of course) of this Council continue to demonstrate their strong Catholic and Christian values throughout our Council in service to others. Their commitment as a “youthful” family will serve Rosensteel well in the near future and beyond. Congratulations Roses and Squires!

**Second Degree
December 16th
Rosensteel
Council
7 PM**

Mary's Widows

On October 6th PGK Mike Koon, Father Perkins and 20 of Mary's Widows had a very nice luncheon at Ruby Tuesday's in Wheaton Plaza. We are trying to find restaurants closer to our neighborhood since many of you no longer drive. If you know of a restaurant, open on Monday's, that you would like to try, let us know. We are also looking for drivers who would be willing to bring some of our group to the luncheons. Any widow of a Knight in good standing is eligible to join. Please call Lois Devlin, [301-681-7448](tel:301-681-7448). Hope to see many of you on November 3rd.

Stan's Super Bowl Pool

I've got my square, how about you? There are only 25 squares remaining. Get yours ASAP! Besides the chance to support the council and win up to \$2,000, you get to attend 2 great parties! A bargain at \$110. Contact Stan McLeod at 240.997.4419

Brother Knights

Members are needed to volunteer behind the bar. Contact Kevin Carey kdcarey@loyola.edu Open dates are seen on the back calendar of the Knight Life.

Help is Needed for Community Activities Nursing Home Christmas Parties

As the holidays approach we are planning our Christmas Parties for the Althea and Springbrook Nursing Homes. We are in need of new/ more participants to help share the joy of the upcoming holidays with the residents. People who are confined to a rehab center often miss out on the excitement of holiday preparations, especially with children. Can you spare some time for a few forgotten souls? Why not bring your kids too? Show them how to give a little before they receive a lot.

Our Christmas Parties will be held on **December 4th, 2014 at 3PM for Springbrook Nursing & Rehab Center**, 12325 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20904, next to St. John the Baptist on New Hampshire Ave. and **December 11th, 2014 at 3PM at the Althea Woodland Nursing Home**, 1000 Daleview Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20901. University Blvd. East to Buckingham, left two blocks, then right on Compton, left on Daleview to the end of the street.

I would like to thank my wife for baking cookies, making punch and helping at the parties, along with DGK Allan Jimenez, his son and two friends, Paul Grake and John Giblej.

Please contact me if you can help! Thanks!

Joe Rogers jvrii@verizon.net

Knight of the Month

Please wish the best to Wayne Miller and his fellow Brother Knights who have honorably served our nation in the armed forces. Veterans Day is commemorated this month; November 11 is the official U.S. holiday that honors people who have served in the Armed Forces. As many of you know, World War I is generally accepted to have ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect.

No better man walks through the doors at Rosensteel than Wayne. He and many others who have been members of our Council have worn the uniform and, in many cases, shed blood for honorable and just causes. Congratulations Wayne!

CIF Update

We are still reaching toward our "\$20,000 in 2014" goal. More members are stepping forward every week and we thank you sincerely for your contributions to this worthy endeavor! Why not join the ranks? Your checks should be made payable to the Forest Glen Building Association with CIF in the memo line. Send them to PGK George Carter at the Fr. Rosensteel Council. We will recognize anyone who has donated \$100 or more to the campaign.

The Fresh Florida Citrus Sale continues. **Orders will be taken until Nov. 10th and must be paid before the order is made.** The fruit will arrive between December 11 and 14; just in time for Christmas gift giving! Consider giving the gift of fresh picked Florida citrus from the Indian River Valley. If a box is too much, consider sharing a box. Don't forget to ask your neighbors and friends if they'd like to order. Available: half (20 lbs, \$20) or whole (40 lbs, \$40) boxes of naval oranges and red grapefruit; half boxes tangerines (\$28); variety box (6 grapefruit, 16-20 oranges, 10 tangerines \$30). Don't miss out on this opportunity!

Thank You- CIF Donors

Platinum (\$1,500)

Gold (\$1,000-1499)

Silver (\$500-999)

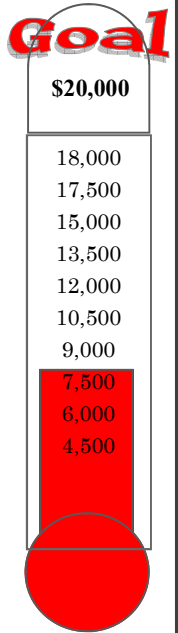
Tom Rogers
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Bronze (\$250-499)

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Mr. John McNamara
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Honorable Mention

(\$100-\$249)
Mrs. Elizabeth Beltz
Mr. Tom Leonard
Mr. Mike Audet.



The drive is going well but our goal has not been reached. Many of you have given generously of your time, finances and efforts, and we thank you. For those who would still like to donate you may:

Send a check or money order to:
Rosensteel Knights of Columbus
Attention Tootsie Roll Fund –
Terrence P. Moore
1900 Etna Place
Silver Spring, Md. 20902

Please make the check payable to:
Rosensteel Knights of Columbus
Memo – Tootsie Roll Drive

Children's Christmas Party!
Sunday, Dec. 21st 1-4 PM
Lunch, treats, activities,
the Nativity and maybe St. Nick!





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Well, as predicted the Fall Card Party at Leisure World was a huge success! Our Charity Fund received a big boost from this event thanks to Lois Devlin, Dianne Lynch and their devoted bakers and workers who ran the event without missing a beat!

Our Charity Ball Committee is optimistic about its upcoming event. Everything is in place and ready for the "Big Night". Sister Vacha and

Sister Mary from the Sacred Heart Home stopped by our October meeting and spoke to us some more about their mission and their gratitude for being chosen as our charity. They are very excited and prayerful for a successful event. At this time we still have a table of 10 and some seats available. So if you have not made your reservations now is the time to make this a "Sell Out". For reservations call Marge Fait, [301-598-7064](tel:301-598-7064) or Betty Beltz, [301-770-7928](tel:301-770-7928). Sarah has declared November 5th the last day to accept the Silent Auction items. Plenty of time to gather donations from merchants you frequent or to part with one of your own "special treasures". **Some items available to bid on: Redskins Tickets (Dec.7th), 2 golf outings, Nick Backstrom signed hockey puck, Massanutten Getaway, Rafael Soriano signed baseball, Vera Bradley handbags, jewelry, gift cards, collectables, a Polish dinner for 10 cooked and served by Sr. Vacha & the Sisters of the Sacred Heart Home. And much more!**

For the past several years we have sponsored the "Adopt a Soldier" program. This program consists of sending "care boxes" to our military deployed in the Middle East. The feedback and gratitude we receive from these heroes is heartwarming and we intend to continue these mailings as long as necessary. The good news is all our recipients have come home safely. Brenda Graninger, who is dedicated to running this program, is in need of new candidates. If you know of someone who should receive our help, call Brenda [\(240\) 912-9950](tel:240-912-9950) with names and addresses.

If it hasn't dawned on you already, the holiday season is almost upon us. The Thanksgiving Food Drive is an annual program for the Knights. This project involves putting together generous bags of groceries needed for a nutritious Thanksgiving meal. The Mary Knights compliment this endeavor with grocery store gift cards. The thought being these cards would purchase small turkeys. At the November meeting we would like to collect \$10 per member toward the purchase of these cards.

Did you know that every two hours and eleven minutes a youth under the age of 25 commits suicide? 1 in 5 high school students admit to having suicidal thoughts. Teen depression and suicide have reached epidemic proportions and has become the number two cause of death in the 10-24 age group. Furthermore, 6.5 million elderly have been diagnosed with depression. Our November speaker has been secured through Montgomery County Mental Health Administration and will speak to us on suicide awareness and prevention and depression. Very important topics and we hope you will be in attendance to learn of the warning signs and resources for assistance. We all need to be informed to be good stewards in watching over the youth and elderly in our lives. Thanks to Luanne Flanigan for bringing this important subject to our attention. Please plan to attend the November meeting, it will be most informative.

Blessed Mother Mary, inspire & direct us in our November Agenda.

How many leaders in history have the title "the Great" after their name? We can think of Alexander the Great and the Russian Czar Peter the Great, but did you know there is also one particular Pope with this title. Pope Leo I is also known as Saint Leo the Great. He lived in the 400's AD toward the end of the Roman Empire. He was a great orator and writer with much of his papers surviving today. He asserted the universal jurisdiction of the Bishop of Rome known today as the Petrine Supremacy. Other bishops who were reluctant came to recognize him as the heir to St. Peter as the "Rock" of the church as was written by Matthew in the Bible.

In 452 the city of Rome was threatened by an attack from the army of Attila the Hun. This warlord from the East had invaded Italy and camped North of Rome. Attila demanded of Emperor Valentinian his sister, Honoria, in marriage and a very large dowry. The Emperor sent Pope Leo and two consuls to negotiate with this pagan warlord. This meeting took place on the shores of Lake Garda. Afterward, Attila gathered his forces and retreated from Italy. Thus the city was spared from being sacked and ruined. It was never recorded what message Pope Leo told Attila.

If you are a retired senior you may recall a time in the distant past when almost every home had just one form of electronic entertainment. It was called a radio. It had tubes in it and you had to wait for it to warm up. It was usually located in the parlor, or as we call that room today, the living room. In today's society we have many devices in almost every room of the house and we often carry portable forms of entertainment and communication with us during the day. Do you remember sitting with your family and watching the radio while a favorite show played? Yes, we all sat and looked at the radio while listening to our favorite shows which included Jack Benny,

Amos and Andy, Arthur Godfrey, Fibber MaGee & Molly, Dick Tracy, the Shadow, and many others.

Have you noticed the construction of the new seven-story patient care building on the south side of Holy Cross Hospital? It will be completed in 2015 and will house 150 private care rooms for patients. This will reduce the risk of infections and place less stress on patients who will feel more comfortable with space allowed for visiting family members. This will be a great convenience for every one of us living in this area.

You will also find it convenient to place an order for Florida citrus fruits being sold to raise funds for the building fund, the CIF. All orders for fruit must be placed by November 10th. Please refer to the announcement in your Knight Life issue. No one will regret receiving an order of fresh Florida fruit in the middle of winter. Remember, if you can't be in Florida, just let some of Florida come to you in a December delivery.

Our monthly luncheon on the 25th of November will be one of your last opportunities to obtain your ticket for the Christmas Luncheon being held on December 15th. You absolutely will need a ticket to be admitted to this grand annual event.

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VP Tom Leonard

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Ham & Eggs Golf 2014



I would like to thank everyone who played in, and helped organize, the Annual "Ham & Eggs" golf outing held on October 6, 2014.

The winning team of Matt D'Antuono and Jerry Groves carded a very solid 77 to win the coveted title: "**Champion Ham & Egger's of the Year**".

Additionally, funds collected including donations from brother Knights who were unable to participate exceeded \$600.00 which will be donated to St. Joseph's House in the names of past players PGK John Cuff and Brother Frank Laddbush.

Thanks again,
Mike Miller, PGK

Congratulations!

New Honorary Life Members:

Robert R. Carlsen, 47 yrs
Decon Raymond L. Chaput, 25 yrs
Thomas A. McLarney, 25 yrs

Honorary members:

David D. Widner, 25 yrs.

November 2014 Squires/Roses



The holiday season is just around the corner. Do you have any good ideas for events, functions etc..?

November's meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 3rd, 2014 7:00 to 8:00.

The Maryknights' Charity Ball is Nov. 19th and they have once again asked for our assistance to, check coats, set-up, serve and bus, knock down and assist with loading the cars. Please make every effort to attend and help with this worthy and fun event. Please contact me so I can get an accurate headcount.

For those of you who have received Tootsie Rolls and banks these must be turned in at or before November's meeting. Kiernan Maddox has a commanding lead in the collections completion.

The registration process is going well with the state, please keep the registration forms coming in. There is not an online version, therefore if you have not received or completed yours please drop me an email with a mailing address and I will send you the paper copy.

Be Worthy.

Chancellor's Chatter

Throughout my term as Chancellor I will publish a short "To Do List" every month. This is meant for every member of this council. I will add to it but I will never remove a task, as I believe that each and every one of us could benefit from this friendly reminder.

November To Do List

- Recruit a new member
- Engage an existing member
- Volunteer to assist/organize an event or function
- Attend a council event
- Hold an event at the council
- Assist/organize a charitable event
- Thank a Maryknight
- Extend condolences and or assistance to someone

whom has lost someone close to them

- Contribute to the Tootsie Roll Drive

New Item – Attend and contribute to a Business Meeting

"Even" Wednesday Pizza Nights

Nov. 12th & 2nd 2014

6:00pm to 8:00pm

"Carry Out" or "Eat In"



From the District Deputy "It Takes a Council"



Whether you've attended a Council meeting at which I've spoken or whether we have had the opportunity to personally meet with one another, the one message I try to convey is this; "The Knights of Columbus is here to serve our families, our Parishes and our communities." But, nothing can or does happen without the **consensus and support** of the membership at large.

Over the past few months I have had the privilege and honor of working side by side with members from the councils I serve. Each and every council rose to the occasion and, due to the efforts of those who participated, parishes, communities, children and families benefited from the experience. I would be remiss if I did not mention the labor of love performed by each council. Whether it is a home cooked dinner for seminarians (OLOV) or catholic students at the University of Maryland (Rosensteel), work at a parish school (Holy Family), filling a baby bottle with change for Centro Tepeyac (St John the Baptist) or a walk-a-thon "Kids helping Kids" (St. Michael the Archangel). Yes, I know most of you have done much more than what I have mentioned. I am truly touched by these acts of charity and mercy.

In a couple of cases the councils will be the beneficiaries of their own good works because they have attracted new candidates to join our ranks. If we continue this path our councils will be assured of whole new generation of friends, families and new members.

As I noted at the beginning, it is an honor to work alongside such a tremendous and diverse Family organization such as the Knights of Columbus.

Tom Kelly,

Dear Brother Knight,

As faithful Catholics we know about the importance of planning. When we take our First Degree and enter into membership, we are told a sacred phrase which we are to keep always on our minds: tempus fugit, memento mori – times flies, remember death. These are perfect watchwords for a Catholic fraternal benefits society.

The Knights of Columbus has developed a new tool to help you and your family plan for the future. It is called the *Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook*. The workbook is designed from a Catholic planning perspective.

When he founded our Order, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney was searching for a solution to the financial hardship experienced by many Catholic families, including his own, when the breadwinner died unexpectedly. By taking advantage of *his* organization and its greatest fraternal benefit, the insurance program, we can plan and help ensure that our families are taken care of long after we're gone.

I will be contacting you soon to arrange a mutually convenient appointment to review your current insurance and show you how the *Knights of Columbus Personal Planning Workbook* can help you and family. There is no further obligation and the planning workbook is yours to keep with my compliments.

Fraternally,

Brian Graham, CLU, CaFC, FIC
Office: 301.962.0045
Cell: 240.393.3889



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REFLECTIONS

by Lawrence P. Grayson

Faith and the Ballot Box

On November 4, people across this nation will have an opportunity to vote for those who will represent them at the federal, state and local levels. The work of these representatives, who will enact the laws and regulations under which we live, will significantly affect our lives for years to come.

The challenges before the nation are serious, highly political, and profoundly moral. There is the continuing destruction of unborn children through abortion and new efforts to eliminate the elderly through euthanasia and assisted suicide; movements to coerce Catholic health care, education, and social service ministries to violate their religious beliefs; efforts to undermine marriage as the permanent union of one man and one woman; and restraints on religious liberty and the exercise of individual conscience; among others. Many compelling moral concerns are dealt with at the state, as well as national level, and so votes cast for state senators and delegates can be as important as the votes for national office.

All issues are not morally equivalent. Some involve fundamental principles, such as the right to life, that can never be violated, even to achieve a good end. Others require prudent judgments about the best way to apply Catholic teachings to deal with compelling societal problems. It is a mistake, therefore, to make no ethical distinctions among the issues. The right to life is not simply one of a multitude of concerns of equal importance that should be acknowledged when deciding for whom to vote.

Abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, destruction of human embryos, and same-sex marriage are intrinsically evil, that is, the acts are immoral in and of themselves, regardless of the motives behind them, and must always be opposed. Certainly, health care, education, immigration, jobs, taxation and national security are also important concerns and should not be neglected. Advancing the benefits of these issues, however, cannot compensate for disregarding the value of a human life. The strongest economy, finest health care system, fairest immigration laws, and soundest economy do nothing for the child who is never born.

Pope St. John Paul II, in his 1988 apostolic exhortation *Christifideles Laici*, stated: *"The common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights -- for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture -- is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition of all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination."* If one must choose between improving the quality of life and protecting life itself, human life must take precedence.

In matters of lesser moral definitiveness, there may be legitimate diversity among individual prudential judgments. Catholics may differ on approaches to reduce poverty, stimulate the economy, the best immigration, health care or housing policies, or on a decision to wage a just war because these

judgments do not involve the direct choice of an intrinsic evil, while promoting various human benefits. This does not mean these issues are of lesser moral interest or can be summarily dismissed. They are significant concerns that challenge consciences and require action, but they are open to principled debate that may result in differing, even opposing, views.

Catholics not only have an obligation to exercise their right to vote, but have the additional responsibility to do so with a well-formed conscience, guided by the tenets and teachings of the Church. They are tasked to bring faith-refined principles, augmented with informed prayerful reflection, to the consideration of and decisions about candidates and issues. This duty is more than preparing to vote in a given election. Developing a well-formed conscience is a lifelong effort in order to deal with the changing conditions, issues and circumstances of the world.

When candidates support actions or programs that are intrinsically evil, they should be considered less acceptable for public office. As *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, an election guide issued every four years by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, teaches, *"Those who knowingly, willingly, and directly support public policies or legislation that undermine fundamental moral principles cooperate with evil."*

The failure to protect life in its most vulnerable stages, or to support other intrinsic evils, renders suspect a candidate's positions on all matters affecting human dignity. The right to life is a fundamental precept inscribed in America's Declaration of Independence. If a candidate disregards a foundational principle of the nation and asks voters to violate their moral consciences, people have the obligation to cast their ballots for someone else.

With the duty of voting comes the responsibility to know where the candidates stand on the issues. One rarely finds a candidate with whom he agrees on everything. The key question is the relative importance of the issues on which the two disagree. A voter will have abetted a candidate's future immoral actions if he helps elect a person who favors programs that are intrinsically evil when there is a morally acceptable candidate on the ballot.

What does one do, however, when there is no such alternative? Deciding not to vote is often not the best solution. When all candidates support an intrinsic evil, it is morally permissible to vote for the candidate who poses the least threat to human life and dignity and thus limit the harm. It is important, therefore, to vote with a well-formed conscience that perceives the proper relationship among moral goods.

In the coming election, every voice will matter, every vote count. Cast your ballot. Exercise your cherished right and solemn duty as a Catholic American citizen, faithful to the teachings of our Church.

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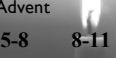
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December 2014

7th-Breakfast
16th- 2nd Degree
21st- Children's Christmas Party
25th- Christmas

NOVEMBER 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1. Bar: 5-8 8-11
2. Breakfast 8-12  Bar: 5-8 8-11	3. Mary's Widows Bar: 5-8 D'Antuono 8-11 McNamara	4. Business Mtg 7pm Bar: 2-5 Rogers 5-8 8-11: Evans 	5. Bingo Bar: 5-8 8-11	6.	7. Crew #1 Tim S. Spiced Shrimp Bar: 5-8 Horner/ Pete 8-11 Hardman	8. Bar: 5-8 8-11
9. Bar: 5-8 8-11 Cassagnol	10. Maryknights 7 PM Bar 5-8 D'Antuono	11.  Bar: 5-8 8-11 Conway, Carey, DeVol	12. Bingo Pizza Nite Bar: 5-8 Evans 8-11	13. Bar: 5-8 8-11 McNamara	14. Crew #2 Stan McLeod Bar: 5-8 Conway, Carey 8-11 Slattery	15. Charity Ball 6-11pm Bar: 5-8 8-11 GIBLIN 
16. Bar: 5-8 8-11 Dassing	17. Bar: 5-8 D'Antuono 8-11 Menamara	18. Social Mtg 7pm Bar: 5-8 8-11	19. Bingo Bar: 5-8 8-11	20. Bar: 5-8 8-11 Moore, Langley	21. Crew #3 Allan Jimenez Bar: 5-8 Lyon, Lynch 8-11	22. Food Baskets 7AM Bar: 5-8 8-11 Maddox, King
23. Bar: 5-8 8-11 Seubert	24. Bar: 5-8 D'Antuono 8-11 Grey	25. Retiree Luncheon Bar: 5-8 8-11	26. Bingo Pizza Nite TBD Bar: 5-8 Carey 8-11	27.  Council Closed	28. No Kitchen Crew Opening TBD Bar 5-8 McCaw, Holmes 8-11	29. Bar 5-8 8-11
30. 1st Sunday in Advent  Bar: 5-8 8-11						