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Pope Francis Opens The Year of Mercy:

"This Extraordinary Holy Year is itself a gift of grace," Pope Francis said in his homily for Mass, just before opening the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica.

"To pass through the Holy Door means to rediscover the infinite mercy of the Father who welcomes everyone and goes out personally to encounter each of them. This will be a year in which we grow ever more convinced of God's mercy." "The opening of the door is meant to symbolically illustrate the idea that the Church's faithful are offered an "extraordinary path" toward salvation during the time of jubilee.

Mercy, he said, must be placed before judgment, though "God's judgment will always be in the light of his mercy." "In passing through the Holy Door, then, may we feel that we ourselves are part of this mystery of love," he said.

"Let us set aside all fear and dread, for these do not befit men and women who are loved. Instead, let us experience the joy of encountering that grace which transforms all things." Pope Francis presided over the rite of the Holy Door's opening before passing through himself. He was followed by retired pontiff Benedict XVI, who attended the rite in one of his rare public appearances.

Pope Francis in his homily spoke of the Holy Door in connection to the day's Gospel, which recounts the angel Gabriel announcing to Mary she would be the mother of God. "We carry out this act, so simple yet so highly symbolic, in the light of the word of God which we have just heard," Pope Francis said. "That word highlights the primacy of grace... God's grace enfolded her and made her worthy of becoming the Mother of Christ."

When Gabriel entered Mary's home, "even the most profound and impenetrable of mysteries became for her a cause for joy, faith, and abandonment to the message revealed to her," the Pope continued.

Pope Francis' reflection in his homily centered on the Immaculate Conception, celebrated Tuesday, and described the feast as an expression of "the grandeur of God's love."

"Not only does he forgive sin, but in Mary he even averts the original sin present in every man and woman who comes into this world." "The fullness of grace can transform the human heart and enable it to do something so great as to change the course of human history," he said.

"Yet the history of sin can only be understood in the light of God's love and forgiveness. Were sin the only thing that mattered, we would be the most desperate of creatures."

"The promised triumph of Christ's love enfolds everything in the Father's mercy," the Pope said. "The Immaculate Virgin stands before us as a privileged witness of this promise and its fulfillment."

"Wherever there are people, the Church is called to reach out to them and to bring the joy of the Gospel," the Pope said. In his Angelus address delivered after the opening of the Holy Door, Pope Francis called the faithful to look on the Immaculate Conception as a reminder that, "in our life, everything is a gift. Everything is mercy."

"May the Blessed Virgin, the first fruits of the saved, the model of the Church, holy and immaculate Bride, loved by the Lord, help us to rediscover the mercy of God more and more, in a way characteristic of Christians."

The Pope said the opening of the Jubilee of Mercy is an occasion to look on the Immaculate Conception "with trusting love, to contemplate her in all her splendor, (and imitate) her faith."

"In the Immaculate conception of Mary, we are invited to recognize the dawn of the new world, transformed from the saving work of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

My Brothers,

Among many things, Christmas is known as a time for giving and receiving gifts. While many decry this practice as the "commercialization of Christmas", I think this idea only clouds the issue. Certainly gift-giving is a wonderful way to express our love for each other. Perhaps because the ultimate gift, from our Heavenly Father, of His dearly beloved Son was given to all people on Christmas Day. If we give of our selves, through our labor, through our time and effort, from our own skills and talents, every gift may be an expression of love. Even our money, the supposed "root of all evil" is but a storehouse for our past labors, shared at a time of our choosing. Besides, I believe the "root of all evil" is much older and more powerful than mere \$\$\$'s in a bank account. Our Lord has defeated that evil many times over, and with our faith, we are saved, and may avoid temptation.

I suppose wrong can come from improper gift-giving, such as when we are not expressing Love. I suppose excess gift-giving might also not be so fine, if we give to "impress", or in some way imperil our own family's well-being, perhaps this is false pride rearing its head. I suppose also that gifts that do not nurture health, intellectual or spiritual growth, may in some cases be considered reckless or irresponsible. There is a line to be considered, depending on the needs and capabilities of a loved one. A little risk certainly can allow for personal growth if we help our loved ones explore the edges of their comfort zones. But the risk must match the reward. It seems some gift-giving is trickier than others.

As with so many things, let Love guide you as you share with your family, friends, neighbors, colleagues and associates. Remind yourself why and how you love those special to you, and what you wish for all your loved ones. This will help you enjoy the Spirit of the Season, and the Spirit of giving of yourself.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

A Prayer for Praying?

Brother Knights,

I found a wonderful prayer, a prayer to start our own private prayers, as well as our quiet contemplation and decision making. Please try it.

Father, you created me and put me on earth for a purpose.

Jesus, you died for me and call me to complete your work.

Holy Spirit, you help me to carry out the work for which I was created and called.

In your presence and name—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—I begin my reflection.

May all my thoughts and inspirations have their origin in You and be directed to Your glory.

This reminds us in a very simple and straight-forward manner who we are as Children of God, and of the loving presence of the Trinity in a practical way. Through this simple prayer, we ask for assurance that our thoughts, judgments and imagination will spring from the best we are each capable of, as we remind ourselves of the presence of Our Lord.

Please let me know if you find this helpful.

Chaplain's Corner

Fr. Romanus Ike

AS WE MAKE A NEW BEGINNING:

To my honorable Brother Knights and good people of God, I say Happy New Year to you all. As we come into this New Year with the Spirit of Advent and Christmas, which really has provided us with new energy, spirit and joy. I welcome you to our cherished fellowship and partnership with God, the Church and with one another. This New Year calls to mind a new way of thinking, behaving and celebrating. As we go along we shall be thinking about our relationship with God and our fellow human beings, our family and friends, let this thinking bring newness of Spirit and joy to us. We shall also come in contact with many people along the line, let this contact with God and one another bring back courage to those who are discouraged, strength to the weak, happiness to the sad and richness to the poor in spirit.

I share with you the joy of our Blessed Mother who said: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. I constantly pray for a blessed year for all of us. During this year we, in connection with the whole Church, will be celebrating the Jubilee year of Mercy as inaugurated by the Holy Father Pope Francis. This celebration is full of spiritual activities meant to gain us salvation, let us be committed to the programs at Diocesan, Vicariate and Parish levels. As we pray to experience the Mercy of God, let us be Merciful ourselves. Let us begin by forgiving others their faults without reservation. Let us continue to pray with St Francis of Assisi that God may make us the instrument of his peace and mercy.

Teaching about the Jubilee of Mercy Pope Francis reminds all of us thus: Fifty years ago, the Second Vatican Council reminded us that the Church is called a human family. Each of us, by practicing charity, mercy and forgiveness, can be at peace. By passing through the Door of Mercy during this Holy Year, we love. (Pope Francis: weekly General Audience 2015-12-16 Vatican Radio).

Finally according to St Paul: God has delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the Kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins (Colo. 1:13-14).

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Bible Study

Wednesday from 7 PM to 9 PM
in the council lounge

Bob Herness
Church Director, 4488



Peace and blessing to all our Brother Knights and Friends in this new year of 2016. Bible class will resume this Wednesday, January 6, 2016, at the regular start time of 7:00 p.m. Some of the topics that we shall study in January include the sacred covenants that God made with we humans covering Bible texts from Genesis to the New Testament. If you do not know these six covenants, please join us to learn them.

We shall also keep you current about the world and the political scene as this new year will have many politicians promising many false messiahs, so check their "fruits" not just their "political promises". May the Holy Spirit guide each of us as we try to discern how we best can do the Will of God.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam,
Bob Herness, Church and Bible study, Council 4488

Bible Study
everyone is welcome

MR PROJECT REPORT

PROGRESS TO-DATE ON THE PROJECT TO HELP PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

First of all, let us thank Mrs. Barbara Bonadiman, widow of deceased member, Joe Bonadiman, for providing the \$500.00 seed money to purchase the Tootsie Roll Candy for the project. Certainly, we thank Stater Bros Markets for permitting us to solicit the public outside of 4 of its stores over 2 weekends. Thanks to Brother Ray Midian for all the help he gave in the several capacities in which he served in this activity, particularly in assisting Dr. Arciniega and Luis Avalos, as usual. Kudos to Dr. Luis Arciniega and Luis Avalos for heading up the markets' end of the project, and their idea to solicit at 2 markets on each of 2 weekends worked out splendidly. Thanks to all of the Brother Knights who solicited for 3 hours at one of the markets, and also to the people from the Center For Individuals With Disabilities and the Association For Retarded Citizens, who also helped. We were able to raise \$1,798.00 from this part of the project. We began the churches' solicitation on the weekend of Nov. 7, 8. However, we will not finish until Nov. 22 when St. Adelaide permitted us to solicit there. Thanks to Deacon Dan O'Camb, Carlos Teran and his family, Vern Ashbaker and Phil Garcia, Lupe Perez, Ray Lobato, and all of the members who helped to solicit at the various churches up until now. There will be a supplemental report when the project is finished.

Submitted By: John Rozzi

COUNCIL FIELD AGENT REPORT

David Keeling,
Former Council Field Agent

Please welcome the new assigned Field Agent Tom Cowan for our Council. Tom is a seasoned Field Agent (and Air Force Veteran) who has been working with the Councils in Redlands, Yucaipa, Beaumont and part of the lower desert for many years.

You can contact Tom on his cell phone (909) 647-3463 after January 1st, when he will have all the computer data for Del Rosa insurance members-families to serve you.

Sweethearts Dinner and Dance
Feb 13, 2016
Music By The Flamingo Kid
Catered Dinner from 5-6:30pm
Dancing & Live Entertainment 7pm to 11pm
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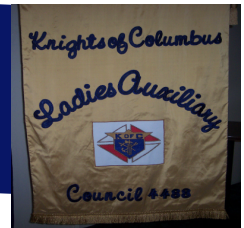
Culture of Life

John Rozzi

Two months ago, after the California Assembly and Senate passed Assembly Bill 775 which forces all licensed pregnancy care clinics to either post prominent signs in their lobbies promoting abortion, or to include the information on their websites or clinic literature, Gov. Jerry Brown signed it into law, It is scheduled to go into effect on Jan. 1,2016.

ICU Mobile, also known as Go Mobile For Life, is a mobile medical pregnancy clinic based in Wildomar, Ca., and has filed a lawsuit against the California State Attorney General and other appropriate authorities, saying the Reproductive Fact Act, with the requirement to promote abortion not only violates its religious freedom, but also its free speech and free assembly rights. Pro-Life supporters have opposed the law, calling it the "Bully Bill" because it compels workers to promote a state-mandated message that violates their personal and corporate religious beliefs. Advocates For Faith And Freedom, through its legal counsel, are seeking a preliminary injunction, which, if granted, will block the law from being implemented while the case is in the court system. Legal services are being provided, pro-bono, and currently the motion for preliminary injunction is scheduled to occur on Dec. 23 in Riverside.

Knights Of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary Council 4488



I'd like to wish everybody a very happy and safe New Year. Thank you to all that supported our December fundraisers-bake sale and Christmas raffle. Whether it was a donation of time or money, it was all greatly appreciated and will build our funds for charity distribution in the near future.

In January the Knights' ladies will be cooking the general meeting dinner. The menu will include roast beef, beans, rice, salad and dinner rolls. Thanks in advance for all the women that volunteered to help with this project. Keep in mind that we have a Bingo Luncheon coming up in February (more details in the next bulletin).

Sincerely, Judy Figueroa, Knights' Ladies President.

KOFC NEWS

K of C Christmas party on December 12, 2015, 4488 held it's Christmas party at the hall. Great food, great music and great attendance of around 80 people.

Photo Upper Right: Knights' Ladies President Judy Figueroa presents the evening, husband Steve in the background.

Photo Lower Right: Brother Mario Salcedo and family joins brother Luis Avalos and family for an evening of fun.

Bottom Photo: John Henry receives a surprise birthday cake from friend Amy. Brother Jack Mielke shares in the presentation.



*Merry
Christmas*

Special thanks to Tish Arciniega, sister of Dr. Luis for cooking the turkeys, making gravy and the dressing.



BINGO NEWS

New Years Greetings, Brother Knights as Bingo Chairman , I would like to update you of some of the changes and the progress made thus far in managing our councils Bingo fund raising operations.

As Chairman and manager I have taken a more pro-active approach in overseeing all aspects of our Bingo fund raising, meeting regularly with all the members of our Bingo committee, and consulting regularly with all our Bingo volunteer workers in order to map out a more successful strategy to improve our Bingo attendance. I am now regularly attending all of our Bingo sessions in order to monitor all of our Bingo operations, this allows me to formulate recommendations for possible procedural changes to our Bingo committee. My presence also allows me to quickly resolve any disagreements, thus giving continuity in how we deal with reoccurring every day procedures and to also resolve any customer disputes.

Recently the Bingo committee approved a modest price increase for a Bingo buy-in from \$10 to \$15, as well as revising our Bingo program brochure to include, showing bingo patterns for each game we play, we have also updated our Bingo House rules for Bingo customers conduct and outlining our procedures for playing Bingo, additionally we have modified the amount paid on some games to allow multiple winners. These changes to our Bingo games will become effective on or about January 15, 2016 after we have informed our customers and our Bingo volunteer workers of all the new changes. We will however continue to evaluate all aspects of our Bingo operations to insure making improvements or corrections as necessary.

As Bingo Chairman I have recently submitted a request to Del ROCO, to install covers for the Bingo Boards in the large and small assembly halls, so when the hall is rented out for private use the boards are not a distraction and are protected, I have also requested that Del ROCO purchase a small display cabinet for use in displaying Bingo items that we have available for sale, IE: bingo ink daubers, bingo seat cushions, game gags, receipt holders and other miscellaneous Bingo gifts or items Bingo players normally desire, which encourages them to want to return and play Bingo with us, and it will help reduce congestion at the cashiers cage with players attempting to select items for sale. The committee is currently considering a Polo T-shirt with the emblem of the order embroidered to include your first name only, and to be given to all Bingo workers. A new Dry erase white board has been purchased to replace the current board now in use beside the Bingo caller, listing the order of games being played.

These are but a few improvements underway. All the while the Bingo committee remains focused on monitoring the financial well being of our principle fund raising activity "BINGO" to insure that we maintain accurate bookkeeping records and to closely monitor our total income and expenses.

Bingo is our councils only source of revenue for charitable giving and as such we are always in need of additional volunteers to help work Bingo. Please consider volunteering even a couple of hours a week once or twice a month. If you would like to volunteer we can find or make a position available for you. We need cashiers, sales people, Bingo callers, otherwise suggest how you can assist. No offer of assistance will be turned away.

Sam Gutierrez
Bingo Chairman/Manager





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10 ATTEND MASS	11  6:15 - 10:00 PM	12	13 CHURCH & BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM	14 GENERAL MEETING 7 PM	15  6:15 - 10:00 PM	16
17 ATTEND MASS	18  6:15 - 10:00 PM	19	20 CHURCH & BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM	21 BULLETIN ARTICLES DUE DEL ROCO 7:00 PM	22  6:15 - 10:00 PM	23
24 ATTEND MASS	25  6:15 - 10:00 PM	26	27 BINGO BOARD 7:00 PM CHURCH & BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM	28	29  6:15 - 10:00 PM	30
31 ATTEND MASS						

