



COUNCIL # 6557

NEWSLETTER

May 2019

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GRAND KNIGHT REPORT

Brothers and Friends,

I would like to welcome our new member to the council Frank Lunkwitz, pictured below. Frank attends Sts. Simon & Jude is married with four daughters. We have recruited 15 new members toward our goal of 23. Every member should try to recruit one new member. We can do this!



April was a very busy month. We started the month with a fundraising event at the Spring Wine Festival. We had a good crowd on Saturday but Sunday it poured. Still the rain and wind did not deter the wine enthusiast! April 11th the council hosted the "Ignite" the Archdiocesan Capital Campaign presentation at Sts. Simon & Jude. Palm Sunday the Fourth Degree lead the procession at the Sts. Simon & Jude masses and turned out for Holy Thursday at both churches. And finally, we worked the Crawfish festival. We'll have the month of May to recover!! Thanks to all who help on our fundraising events and a special thanks to Ken Scales who coordinated these events.

Bill Moeller FS and I presented a ceremonial check for \$25,100 to the Houston Collation for Life during their annual banquet. The machines will be used in their Life's Blue Blossom Pregnancy Center located on West T.C. Jester Blvd. and to replace the old machine in the "Blue" bus which is used to offer ultrasounds at the Planned Parenthood abortion center on the Gulf Freeway. They expect the machines to be installed on May 20th.

We will be having our council elections during the May 9th Business Meeting. If you are interested in holding a leadership position in the council, please contact me or one of the Trustees.

UKNIGHT, who host our council's website will be moving to a new internet address effective May 12th. We will be reclaiming our old domain address of www.koc6557.com which will make remembering our council's address easier. We will keep you informed.

Brother Herb Sommer needs your help in submitting articles to publish in the newsletter. Please send your articles to Herb at HWSOMMER@GMAIL.COM by the first of the month.

Vivat Jesus!
Harold Schambach
Grand Knight



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- Outside Guard**
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- 2yr Trustee**
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- 3yr Trustee**
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- Lecturer**
Jerome L Leiker



2019 Calendar of Events

Thursday May 9th, Council Business Meeting & elections

Sunday May 12th, Trip to Michael DeBakey V.A. Hospital

Thursday June 27th, Family Dinner & Installation of Officers

Sunday June 30th - Corporate Communion - SJA @ 9AM

Sunday October 6th - Family Picnic (Tentative)

Wednesday November 6th - Memorial Mass for Deceased Brothers, SSJ @ 7PM

Sunday December 8th - Council Christmas Party

Emblem of Order



The emblem of the Order dates from the second Supreme Council meeting, held May 12, 1883. It was designed by then-Supreme Knight James T. Mullen.

The emblem is composed of a shield mounted upon the Formée Cross. The shield is associated with medieval knights. The Formée Cross is a traditional artistic design of the Cross of Christ and represents the Catholic spirit of the Order.

Mounted on the shield is a vertically standing fasces with an anchor and short sword crossed behind it. The fasces dates from the Roman Empire and is symbolic of authority, which must exist in any tightly bonded and efficiently operating organization. The anchor is the mariner's symbol, symbolic of Columbus, patron of the Order. The short sword was the weapon of the knight when engaged upon errands of mercy. Together with the shield and the letters K of C, these symbols express Catholic knighthood in organized, merciful action.

The colors of red, white and blue in the background of the shield and the foreground of the Formée Cross are colors that represent noble aspects of the Order. Red is symbolic of stout-hearted courage, of pulsing activity and a full measure of devotion. Blue is symbolic of hope, of calm tranquility under God and of confidence in the protection of one's country. White is symbolic of nobility of purpose, of purity of aim and of crucible-tried ideals to be carried out.

There are also ecclesiastical symbolism for the colors red, white and blue. Red is symbolic of Christ's redemptive blood, shed upon Calvary, and of the martyrs' blood, shed in defense of faith. Red is the symbol of faith, belief in Christ, redemption and knowledge of the love of Jesus Christ. White is symbolic of the Eucharistic host, pledge of God's Eucharistic presence among men, the infinite love God has for man and the overwhelming affection which God has for each individual. White is symbolic of Christ-like charity. Blue is symbolic of Our Lady's mantle, in which she wrapped her beloved Son, through whom came salvation to a sinful world. Blue is the symbol of hope.

Emblem of the Patriotic Degree

The emblem of the Patriotic Degree is composed of the dove, the Isabella Cross and the globe. The dove, symbolic of the Holy Spirit and peace, is shown hovering over the globe.

Both are mounted on the Isabella Cross, which is associated with Queen Isabel of Spain, promoter of the voyage of Christopher Columbus. The Cross itself is a symbol of God's love, represented in the sacrifice of his own Son to save the world.

The symbols on the emblem typify the union of the three divine persons in one Godhead — the most Blessed Trinity.

The Globe — God the Father, Creator of the universe.

The Cross — God the Son, Redeemer of mankind.

The Dove — God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of humanity.

The colors of the emblem are composed of red, white and blue, symbolic of the flag of the country in which our Order originated. They are also used to stress Patriotism.



Bishop Nold Council 6557

April 2019

New Additions are in **Bold** for all categories.

All ongoing Prayer requests are on the bottom.

Illnesses are usually left on this list for a period of 30 - 45 days.

For prayer request or removing names, please contact
GK Harold Schambach grandknight6557@aol.com (832) 526-0141

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to You in this time of illness and need. Oh, dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate the worry and sorrow with your gentle love and grant us the peace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place those on our prayer list under your care and humbly ask that You restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever You do, You do for the love of us.

We pray for our Brothers and family members that are ill or in distress:

Joseph Ledwig son of SK Jim Ledwig health issues (April 2019)

Joe Nieto brother of Luis Nieto hospitalized from a heart attack and pneumonia (April 2019)

SK Don Hollis undergoing chemotherapy (April 2019)

SK Chuck Keesee hospitalized at St. Luke's The Woodlands recovering from heart surgery (April 2019)

Bernadette Motiska wife of Brother Bill Motiska recently diagnosed with a serious illness (April 2019)

SK Rich Laboda, undergoing chemotherapy for treatment of cancer (April 2019)

SK Mark Piron, health (April 2019)

Brother Mike Romeo recovering from abdominal surgery (April 2019)

Brother Joe Kubeckka health (April 2019)

Carol Adams wife of Brother George Adams, health issues (March 2018)

Dan Nash, brother of Brother Richard Nash is undergoing medical tests (April 2019)

Maryellen Silva daughter of Brother Richard Nash is in Memorial Hermann the Woodlands for some blood issues (April 2019)

John Drobne uncle of Brother David Dancsak, cancer (February 2019)

SK Mike Curtin health (February 2019)

Father Vincent Nguyen past parochial vicar at SSJ recovering from surgery (January 2019)

Brother Doug Saunders mother who fell and broke her back and neck (December 2018)

Shirley Large, deceased wife of Brother Brady Large, health problems (December 2018)

Cassidy O'Rourke and Amelia Richardson, granddaughters of SK Jack Elliott, have been diagnosed with RSV. (December 2018)

SK Jerry Leiker, health issues (December 2018)

Stacy Laycock, friend of SK Jamie Sepulveda, cancer (December 2018)

GK Sherman Hannasch brother of SK Robert Hannasch, has been diagnosed with liver cancer (November 2018)

Alfio J. Brindisi friend of Brother Timothy Wilson, recovering from a triple bypass and a recent fall at a local Philadelphia department store. (November 2018)

SK Casmer Bashinski, experiencing severe back pain (November 2018)

Santos Ramos, relative of John Pachecano surgery (November 2018)

GK Nick Bazan of Council 10872 undergoing chemo treatments (November 2018)

Nicky St Cyr wife of past Brother Bob St Cyr recovering from a fall (November 2018)

Brother David Behen who suffered a stroke and will require surgery (November 2018)
Rose DeForke sister-in-law of SK Jim Ledwig, cancer (October 2018)
Kimberly Conon, sister of Broher Eric Salley, back problems (October 2018)
Sharon Hodel, daughter of Brother Frank Hodel, cancer (October 2018)
Phil Pekata friend of Brother Fred Heberle who was hospitalized with a serious motorcycle injury (September 2018)
Betty McHenry wife of PGK Dan McHenry scheduled for major back surgery (September 2018)
Brother Ed Lucy, illness (September 2018)
Jenny Hoelscher wife of Brother Stewart Hoelscher, illness (September 2018)
Susan Nash wife of Brother Dick Nash who fell and broke her leg (September 2018)
Deanna Bashinski wife of SK Casmer Bashinski, recovering from a fall (August 2018)
Brother Frank Hodel health (July 2018)
Leta Johnson, grandmother of Brother Grady Johnson eye problem (July 2018)
Santos Ramos relative of SK John Pachecano, will be undergoing dialysis (July 2018)
Debbie Biesenbach, sister of Brother Mark Hefferly, illness (July 2018)
Brother George Adams – Health (June 2018)
Brian Balmes, son of Brother Fred Balmes, recovering from cancer surgery (June 2018)
Brother Tom and Karen Kurland, Health (May 2018)
Richie Spurlock, son of SK Brad Spurlock and brother of Brother Danny Spurlock (March 2018)
SK Dennis Pomonis health problems (March 2018)
Laura Davis wife of Brother Ron Davis Jr. – Cancer (October 2017)

Ongoing Prayer Requests

Our Catholic Church for repentance, renewal and rebuilding during this trying time
Our parish priest and deacons
Our Bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and seminarians for strength and wisdom
Pope Francis
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
Our Men and Women serving in the Military
Our Country and Religious Liberty

We also remember our Brother Knights and Family Members that have died:

Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed; through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace in company with Christ and may they rejoice in your Kingdom. AMEN

Brother Knights:

Brother Adolph Sebesta (April 2019)

Brother Terence Bitowf (March 2019)
Clarence Mendel (January 2019)
SK Jim Lowney (December 2018)
SK Bill W. Collins a member of St Anthony of Padua Council 12327 (December 2018)
SK James Mullally, Conroe Council (June 2018)
SK Ray Wert (May 2017)

Family / Friends

Victor Sabala, Luis Nieto son's father-in-law (February 2019)

Joyce Becker sister of Brother Alex Chaney (February 2019)
Jacinta Njoku sister of Brother Emmanuel Njoku (February 2019)
Lovenia Lazare mother of Brother Leonard Lazare
Joe Donahue, parishioner of Sts. Simon & Jude (February 2019)
Frances Dancsak, mother of Brother David Dancsak (January 2019)
Kenneth A. Goss, friend of Brother Tim Wilson (January 2019)
Greg Hershner, nephew of Brother Mike Effler (January 2019)
Charles (Jake) Lockbaum, uncle of Brother Tim Wilson (December 2018)
Ian O'Donohue, brother of Brother Terry O'Donohue (December 2018)
Mary Hodel wife of Brother Frank who passed away in December 1997
Nicholas Peter Recchi II of Berwyn, PA. is the father of Brother Tim Wilson's brother-in-law (October 2018)
Jerry Hodges a friend of SK Rich LaBoda (September 2018)
Aurora Perez mother-in-law of SK Mark Votsmier (September 2018)
Hewitt Clarke father-in-law of Richard Clausen, son of Brother George Clausen (September 2018)
Juan Aguilera brother of Susan Aguilera (SSJ Registrar) (August 2018)
Shawna Kent wife of SK David Polasek's coworker (August 2018)
SK George Varosky, brother of Brother Ed Varosky (August 2018)
Rita Votsmier, mother of SK Mark Votsmier (July 2018)
Eileen Cosgrove, mother in law of Brother Dennis Kozak (July 2018)
Peggy Johnson Seigle, mother of SK J.D. Siegle (June 2018)
Steven Brooks, grandson of PGK Dan McHenry (June 2018)
Mary Klekar, wife of Brother Michael Klekar (May 2018)
Quay Nicklow father of Brother Mike Nicklow (May 2018)
Barbara Flynn wife of Retired SSJ Deacon Bob Flynn (April 2018)



*The prayers of others
can help to carry us
through. We need to
let others carry us
to the Lord in
prayer.*

Trudie Schar



May BIRTHDAYS

Matthew Acker

Jose Alaniz

Bill Baker

Robert Binkle

Michael Bowen

Henry Boyle

Carl Carter

Robert Castro

John Charnisky

Nicholas Dancsak

Walter Dishberger

Steve Failla

Kailas Hivale

Robert Hlozek

Michael Hvasta

Larry Johnson

Richard Kronenberger

Joseph Kubeczka

Nathanael Lysinger

William Mc Lemoire

Robert O'Sullivan

Richard Romero

Douglas Saunders

Richard Stephen

William Treacy

Kenneth Walter

Gary Woerz



Issues with Growing Older



As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on route 280. Please be careful!" "Hell," said Herman, "It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!"

Wendelin J Nold, the first native Texan to be bishop of the diocese.



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From the desk of reporter: TED McMatteo

COUNCIL 6557 SUPPORTS KOLBE PRISON MINISTRIES

I was in prison and you visited me

— Matthew 25:36



Led by Gods call through the corporal works of mercy to visit those imprisoned, Kolbe Prison Ministries has been working with those incarcerated to help them heal and grow in their faith.

It is the mission of the Kolbe Prison Ministry (KPM) to share the agape love of Jesus Christ with those in prison and to teach the fullness of the truth of the Catholic Church.

Today, men and women from all over the state continue to visit those in prison on a weekly basis. Books and other literature are brought into the units to help facilitate learning and understanding of the Catholic Faith. Many of the inmates open their heart to the word of God and begin to make a positive change in their lives.

For more information about Kolbe Ministries and upcoming retreats, contact Ted DeMatteo at ted@obsy.net

There were six brother knights that turned out for a work party at the hall on April 13. Brothers Harold Schambach, Jim Ledwig, Kevin Youll, Mike Cox, Billy Mayo and Larry Hawkins. Happy to report that they accomplished a lot of miscellaneous items that have been hanging. To celebrate the accomplishment Grand Knight Harold took the brother Knights to lunch at Whataburger. Next time there is a work party try to make it, you get to meet your brother Knights and help your council out at the same time.



From the desk of reporter: LARRY HAWKINS

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25 Amazing Things Too Many Catholics Don't Know About the Knights of Columbus (Maybe Even You!)

by [Andrew Butler](#) - August 3, 2018

The Knights of Columbus are the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world! ...who are they again?

Here are 25 things every Catholic should know about this amazing organization!

1) It all started when a parish priest wanted to help Catholic families.

The year was 1882 and anti-Catholic sentiment was running high. Catholic immigrants faced hostility and were thrown into dangerous work conditions which could cause early deaths. So 29-year-old Father Michael McGivney gathered the men of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn., to establish a lay organization.

The goal? To unite men of Catholic faith and provide for the families of deceased members.

2) The Order is the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization.

Today, with nearly 2 million members worldwide, the Order is still true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity.

3) The Knights have councils in over a dozen countries.

Knights are active in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, Dominican Republic, Poland, Panama, Guatemala, Lithuania, Bahamas, Saint Lucia, South Korea, Ukraine and more!

4) The Knights stood up to ISIS.

The Order produced a [280-page report](#) detailing the genocide against Christians by ISIS, which was decisive in getting the genocide recognized by the U.S. State Department.

5) The Knights are saving a Christian town in Iraq that was desecrated by ISIS.

They are raising \$2 million to save [Karamles](#), a town recently liberated from ISIS

6) Columbus was chosen as the Knights' namesake because...

...the American public loved this famous Catholic explorer at a time of general antipathy towards Catholics. Today, many make him out to be a villain, but many of those claims are actually [historically inaccurate](#).

7) The K of C emblem is literally [everywhere](#) at the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C.

That's because the Knights are one of the major supporters of the March for Life and the pro-life movement

8) K of C has donated \$1.62 billion (yes, [billion!](#)) to charitable causes over the past decade.

As of December 2017!

9) They have swords!

Maybe the most important point.

10) The Knights of Columbus Fortune 1000 Insurance Company was born out of Father McGivney's vision to help protect Catholic families from financial ruin.

As a seminarian, his father died unexpectedly. Father McGivney was convinced that there had to be a way to help other Catholic families facing similar financial troubles. He established the K of C insurance system that has evolved into a top-rated [insurance](#) program, with over \$100 billion of life insurance in force.

11) K of C founder Father McGivney may become a saint.

His [cause](#) for canonization is open, and he was given the title "Venerable Servant of God" by the Holy See in 2008.

12) Oh, and some Knights are [already](#) saints

St. Luis Batis, St. Rodrigo Aguilar, St. Miguel de la Mora, St. Pedro de Jesús Maldonado, St. José María Robles and St. Mateo Correa were martyred during the persecution of Catholics in Mexico in the early 20th century.

13) At the peak of the Ku Klux Klan's power, the K of C stood as its most [vigorous opponent](#).

In one incident in 1924, hooded Klansmen abducted, severely beat and mutilated Father John Conoley in Gainesville, Fla. Knights armed with shotguns stood in the windows of the rectory, protecting another priest and the church itself from the Klan's threats to burn it.

14) The Knights have been a huge [supporter](#) of the Special Olympics since day one.

15) Babe Ruth, Vince Lombardi, and [President John F. Kennedy](#) were all members of the Knights.

16) Ever wonder how the words "under God" became part of the Pledge of Allegiance? We can thank the K of C for [that](#).

17) They have a long history with Mother Teresa.

Upon receiving the Knights' Gaudium et Spes Award she said, "I accepted to come, and to accept out of sheer gratitude, for they have done so much for our congregation and for our poor."

18) They're a major supporter of [vocations](#).

K of C councils "adopt" one or more seminarians and provide them with financial assistance and prayer through the RSVP program.

19) Knights of Columbus has an investments business called Asset Advisors.

K of C's investment team manages approximately \$24 billion in assets in accordance with Catholic [moral principles](#).

20) Both the first American and the last American to fall in [World War I](#) were Knights of Columbus.

21) They have a long tradition of supporting the military.

This year, the Knights sent more than 200 military personnel, their designated caregivers and volunteers to the Marian shrine in Lourdes, France, for a time of rest, prayer and healing as part of the annual [Warriors to Lourdes](#) pilgrimage.

22) The [Saint John Paul II National Shrine](#) is a major initiative of the K of C.

The shrine has a first-class relic of JPII's blood, and it is a great place to venerate the saint and remember his legacy.

23) There are 374 ([and growing!](#)) K of C councils on college campuses around the world.

The annual [College Councils Conference](#) is held in New Haven each fall.

24) The Knights are on a mission to save 1 million lives.

Little is more moving than seeing an image of a baby growing in the womb. Since 2009, the Knights have funded about 900 [ultrasound machines](#) at pregnancy care centers in all 50 states.

25) With the new Online Membership program, joining the Knights is easier than ever.

Practicing Catholic men 18 years of age and older can join at [KofC.org/JoinUs](#).



History of the Galveston-Houston Archdiocese

The history of the Catholic Church in Texas began with the arrival of Spanish explorers and missionaries in the 16th Century. Missions throughout Texas and the southwest were established by Franciscan friars for the care of souls. Following the Texas War of Independence in 1836, Catholics found themselves cut off from Church authorities in Mexico and appealed to Rome for assistance. In response to these appeals, Pope Gregory XVI designated Texas as an Apostolic Prefecture in 1839 with Father John Timon, C.M. as Prefect Apostolic. Father Jean Marie Odin, C.M., was named the Vice Prefect.

Father Odin arrived in Texas in 1840, there were five parishes for the entire state serving 12,000 Catholics. Soon settlers from the United States, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Poland and all other parts of Europe came to Texas. In 1842, Pope Gregory XVI raised the Prefecture of Texas to the level of a Vicariate Apostolic and Father Odin was ordained a bishop to care for the Vicariate. Five years later in 1847, Pope Pius IX created the Diocese of Galveston with The Right Reverend Jean Marie Odin, C.M. as the first bishop. The diocese was dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, under the title of her Immaculate Conception and St. Mary's Church in Galveston was named as the Cathedral.

The Diocese of Galveston, which encompassed the entire state of Texas, was ministered to by Bishop Odin and ten priests. Bishop Odin continued to serve the Diocese of Galveston until 1861 when he was named Archbishop of New Orleans. He was succeeded by The Right Reverend Claude Marie Dubuis, who like Bishop Odin was a native of France. Bishop Dubuis saw the diocese through the turmoil of the Civil War years. Following the war, additional parishes, hospitals and schools were established throughout the diocese. In 1874, the Diocese of Galveston was split when the western half of the State of Texas was established as the Diocese of San Antonio. This first division was a sign of the growth of the Church in Texas.

Upon Bishop Dubuis' retirement to France in 1881 due to poor health, The Right Reverend Nicholas A. Gallagher became the Apostolic Administrator and later the third Bishop of Galveston. Under his guidance, the diocese continued to grow and additional priests and religious were invited to serve in the area. At the time of his death in 1918, there were over 70,000 Catholics and 120 parishes.

Succeeding Bishop Gallagher was Bishop Christopher Byrne who served as bishop for thirty-two years. During his episcopacy, the Diocese of Austin was created and Houston began to grow dramatically. The number of churches in Houston grew from eight to twenty-eight and the number of Catholics in the diocese increased from 70,000 to 250,000.

Bishop Byrne was followed by the Most Reverend

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Bishop Fiorenza, the first native of the diocese to serve as the Diocesan Bishop, shepherds over 1,200,000 Catholics in 151 parishes and nine missions.

The Diocese of San Antonio, created from the original Diocese of Galveston in 1874, was created an Archdiocese in 1926. By 2004, there were fifteen dioceses in Texas, making the Texas province the largest in the world. On December 29, 2004, Pope John Paul II created a second archdiocese in Texas, raising the Diocese of Galveston-Houston to the status of a Metropolitan Archdiocese. Bishop Fiorenza was named the first Archbishop of Galveston-Houston, and Bishop DiNardo the Coadjutor Archbishop.

Archbishop DiNardo became ordinary of the archdiocese upon Archbishop Fiorenza's retirement in 2006.

Pope Benedict XVI elevated Abp. DiNardo to the position of Cardinal on Nov. 24, 2007.

Cardinal DiNardo is currently assisted by two auxiliary bishops, Bishop Emeritus Vincent M. Rizzotto and Bishop Joe S. Vasquez. Previous auxiliary bishops have been Bishop John, McCarthy, the late Bishop Enrique San Pedro, S.J., and Bishops Curtis J. Guillory, S.V.D., and James Tamayo.



From the desk of reporter: Paul(Yogi)Ybarra Jr.

My Brother Knights,

Life is a precious gift from God. Each baby born has the opportunity to experience joy, to learn to LOVE, and to glorify God. Yet everyday desperate young women in our community make the choice between Life and Death for their unborn baby. The pressures they face can be intense and the value of the innocent Life in their womb is often diminished.

God places a direct, real, and tangible value on babies, born and unborn. He formed us all in our mother's womb and He created our inmost being. He loves each child and calls them His own. He knows their value, and He has taught us to know it s well. It is our responsibility as Christians to follow this example. Where we meet those who don't understand that abortion is ending the Life of one of God's own, we need to gently correct in Love. Where His disciples were turning away children to protect Jesus, He gathered them to Himself. Where we find children being killed to protect a way of Life, we need to be there to gather both mother and child in arms of Love.



Our next opportunity to help the Helpers of God's Precious Infants will be on Saturday May 18,2019 for an 8:am Mass at Annunciation Catholic Church located at 1618 Texas Ave Houston, Tx 77003 followed by Rosary at Houston Women's 4820 San Jacinto. Parking along Caroline St. Please encourage your Friends, Family to come out and end the worst form of child abuse, Abortion!!!! As we come out as one much can be accomplished.

Your Brother in Christ

Paul(Yogi)Ybarra JR.

