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MESSAGE FROM SPIRITUAL ADVISOR

Msgr. Edward House

Pope at Divine Mercy Mass: Be Apostles of Mercy



Pope Francis presided over Mass in St Peter's Square on Sunday for the Feast of Divine Mercy, and encouraged the faithful to be

"apostles of mercy" toward those in need.

"We are all called to become living writers of the Gospel, heralds of the Good News to all men and women today," the Pope told the crowds during his homily.

"We do this by practicing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, which are *the hallmarks of the Christian life*."

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Pope Francis referred back to the day's Gospel taken from John, which recounts the episode in which the Apostle Thomas doubts the Resurrection until he puts his hand in Jesus' side.

These scenes denotes the contrast between the disciple's "fear" as they hid behind closed doors, and the "mission" on which Jesus sends them: "to proclaim the message of forgiveness," the Pope said.

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Pope Francis celebrates Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday in St Peter's Square, 3 April 2016. – AFP 03/04/2016 (Vatican Radio)

“Curing these wounds, we profess Jesus, we make him present and alive; we allow others, who touch his mercy with their own hands, to recognize him as ‘Lord and God.’”

The official translation of Pope Francis’ homily for Divine Mercy Sunday is below:

“Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book” (*Jn 20:30*). The Gospel is the book of God’s mercy, to be read and reread, because everything that Jesus said and did is an expression of the Father’s mercy. Not everything, however, was written down; the Gospel of mercy remains *an open book*, in which the signs of Christ’s disciples, which are concrete acts of love and the best witness to mercy, continue to be written. We are all called to become living writers of the Gospel, heralds of the Good News to all men and women today. We do this by practicing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, which are *the hallmarks of the Christian life*. By means of these simple yet powerful gestures, even when unseen, we can accompany the needy, bringing God’s tenderness and consolation. Thus continues the work of Jesus on Easter day, when he poured into the hearts of his fearful disciples the Father’s mercy, bringing them the Holy Spirit who forgives sins and brings joy.

At the same time, the story we have just heard presents an evident contrast: on the one hand, there is *the fear* of the disciples, who gathered behind closed doors; on the other hand, there is *the mission* of Jesus, who sends them into the world to proclaim the message of forgiveness. This contrast may also be present in us, experienced as an interior struggle between a closed heart and the call of love to open doors closed by sin. It is a call that frees us to go out of ourselves. Christ, who for love entered through doors barred by sin, death and the powers of hell, wants to enter into each one of us to break open the locked doors of our hearts. Jesus, who by his resurrection has overcome the fear and dread which imprison us, wishes to throw open our closed doors and send us out. The path that the Risen Master shows us is a one way street, it goes in only one direction: this means that we must move beyond ourselves to witness to the healing power of love that has conquered us. We see before us a humanity that is often wounded and fearful, a humanity that bears the scars of pain and uncertainty. Before the anguished cry for mercy and peace, Jesus confidently exhorts us: “As the Father has sent me, even so I send you” (*Jn 20:21*).

In God’s mercy, all of our infirmities find healing. His mercy, in fact, does not keep a distance: it seeks to encounter all forms of poverty and to free this world of so many types of slavery. Mercy desires to reach the wounds of all, to heal them. Being *apostles of mercy* means touching and soothing the wounds that today afflict the bodies and souls of many of our brothers and sisters. Curing these wounds, we profess Jesus, we make him present and alive; we allow others, who touch his mercy with their own hands, to recognize him as “Lord and God” (*Jn 20:28*), as did the Apostle Thomas. This is the mission that he entrusts to us. So many people ask to be *listened to and to be understood*. The Gospel of mercy, to be proclaimed and written in our daily lives, seeks people with patient and open hearts, “good Samaritans” who understand compassion and silence before the mystery of each brother and sister. The Gospel of mercy requires generous and joyful servants, people who love freely without expecting anything in return.

“Peace be with you!” (*Jn 20:21*) is the greeting of Jesus to his disciples; this same peace awaits men and women of our own day. It is not a negotiated peace, it is not the absence of conflict: it is *his* peace, the peace that comes from the heart of the Risen Lord, the peace that has defeated sin, fear and death. It is a peace that does not divide but unites; it is a peace that does not abandon us but makes us feel listened to and loved; it is a peace that persists even in pain and enables hope to blossom. This peace, as on the day of Easter, is born ever anew by the forgiveness of God which calms our anxious hearts. To be *bearers of*

his peace: this is the mission entrusted to the Church on Easter day. In Christ, we are born to be instruments of reconciliation, to bring the Father's forgiveness to everyone, to reveal his loving face through concrete gestures of mercy.

In the responsorial Psalm we heard these words: "His love endures forever" (*Ps* 117/118:2). Truly, God's mercy is forever; it never ends, it never runs out, it never gives up when faced with closed doors, and it never tires. In this *forever* we find strength in moments of trial and weakness because we are sure that God does not abandon us. He remains with us *forever*. Let us give thanks for so great a love, which we find impossible to grasp. Let us ask for the grace to never grow tired of drawing from the well of the Father's mercy and bringing it to the world: let us ask that we too may be merciful, to spread the power of the Gospel everywhere.

GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE:

Brother Ken Fleming and I attended the 113th Convention on April 22 to 24 in Toronto. Our Council was honoured again with 8 awards.

We received a Gold Trillium Award, the Membership Council Quota Achievers Award, Winner in the Council Communication Award, the Culture of Life and the Youth programs for our Division and Runner up in the Community and Family programs for our Division. We were also awarded Best overall Council Bulletin for all Divisions. Congratulations to all of you for your contributions. Please come to our next meeting on Tuesday, May 3 to hear all about them.

Congratulations to our Brothers Robert Judge and Leonard Walker who took their Second Degree on April 25.

The month of May will also be a very busy month with the Third Degree on Sunday May 1, nominations for next year's executive on Tuesday, May 3, the 12 Hour Day of Prayer for Palliative Care on Wednesday, May 3, Roses for Life Collection on Mother's Day weekend and the March for Life in Ottawa on May 12.

We will give you more details at the meeting on Tuesday, May 3. See you there.

Don Prescott
Grand Knight

ROSES FOR LIFE SUNDAY MAY 7 AND 8 AFTER ALL MASSES

We will be handing out a decorative "red rose" to all parishioners on their exit from church again this Mother's Day. In return, we will accept their donation which we will then donate to the Pro-Life movement. This is our Annual Program to promote the gift of life.

We would like to have as a minimum, 2 Brothers at each Mass, but ideally we would have 4 Brothers. Please call me at 905-523-7518 if you are available and give me your preferred time.

Don Prescott
Grand Knight



ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations:

Reverend Monsignor Edward House
May 3 – 41 years

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations:

Bro. Mark and Bev Taylor
May 10 – 30 years

Bro. Sam and Timeena Cervoni
May 26 – 54 years

PRAYER NETWORK

In charity, we pray for:

Brother Loy De Mello
Richard Cupido, grandson
of Brother Guido
Linda Cupido, daughter-in-
law of Brother Guido
Shannon Wilken, daughter
of Bro. Michael Nelligan



In her memory, we pray for:

Concetta Iantomasi, mother of Brother
Vincent, who passed away on April 16.

Prayer for Healing

*Almighty and merciful Father, by the power of
your command, drive away from me all forms
of sickness and disease. Restore strength to my
body and joy to my spirit, so that in my renewed
health, I may bless and serve you, now and
forever more.*

To be included in the Prayer Network, contact
Bro. Vic Lefebvre at 905-336-3056 or by e-
mail at kofcholyrosary@outlook.com



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CALENDAR OF COUNCIL EVENTS

- May 1 – Third Degree
Our Lady of Lourdes Council
Mohawk Road
Hamilton
- May 3 – Business Meeting
Nominations for Council Officers
- May 4 – 12 Hour Day of Prayer For Palliative Care
7:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
7:45 a.m. – Holy Mass
8:15 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. – Private Prayer in
front of Blessed Sacrament
7:00 p.m. – Rosary and Closing prayers
- May 6 – 7th Aldershot Scout's Spaghetti Dinner
and Silent Auction
5:00 pm to 10:00 pm
East Plains United Church
- May 7 – Test Drive a Buick
Assumption High School
3230 Woodward Avenue
10:00 am to 4:00 pm
- May 7 & 8 – Roses for Life after all Masses.
- May 8 – Mother's Day
- May 12 – March for Life in Ottawa
- June 7 – Business Meeting
Election of Council Officers

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Ken Browne – May 22
Melvin Ilagan – May 23
Vic Lefebvre – May 28**

APRIL EVENTS:

Gospel Study presented by Bishop Miehm

On April 14th, many of our Knights attended a presentation by Auxiliary Bishop Daniel Miehm at the Holy Rosary Church parish centre. Bishop Miehm is an excellent speaker and our Knights were very impressed with his presentation around the Gospel of St. Luke series 'The Power of the Parable'

Appreciation Night April 22nd

On Friday April 22nd all of the volunteer support individuals and groups in the parish (including of course our Knights of Columbus) were invited by Msgr. House to attend an "Appreciation Night".

The event was held in the parish centre and on behalf of the Knights that were able to attend we wish to thank Msgr. House for doing this for us and for the support we receive from him and his administrative staff.

WRITTEN NOTICE OF MOTION:

Whereas, it is good practice to budget the Council's finances; and,

Whereas, we have completed a full year of operation as a new Council; and,

Whereas, the Financial Secretary, with the assistance of the Trustees and the Treasurer has prepared a budget for the 2016 calendar year; and,

Whereas, the budget was provided to the membership by e-mail and Canada Post for their perusal;

Be it known that, the Council budget with total receipts of **\$30,470.00** and expenditures of **\$28,765.00** and a surplus of **\$1,705.00** as detailed in the mailed budget will be discussed and voted for approval at the May 3 General Meeting.

Submitted by:
Vic Lefebvre, PGK
Financial Secretary

Second Degree held on Monday April 25th.

On Monday, April 25, Brothers Len Walker and Bob Judge received the honours of the Second degree at a ceremony held at St. Margaret Mary Church in Hamilton. Congratulations brothers. Assisting at the ceremony were Brothers Jim Hession, David Lord, Joe Milton and Vic Lefebvre.



12 HOURS OF PRAYER FOR PALLIATIVE CARE

The Catholic Women's League has designated **Wednesday, May 4, 2016** as the national day of **12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care** as a profound witness to the sanctity of human life.

There is a pressing need for all Canadians to have greater accessibility to palliative care. This end-of-life care is true compassion. It allows individuals who are facing death not to be burdened by pain and suffering but to receive the necessary support that respects their human dignity both physically and spiritually rather than choosing physician-assisted death as a desperate last resort.

The Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus invite you to join them in marking this national day of prayer and solidarity on May 4th at Holy Rosary Church. The Church will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. We ask each of you to make time to come to pray and to sign the petition asking the federal government to increase funding for palliative care. There will also be a donation basket for free will offerings to be donated to the Carpenter Hospice to help the fund their valuable programs and services.

Here is an outline of the Day of Prayer:

7:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

7:45 a.m. – Mass

8:15 a.m. – 7 p.m. Private prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament


7 p.m. – Rosary led by members of the Catholic Women's League and Knights of Columbus and closing prayer led by Msgr. House

**12 Hours of Prayer
for
Palliative
Care**

May 4, 2016

*"True compassion
is found through
palliative care and
access to it must
be a right for all
Canadians."*

National President
Barbara Dowling

 **The Catholic Women's
League of Canada**

For further information visit
www.cwl.ca

*Thursday
May 12*

**NATIONAL
MARCH
FOR LIFE**
- 2016 -

March for Life 2016 – Ottawa

The Canadian National March for Life is an annual event that commemorates the passage of the infamous Omnibus Bill C-150, which decriminalized abortion. Every year thousands of pro-life Canadians descend upon Parliament Hill to express their outrage at the legalized and government funded murder of the most innocent and vulnerable Canadians – the unborn.

Political leaders in Ottawa insist that the abortion debate is closed, but thousands of people who will march on Parliament Hill on Thursday, May 12 beg to differ. The 18th Annual March for Life will again see parents, grandparents and large swaths of high school students and members of the Knights of Columbus calling on the feds to ban abortion in Canada.

Schedule of Events:

Wednesday, May 11

- 7:30 pm – Pro-Life Masses and Prayer Service
 - Catholic Mass – St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish, 95 Somerset Street West
 - Pro-Life Prayer Service – Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church, 721 Sommerset Street West
- 9:00 pm – Candlelight Vigil
 - The Canadian Tribute to Human Rights Monument, corner of Elgin & Lisgar Streets
- 10:00 pm to 7:00 am – Eucharistic Adoration
 - All night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, ending with 7:00 am Mass
 - St. Patrick's Basilica, 220 Kent Street in basement Scavi, enter by side door on either Gloucester or Nepean Streets.

Thursday, May 12

- 10:00 am – Pro-Life Masses and Prayer Services
 - St. Patrick's Basilica, Catholic Mass (English), 220 Kent Street
 - St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, Catholic Mass (Bilingual), 95 Somerset Street West
 - Notre Dame Cathedral, Catholic Mass (Bilingual) 95 Sussex Drive
- 12:00 Noon – Gather on Parliament Hill
- 1:30 pm – March through downtown Ottawa





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More April Events

Once again our council cleaned up at the annual Ontario State Convention held at the International Plaza Hotel on Dixon Road in Toronto in April.

Here are the awards we received:

- Winner Best Newsletter - Division six
- Winner Best Newsletter overall Province
- Winner Best Culture of Life project Division six- Culture of Life Promotion
- Winner Best Youth project Division six- Scouting support
- Runner-up Best Community project Division six - Food banks
- Runner-up Best Family project Division six –Assist Elementary schools
- Honourable mention- membership Quota Achievers 125 %
- Trillium Award (gold) – Completing all mandatory and optional council requirements



Here are pictures of 3 of the awards our council received at the Convention. Our Grand Knight Don Prescott, Financial secretary Vic Lefebvre and Ken Fleming were on hand to proudly collect these special awards. We only wish that all of our council members could have been there.

There are 530 Councils in Ontario and approximately 55000 members and while we met some very good people at this convention, Don, Vic and Ken feel we are so lucky to have the best 39 members in the province in our council. We have such a supportive and faithful group of guys and it is obvious that that is the key to a successful council.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS!!

Several resolutions were passed by the 371 voting delegates at the convention. A number of Congratulatory Resolutions were passed including supporting the cause of canonization of our founder Father McGivney. After a fairly drawn out debate the delegates approved a \$3 increase in the State Per Capita This was necessary because State has been running a deficit recently despite some pretty significant cost cutting measures. The results of voting on the other resolutions will be communicated at our next meeting.

BIG BAND CONCERT IN SUPPORT OF REFUGEES – APRIL 8th**A BENEFIT FOR A REFUGEE FAMILY**

Thanks to the tremendous efforts of our Financial Secretary Vic Lefebvre this event was a great success. Brother Vic worked tirelessly to promote this event through media and social networks like Facebook. He has created several Facebook accounts including one for our council and our parish which can be used on an ongoing basis to promote events and ensure our successes and projects are shared by a wide audience. The concert itself was very entertaining and was enjoyed by all that attended. A profit was generated of approximately \$2300 which will be set aside for supporting a refugee family.

**PASTA FUND RAISER FOR HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL – APRIL 14th**

Holy Family Catholic Elementary School



Brother Knights Sam Cervoni, Vic Lefebvre, Jim Hession and Ken Fleming helped prepare a great Pasta dinner with salad and garlic bread for approximately 150 hungry kids, teachers and parents from Holy Family School in Oakville. The event took place at Holy Trinity High School in Oakville. The Knights from our council were assisted by several Knights from Mary Mother of God Council in Oakville. This will be the last time our Council will be doing this event as we have trained and transitioned responsibility to the

Knights of Mary Mother of God council who are in a better position to support this Oakville event.



Knights in Action April 2016

Special Olympics Bowling Fundraiser

Grand Knight Don Prescott and Lecturer Ken Fleming along with Marie Lord wife of our inside guard David Lord attended the 4th Annual Bowling Fundraiser for Special Olympics Oakville held at Hopedale Bowl on April 16th.

Both Don and Ken brought their families and helped Marian Council of Oakville to carry off a very successful event in support of Oakville Special Olympics.

SK James Montague who is also a member of Special Olympics was the organizer and driving force behind this fun event. Thank you Brother James for the invitation and congratulations on a successful event



Changing the sign at Holy Rosary School

Two or three times each month we receive a call from principal Cathy Choma asking for our help to update the large display sign at the front of the school. Brothers Joe Milton, David Lord, Stan Semeniuk and Ken Fleming have taken turns doing this for the school. The school is without a custodian to do this task and our council has stepped up to do it on an ongoing basis.



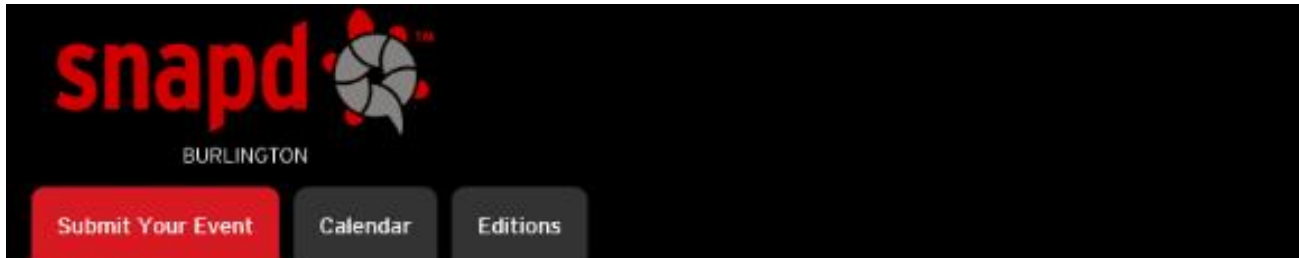
Cobs Bakery –every Sunday

Brother Aeneas and his merry troop of volunteers continues to ensure that all of the excess baked goods available from the Cob's bread store in north Burlington is delivered to the Good Shepherd food bank every Sunday evening between 6 and 8 PM. Thanks again to Aeneas and his wife Barb along with Master Vic Lefebvre and all of the other knights that help out.



ARTICLE IN THE APRIL EDITION OF SNAP'D BURLINGTON - RE FLAG RELAY

As a follow up to last month's story about the K of C Special Olympics Flag Relay here is an article that appeared in the Snap'd Newspaper in April. We will be presenting a cheque to Cate Hawkins for \$840 representing the amount collected by all of the Burlington councils in their special bottle drives in connection with the flag relay.



Knights of Columbus Sponsor Special Olympics Athletes Week

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The Knights of Columbus of Burlington and Oakville sponsored and participated in a province-wide flag relay to help raise awareness of Special Olympics Ontario. At the flag-raising ceremony, held at Burlington City Hall on March 7, Deputy Mayor Councillor Blair Lancaster proclaimed March 7 to 13 Special Olympics Week in Burlington. The passing of the flag on to Oakville happened at the Special Olympics Athletes Night held at the Haber Rec Centre on March 10. Athletes from both Oakville and Burlington, representatives from both city councils, the four councils of the Knights of Columbus, Halton Police and Burlington Firefighters were all out for an evening of basketball, floor hockey and fun. The Special Olympics, over the past 40 years, have become the world's largest movement dedicated to promoting respect, acceptance, inclusion and human dignity for people with intellectual disabilities through sports.



These lovely ladies entertained with a dance routine using a ball, ribbon and hoop

Photos by Pat Broughton, Pat Broughton

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