



# OUR LADY OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

COUNCIL 15920 NEWS

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## 114<sup>th</sup> Ontario State Convention April 21 – 23

**DD Steve Reynolds, DGK Joe Milton, PGK Don Prescott, SD Alain Cayer, FS Vic Lefebvre**  
Proudly display some of the awards received at the Banquet Dinner

**Including Best Council in Ontario**



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN, REVEREND MARTIN VALLELY



Dear Brothers,

As we rejoice in the Easter glory that shines from the face of the Risen Christ, as we celebrate the magnificence of a long-awaited Springtime,

so we also praise God for the good things he has been able to do in and through his people. I have been informed of the many awards and citations received by our Council at the most recent Ontario State Convention, and particularly the awarding to our Council of the coveted "Best Council in Ontario" award. Congratulations, brothers!! It is a well-deserved recognition of the selfless efforts which this Council continually puts into its outreach to others, especially those who so often get left behind. But, while we enjoy the fruits of our labour, let us keep a humble heart. As Saint Paul writes, if we are going to boast, let us boast only in the Lord! But let me say how honoured I am to be associated with this Council, and to support you in your work.

By long tradition, this month of May is a time for paying particular honour to Mary, Mother of God, Mother of the Church, and Patroness of the Knights of Columbus. We renew our allegiance to her as our Queen, begging for her help in becoming pure, obedient, prayerful servants of her Son. Mary's strong patronage of the Knights of Columbus is an anchor we can depend on, as we go about our lives of prayer, service, and witness in the world.

Mary's importance to us was brought home to me quite recently, when I attended the Wake Service for a great man named Dominic Chuck, who was active for decades in the work of the Knights in Stoney Creek (my previous parish), and who suffered much from illness in his later life. He has been a great inspiration of faith and humility to many, including myself. When the Knights conducted their special Wake Service at the funeral home, much attention was drawn to Dominic's love for our Blessed Mother, and how he would go into the schools, well into his retirement years, to promote the Rosary. The prayers of the Wake Service made several references to entrusting our deceased brother into the safe hands of Mary, so that she might bring him to her Son.

And I found myself picturing that embrace of Mary's arms around all of us Knights, whether we are still vigourous and active in our works of the



apostolate, or perhaps now enfeebled by age and weakness. Even if all we could do is silent prayer in our sufferings, this too is pleasing to the heart of Mary, who herself suffered in silence at the foot of her Son's cross. She gathers all our efforts, great and small, and places them before Jesus as a tender offering of love.

As we enter May, I want to pray that you will continue to experience her wonderful protection and help. Knights are always quite



rightly devoted to Mary, because her modelling of obedience, courage, and faithfulness necessarily inspires all of us to do better in being servants of truth, defenders of life, and promoters of faith. Pray often the words of a favourite prayer, “*The Memorare*”:

*Remember, O most gracious ever-Virgin,  
That, never was it known, that anyone  
Who fled to your protection, implored your help, or  
sought your intercession,  
Was left unaided.  
Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto you, O  
Virgin of virgins, Our Mother.  
To you do we come, before you do we stand,  
Sinful and sorrowful.  
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,  
Despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear  
and answer us. Amen.*

Once again, my congratulations to Council 15920 on its wonderful achievements, and may the Lord and our Mother Mary keep us on the road of generous and humble service, fraternity, and grace.

Father Martin Vallely  
Chaplain

**ROSES FOR LIFE SUNDAY  
MAY 13 AND 14  
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  
Past Grand Knight

**ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES**

Congratulations:  
***Reverend Monsignor Edward House***  
***May 3 – 42 years***  
***Reverend Father Martin Vallely***  
***May 3 – 37 years***

**PRAYER NETWORK**

In charity, we pray for:

Brother Michael Nelligan  
Brother Stu Woods  
Joanna Baumgartner, wife  
of Brother Joe  
Patricia Browne, wife of  
Brother Ken  
Richard Cupido, grandson of Brother Guido  
Linda Cupido, daughter-in-law of Brother Guido  
Shannon Wilken, daughter of Bro. Michael  
Nelligan



***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](mailto:kofcholyrosary@outlook.com)

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Congratulations:  
***Bro. Mark and Bev Taylor***  
***May 10 – 31 years***  
  
***Bro. Sam and Timeena Cervoni***  
***May 26 – 55 years***

**GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE:**

We are now well into the warmer spring weather and have put all of our shovels, snow blowers, winter coats, snow tires and colds away ready to enjoy a busy and warm time of year. May and June will be very busy as the outdoor activities ramp up for our council.

The month starts off with the annual Spaghetti Dinner and Silent auction put on with our help by the 7th Aldershot Scouts on May 5 at East Plains United where our pasta cooking skills will be tested. Then on May 12 we will be helping out at the school with the Aldershot Family Fit Night where we will be helping them present an evening of demonstrations aimed at improving our family's health. Continuing with the health theme Brother Vic has made arrangement for us to participate in a "Walk for Life" on May 20 sponsored by Halton Alive. We will walk a few kms. to help raise funds to support the activities of Halton Alive.

Our first bottle drive in support of Special Olympics will happen at 4pm on Tuesday May 23...so round up all those bottles from your garage and neighbour's garages and bring them to the back of the church. The "Autism Speaks" Canada Burlington 3 km walk is on Sunday May 28th from 9 am to 1 pm in Hidden Valley Park in Aldershot. You may have to attend Mass on the Saturday evening as we will need volunteers to be there at 8 am.... so please let me know if you can help. The walk part will be over at 11 am approximately.... but families are encouraged to stay around for activities, food and visiting information booths. We have invited the Colour Guard to help with the opening ceremonies of the walk.

The month of May ends with the Halton Catholic Children's Education Foundation golf tournament on Wednesday May 31st at Hidden Lakes Golf course...so see Brother Vic to sign up. The month of June begins with the Holy Rosary School Fun Fair on June 1st and we have been asked to help set-up, man some activity stations and clean-up for this annual event. Our Church BBQ and Canada's 150th birthday celebration will happen on June 11.....I'm tired just writing about all these activities but I'm sure we will all enjoy the exercise and the sense of accomplishment and contribution when we do these things.

Please don't forget to honour our Mothers during the month of May and participate in the Roses for Life activities on the weekend of May 13 and 14. Please add the 12 Hour Day of Prayer for Palliative Care on Thursday, May 4 and the March for Life in Ottawa on Thursday, May 11.

Congratulations to our Council for the outstanding accomplishments we have enjoyed. We won 15 awards at the State convention in April including the BEST COUNCIL IN ONTARIO and I am so proud to be a part of this great group of people. You are the best and I encourage all of you to keep up the good work and let's do it again next year. We have one more hurdle to clear to earn the Star Council award for this year and that is to have 3 new members join the insurance programme by the end of June. It's a great deal so please consider starting in even a small way with the K of C insurance.

Vivat Jesus  
Ken Fleming,  
Grand Knight

### Father Michael Downey achieves 40 years in the priesthood.

Many councils struggle to have a priest that is an active member of their council but we are exceedingly blessed and proud to say we have two. Father Martin Vallely, our Pastor and Council Chaplain and his close friend and now retired Father Michael Downey. Father Mike joined our council last year and he has been a Knight for 36 years....he celebrated his 40th anniversary as a priest on April 30th.

Father Mike was born in Kitchener Ontario on August 14, 1950. His family eventually moved to Cambridge where he grew up. His parents were strong Catholics and introduced him to the priesthood at an early age....it was not unusual to have priests visiting their home on a regular basis as he was growing up. If you watch Father Mike's vocation video [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uA3\\_hKBJaM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uA3_hKBJaM) he will tell you that he was influenced by a Parish Priest as early as grade 3 to become a priest.

Father Mike went to St Jerome High School in Kitchener and attended St Jerome College prior to attending St. Peter's Seminary in London Ontario. Father Mike was ordained a Diocesan Priest on Wednesday April 30, 1977 at Christ the King Basilica in Hamilton by Bishop Paul Reding.

Father Mike served God in several Parishes during his 40 years including:

- His first assignment albeit a temporary one (4 months) was at St. John's Church on Brant St in Burlington
- He was then assigned to St John the Baptist Parish in Kitchener from 1977 to 1980
- From 1980- 1982 he was stationed at St Dominic's in Oakville
- While stationed in Oakville In 1981 he joined the Knights of Columbus
- From 1982 to 1986 he served at St. Michael parish in Oakville
- In 1987 he moved to Most Blessed Sacrament Parish in Hamilton for a short time
- And then he was stationed at Sacred Heart Parish in Teeswater from 1987-1990
- Father Mike was Pastor at Sacred Heart Parish in Walkerton from 1990-1997
- In 1997 he moved to Sacred Heart Parish in Hamilton where he was Pastor until 2006
- He served at St. Margaret Mary church until 2013
- He moved to St Francis Xavier parish as Associate Pastor until his retirement in 2016
- He now resides at Holy Rosary with his long term friend our Pastor and Council Chaplain Father Martin Vallely
- Father Mike is also Assistant to the Chaplain, St. Joseph's Convent, Hamilton

Thank you Father Mike for being a member of our council and for allowing us to help celebrate your 40 years of service to God and the many parishioners who were fortunate enough to know you and work with you. You are a great priest as well as a great example for others to emulate your generosity as shown by your various donations to our Scout Troop .....just a small example of the generous person you are.



Grand Knight Ken Fleming presented Father Mike Downey an Ordination Anniversary Certificate of Commendation at our April 4 General Meeting



## 114<sup>th</sup> Ontario Knights of Columbus Annual State Convention

This year, between Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, and Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, the 114<sup>th</sup> Ontario Knights of Columbus State Convention was held at the International Plaza Hotel and Conference Centre, 655 Dixon Road, Toronto, ON.

On Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017, three (3) members of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Council 15920, attended representing our Council, (Brother Vic Lefebvre, Financial Secretary, Brother Don Prescott, Immediate Past Grand Knight and Brother Joe Milton, Deputy Grand Knight, attended the Convention. The latter two being the Voting Delegates representing our Council.

Once, we had registered at the State Convention, at 5:00p.m., we attended the Opening Mass celebrated by the Most Reverent Bishop Marcel Damphousse, State Chaplain, and assisted by a Second Bishop and five Priests.

At 7:00p.m., we all attended the Official Opening Ceremonies and after the administration side of the ceremonies, Supreme Knight Video, State Deputy Report and Guest Speakers were completed, they commenced the Program Awards, in recognition to all the Council planning, hours of work and dedication.

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Council No. 15920, received twelve (12) separate Awards:

1. 2017 Trillium Award Winner – Gold
2. The Best Bulletin Division 5 – Plaque
3. The Best Overall Council Bulletin – Plaque
4. Membership (100%) – Certificate
5. Best Church Project – Certificate
6. Community Service Award – Plaque
7. Best Community Project – Certificate
8. Best Council Project – Certificate
9. Culture of Life Service Award – Plaque
10. Best Culture of Life Project – Certificate
11. Best Family Project – Certificate
12. Best Youth Project – Certificate

During these Award Presentations, photographs were taken by the State Photographer. It was truly an amazing and humbling night for Vic, Don and I.

On Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, we all again attended the Convention. At 8:30a.m., we attended the Annual General Meeting, which consisted of discussions on General Business, State Chaplain's Report, Elections of State Officers, Auditors Report and the Delegates voted on the various Resolutions, as suggested by their various Councils.

After Lunch, at 1:00p.m., the Annual General Meeting continued and the Delegates voted on the various Resolutions, completed the Election of State Officers, and finalized by the Agency Report.

At 5:30 p.m., we all attended the second Convention Mass, celebrated by Father Vito Marziliano.

At 7:15p.m., we all attended the State Banquet. This time our Council Members were joined by Our District Deputy, Brother Steven Reynolds and his Wife, Katie.

During the Banquet, it was again announced that we had won three (3) more Awards:

13. The PSD John Rosina Senior's Award – Trophy
14. The PSD John (Jack) Clancy Special Olympics Award – Trophy
15. The Best Overall Council in Ontario – Plaque, which is also accompanied by an Ontario State Wooden Podium that our Council can use for the next year.

During the presentations, Vic, Don and I were joined on the stage by our District Deputy Brother Steven Reynolds and his wife, for photographs.

It was truly an amazing night for our Council.



On Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, Brothers Vic Lefebvre and Don Prescott, attended the State Convention representing our Council. However, I was not able to attend due to a family commitment.

Gentlemen, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Council No. 15920, for their hard work, dedication to the Church, Community and to the Knight of Columbus; without your hard work none of this would have happened. When you consider that there are in excess of Five Hundred (500+) Knights of Columbus Councils in Ontario, and our Council was chosen the Number One Council in the Province of Ontario, that is truly amazing. Gentlemen, I salute you all and it was our honour to have represented you at the State Convention. You truly are a fine group of Catholic Gentlemen.

Also, I have contacted Our Grand Knight, Brother Ken Fleming and he has been advised of the Fifteen (15) Awards our Council received, and I thanked him for his leadership over the past year.

Also, I contacted and spoke with Father Martin Vallely, who was amazed with the results from the State Convention.

Again, thank you all for your contributions to our Council, over that past year.

Joseph E.F. (Joe) Milton  
Deputy Grand Knight

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

***Ken Browne – May 22***  
***Melvin Ilagan – May 23***  
***Vic Lefebvre – May 28***  
***Howard McNamara – May 31***

## **CALENDAR OF COUNCIL EVENTS**

- May 2 – Business Meeting – 7 p.m.  
**Executive Nominations**
- May 4 – 12 Hours of Prayer for Palliative Care  
Holy Rosary Church  
8 a.m. – Mass  
7:30 pm – Closing Prayer  
with Benediction
- May 5 – 7<sup>th</sup> Aldershot Scout's Spaghetti Dinner  
and Silent Auction  
5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
East Plains United Church
- May 11 – Serra Club Dinner – 6 p.m.  
Liuna Station Banquet Centre
- May 11 – March for Life  
Parliament Hill – Ottawa
- May 12 – Aldershot Family Fitness Night  
Holy Rosary School  
(details at our meeting)
- May 12 – Holy Rosary Appreciation Evening  
7:00 Evening Prayer  
7:30 Wine & Cheese Social
- May 13-14 – Roses for Life Sunday  
Collections After all Masses
- May 20 – Halton Alive Walk for Life  
2054 Mountainside Drive  
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- May 23 – Special Olympics  
First Bottle Drive
- May 28 – Autism Speaks – 3 km Walk  
Hidden Valley Park  
8 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- May 31 – 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament  
Halton Catholic Children's  
Education Foundation
- June 1 – Holy Rosary School Fun Fair
- June 6 – Business Meeting – 7 p.m.  
**Election of Council Officers**
- June 11 – Parish BBQ and  
Canada 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration

## 12 HOURS OF PRAYER FOR PALLIATIVE CARE

The Catholic Women's League of Canada calls all people to join nationwide in **12 hours of Prayer for Palliative Care** on **Thursday, May 4, 2017** as a witness to the sanctity of human life.

Our Council is joining our Catholic Women's League as they organize this day of prayer for better access to palliative care for all Canadians.

### Here is an outline of the Day of Prayer:

8 a.m. – Mass

8:30 to 12 noon – Time of Private prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament

12 to 1 p.m. – The Angelus and the Rosary led by the Catholic Women's League

1 to 7:30 p.m. – Time of Private prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament

7:30 p.m. – Closing Prayer with Benediction

### How you can participate!

- You are invited to **come and pray for a period of time** during the day. It could be 10 minutes or it could be an hour – whatever time you can give. Please **sign up for a specific time** period so that there is always at least one person in the church. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.
- We ask you to **sign the petition** that is on the table in the narthex. It asks the Federal Government to identify palliative care as a defined medical service under the Canada Health Act and asks the government to allocate funds to all provinces and territories for accessible palliative care for all Canadians. The petition is supported by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.
- We ask you to consider making a donation to support our own Carpenter Hospice. There will be a basket for donations on the table as well.



Carpenter Hospice

**Working together  
to make a difference  
Palliative Care  
For all Canadians**





# MARCH FOR LIFE – MAY 11, 2017

PARLIAMENT HILL | OTTAWA, CANADA



## 2017 THEME

*Welcome Canada's newest citizen, to the True North, strong, and free.*

*Like our country, she too is a natural wonder, glorious, and free.*

*From her tiniest beginnings, she has felt a sense of hope, of promise and equality.*

*But her future is under threat, by those who think that her life is less valuable than others.*

*We stand on guard for her, we stand on guard for him.*

*For the lives of our country's most vulnerable, for all human beings.*

*Our very first Prime Minister defended the unborn 150 years ago, and still today, we continue to proclaim:*

***Life — we stand on guard for thee.***







Let's join the Walk for Life Conference to help raise funds for Halton Alive and their mission to educate, equip and connect the communities of Halton Region to value life at ALL stages.

Together we can save lives and promote a culture that values human life from beginning to end.



# Walk <sup>FOR</sup> Life CONFERENCE

**Saturday May 20th, 2017**



**Nikki Bakker, Pregnancy Options Coordinator, Elisha House**

**"How to be Pro-life in a Pro-choice Culture"**

The pro-choice world sees the pro-life community as an enemy who infringes upon their personal rights. In order to change hearts and ultimately save lives, we need to bridge the gap between 'them' and 'us'. We need to challenge and address how we are viewed by the world in order to unite under one common goal- to love women and save lives.



**Alissa Golob, Co-founder, Right Now**

**"How we can Win in the Pro-life Movement"**

Alissa shares her story of pro-life involvement and explains why political action is important and how that is effecting change. Regardless of age or political leanings there is place for us all to get involved in transforming our government and country to value human life and enact policy to reflect that.

**Schedule:**

**5km Walk**

**BBQ Lunch**

**Speaker Session 1**

**Break**

**Speaker Session 2**

**Group Wide Game**

**9:00AM - 3:30PM \$15**

**BURLINGTON CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**2054 MOUNTAINSIDE DR., BURLINGTON, ON**

**Register as a team or individual!**

**[www.haltonalive.com/W4L](http://www.haltonalive.com/W4L)**





# 6TH ANNUAL HCCEF Charity Golf Classic

**Wednesday, May 31, 2017**

Hidden Lake Golf & Country Club | 1137 #1 Side Road, Burlington, ON

All proceeds from the HCCEF Charity Golf Classic support the  
**HCCEF Student Guardian Program**  
Helping students in need with financial barriers to education

On the recommendations of our Catholic school communities, HCCEF provides financial assistance to students – to ensure that:

- All are able to attend school with the basic necessities of life (i.e. food and clothing).
- All are able to fully participate in all aspects of school life (i.e. field trips / experiences) which are normally open to all students.

### HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

*"HCCEF changes people's lives in a positive and caring manner! HCCEF made it possible for my son to attend a specialized program that addressed his mental health issues. Without HCCEF funding, my son would not have been able to address his emotions in a safe, non-threatening setting. This was a much-needed program for him and he is more successful today because he was given the opportunity to attend. A sincere thank you for your support, HCCEF!"*

*A Thankful Mother.*

### GOLFERS (All levels), SPONSORS & PRIZES WANTED

Register online at [www.hccef.org](http://www.hccef.org) or contact us (see info below).

All community members are welcome.

**\$175 / golfer – March 1 - April 30/17**

**\$200 / golfer – May 1 - May 26/17**

**Golf Fee includes:**

**Golf, Cart, Lunch, Dinner & Prizes**

**Dinner only - \$50.00 per person**

**Entries due by: Friday, May 26, 2017**

### Dinner Menu

Caesar Salad

Prime Rib of Beef

Potatoes & Vegetables

Rolls & Butter

Dessert

Coffee and Tea

For further information contact: Marc Clare - Executive Director, HCCEF  
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