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Chaplain's Reflection We Are All Suffering Servants

The prophet Isaiah foretold the future redemptive action of the Son of God through the imagery of "the Suffering Servant." The Son of God would give His life as an offering for sin to accomplish the will of the Lord. But this message is also directed toward us. It is a very powerful message regarding the efficacy of redemptive suffering.

Redemptive suffering is the means by which one person can suffer for another and that suffering can be redemptive for someone else. Unjust suffering is that which we endure through no fault of our own or despite our best efforts to fix a situation. This differs from the suffering that results from our own poor life choices, sinful or otherwise, although that suffering can also be redemptive.

We can see the power of redemptive suffering played out every day. Mahatmas Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. both surrendered their lives for the benefit of others as they used the power of nonviolent resistance to start a redemptive process to bring about changes that Our Lord wants to see in our societal structures of sin.

But what you may not have considered is that each of us has this same capacity to accomplish the will of the Lord through our own redemptive suffering. It may be big things or it may be small things. But if we "offer it up," that suffering will also accomplish the will of the Lord.

There are many situations in our lives that we have the opportunity to "offer it up:" a difficult family situation, the pain of leaving an abusive situation, a job loss, a financial setback, a crime committed against us or our property, a disabling accident or the terminal illness of a loved one. While God expects us to do everything in our power to make things better, some things cannot be fixed. And it is those things which cause unjustified suffering that will release a redemptive power in our lives.

Through His suffering, Jesus would justify many. As a faithful and sinless servant, undeserving of suffering, Jesus could and did liberate others. We too can liberate Others when we patiently endure the suffering that

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Grand Knight's Station "Fishers of Men"

Dear Rosensteel Family,

We are now entering the fifth month of our Council year. Covid has caused many issues for the Council to overcome and sustain operations. The building serves as a base of operations for the many events and charities we perform. It allows the vol-



unteers to have flexible and sufficient work space to get those jobs done. Membership dues are not sufficient to sustain the many things we do to support the building and perform charitable works, to help support the efforts of the Council and sustain our operations find ways to attend or donate to the causes we promote or host. Many of our events provide financial support for operations and help raise money for charity. It is nice to see members attend functions that are free but it would also be nice to see growing attendance to paid events or donations to our charities. Look for events in our *Knight Life*, e-mails and Knights Room message board that you may want to attend or donate to.

We had a very successful Rosary for the Unborn thanks to James Mannion and Gus Gusman. State officials joined the ceremony this year along with an attendance of about 60 members. Weather did not permit us to do the usual outside candles; however, the Columbian room was well decorated and arranged thanks to staff. We were able to collect approximately \$500 cash and the Council donated another \$500 match for a total of \$1,000 to Project Gabriel. Thank you for your generosity and prayers!

This month we celebrate our members that were born into eternal life this year. How appropriate in this season of All Saints Day to recognize our members. We will have our Memorial Mass on Sunday, November 14, in conjunction with the noon Mass at St John the Evangelist Church. The names of our deceased members will be read during the Mass. Please join with the families of the deceased to pray and honor them. This is a great month to visit the deceased gravesites and pray for their souls.

One prayer I like to use is from St. Gertrude to ease the suffering of souls in purgatory. St. Gertrude the Great was a 13thcentury German nun, writer and mystic who was graced with many heavenly visions, including being one of the earliest mystics to whom Jesus encouraged a devotion to his Sacred

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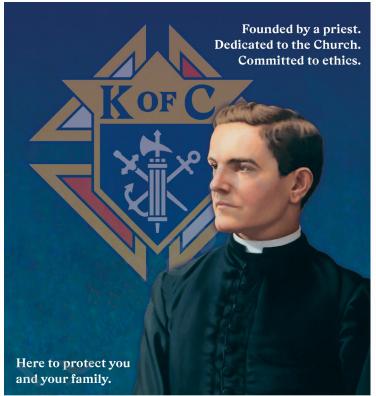
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John Matosian

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Continued prayers for Fr. Calis and all of our clergy, and for our healthcare providers and all those affected by Covid-19

In case of illness or death of a member, please contact Financial Secretary Kevin Carey.

Maryknights Fundraiser Saturday, November 13

The Warrior Canine Connection charity event at the Council will be held Saturday, November 13, from 6 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$60 each and include heavy hors d'ouevres and open bar with beer, sodas and wine. And there will be DOGS!

Buy your tickets online and see what's offered at the online auction at this link: https://maryknights.ejoinme.org/wcc. See you there!

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occurs through no fault of our own.

We also are called to serve the many who are sinners who may cause us suffering. We are called to bear our sufferings patiently and lovingly, so as to take away the sufferings of others. Like Jesus, we are called to pay a ransom, sometimes with our lives, for the benefit of others.

Like Jesus, Gandhi and King paid the price that should have been paid by their aggressors, but they took it on and made it go away. They did not respond in typical human fashion by passing on their suffering and continuing the cycle of violence. Like Jesus, they endured and this has unleashed great redemptive power.

The battle against sin and evil, and the pursuit of any greater good always includes unjustified suffering. Satan does not give up easily. Agents of change will always suffer because they must change structures of sin.

But this battle is not only about nation states. It is also about the domestic church and the family. The fight against domestic, spousal and sexual abuse also requires the acceptance of unjustified suffering in order to receive the great redemptive power that can come from confronting it.

Each of us endures unjustified suffering and some endure it far more than others. Nonetheless, each of us has the power to patiently endure the undeserved suffering in our lives to unleash these same great redemptive powers that Jesus showed us on the Cross.

Just as Jesus accepted the role of the "suffering servant" for our redemption, we too can embrace the role of a "suffering servant" for our own good, for the good of our families, for the good of our neighbor and for the good of the world.

Deacon Alan Jeeves

Little Sisters of the Poor Collection - Saturday, November 20 Holiday Items Requested

We'll be collecting items for the Little Sisters of the Poor on Saturday, November 20, from 10 a.m. until noon. Financial donations and grocery gift cards are always appreciated as are personal care items (including unscented body wash, denture tablets, travel-size deodorant and body lotion, toothpaste, mouthwash), cleaning supplies (Clorox, gloves, wipes, etc.), individual snacks (applesauce/puddings/chips. cookies, etc.), cases of water, peanut butter and jelly, juice boxes, and cans of soup.

The Sisters also have asked for Thanksgiving and Christmas items this month since the regular December collection is so close to Christmas: frozen turkeys, hams, stuffing mix, boxes of chocolate, and small wrapped presents for stocking stuffers. Our Council has been incredibly generous to the Sisters over the past year and they truly rely on us and other Councils for help. Please do your best and we'll see you on the 20th. Of course, you can always bring in any items when picking up your Friday Night Dinners. And please remember to keep the Sisters in your prayers.

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Heart.

It is recounted that Jesus showed her a vast number of souls entering heaven from purgatory as a result of her faithful and frequent recitation of this prayer. You can easily memorize this popular prayer and recite it any time you wish to remember the faithful departed among your family and friends. Try adding it in after each decade of the Rosary, especially during November. The Church dedicates the entire month of November to praying for the Holy Souls; their particular feast day is November 2, All Souls Day.

"Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen"

May you all have a safe and thankful Thanksgiving with family and friends. Look for opportunities to invite someone that otherwise would be home alone during this Holiday.

Frank Zarrelli

The Best of Rosensteel

Family of the Month - This member has an action-packed schedule at the Council. His wife deserves many thanks for her support and understanding his time away from home. He is our financial secretary, has served on other boards, runs Council programs and somehow always has a smile. Help me say a big thank you to our Family of the Month, Kevin and Mary Carey!

Knight of the Month - This member came from a family that is generational and historic to our Council. He was there for so many families of our dearly departed members, providing services for wakes and celebrations of lives. Many of us received calls from him just to make sure we were doing well. He will be forever missed and was truly an icon to our Council - our recently departed one and only John Matosian. Please pray for John in gratitude.

FR. ROSENSTEEL 2021 PICNIC



We wish to thank everyone who came out for the 2021 Knights of Columbus family picnic. Saturday September 25, 2021 was a beautiful, blessed day as we celebrated our picnic for the first time in 2 years. The crowd was entertained by our own Brother Knights, John Lyon and Tom Griffin. Geoff Conway and his grillers served up hamburgers and hotdogs and we washed it down with Deputy Grand Knight Tim Stocker's watermelon crushes. The only casualties on the day were Jim Mannion's pinata, which was handily dispatched by young Bean, those who faced our house ringers on the cornhole boards, and a few coolers of cold drinks. After missing the 2020 picnic it was a special time to catch up with old friends. Thanks, so much, to everyone, for making it happen. See you in 2022!



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Rosensteel Hall

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CANDLELIGHT ROSARY FOR THE UNBORN



It was not a starry, starry night, but the power of the Rosary prevailed at this year Candlelight Rosary for the Unborn. Oh, that too, because of midafternoon rains and the constant threat of rain and occasional misting our Rosary program was held inside the Council Hall. Attendance included, Fr, Calis our Chaplain, Cardinal O'Boyle Assembly Color Corp. Maryland State Council Life Activities Chairmen, Council Brothers, Maryknights and representatives from the Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County. All gathered after the powerful Rosary for a light meal. Attendees were very generous as we were able to get contributions to the Gabriel Project for their efforts in helping expectant mothers bring their pregnancy full term.

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Memorial Mass Noon Mass Sunday, November 14, 2021, St John the Evangelist Main Church Silver Spring, MD

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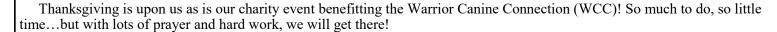
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Dear Maryknights,



The WCC Charity Event on November 13 will be here before you know it. Since it's November, if you have not purchased your ticket yet, it will cost \$60. You can buy your tickets online and see what's offered at the online auction at this link: https://maryknights.ejoinme.org/wcc. The event runs from 6 to 10 p.m. and includes heavy hors d'ouevres, open bar with soda, beer and wine, dancing to DJ Wayne "Half Step" Miller and more! Don't miss it, it's a great cause, it should be really fun – and there will be DOGS!

In case you missed it, at our October general meeting the Executive Board announced that our special activity for this year would be our 50/50 raffle. Our special activity proceeds are given to the Knights of Rosensteel Council to support the Council and its activities.

Kudos: October's charity focus was on the Boxes of Joy program run by Cross Catholic Outreach. The program provides Christmas boxes to children in underdeveloped countries who might otherwise not receive a gift. Many, many thanks to Carol Walper for coordinating the collection and to all who gave. I don't have the total on the number of boxes provided, but I am sure it will be generous. More details at our November meeting.

Our November charity focus is Shepherd's Table. Helen Vallone will be collecting items at the Council outside at the front of the building on Friday, November 5, from 5 to 8 p.m. and on Saturday, November 6, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. You may also purchase items from the Shepherd's Table wish list on Amazon; just let Helen know what you purchased. It needs paper products (napkins, three-compartment plates, empty brown lunch bags, spoons and forks, Ziploc sandwich bags), food items (coffee, creamer powder, sugar, sugar substitutes, salad dressing, vinegar, hot sauce, broth, syrup), toiletries (shampoo, conditioners, deodorant, ponchos, umbrellas), administrative items (stamps and 97 bright white paper) and clothing (jackets, sweaters, t-shirts, gloves, scarves, socks).

And for our December collection, we are once again supporting the Apostleship of the Sea, whose mission is to offer a welcome and safe haven to mariners, fishermen and their families. With the pandemic forcing seafarers to work and live on ships for months on end with cautions to not go on land, the Apostleship of the Sea ministry has become more vital than ever. Let's start saving, collecting or buying items, including 2022 calendars, paperback books, writing materials (pens, pencils, notebooks), toiletries, including razors, candy and snacks, socks, gloves and hats, puzzle books like Sudoko, crosswords, etc., playing cards or other small games. More information about collection times and other collection items at our November meeting.

Finally, don't forget the next Executive Board meeting is Thursday, November 4, at 7 p.m. and the general meeting will be on November 8, at 7 p.m. (in person and ZOOM).

REFLECTION: This month, let us meditate on this prayer from Support Our Aging Religious (SOAR!) that went out last year, but is still a good one for this Thanksgiving. "Gracious God, I thank you for the gift of life. In these times when blessings are sometimes hard to find, give me the grace to be aware of your loving presence, especially when I am anxious. Help me to embrace each moment as an opportunity to see your goodness reflected in creation. Keep me safe and healthy in mind and body, and protect my family and friends with your healing touch. May compassion flow through my grateful heart to others in need. Amen."

POPE'S INTENTION: For November the Pope asks us to pray that people who suffer from depression or burnout will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

With humble thanks to Our Lord for everything, Peggy Seleski



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gins	Meeting		Gusman & Mannion	Veterans Day		Maryknights Charity Event
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St. John the Evange- list Church	D'Antuono Happy Hour	Dassing	Sullivan			
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				Thanksgiving		
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	29.	30.	December 1.			30.
	D'Antuono Happy Hour					