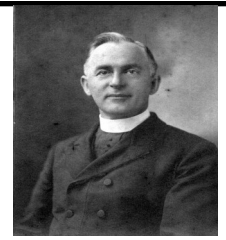




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Chaplain's Reflection Forgiveness - the Cornerstone of Christianity

Christianity has deeply and profoundly influenced Western culture in ways we often don't realize. So we take for granted certain values like forgiveness of enemies that are not natural in the human arena. In ancient Greece and Rome, forgiveness of one's enemies was clearly not a high value. Yet, we find this revolutionary idea in the teaching of Jesus and our Church, even if many Christians do not exemplify it. So a major turn when it came to forgiveness occurred with the Incarnation of Christ.

Christianity has a very unique view of forgiveness. Forgiveness is a set of practices, not an emotion. Forgiveness is something we do. Forgiveness of enemies is one of the practices distinctive to Christianity. It's not fundamentally about your beliefs or your feelings, it's a way to live.

Forgiveness is always a form of voluntary suffering that brings about a greater good. Whenever you are wronged the perpetrator owes you. He or she has wrongfully robbed you of some good, whether of reputation or relationship or health or of something else. To forgive is to deny oneself revenge. Forgiveness is always costly to the forgiver. However, the peace that forgiveness brings to your own heart, and the possibility of a restored relationship, outweigh the cost.

Forgiveness means that we take the initiative even though we are the ones who were offended. Like Jesus, we are going down the path that the person who offended us should have taken. We are going to seek reconciliation. Costly, of course. Think of the pride you have to swallow. Think of your sense of being a victim that you have to overcome. Sure, you are a victim, but you're not going to claim it as a badge of honor. In fact, you're going to overcome that. That costs.

Why do we say that God's forgiveness of the world happened through the Cross of Jesus? Why couldn't God just come and forgive us without the

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Grand Knight's Station "Fishers of Men"

Dear Rosensteel Family,

It is hard to believe summer is already over ... but the fun is not. We held the Council Picnic on Saturday, September 25, and true to tradition it went well past 5p.m. with cornhole games and camaraderie. We had approximately 60 members attend throughout the day. If you did not come you missed out on Tim Stocker's amazing orange and watermelon crushes. Many thanks to the volunteers that cooked incredible burgers and hot dogs. We had music from John Lyon and Tom Griffin that set the mood for a day of fun.



The Council has been going through many changes in adapting to the new Covid way of life. Now more than ever we are dependent on volunteerism and patronage of the Council events and fundraisers. If you plan to go out on a Friday night, check out the many specials we serve at our Friday Knight Dinners. Our newly renovated Knights Room is a site to see and, if you have not been by, it is worth the trip. It would be nice to get back to seeing the rest of the Rosensteel family at the Council events!

As you may recall, we had an abbreviated Installation of Officers. This year we will be celebrating the installation and have an opportunity to recognize a few Knights for their efforts. The celebration was originally scheduled for Sunday, October 3, but many schedule conflicts made it a hard date to keep. We have rescheduled it for November 7 from 1 to 5 p.m. so mark your calendars. Tickets at the door will be \$15 per person, which will cover burgers, dogs, sausage, fries, condiments and two drinks. It should be a fun day and the Knights Room will be open with ballgames on the screens.

The Officers and Trustees have been reaching out to members to get a feel for the interest in a 100-year anniversary party. It appears with Covid still looming many are still reluctant to participate in such an event. It was decided to postpone the 100-year anniversary until 2022. However, we are planning various events such as seafood dinner night and a dinner dance. Hopefully we will see everyone returning as our environment improves.

Each month, I have addressed the core group that has been carrying the Council on its backs by donating time. We are fast reaching the limits this core group can handle to continue the Rosensteel traditions, events and charitable works. From my experience, it is easy to come up with reasons to not be involved or find spare time; once active in the Council it is hard to find a reason to not be involved and find more time to give. Take a chance and find out what and why the

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The Best of Rosensteel

Family of the Month - When this family comes out, it's the whole family. They can be found volunteering for the major events and at the recent picnic they were truly representing across generations. Rosensteel has had a history of family participation and this family gets it. Many thanks to Steve Caffi and his family for all of their efforts and carrying on the tradition!

Knight of the Month - This member comes from a family that is generational and historic to our Council. When you think of volunteerism, the effort to drive over 110 miles to be part of a Council event defines what Rosensteel Strong means. He is never short of a smile, chuckle and warm greeting. You will find him at major events like the picnic this last week, grilling like he has for many years. Many thanks to Rick Horner for carrying on his family's tradition of service and generosity!

Remember in your prayers:**Sick:**

Bill Finnin
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Joe Zanger
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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.

Candlelight Rosary for the Unborn

In lieu of the monthly Council meeting on Tuesday, October 5, Father Rosensteel Council invites you to a candlelight Rosary for the unborn at 7 p.m. Please bring your family and invite parishioners.

This is the 24th anniversary of the Memorial for the Unborn.



We will pray the Rosary with Council Chaplain Father Calis, the pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish. Afterward, please join the Council officers and Maryland State Council Life Program directors in the Emerald Room for a complimentary meal.

Donations will be accepted to benefit the Gabriel Project.

Prayer for the Helpless Unborn

Heavenly Father, in your love for us, protect those helpless little ones to whom You have given the gift of life from the wickedness of the devil.

Touch with pity the hearts of those women pregnant in our world today who are not thinking of motherhood. Help them that the child they carry is made in Your image - as well as theirs - made for eternal life.

Dispel their fear and selfishness and give them true womanly hearts to love their babies and give them birth and all the needed care that woman alone can give.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever, Amen

"Fishers of Men"



Buy your Halloween candy from the Council and help children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Tootsie Rolls make a great Halloween treat. Boxes are available at the Council. Contact Paul Girolami at girolami@verizon.net or cell 240-354-6412 to get your box today.

Also, please consider making a tax-deductible gift of \$25 or more to the Tootsie Roll program. Make your check payable to Fr. Rosensteel Council and be sure to mark "Tootsie Roll charity" on the memo line.

Chaplain's Reflection Forgiveness - the Cornerstone of Christianity

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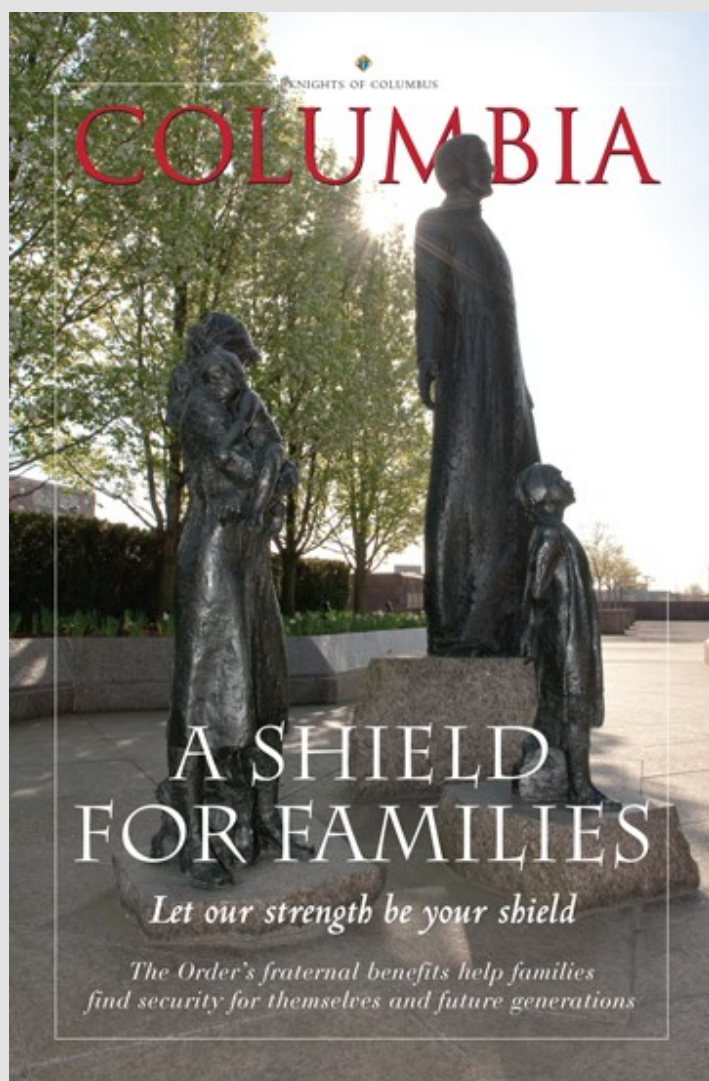
Cross? Well, it's because forgiveness, if it's real forgiveness, always costs the one who does the forgiving. Jesus paid that price on the Cross. There's a redemption involved. What we see iconically on the Cross is the manifestation of the cost that God paid in forgiving us. God made a journey into our dysfunction. So as Christian disciples, we have to be willing to make that same journey into the dysfunction of others, for the sake of the world.

The practice of Christianity is for the sake of the world. We are the salt of the earth. We are not Christians for ourselves. We are Christians for the world because we have been chosen by Christ, baptized and confirmed and drawn into His mystical body that we might now become a light to the nations. Notice what happens when forgiveness fades away as a publicly lived reality. What takes its place is the fierce, honor driven, brittle hard-edged, violent society we now have.

People forgive others when they know they've been forgiven. Hardly a day goes by that we are not offended by someone. Yet, if we block God out so that there's no one to forgive us, then we are going to become very harsh to those who are cruel to us. But if we have a deep sense that despite our having offended God over and over again, that we've still been forgiven, then we are going to be much more generous as we reach out to other people who've offended us. On the other hand, if we have no relationship with God or deny His existence, we will never feel forgiven.

Those who won't forgive show that they have not accepted the fact of their own sinfulness. But if we can say, "there, but for the grace of God go I," if we can recognize ourselves as a more wretched sinner than others, then forgiveness becomes easier. If we derive our self worth from God, it frees us up to forgive others. Then, and only then, do we belong to Christ.

Deacon Alan Jeeves



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camaraderie and gift of giving is so precious at our Rosensteel Council. Reach out to one of our officers or trustees to help.

Finally, we need to fill an officer chair in the Council. If you are inclined to be active or feel you could be an asset to the leadership of the Council, please contact one of our officers or trustees.

Frank Zarrelli

"Sometimes the best medicine has four legs and a wet nose."



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Dear Maryknights,

Hope you are enjoying the return of Fall, one of the best times of year to live in our area! Lots to go over this month, so let's get started. First. the good news/bad news: By now we are probably all aware that Rebecca Phelps is moving to Virginia Beach to pursue the next chapter with her beau (wishing you both all the best!), so, sadly, she will be stepping back from some of her Maryknight roles. Thank you, Rebecca, for continuing to support us from afar and we will miss you being not so close to home! (And, um, we will need a new vp – any takers?)

Everyone should have received the president's letter with information on dues, the charity event with Warrior Canine Companions (WCC) along with suggested donations for the basket raffle and raffle tickets for the event, scheduled for Saturday, November 13. Helpers are needed, so contact Sue Wiant if you would like to help or want to put together a basket.

The Maryknight Memorial Mass held at St. John the Evangelist Church on September 12 was well represented at church and online. Thanks to everyone who participated. We also enjoyed seeing Cooper the dog from WCC at our inaugural meeting of the year as well. Our meeting was a hybrid and although we ran into a few glitches, we had good attendance both in-person and on ZOOM.

Kudos: Thanks to Kathy Arvedlund for her manning the collections for Comfort Cases, our September Charity Focus. Final tallies were not available at submission time, but I am sure it was very successful and we'll report out next month.

October's charity focus will be on collecting items for Boxes of Joy. This was a really successful collection last year and Carol Walper is coordinating the collection again this year. Boxes are available at Friday night dinners and will also be available at our October meeting. You can also use a shoe box if you have one. Instructions were provided by e-mail, but please contact Carol if you have questions.

Don't forget the next Executive Board meeting is Thursday, October 7, at 7 p.m. and the General Meeting will be on October 11 at 7 p.m.

Finally, a few copies of the cookbook are still available if you would like one. Go to our Facebook page for instructions for purchasing your copy.

REFLECTION: On April 27, 2014, Pope Francis canonized two 20th Century Popes, St. John XXIII and St. John-Paul II. Their feast days are observed October 11 and October 22, respectively. I offer one prayer from each for our reflection this month.

St. John XXIII: Lord Jesus Christ, who is called the Prince of Peace, who are Yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said "Peace to you," grant us peace. Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice and brotherly love. Banish from our hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace. May all men and women become as brothers and sisters, and may longed-for peace blossom forth, and reign always over us all. Amen.

St. John Paul II: May the power of the Father govern and protect us. May the wisdom of the Son teach and enlighten us. May the love of the Holy Spirit renew and quicken us. And may the blessings of the all-holy Trinity be with us now and forever. Amen.

POPE'S INTENTION: For October Pope Francis says that we are all Missionary Disciples and asks that we pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization and be available to the mission by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.

*May you all enjoy abundant blessings,
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10.	11. Columbus Day 7 p.m. - Maryknights General Meeting	12.	13.	14.	15. 5:30 p.m. - Rosensteel Family Rosary	16. Little Sisters of the Poor Collection
17.	18.	19.	20.	21.	22. 5:30 p.m. - Rosensteel Family Rosary	23.
24.	25.	26.	27.	28.	29. 5:30 p.m. - Rosensteel Family Rosary	30.
31. Halloween	November 1.					