



Grand Knight ---- William Calderon

October, 2019

### Should Catholics Celebrate Halloween?

Every year a debate rages among Catholics and other Christians. Is Halloween a satanic holiday or merely a secular one? Lost in the debate is the history of Halloween, which is far from being a pagan religious event, or a satanic holiday; it is actually a Christian celebration that's almost 1,300 years old.

Halloween is a name that means nothing by itself, it is a contraction of "All Hallows Eve" and designates the vigil of All Hallows Day, more commonly known today as All Saints Day. Hallow as a noun, is an old English word for saint. As a verb, hallow means to make something holy or to honor it as holy. We have celebrated All Saints Day (November 1) and its vigil (October 31) since the early eighth century when they were instituted by Pope Gregory III in Rome. a century later, the feast and its vigil were extended to the Church at large by Pope Gregory IV. Today, All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation.

There have been several attacks on the celebration of Halloween over the years, and by the late 1990s, many Catholic parents had begun to question Halloween as well. Their concerns were elevated when, in 2009, an article from a British tabloid newspaper sparked an urban legend that Pope Benedict, XVI had warned Catholics against celebrating Halloween. Even though there was no truth to the claim, alternative celebrations became popular and remain so to this day.

In the end, the choice is yours to make as a parent. if you choose to let your children participate in Halloween, simply stress the need for physical safety, including checking over their candy when they return home. And explain the Christian origins of Halloween to your children. Before you send them off trick-or-treating recite the prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel, and explain that we believe in the reality of evil. Tie the vigil explicitly to the Feast of All Saints Day and explain to your children why we celebrate that feast.

Let's reclaim Halloween for Christians by returning to its roots in the Catholic church!

Submitted by  
William Calderon  
Grand Knight

# Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary Council 4488



Fall is here! Cooler weather too.



It's Taco Thursday time! Join us on Thursday, October 3rd, 17th and 24th. We will start serving at 5:00 pm. The menu is: 2 tacos, rice and beans for \$6.00.  
A la cart: Tacos - \$1.50 each; Taco Salad - \$ 3.50

Don't forget Dinner and Movie on Saturday, October 5th. The movie will be "Boys Town". Contact Angie Vagas (909) 725-2826, if you are interested in attending.



Our first bingo luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, October 19. Doors open at 11:30 am. Entrance is \$12.00 per person, children 10 years and younger are \$ 6.00. Our theme is Halloween, so don't forget to wear your costume. Maybe you'll win a prize for scariest or most original costume. Kids can win for best costume (boy and girl). The menu: Chili (mild), cornbread, salad and dessert. Perfect for Fall weather! Come and join the fun!



The Ladies Appreciation Luncheon has been re-scheduled for Tuesday, October 29 at 1:00 pm, in the lounge. Please RSVP on or before October 25th. If you bring a guest, the cost will be \$ 5.00.

Don't forget the General Meeting on October 10th.

Aloha!

Viola Perez,  
Knights' Ladies Auxiliary President



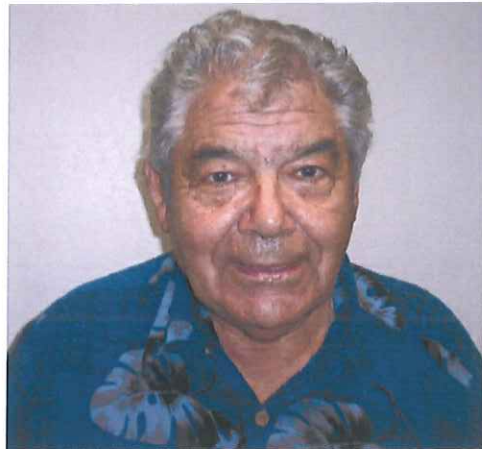
## MEETING NOTICE!



## CULTURE OF LIFE ARTICLE

The news items in the next few sentences have been supplied by the Newsletter of the National Pro-Life Alliance, and certainly are most encouraging about the progress being made in the U. S. Congress to end abortion. In addition to the hundreds of candidates for Congress throughout the nation who have responded favorably to support the Life at Conception Act, the existing National Pro-Life Alliance members are both supporting those efforts and by fighting, in Congress, to pass the Life at Conception Act. The Life at Conception Act is the Gold Standard For Saving Unborn Lives. On April 4th of this year Congressman Louie Gohmert of Texas reintroduced the Parental Notification and Intervention Act (HR 2082). This bill, drafted by the Alliance, would enforce 2 key protections. First, it would require that both parents be officially notified of their minor daughter's intended abortion at least four days before the abortion could take place. Second, it would protect each parent's right to intervene and stop that abortion. Without life-saving protections of parental intervention laws, the abortionist routinely bypass parents and secretly perform abortions on young girls. In fact, some "counselors" at abortion mills even go as far as to advise young girls on how they can evade their parents. The National Pro-Life Alliance members have also rallied behind the effort to put Congress on record by bringing the National Heartbeat Protection Act (HR 490) to a vote. This legislation would defeat any abortion-on-demand once a heartbeat is detected.. Several states, such as Ohio, Mississippi, Georgia and Louisiana have already passed "heartbeat bills". Finally, the National Pro-Life Alliance members are building support for the Ultrasound Informed Consent Act (HR 6334). This bill, introduced by Congressman Jeff Duncan of South Carolina, would require that an ultrasound be performed and displayed so that the mother may view it prior to any abortion. Because of their power to change the hearts of abortion-minded mothers, ultrasounds have a proven record of saving unborn lives. The following item, according to "Faithwire" tells us about two tiny Texas towns where abortion is now illegal. The cities of Omaha and Naples both with populations hovering around 1,000 people became the second and third cities in the Lone Star State to pass ordinances making it a criminal offense to abort babies at an stage of pregnancy. The first Texas city with such an ordinance was Waskom. Because of these ordinances, no abortion clinic will ever be able to move into these cities. Any emergency contraception, like Plan B is also illegal. The cities are calling themselves "sanctuary cities for the unborn", according to Mark Lee Dickson, Director of Right to Life of East Texas;; he started this pro-life campaign to outlaw abortion when he became frustrated with Austin elected officials for not passing any "meaningful" legislation that protects unborn life similar to that in Waskom.

Submitted by  
John H. Rozzi, Director





## CHURCH AND BIBLE STUDY

Dear Brother Knights and Friends of Council 4488

With the colors of the foliage changing from green to gold, orange and sometimes red, our good Lord reminds us each year that we too must change. that happens in the liturgical calendar as October is a month with many great saints honored who are now with Jesus and His Mother saecula saeculorum, forever and ever.

This is a partial list of some of the great saints we celebrate in october by their date in the traditional calendar;

Holy Guardian Angels on the 2nd

Theresa, the Little flower on the 3rd

St. Francis of Assissi on the 4th

Our Lady of Victory and the Holy rosary on the 7th

St. Bridget of Sweden on the 8th

St. Teresa of Avila, foundress of the Discalced Carmelites like our friends at El Carmelo on the 15th

St. Margaret Mary of the vision of the Sacred Heart on the 17th

St. Luke on the 18th

St. Anthony Mary Claret on the 23rd

Saints Simon and Jude on the 28th

And that's just a partial list.

As St. John Paul II and Saint Jose Maria Escriva remind us in our own times, we are ALL called to become saints. We must try and limit our attachments to worldly and avoid sinful things, and keep our eyes focused on eternal life. Jesus reminds us in scripture that the road to heaven is narrow and not all find it, but the way to perdition, i.e. hell, is wide.

As members of the Knights of Columbus, we are called on to pray, fast and help the less fortunate.... thank you Brothers for trying to follow these precepts. Finally, as I previewed in the September bulletin, our council will be hosting Father Ted Drennan, a 30 year veteran of the United States Marine Corps at our annual dinner to honor all of you men and women who have defended our nation. The food and beverages are on the house, but I need to know how many will be attending before the end of this month. Please call me at (951) 845-2615 or email me at [rkherness@gmail.com](mailto:rkherness@gmail.com)

Those Knights who are 4th degree, get the word out as we honor the patriots who have served God and Country.

Laus tibi Jesu Christi,  
SK Bob Herness, Church Director

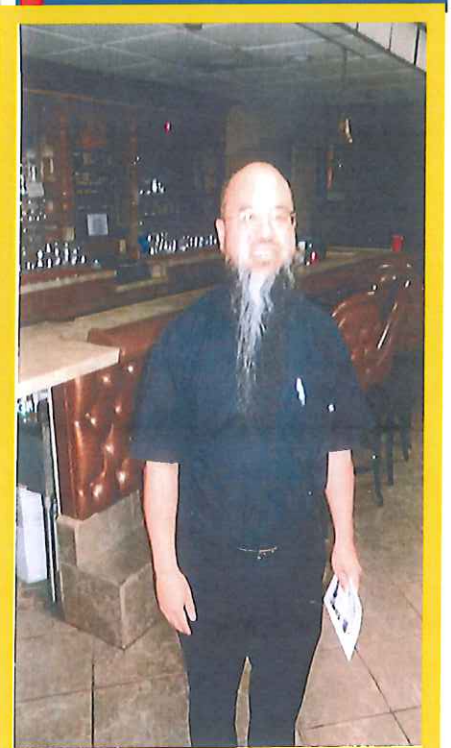




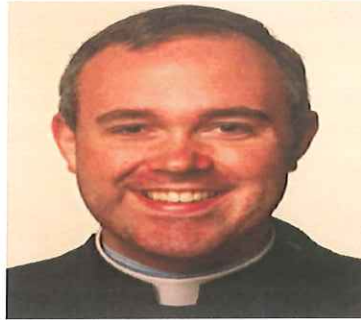


New Knights installed  
September 13, 2019

*Welcome*



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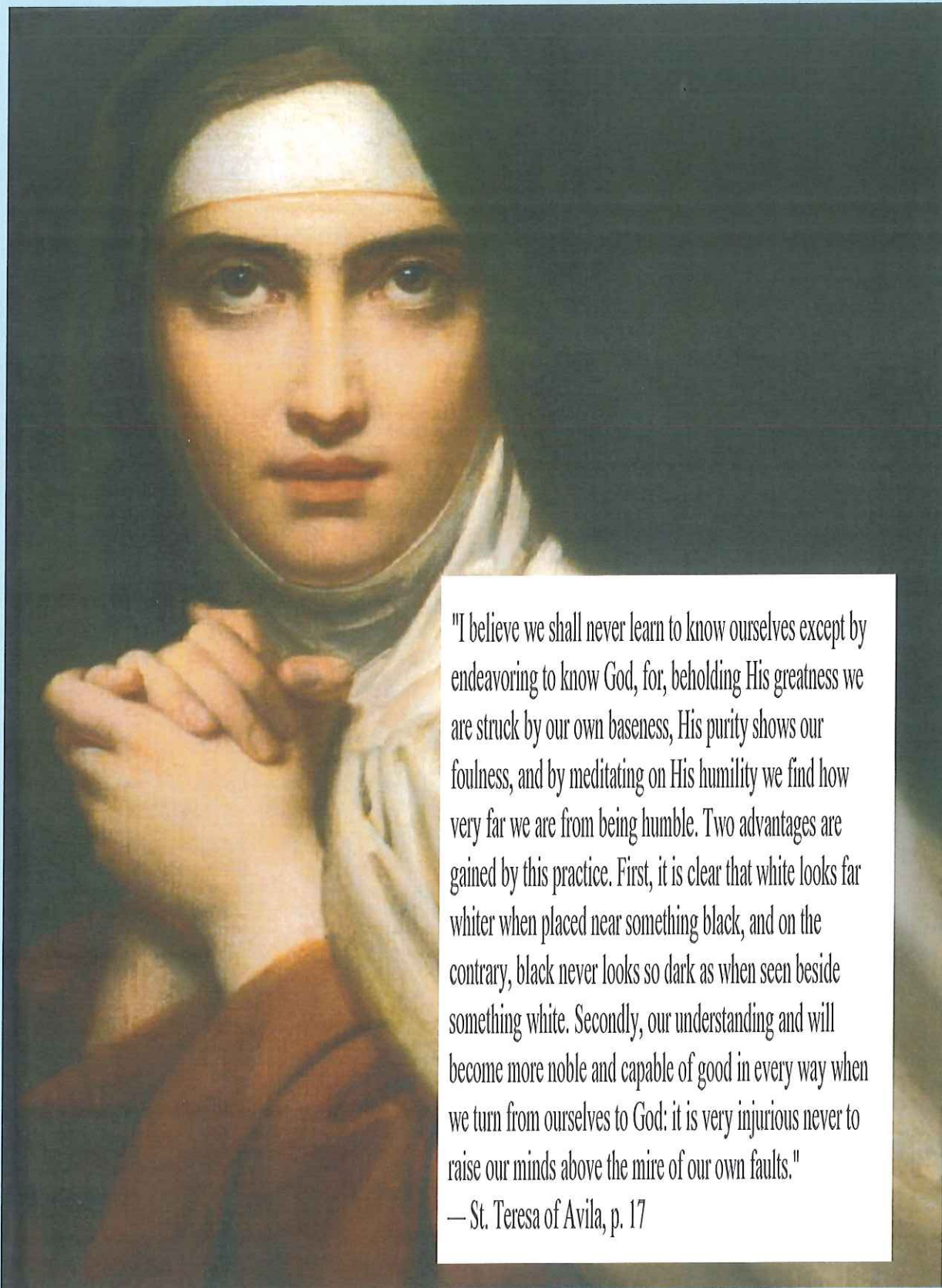
My Brother Knights,

We now find ourselves in the month of September, which begins with the celebration of Labor Day. While most see this day as the unofficial end to summer ... one last chance for a BBQ or trip to the beach ... it is a good opportunity to reflect on the beauty of work and the dignity of the worker; two things that our faith takes very seriously. In 1891, Pope Leo XIII issued an encyclical letter called *Rerum novarum*, in English "of the new things", on the subject of the rights and duties of capital and labor and is considered the foundational text of modern Catholic social teaching. The letter dealt with such subjects as the dangers of both socialism and unrestricted capitalism as well as the right of laborers to form unions. Pope Leo summed up the purpose of the letter himself: "Therefore, venerable brethren, as on former occasions when it seemed opportune to refute false teaching, we have addressed you in the interests of the Church and of the common wealth, and have issued letters bearing on political power, human liberty, the Christian constitution of the State, and like matters, so have we thought it expedient now to speak on the condition of the working classes. It is a subject on which we have already touched more than once, incidentally. But in the present letter, the responsibility of the apostolic office urges us to treat the question of set purpose and in detail, in order that no misapprehension may exist as to the principles which truth and justice dictate for its settlement. The discussion is not easy, nor is it void of danger. It is no easy matter to define the relative rights and mutual duties of the rich and of the poor, of capital and of labor. And the danger lies in this, that crafty agitators are intent on making use of these differences of opinion to pervert men's judgments and to stir up the people to revolt." (RN,2.) In 1991, on the occasion of the hundredth anniversary of *Rerum novarum*, St. Pope John Paul issued his own encyclical on labor entitled, *Centesimus annus*, in English "the hundredth year". While picking up on the themes of Leo's letter, John Paul added his own emphasis that the human person cannot be understood on the basis of economics alone but must be understood within a culture. What also made John Paul's document unique is that he could write from his own experience as a worker, having known hard manual labor in the salt mines of Poland during World War II. Pope John Paul summed up the purpose of his letter himself: "I now wish to propose a "re-reading" of Pope Leo's Encyclical by issuing an invitation to "look back" at the text itself in order to discover anew the richness of the fundamental principles which it formulated for dealing with the question of the condition of workers. But this is also an invitation to "look around" at the "new things" which surround us and in which we find ourselves caught up, very different from the "new things" which characterized the final decade of the last century. Finally, it is an invitation to "look to the future" at a time when we can already glimpse the third Millennium of the Christian era, so filled with uncertainties but also with promises — uncertainties and promises which appeal to our imagination and creativity, and which reawaken our responsibility, as disciples of the "one teacher" (cf. Mt 23:8), to show the way, to proclaim the truth and to communicate the life which is Christ (cf. Jn 14:6)." (CA,3.) Perhaps one way we can truly celebrate Labor Day this month and better understand our faith (and how to live it out in the process), we can spend some time studying the social teachings of our Church. A good place to begin is with *Rerum novarum* or *Centesimus annus*.

Fr. Michael Woods, Chaplain Council 4044, Chicopee, MA



# Meditation of the Day



"I believe we shall never learn to know ourselves except by endeavoring to know God, for, beholding His greatness we are struck by our own baseness, His purity shows our foulness, and by meditating on His humility we find how very far we are from being humble. Two advantages are gained by this practice. First, it is clear that white looks far whiter when placed near something black, and on the contrary, black never looks so dark as when seen beside something white. Secondly, our understanding and will become more noble and capable of good in every way when we turn from ourselves to God: it is very injurious never to raise our minds above the mire of our own faults."

— St. Teresa of Avila, p. 17



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Church & Bible Study 7:00 pm	3  Taco Thursday Officers' Meeting 7:00 pm	4  6:15 - 10:00 pm	5  DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT
6 <b>ATTEND MASS</b>	7  6:15 - 10:00 pm	8	9 Church & Bible Study 7:00 pm	10 General Meeting 7:00 pm	11  6:15 - 10:00 pm	12
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20 <b>ATTEND MASS</b>	21  6:15 - 10:00 pm	22	23 Church & Bible Study 7:00 pm	24  Taco Thursday Bingo Board Meeting 6:00 pm	25  6:15 - 10:00 pm	26
27 <b>ATTEND MASS</b>	28  6:15 - 10:00 pm	29  Ladies Luncheon	30	31  Happy Halloween		