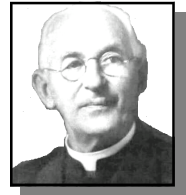




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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER Fr. José Cortes

The Holy Popes

Last Sunday, April 27, Pope Francis canonized Popes John Paul II and John XXIII in Rome. Two great men and two great Popes are our models and intercessors.

When John XXIII became Pope, he impressed the entire world with his friendliness and goodness. During the homily of his beatification, Pope John Paul II said about him: "How many people were won over by his simplicity of heart, combined with a broad experience of people and things! The breath of newness he brought certainly did not concern doctrine, but rather the way to explain it; his style of speaking and acting was new, as was his friendly approach to ordinary people and to the powerful of the world."

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, John XXIII called the Second Vatican Council that brought a deep renewal in Church life.

John Paul II is the Pope of my life. I had the grace of seeing him many times in my life. His love for Christ and his missionary courage influenced immensely the steps of my vocation towards the priesthood. I always saw in him a model to follow in the way of living my priesthood. He started his pontificate saying: "Do not be afraid! Open, open wide the doors to Christ!" Now that he is declared a saint, this invitation is issued once again. We are invited to open our hearts and lives to the presence of Christ.

Let us ask the Holy Popes John XXIII and John Paul II to help us to live our faith with renewed joy and courage.

Fr. José

Join us for Breakfast!!

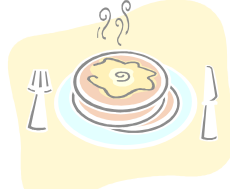
Sunday May 4th

8:00-Noon

Age 11 and up-\$9,

Age 10-4 yrs-\$5,

under 4 yr-\$2



Fresh Fruit, Muffins, Pancakes, French Toast, Eggs, Hash, Bacon, Sausage, Pastries, Toast, Juice, & Coffee!



Wednesday Pizza Night

May 14 & 28, June 4 2014

6:00pm to 8:00pm

\$10 Carry Out or

Eat in the Knights Room with friends!

Family Picnic

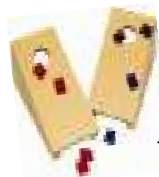
May 17th 2:00 to Dark

(then we just take it inside)



Ribs, Burgers, Dogs

and all the fun sides



Games for ages 4 to 94

If you would like to help

please reach out to

Terrence Moore - Warden

We need games, grills, grillers,

set-up and clean-up help

maybe even some tunes

We would love to get an

approximate headcount,

RSVP to tpmoore@pbs.org

or text 571 436 5776

**\$20 Adults
\$10 Kids
\$50 Family
Maximum**



GRAND KNIGHTS STATION Kenneth Tullis

April Showers bring May Flowers! This reminds me of my role as Grand Knight this year, which has been a

continual instillation of my faith in our Council and the mission of the Knights of Columbus. Based on the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, this represents the beautiful blossoming of the new members we have brought and continue to bring, the new families we bring, and new friends we create along the way together.

SHOWERS -- Though we have faced some adversity with the loss of long time members and loved ones over the past year,

FLOWERS -- we have risen to the challenge of continuous support of one another utilizing the Council to provide a place of respite for our fellow Knights, their families, and friends. I am appreciative of the camaraderie we share, whether it is through faith at events such as memorial masses, charitable work, or celebrations at family and social events. Over the past months, I have been blessed and ever so fortunate to encounter many dedicated members of our Council who have mentored me with emphasis on critical core values. As my tenure draws near to closing and I prepare for the passing of the torch, I am so appreciative of the time spent in the continued strengthening of our mission, your support of the Council, and of my family and I.

The Knights of Columbus supports many initiatives in our community, country and around the world, including scholarships supporting the further education of youth as well as seminarians, vocational and employment programs for troops, financial support for Catholic schools, and restoration and preservation of historic Catholic churches and monuments. Councils across the country have risen to action in the face of national crises, such as contributing financial support and volunteer hours to Hurricane Katrina relief, and establishing a fund to support the fallen first responders of the 9/11 at-

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Samantha and Kadeen

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tacks. In our Council, we are similarly dedicated to our community not only through our support of Council charities, but also through our dedication to our extended communities through our families such as schools, colleges, and youth organizations. I see our members doing good work all the time, and also appreciate the time taken to spend together in fun at family dinner and breakfasts, or holiday events, football games and pools and golf outings. It is with these things in mind that I strongly encourage you to recruit new members, promoting our core values and emphasizing the affinity to "serve one's Church, community and family with virtue."

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter! I want to extend my sincere thanks to Bill and Barbara Dassing and family and friends for leading the coordination of the Easter party for the children with the cutest Easter Bunny Host we have very seen -- leading the children to the Easter Egg hunting grounds! The food, decorations and candy preps were very special with a nice touch from the Caffey family. Thank you to Joe Marks who organized an outstanding Golf outing for our Council members at Blue Mash Golf Club. Congratulations to the TEAMS Moore, Donnelly and Langley who were the winners of Golf Tournament, dominating the sport! The Annual Convention in Ocean City is fast approaching (May 1-4). This is an opportunity for the Council, Maryknights, family and friends to come out and celebrate the work of our Council and meet the many members from across the Maryland State.

I hope you will consider joining us for GOOD FUN as we move to next celebrate Mother's Day! Honoring our Mothers is one of the many enjoyments we look forward to each year! Also, it is an opportunity to honor our Council's most dedicated FANS – The Maryknights and all the beautiful mothers who give so much throughout the year!

Enjoy the long awaited Spring weather!

**Clubhouse Report
May 2014**

The Clubhouse budget for the 2014-15 fraternal year will be presented at the May business meeting on Tuesday, May 6th, 2014. The meeting begins at 7:00 PM. F&R,
Mike Miller, President

**Funeral for
SK Joe Rosick**Saturday,
June 21st, 10amGate of Heaven Cemetery
The service is graveside

Knight of the Month

This Brother Knight is a constant and *positive* presence at our Council. He and his wife unfailingly support every function that takes place at the council. He volunteers at every 1st Sunday Breakfast; shows up every Wednesday to manage Bingo, AND he turns in a weekly bingo report, that includes thanking those who help him, without fail. He often calls Bingo players personally to remind them to come or to find out why they have been missing. He has a great sense of humor and a really positive outlook on life!

We need more guys like **Al Wigmore— May’s Knight of the Month!**

Family of the Month

Jim, known for his good sense of humor, has helped manage Bingo for the past 7 years. He has recently volunteered to become the 5th caller. Barbara, a new Maryknight, is a great bowler and subs on the Bingo kitchen crew. Together they support the council functions and are often seen at Friday night dinners.

Thanks to Barbara and Jim Dailey for setting a great example for others! And congratulations on being **May’s Family of the Month!**

Save the Date
Installation of newly elected Council Officers takes place on July 12th, 2014

Capital Improvement Fund News

On behalf of the members of the Capital Improvement Fund Committee “CIF”, I will begin this report by thanking the many players who participated in the recent March Madness Basketball Pool. It was a great success and contributed over \$2,000 to our goal of raising \$20,000 during 2014 for upgrading and modernizing our ancient physical plant at our beloved Council’s building. We are aware that you have many charities soliciting your money, but we ask that you consider the CIF to be among one of your most worthy causes. We want you to continue to enjoy the facilities on Rosensteel Avenue and help us keep the Council’s doors open for the future generations of Knights and Maryknights.

Individual donations are beginning to arrive and the CIF Committee will honor anyone who donates \$100.00 or more by listing their names in the *Knight Life*. We recently created the “Honorable Mention” category for those who prefer to contribute less than the \$250.00 at the Bronze level. The other levels are: Silver \$500.00, Gold \$1,000.00, and Platinum \$1,500.00. As you know, Grand Knight Kenny Tullis requested that each member voluntarily donate at least \$30.00 to the Capital Improvement Fund of your Council.

Finally, the CIF Committee is grateful to Stan McLeod for his guidance and support during the recent March Madness Basketball Pool event.

J. Patrick Warner, chairman



Join us at the **Knights of Columbus 2169 World Cup 2014 !!**

Cheer the USA on to Victory!

Open to all Rosensteel members and families!

Events:

- *Children’s Soccer Tournament (*teams of 4– age groups TBA*)
- *Virtual Soccer Tournament—*open to all ages*
- *Championship Penalty Shootout!- *open to all ages*

Giveaways and great food!

More info and registration opens mid-April!

For information contact: Allan Jimenez
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Thank you for your generous donations!!

Platinum (\$1,500)

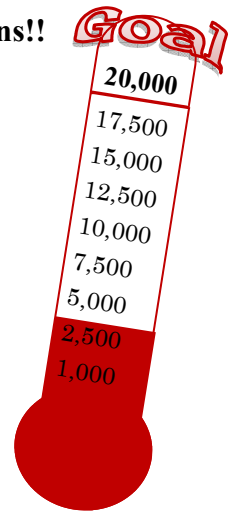
Gold (\$1,000)

Silver (\$500)

Bronze (\$250)

- Mr. & Mrs. Walter MacDermid
- Mr. John McNamara
- Mr. Joe Rogers
- Mr. Rob Seubert
- Mr. & Mrs. J. Patrick Warner
- Mr. John Wigmore

Honorable Mention (\$100—\$249)



Building Association News

The new front awning has been installed and looks great! Donations have been received by generous members for the barstool campaign. A request was made for a stool in memory of Chuck Suraci who was our Right to Life Chairman for over 20 years. We are blessed to part of a council family that comes to the rescue in times of need. By months end there should be 5-7 new barstools in place.

We hope to have new shrubbery, along with mulch and flowers, out front soon. If you’d like to volunteer your help please see Bill Veith.

Tom Griffin



**Wednesdays
Early Bird 7:15**

Thanks to Jim Dailey for jumping into the Caller’s Ring. Jim is a long time volunteer with our program.

Low attendance for the last 2 weeks is disappointing to the crews who work hard every week to keep this valuable source of revenue operating. We’d love to see a few more council members join us and play. It would sure help us out and we have a lot fun!



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SPRING has Sprung! April Showers Bring May Flowers! At least we think so. Still cool, still sleet and snow, but warmer weather is ahead, along with the Maryknights' year coming close to summer break. We are finishing up our very busy year with **nominations** for next year's officers: **President** - Luanne Flanagan; **Vice President** - Sue Wiant; **Secretary** - Polly Seleski; **Treasurer** - Kathy Arvedlund; and **Historian** - Donna Stocker. Voting takes place at our May meeting and nominations from the floor may be made at that time. Installation of Officers will take place in June. Thanks to the nominations committee: Marge Fait, Betty Beltz, and Helen Damiano for a fabulous job.

But our fine work is never done. With the newsletter print deadline, the **Anniversary Party** this year was An Afternoon Tea which was held on April 27, and it was a huge success. Each member of The Executive Committee sponsored a table, decorated it and made a variety of finger foods to be enjoyed by our members along with and a variety of teas. Many ladies brought their daughters and grand-daughters, some wore their hats and gloves, and everyone in attendance had an elegant and delightful afternoon!

Last month we welcomed four new members to the Maryknights. Margaret Lill, Mary Lou Franke, Barbara Daily, and Ruth Gusman. So glad you have joined us ladies! We also enjoyed a unique presentation of Irish Music and Dancing from the Culkin School of Irish Dancers. Denise Culkin explained the various dance steps, jigs and reels as 5 wonderful dancers from the school performed. Thank you for taking time out from your spring break to show us such fine footwork. Slainte!

Thanks to Lois Devlin and her team for all the hard work on the wonderful **Card Party** that was held on March 24th. She was glad to report that \$1,043.71 was collected. What a fun time had by all! Thanks to the bakers and those who donated door prizes! Continued thanks go to Betty Beltz, Tom Hawes, Kathy Arvedlund, Morgan Minnick, Sue Wiant, Theresa Fitzgerald and John Minnick for helping make and serve dinner to the University of Maryland Catholic Student Center on April 9th. They fed over 200 kids with an exemplary menu.

With the member's approval, we committed funds to the following charities from our charity fund: Our Lady of Fatima Church; Casey House, Mid-county United Ministries; The Children's Inn at NIH; St. John the Evangelist Church; St. Joseph's House and the Center for Deaf Ministries.

Our **next meeting** will be held on **May 12 at 7:00pm**. We will be accepting nominations for the **2014 Charity Ball Recipient**. So be prepared to present a brief presentation on your nominee. What they do and how we can help them.

For our **program at next month's meeting**, we welcome Fire Fighters from Station 19 of the Silver Spring District. They will be there with their presentation on fire safety in the home, along with the Medics to discuss the signs of strokes and heart attacks and when to call 911. So please attend one of our last meetings. As usual, don't forget and be generous of giving of cell phones, eye glasses, stamps, toiletries and our adopt-a-soldier programs. And before we know it, hot weather will finally be here. Believe it or not! **Happy Spring!**



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We're supposedly in a new era of financial sobriety. Yet the evidence suggests otherwise.

Amid the rubble of the 2008 financial crisis, there was talk of a return to thrift. For a brief period, it looked like it might happen. According to the Commerce Department's Bureau of Economic Analysis, the monthly savings rate jumped to 8.1% in May 2009.

But that proved to be a statistical blip, not a permanent change. To understand what's happened, consider the longer-term story.

Over the 35 years through 1984, the amount saved as a percentage of post-tax income averaged 11.1% a year, and there wasn't a single year when it fell below 9%. In the years since, the annual savings rate has never gotten as high as 9%. The drop-off was especially sharp after 1992, with the savings rate eventually hitting a low of 2.6% in 2005. Shaken by the Great Recession, Americans boosted their savings rate to 6.1% in 2009. But as the economy has mended, our inclination to save has waned, reaching just 4.5% last year.

For the overall economy, this isn't a bad thing. If everybody turned thrifty, the reduced spending would slow economic growth. But for many families, it augurs badly for their financial future. How will

they pay for retirement?

Sorry excuses. In the past, apologists for America's lowly savings rate have offered their answer. In the late 1990s, it was supposedly OK that we weren't saving because our stock portfolios were ballooning in value. In the early 2000s, it was our homes that were soaring in price.

Problem is, the bull market of the late 1990s and the housing bubble of the early 2000s were essentially borrowing gains from the future. Stock-market investors gave back much of their gains during the 2000-02 and 2007-09 bear markets. Homeowners surrendered much of their housing profits in the 2006-12 decline.

Over the short term, stocks, homes and other assets can rise faster than their underlying fundamentals. But over the long term, fundamentals prevail. In other words, share prices can't rise much faster than corporate earnings, and bonds won't deliver much more than what they yield when you buy them. Meanwhile, home prices shouldn't climb much faster than the ability of families to pay. In fact, history suggests long-run home-price appreciation barely outpaces inflation.

Today, there isn't much for apologists to point to. While home prices still seem reasonable, stocks are on the expensive side and bond yields are wretchedly low. It seems unlikely that another gangbuster bubble will bail out Americans.

No apologies. Americans, it seems, will have to bail themselves out—by finally knuckling down and saving more. For some, that isn't currently an op-

tion, either because they're out of work or they are still struggling to pay down debt taken on during the housing boom.

But for those of us who aren't in either camp, there's no excuse. Over the years, I have met thousands of everyday Americans who have amassed seven-figure portfolios. Many didn't have huge paychecks, and most were so-so as investors. Instead, they shared one key attribute: They had great savings habits.

Are you gainfully employed and yet failing to save 12% to 15% of your income? Here are some steps that might get you on track:

Reap windfalls. If you find it tough to squeeze extra savings out of your regular paycheck, look to save any windfalls you receive. That might be a tax refund, an inheritance, earnings from a second job or reimbursements from the flexible spending accounts that your employer offers for medical, commuting and day-care expenses.

Examine your fixed costs. It's relatively easy to trim discretionary spending, such as eating out, going to the movies and taking a vacation. But your real problem may be high fixed costs, including rent or mortgage, property taxes, car payments, utilities, phone bills, cable TV and insurance premiums. It takes more effort to trim fixed costs. But that may be the key to unlocking the money you need to save.

Automate your savings. Arrange to have money pulled regularly from your checking account or paycheck and deposited directly into a savings account, mutual fund or your employer's 401(k) plan.

Mary's Widows

We finally made it! Thought we might have snow until July, but it's gone! 24 ladies joined us at the Greek Village Restaurant for a delightful lunch. In May we will gather at the China Gourmet in Kensington. You will be called soon.. Hope you had a lovely Easter. Call Lois Devlin, 301-681-7448, if you are interested in joining. You are eligible to join us if your husband was an active Knight of Columbus.

Our Lady of Fatima



Feast Day
May 13th

Squires/Roses Newsletter May 2014



Need those registration forms.

Upcoming events:

- Spring council cleanup
- St Joseph's House Spring Cleanup
- Car Wash
- Paint Ball?
- "Night at the Ball Park" Nats game
- First Sunday of the month Breakfasts
- Squires/Roses council cookout fundraiser
- Numerous council events needing our services

Let's hold our May meeting on Monday May 12th from 7:00 to 8:00, please come prepared to discuss the events above.

Keep telling your friends, we are over 60 strong and growing; I am presently updating our circle with the state. This will avail our circle many new events, activities, scholarships and awards.

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Mommy, I love those bushes with the yellow flowers. Yes dear, those are the beautiful forsythia. Looking unhappy, she asked, "Why are they "for Cynthia"?"

Summer is here and nature's beauty surrounds us. Did you admire the recent annual bloom of all the azaleas in our neighborhoods? Why not spend an afternoon at Brook Side Gardens on a walking tour along the well-marked trails and admire this horticulture wonder. Perhaps you may enjoy seeing the popular butterfly collection. Or you

may enjoy a visit to the Washington's glass enclosed Botanic Gardens on Capitol Hill and step into an area that replicates the hot humid conditions of a jungle rainforest. It's an incredible experience. You will also be amazed at the variety of orchids on display.

The Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima is on May 13th. It is the first of six visits on the 13th day of six successive months in 1917 made by the Blessed Virgin Mary to three young children, Lucia Santos and her two cousins, Jacinta and Francisco. Although the latter children died in the Spanish Flu of 1920, Sister Santos lived to 2005 dying at the age of 97. The then Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger initiated an investigation process that may lead to a future canonization.

Are you going to the Maryland Knights of Columbus Convention in Ocean City from Friday, May 2 to the 4th? The golf tournament is on Thursday just preceding the official ceremonies held at the Princess Royal Hotel. Our Council # 2169 will be represented by many members and our Hospitality Rooms are at both the nearby Clarion Hotel and at the Princess Royal where all the official functions are held. On Saturday afternoon, Rev. Donald Grzymiski, our State Chaplin, will celebrate Mass at St. Luke's Church. Afterward, a banquet dinner will be held at The Princess Hotel. You may wish to visit the K of C Council #9053 which is located on the Bay directly to the rear of St. Mark's Church, 9901 Coastal Hwy.

Do you enjoy viewing good professional photography? I would suggest that many people you know are members of a local photography club and regularly exhibit their work. The Photography Club at Holiday Park Seniors Center displays monthly a new exhibit in the gallery by the cafeteria. There is also an exhibit at many other Senior Centers. If you are in Leisure World's Clubhouse # I, you may view their monthly exhibit on the wall near the restaurant.

In March we lost three members of the Council's Retirees Club. It was sad with Ralph Vallone, PGK, Bob Mabie, PGK, and our beloved brother Paul Higgins all leaving us within a week to join Our Lord in Heaven. The contributions these three men made to their church, their families and to our Council are innumerable. They will certainly never be forgotten by any of us. Rest in Peace with the Lord, Brothers.

The Clubhouse is in need of afternoon bartenders and there may be some retired men in our organization who are looking for something to occupy their time, meet old friends, and simultaneously help the Council. Volunteers will be trained and the workload is light and enjoyable. Anyone interested should contact Mike Miller at msmiller9701@gmail.com or Pat Warner at joswarn-er@verizon.net.

The monthly luncheon meeting will be held on May 27th. We are looking forward to seeing many old friends this Spring.

VP Tom Leonard



The Nation's Withering Soul

"I can, so I will" has become the mantra of today's society. Science and technology have advanced at a prodigious rate, providing man with a greater control over the world in which he lives and with ever increasing capabilities to change virtually every aspect of it. He has produced material benefits and accomplished things that could not even have been imagined a few generations ago. He has viewed the outermost reaches of space, gained knowledge of the earliest days of creation, deciphered the human genome, and discovered the basic elements of life. But how are this knowledge and these capabilities being used?

Science and technology may have progressed, but the same cannot be said of morality. Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. described the current imbalance as: "The means by which we live have outdistanced the ends for which we live. Our scientific power has outrun our spiritual power. We have guided missiles and misguided men." Then, in his acceptance speech for the Nobel Peace Prize, he warned: "If we are to survive today, our moral and spiritual 'lag' must be eliminated. Enlarged material powers spell enlarged peril if there is not proportionate growth of the soul."

Without ascendant principles to govern his increasing abilities, man has produced nuclear power and unleashed nuclear destruction, performed corrective surgery in the womb and, in the United States alone, destroyed some 56 million fetal children since 1973, learned to correct abnormalities in a woman's egg and to have a child genetically-related to three or more parents.

Reproductive science is perhaps the foremost area in which technical capabilities have outstripped morality. The result is that children are beginning to be treated as commodities and their creation as services. A couple desiring a child, but not wanting the "inconvenience" of child bearing, can have her eggs and his sperm united in a laboratory and then hire a surrogate woman to carry the child through term. Gametes from young college-educated men and women are sought after by fertility centers for resale, like consumer products, to infertile couples. In America's anything goes culture, the modern, self-absorbed couple want to design and produce the ideal baby, when they want it, by the means they choose. The idea that a child is the result of his parents' love is giving way to hedonistic license wherein marriage, lifelong commitment and the traditional family have been reduced to options.

While scientific advances have the promise to eliminate much human suffering, in a society unrestrained by a moral code, by a belief in the inherent dignity of every human being, they threaten to create a dystopian future. We are reaching a point where each individual's biological outcome can be predicted *in utero* through his or her DNA. Diseases such as Down syndrome, Lou Gehrig's disease, and muscular dystrophy could be eliminated by genetic selection, with the "defective" pre-born children never coming to term.

Are we prepared, as a society, to expunge the imperfect among us? According to some estimates, in Western countries, more than 90 percent of children diagnosed with Down syndrome before birth are aborted. As even more accurate tests for Down syndrome are developed, no one with the condition may ever be born.

And it is not only the pre-born who are in danger. Euthanasia now is legal in many European countries. There are increasing reports of euthanizing persons who are disabled with no terminal con-

dition, who are cognitively impaired, who are very elderly, and who, like Terri Schiavo, are in long-term comas. In the Netherlands, a healthy woman who was going blind was euthanized because she believed it would be intolerable if she could not tell if her clothes were clean, while an elderly British woman flew to Switzerland to be euthanized because she was disillusioned with modern life. Assisted suicide, which is a voluntary form of euthanasia, is already legal in several American states.

Are there limits to cleansing society of the unwanted? Will it stop at disability? Will the disposable be identified by intelligence, age, family history, genetic purity – criteria which already are used by fertility clinics in accepting donors? Will society move towards becoming genetically-perfect through genetic cleansing?

These are not unrealistic possibilities created by a fertile imagination. In February of this year, the Food and Drug Administration held hearings on gene replacement therapy. If approved, a woman who has a mutation in her mitochondrial DNA -- a condition that could result in her offspring developing epilepsy, blindness or organ failure -- could have the mitochondria in her egg replaced by a healthy version from another woman. The resulting egg would be fertilized in a laboratory with the husband's sperm and implanted in the woman's womb so a "normal" pregnancy could proceed. The resulting child would have three genetic parents. In Britain, the therapy has been approved by the government's Human Fertilization and Embryology Authority, and only awaits Parliament's action to be available.

While the initial justification for the procedure is to remedy a genetic defect, once perfected other purposes will likely be sanctioned. Will the legal system deny both partners in a lesbian relationship to be genetically related to a child one of them will bear? Will the many participants in a polyamorous relationship be allowed to contribute to the genetic pool? As pluripotent stem cell research progresses, will an individual be allowed to clone himself with an egg and sperm created from cells of his own body? Once initial sanction is given, a growing approval creep is hard to stop.

America – indeed the Western world – needs a spiritual renewal, the development of a public morality that can balance the scientific and technical capabilities at man's disposal. The nation's culture must be re-anchored in a deep belief in God, who created men and women in His image and likeness. It must acknowledge the innate dignity of every person and guarantee the right to life from the moment of conception until natural death. It must recognize that every new discovery and every new development is not necessarily an advance for mankind.

The situation is not beyond hope. Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, shortly before his election as Pope, offered guidance to overcome the present societal narcissism:

"Our greatest need in the present historical moment is people who make God credible in this world by means of the enlightened faith they live...It is only by means of men who have been touched by God that God can return to be with mankind."

With God's help, leadership from the pulpit, and our actions and prayers, everything is possible. Will the Knights of Columbus be in the vanguard?

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4. Breakfast 8 am– 12noon Bar: 5-8 8-11	5. Mary's Widows Bar: 5-8 D'Antuono 8-11 McNamara	6. Business Mtg Bar: 5-8 8-11: Evans	7. BINGO Bar: 5-8 ? 8-11 Cavaliere	8. Bar: 5-8 8-11	9. Crew #3 Bar: 5-8 Devol, Carey, Conway, Wigmore 8-11 Cassagnol	10. Bar: 5-8 8-11 McKinney
11. Mother's Day Bar: 5-8 8-11 DeVol; Carey; Conway	12. Maryknight Mtg Bar 5-8 D'Antuono 8-11 McNamara	13. Bar: 5-8 8-11 McNamara	14. BINGO Pizza night 6-8 Bar: 5-8 Carey 8-11 Slattery	15. Bar: 5-8 8-11 Giblin	16. Crew #4 Paul Neff Fried Shrimp, fries, cole slaw Bar: 5-8 8-11 Dassing	17. Family Picnic! 2pm Bar: 5-8 8-11
18. Bar: 5-8 8-11	19 Bar: 5-8 D'Antuono 8-11 McNamara	20. Social Mtg Bar: 5-8 8-11 Moore, Langley	21. BINGO Bar: 5-8 8-11 Jimenez	22. Bar: 5-8 8-11 Maddox, King	23. Crew #5 Joe Marks Bar: 5-8 Spike, McCaw 8-11 Seubert	24. Bar: 5-8 8-11 Grey
25. Bar: 5-8 ? 8-11	26. Bar: 5-8 D'Antuono 8-11 Miller	27. Retirees Luncheon 11:30 Bar: 5-8	28. BINGO Pizza Night 6-8 Bar 5-8 8-11	29. Bar: 5-8 8-11	30. Crew #6 Paul Girolami Bar:5-8 Diane, Margie, Luanne 8-11	31. Bar: 5-8 8-11 Mcleod
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