

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Anton, Edward
Anton, Ronnieann
Aultman, Lloyd
Beeson, Kim
Colona, Benny
Hollick, Bill
Jokerst, Carl
Klaum, Terry
Ranke, Dennis
Romano, Joan
Schlagel, Ron
Somerville, Fr. Walt
Zimmerman, Jim

A prayer for healing

Dear God, we place our worries in Your hands. We place our sick in Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your Servants to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge Your holy will and know that whatsoever You do, You do for the love of us. Amen.

NOTE

If you are unable to attend a meeting and are in need of prayer for yourself or a loved one, just let me or any officer know and we will update the list.

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to these brothers who celebrate birthdays this month.

Charles Chap
Ronald Hanks
Jerry Hillenbrand
George Loftus
Richard Madden
Robert Messenger
Jim Myers
Leo Robles

GRAND KNIGHT'S CORNER

As we put our Christmas decorations away for another year let us remember to keep alive the message and spirit of Christmas. I hope you and your families had a Merry and Blessed Christmas, and may 2003 bring you much happiness and joy.

As you know the Knights of Columbus have been a strong supporter of the Right to Life movement . The month of January marks a significant milestone in that program. It is now 30 years since the United States Supreme Court created a right to kill unborn children in the Roe V. Wade decision. We have now regressed to the point where late term abortions are considered acceptable.

In conjunction with a nationwide March for Life in Washington D. C., and Respect Life Sunday, Southern Arizona Life Team will sponsor a pro-life rally by gathering at Salpointe High School on January 18th. The program begins with a mass at 9:00am. We will then march in a peaceful and prayerful manner to Holy Hope Cemetery starting at noon. Now in its eighth year this event grows stronger each year and will continue to do so if we, and our families, support this meaningful event. This year's rally will focus on our youth and the importance of reaching them with a life-affirming message of hope and positive solutions.

Vivat Jesus,

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Grand Knight
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CONGRATULATIONS!

*Knight of the Month for November –
Dennis Ranke*

*Family of the Month for November –
Dick and Judy Goddard*



Please welcome our two newest members

Tom Anton
Rene Romero

FRATERNAL ACTIVITY SURVEY

I would like to thank all those who have returned their annual survey information to me. However, there are still many of you who have not (you know who you are)! Please bring them to the next meeting or mail them to me by January 15.

FREE THROW CONTEST

Our council will once again host the annual basketball Free Throw Contest. Boys and girls from ages 10 to 14 are eligible. The winners in each age bracket will advance to the District competition. If you know of community bulletin boards or other places where we can hang additional posters, please let Tom Cormier know. We will need extra help running the competition. Contact Tom Cormier 885-3190.

KNIGHTS SUPPORT 'WOMEN DESERVE BETTER' CAMPAIGN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 /PRNewswire/ -- The Pro-Life Secretariat of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring ads by the Women Deserve Better campaign, highlighting the failure of abortion to meet women's needs.

"Abortion is a reflection that we have not met the needs of women. Women deserve better than abortion," the ads read.

The ad campaign will begin in January 2003, coinciding with the 30th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision, which legalized unlimited abortion nationwide.

Beginning January 1st and for the entire month the ads will appear in Washington, D.C. subway trains, buses, and commuter trains as well as in print media.

"According to statistics provided by abortion advocates themselves, the vast majority of women who 'choose' abortion do so precisely because they believed they had no other real choice," said Cathy Cleaver, Director of Planning and Information for the USCCB's Pro-Life Secretariat. "The reasons women most often cite for their abortions are a lack of financial resources and emotional support. Abortion is not a measure of our society's success in meeting the needs of women, but of its failure."

"Abortion is a tragedy, for it sets women against their own children," said Carl Anderson, Chief Executive of the Knights of Columbus. "This is a choice no woman should ever have to make. Our society can, and must, do better to address the needs of women, rather than leaving them and their children to the violence of abortion."

Added Cleaver: "The Catholic Church is pleased to lend its support to this effort. The Church takes a leading role in offering material and spiritual support to women with untimely pregnancies, and its Project Rachel ministries have offered hope and

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healing for women and men suffering because of abortion." The U.S. Catholic bishops have issued a statement, "A Matter of the Heart," to mark thirty years of legal abortion. In the statement, the bishops note, "Many in the last generation fought for legal abortion; but more today know that women deserve better and so fight for the true freedom of women."

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization. In 2001, Knights of Columbus at all levels of the organization raised and distributed to charitable causes a record \$125 million and volunteered 58.9 million hours of service. They are actively involved in numerous pro-life activities at both the local and national levels.

For more information on the Women Deserve Better campaign, please visit <http://www.womendeservebetter.com>

For information on the USCCB Pro-Life Secretariat, please visit <http://www.usccb.org/prolife/index/htm>

For information on the Knights of Columbus, please visit <http://www.kofc.org>

<http://www.prnewswire.com>

CHURCH TEACHING ON ORDINATION OF WOMEN

Brother Mike Fulca made an inquiry to the Catholic Information Service recently concerning the Church teaching on the ordination of women. The text of the reply is reprinted here.

Dear Mr. Fulca,

Thank you for writing to ask about this important issue, which so deeply affects the Church and her members, both male and female, today.

Eight years ago now, on May 22, 1994, the Holy Father published a letter to his fellow bishops entitled *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis*, or Priestly Ordination, in which he reaffirmed and clarified the Church's constant teaching on the reservation of the priesthood to men (i.e., males) alone. The pope cited the Declaration *Inter Insigniores* of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith under Paul VI, which stated that the Church "does not consider herself authorized to admit women to priestly ordination." The reason above and beyond all others is that Christ Himself established things in this way. And to the charge, so common today, that Christ acted under pressure to conform to a patriarchal 1st Century Mediterranean culture, John Paul reiterates what he had said six years earlier in his Apostolic Letter *Mulieris Dignitatem*, On the Dignity and Vocation of Women: "In calling only men as his Apostles, Christ acted in a completely free and sovereign manner. In doing so, he exercised the same freedom with which, in all his behavior, he emphasized the dignity and the vocation of women, without conforming to the prevailing customs and to the traditions sanctioned by the legislation of the time." "Therefore," the Holy Father continues, "in granting admission to the ministerial priesthood, the Church has always acknowledged as a perennial norm her Lord's way of acting in choosing the twelve men whom he made the foundation of his Church." In passing, let me recommend that you obtain a copy of *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis* on-line (you can just enter the title in Google and you'll have no trouble calling it up). It's very short, clear, and precise. And certainly it leaves no doubt whatsoever as to the Church's teaching and its justification. In conclusion, the pope writes: "In order that all doubt may be removed regarding a matter of great importance, a matter which pertains to the Church's divine constitution itself, in virtue of my ministry of confirming the brethren

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(cf. Lk. 22:32) I declare that the Church has no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women and that this judgment is to be definitively held by all the Church's faithful."

It may be that this last statement has been plausibly interpreted as equivalent to an injunction against any further discussion. Certainly the stated intention – "in order that all doubt may be removed" – could readily be understood as rendering any and all further debate superfluous, if not pernicious. I am not sure whether CDF or the Vatican ever issued a statement explicitly *silencing* all discussion. However, what is entirely clear is that any further discussion should only be an issue of attempting to understand better a doctrine already accepted as truth and as a matter of faith "to be definitively held." Thus, discussion explicitly open to the stated agenda that women ought to be ordained, if this discussion is held within a professedly Catholic forum (or for that matter by Catholics in *any* forum), is gravely in error, to say the least. Again, I do not know of any stated anathema or bull of excommunication attached to this offense, but there can be no doubt that it does offend. An important pastoral point, however, should be made here. What is objectively wrong or reprehensible is not always subjectively culpable in the offender: sometimes people genuinely don't understand the nature of their act or its wrongness. This is why education is so important, not to mention humility on the part of those who do have an awareness and clarity regarding one or another matter of faith or morals. In other words, you cannot take for granted that everyone who wants to discuss this topic clearly understands that women's ordination is neither possible, nor in fact an open matter of debate in the Church. Even some members of groups like Future Church or

Call to Action may be ignorant about the precise content of the Church's teaching. In general, however, such groups as these which have a carefully worked out public agenda contrary to Church teaching should not be placated or even countenanced by faithful Catholics, either laymen or priests.

Finally, you raise the important and somewhat difficult question of whether this declaration is "infallible" or not. The answer hinges on the pope's final insistence that "this judgment is *to be definitively held by all the faithful*." To be very brief, this qualification was explicated carefully several years ago, in 1998, in another Apostolic Letter *Ad Tuendam Fidem*. There, in the appended commentary on several new additions to Canon Law concerning what constitutes the truths of faith, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger explains that such teachings have "been set forth infallibly by the ordinary and universal Magisterium." Thus, while such a teaching has not been solemnly defined *ex cathedra*, it is, essentially, no less binding on the faithful.

One further suggestion: I would also print out a copy of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' statement entitled: "Ten Frequently asked Questions about the Reservation of Priestly Ordination to Men." It is a very helpful, thoughtful, compassionate document, and you can get it easily from the USCCB web site. Again, you may just want to enter the title of the document in a google search.

I hope that some of what I have written will prove helpful for you and those in your parish, regardless of whether the meeting has already been held. If you have further questions regarding this or other matters of Church teaching or practice, please write again.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. John A. Farren, O.P.
Director
Catholic Information Service
JAF/mm



TUCSON MARCH FOR LIFE

The Tucson March For Life will take place January 18th. See the attached flyer for details on times and activities. We invite all those who are able to come and march with us. Wear your red shirts and caps and comfortable shoes. We will car-pool from St. Pius again. Departure time will be determined later. Contact Joe Keaney (298-8088) or Pete Karculias (722-7093) for more information.

It is through our eyes that God's compassion looks out on the world.

PREGNANCY HOTLINES (UPDATED)

Any woman who is pregnant and in need can turn for help to the pro-life movement. She never has to feel that abortion is the only option.

**Women's Pregnancy Centers of Tucson
(520) 622-5774.**

**email: cpc@wpctucson.com
Website: www.wpctucson.com/cpc/**

- Nurturing Network 800-TNN-4MOM
- Pregnancy Hotline 800-848-LOVE
- Bethany Christian Services 800-238-4269
- Several Sources Foundation 800-NO-ABORT
- America's Crisis Pregnancy Helpline 800-67-BABY-6*
- Birthright 800-550-4900*
- Good Counsel Homes 800-723-8331*
- Caret 800-395-HELP*
- Catholic Home Bureau (212)371-1000 Exts 2117 and 2187.*

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If you have moved or changed phone numbers, please clip the form below and mail it to the Council address at the top of this bulletin. You can also use this form to change your preference for receiving the bulletin by e-mail. Thank you.

Name: _____
New Address: _____
Street: _____
City: _____
State: _____ ZIP _____
Phone: (____) _____ - _____
e-mail _____
Send Bulletin via e-mail (Y/N): ____
Form Preferred: MS Word _____
PDF _____

TUCSON MARCH FOR LIFE



DATE:

January 18, 2003

LOCATION:

Salpointe Catholic High School
1545 E. Copper
(near Grant Rd. & Campbell)

ACTIVITIES:

Mass 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Rally 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Featured Speaker will be Mr. Steven Moshier, President of Population Research Institute, lectured and published extensively on issues concerning China's politics and society, Washington D.C. activist, celebrated lecturer and author.

Bonus Teen rally 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

RADIX will perform live for our youth the future of the pro-life movement.

March to Holy Hope Cemetery

12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Memorial Service

2:00 p.m.

Memorial Service by the "Statue of Rachel" Monument to the Victims of Abortion.



The March for Life memorializes the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion. It is a prayerful witness to the sanctity of human life, and it must remain dignified and non-provoking in its approach. Therefore, Friends for Life, the organizing committee, retains the right to view and approve all signs that are to be carried in the March. We appreciate your cooperation with regard to this!

Hope to see you there – rain or shine!

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