



St. Paul's Knights of Columbus Council 15001
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August 1, 2023



The Feast of the Assumption is celebrated on August 15th and the Eastern Orthodox and Eastern Catholics celebrate the Dormition of the Mother of God (or Dormition of the Theotokos, the falling asleep of the Mother of God) on the same date, and is preceded by a 14 day fast period.

Eastern Christians believe that Mary died a natural death, that her soul was received by Christ upon death, that her body was resurrected after her death and that she was taken up into heaven bodily in anticipation of the general resurrection.

Orthodox tradition is clear and unwavering in regard to the central point [of the Dormition]: the Holy Virgin underwent, as did her Son, a physical death, but her body – like His – was afterwards raised from the dead and she was taken up into heaven, in her body as well as in her soul.

She has passed beyond death and judgement and lives wholly in the Age to Come. The Resurrection of the Body ... has in her case been anticipated and is already an accomplished fact.

That does not mean, however, that she is dissociated from the rest of humanity and placed in a wholly different category: for we all hope to share one day in that same glory of the Resurrection of the Body that she enjoys even now.¹



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Council 15001

Your Officers for 2023-2024

- Grand Knight.....Daniel McGinn, GK
- Chaplain.....Fr. Dindo “Bruno” Cuario
- Asst. Chaplain.....Fr. Ishaya Samaila
- Deputy Grand Knight...Charley Billingsley
- Chancellor.....Ed Fischer
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- Advocate.....Gary Schulte, PGK
- Recorder.....Andy Picard
- Warden.....Artie Hauer
- Inside Guard.....Tom Roggenkamp
- Outside Guard (1).....Fred Cosme
- Outside Guard (2).....Nathan Duncan

Appointed Officers

- Lecturer.....Gary DeGregorio
- Info. Technical Director.....Nelson Mayo
- Communications.....Jim Gentner
- Newsletter Editor/Publisher..Tom Karl, PGK
- Editorial Staff.....Ted Cherekos
- Knights Website.....John Blome, PGK
- 4th Degree Coordinator...Gary Schulte, PGK

Remember—One new member, per Council, per month.

This is the desire of the Supreme Knight. Can you help us make it happen?

Where have all the flowers gone? Often time, during the Summer months, we can see where the flowers have been and wilted and then gone. But what about the flowers of our childhood? Have they grown and been nurtured or have then also wilted and gone away?

So many times people will blame the pandemic and other misfortunes for the ills of our world, when in reality, it is our unwillingness to look for the simple of all truths. That truth is that God loves us all. He showers us with kindness and therefore, like the flowers that yearn for nourishment, we are able to grow. But without His kindness, we too will wither and go into the unknown with no idea of what we missed.

It is through the activity of a Council that we as members are able to see the many fruits of our Lord. He has showered us with His love and thus enables us to grow into the mighty oak or supple willow or taste giving maple tree. We all learn to bend and not break.

When we see our members at Planned Parenthood praying for the lives of the babies who may not yet get a chance to live or when we help out at the Nun Run and kite flying with the Soccer Club, we are giving back to God some of the love he abundantly gives to us. Likewise, when we are asked to be ushers or Eucharistic Ministers as well as other volunteer activities, don't become like an old oak tree that is inflexible and will break in a windstorm, but rather, be like the flowers that easily bend and yield with the wind.

Soon, all of us will be asked to complete our Safe Environment course for this year. Don't become an unmovable and complaining oak tree, but rather take the time to learn something from the program so that you will be able to help our youth to become those beautiful and robust flowers of the future.

So I add this: *“What is left that only the family can do? According to the new economy – nothing. The leading view today is ‘It Takes a Village,’ that even love can be outsourced to teachers, coaches, clubs and mentors. The truth is that it does take a village, a community, but a community of families working, playing, cooperating and facing obstacles together, not a community of government institutions.” — Oliver DeMille*

For Fraternal Year 2023-2024

The State Theme is:
Faith Over Culture



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Grand Knight's Column

Council 15001: Continuing to Make a Positive Impact in Our World



Grand Knight
Daniel McGinn

Dear Brother Knights,

It has been a busy couple of months for me. I attended two State meetings, completed my 4th Degree, was installed as your Grand Knight, participated in the Family of the Month, presented checks to the Sunshine Soccer League and Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and wrote a couple of newsletter articles.

With all this going on, I find myself reflecting on many topics that I could write about for our newsletter. What words can I share that would impact and inspire each of you as Knights? I kept coming back to the themes of being proud to be a Knight of Columbus, setting an example for our families and those around us, and reminding you all that we are making a positive impact in our world.

Proud to Be a Knight

First and foremost, let us remember the importance of being proud to be a part of the Knights of Columbus. We are part of a long-standing tradition of service and brotherhood started by Father Michael J. McGivney in 1882, and our dedication to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism is unwavering. We have 2 million members worldwide, over 17,000 members in the State of Arizona and 105 members in our Council. It is essential to recognize that our actions do not go unnoticed. Our families, friends and communities observe the dedication and selflessness we demonstrate as Knights. They witness the hours we devote to our faith, charities and the support we provide to our families and each other.

Being an Example for Others

Personally, I cannot help but feel emotional when I think about the influence of my own father and father-in-law, both of whom were Knights themselves. They were great role models as fathers, grandfathers and Catholic men. While I joined the Knights later in my life, after much encouragement from my wife Angie, the example that they set for me continues to shape and guide me on my life's journey. Another strong influence in my life was Jack Swartz, who reminded me so much of my own father. Jack left a legacy as a great Knight and was an example to his family and to all of us. Each of these Catholic men, along with each of you, continues to challenge me to grow in my faith and I strive to be an inspiration and role model for others—especially my family.

Keep up the Good Work

As your newest Grand Knight of Council 15001, I am very proud of our Council and each of you. We are a small but mighty Council with a strong foundation. I'm grateful to our Past Grand Knights, Officers and all of you. We have many outstanding programs and events that meet our principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Together, we are a force for good, and I am confident that our actions will continue to inspire others to join our ranks.

I leave you with this message:

“Do not underestimate the impact you are making as a Knight and the example you are setting for your family and for others. Please continue to keep God at the center, let's support one another and keep up the good work that we do”.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan McGinn
Grand Knight
Council 15001

Being Pro-Life also Means We Need to Pray for the End of Human Slavery & Sex Trafficking!



Council Lecturer
Gary DeGregorio

In our world today, there are millions of people who are trapped in slavery and sex trafficking. The most horrific and devastating example of this activity is the sale of the weakest and most vulnerable in society, our children.

In his video for August, Fr. Mike shares his honest review of the film, "Sound of Freedom," which is currently in theaters and offers a word of encouragement for how each of us can confront this terrible reality head-on and proactively do something about it.

As Knights of Columbus members of St Paul's Council 15001, we need to take 9.5 minutes out of our busy days and watch this video by Fr. Mike which provides an important perspective on this terrible reality. I have included some quotes from the video below so you can get a glimpse into his message. Please watch the video to get the whole story and then share it with family and friends!!! Also consider getting a group together to go see the movie and then get coffee afterwards to talk about it! It is devastating to learn that there are more people trapped in slavery today than at any other time in history of humanity and many of these are women and children.

Watch the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0cscYYBD2kY> (you can click on the link, but if you have to type it into your browser manually, note this link is case sensitive - meaning you must type in the exact letters as upper case or lower case). If you would like to see the actual 2.5 minute movie trailer, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rt0kp4VW1cl>

"This movie is a true story about a man named Timothy Ballard who used to work for Homeland Security focused on busting pedophiles—those who would hurt and abuse children. At one point in his life, someone asked how many of these had he convicted and the number was a couple of hundred, but then they asked how many kids have you saved? It was then he realized that yes, you have to stop those who want to hurt children, but you also have to save these kids!"

"Right now as I speak, there are millions of kids in sex trafficking and child labor. The common thread in these children's lives is that they are poor, they are desperate and they are not protected. This story talks about the men & women who are willing to use everything they have to stop evil and do good to actually rescue kids! Tim Ballard's wife plays a key role in this story. Even though he would lose his government pension, she encouraged him to go and save these children."

"I encourage you to go watch this movie, not only to support it, but seek change through the power of his story! It is a real movie, not a documentary and while it is difficult to watch, it is not graphic. This film was made 5 years ago and they could not get anyone to release it until recently—due to forces trying to keep this message from reaching the masses."

My wife and I saw this movie and it is very much worth seeing and then constantly praying for children caught in slavery!

God Bless you and your families,

SK Gary DeGregorio
Lecturer,
St Paul's Council 15001



In Memoriam

Sadly, once again this month we have to report the loss of another Brother Knight—Michael Robinson whose death was reported to our insurance agent, Wes Casaus on July 20th. Mike apparently died from a heart attack. Please keep him as well as his family in your prayers.



Michael Robinson

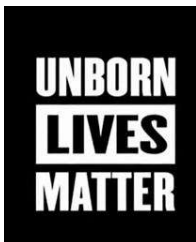
Dr Elly Monroe, a fellow St. Paul's parishioner, sent a message that another Knight, Thomas Goss, passed away on June 26, 2023. He is survived by his wife, Mary. Tom's wife is currently living and being cared for by their daughter. (No photo was provided)

Prayer for All The Faithful Departed

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

Rosary at Planned Parenthood on July 9th.

It was heartwarming to see several of our Knights and families praying at the Planned Parenthood facility, showing their love of the gift of life that we are all entrusted to help protect. Thank you worthy members of our community for advocating for those who have yet to be able to utter a word in their own defense. Let us always be their defenders!



[Knights of Columbus: Pro-Life Fund Raising Events](#)

As Knights of Columbus members, we are each called to protect life from conception to natural death! With Roe v. Wade being overturned, it is even more important that we support our local Pro-Life organizations with their annual fundraising events. Here are two Pro-Life Fundraising Events. We would like to see St Paul's Knights of Columbus have all 20 tickets for Laugh4Hope covered (more can be purchased if needed) and all 24 seats at the Aid for Women's Gala filled (more tables can be reserved if needed). Thank you in advance for prayerfully considering attending one of these Pro-Life Fundraising Events! Contact information is included below for each event.

Friday, Sept 1st, 2023 -- Laugh4Hope benefits Life Choices Women's Clinics and Hope Mobile Clinic. See more information in the image below. Kirk LaPlante has purchased 20 tickets in advance so we can have great seating. Please contact him at dklaplante@gmail.com or call/text him at 602-570-4977 to reserve your tickets and arrange for payment to Kirk directly (\$25 per ticket). We already have 15 of the 20 tickets reserved, so act quickly to get a spot at this event! We can purchase more if needed.



Laugh4Hope
Friday, Sept. 1, 2023

Laugh4Hope benefits
Life Choices Women's Clinics and Hope Mobile Clinic

Laugh4Hope is an annual family-friendly comedy night that brings hope to the community through laughter

The annual Laugh4Hope stand-up comedy nights are super funny and totally clean! Laugh4Hope promises you a night of good, clean laughter.

The humor is aimed at adults and older children/teenagers. It'll keep you laughing for days!

Designed to both uplift and encourage community in the Valley, proceeds benefit local, non-profit, low-cost healthcare centers that serve women in need across the Greater Phoenix area, Life Choices Women's Clinic and its mobile unit, the WOP Mobile. Our reason is simple: to provide a night of clean comedy that warms people and serves a greater purpose, all while laughing at the humorous irregularities of life! In these hectic times, get back to the basics with your family and loved ones, and reconnect with your co-workers and friends by laughing together for a fun, memorable night.

Laugh4Hope will also feature comedian
Jonnie W.



Jonnie W.

Entering the comedy scene with nothing more than a guitar and Jonnie's razor-sharp wit, he has gone on to entertain audiences nationwide. When not performing at solo events, Jonnie joins fellow funny man Tim Hawkins on his "Rockshow Comedy Tour", delivering the funny at sold out shows coast to coast.

Jonnie blends musical chops, mad vocals, and off-beat standup for a hilariously unique comedy experience. His first DVD, "Angry Sandwich" was a huge success and his follow-up, "Live From Franklin Theatre" is a must have for all comedy fans.



Introducing David Ferrell



David's performance is 100% clean and suitable for all ages and backgrounds. David is a multi-time nominee for Comedy Act of the Year by the Inspirational Country Music Awards, sharing the honor with Mark Lowry, Dennis Swanberg, Chonda Pierce, and some of the biggest names in clean comedy! He was also named one of Five Hot Corporate Acts by Event Solutions Magazine along with "America's Got Talent" winner Terry Fator, TV Star Frank Caliendo, and the legendary Blue Man Group.

Aid to Women Center
2023 GALA

Saturday, September 16

Together We Can Do Great Things

4:00 - 5:00 Mass at Corpus Christi
Presided by Auxiliary Bishop Nevares and Bishop Ementus Olmsted

5:00 - 6:30 Reception/Cocktail Hour at the Arizona Grand Resort

6:30 - 9:00 Dinner & Keynote Speaker at the Arizona Grand Resort

Keynote Speaker: Nicole C. Mullen



Nicole Mullen is known as an undeniably talented artist who is unafraid to be vulnerable and transparent with her audience.

Nicole continues a legacy of sincerity and artistic integrity that has been recognized with two Grammy® Award nominations and nine Gospel Music Association Dove Awards, including two Female Vocalist of the Year honors, Song of Year for "Redeemer" & "On My Knees," and the Urban Album of the Year for "Everyday People."

Nicole, now a single mom, is familiar with broken relationships. She can relate to those who have walked through abuse, betrayal, and hurt. She has learned to forgive and how to come out of a 'night season' stronger than ever.

[Aid to Women Center Gala 2023](#)

Saturday, September 16, 2023 -- Aid to Women Center is a non-profit pregnancy center that seeks to help women-in-need by providing the resources and assistance needed for a woman to choose life for her unborn child.

There is NO COST for the Gala's sit-down dinner since they have benefactors who are covering the cost so that you can make a separate tax-deductible gift of your own that 100% goes to them. St Paul's Council has reserved 3 tables of 8. Please contact Gary DeGregorio at gary.degregorio@gmail.com or call/text him at 847-980-2831 to reserve your seats at a table. We already have 4 of the 24 seats reserved, please act quickly to get your name on the list!

Officer Installation - July 5, 2023

Our Council Members and their families attended the annual Officer Installation for Council 15001 in O'Carroll Hall on the St. Paul's parish campus on July 5. District 25 District Deputy Rich Ryan, conducted the installation ceremonies, who was accompanied by Mark Orceletto as his District Warden.

The annual passing of the gavel from Past Grand Knight Francis Abijaoude to the incoming Grand Knight Dan McGinn, who had served as his DGK. Following the installation ceremonies, the guests was treated to cake and ice cream.

The Following Officers were Installed

Grand Knight: Dan McGinn
Chancellor: Ed Fischer
Advocate: Gary Schulte, PGK
Warden: Artie Hauer
Outside Guard #1 : Fred Cosme
3 yr. term) Trustee: Francis Abijaoude, PGK
(1 yr. term) Trustee: Al Gillis, PGK
Chaplain: Fr. Bruno Cuario
Lecturer: Gary DeGregorio

Deputy Grand Knight: Charles Billingsley
Treasurer: Jim Cairo
Recorder: Andy Picard
Inside Guard: Tom Roggenkamp
Outside Guard #2: Nathan Duncan
(2 yr. term) Trustee: Richard Diefendorf, PGK
Financial Secretary: Kirk LaPlante, PGK
Asst. Chaplain : Fr. Ishaya Samalia
Info. Tech Director: Nelson Mayo

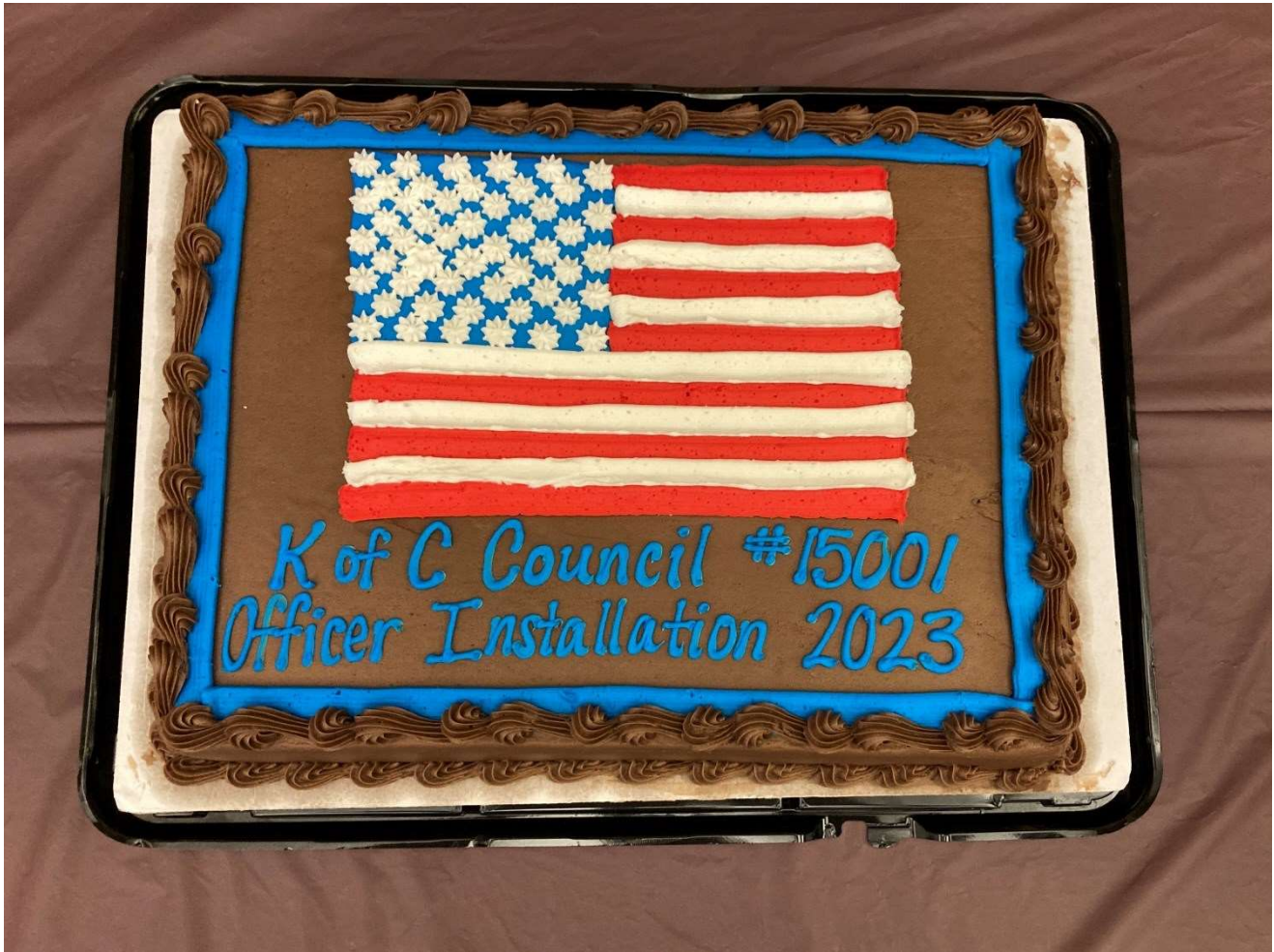


(Left to Right): District Deputy Rich Ryan, Andy Picard, Artie Hauer, Gary DeGregorio, Ed Fisher, Nate Duncan, PGK Richard Diefendorf, GK Dan McGinn, Fr. Bruno Dindo Cuario, Tom Roggenkamp, Charles Billingsley, PGK Al Gillis, WFS Kirk LaPlante, Mike Aguilar, Francis Dzielak, Nelson Mayo, and District Warden Mark Orceletto.



Photos courtesy of Mary Hauer.

Photo taken by Brother Nelson Mayo during the installation of Officers.



Mass Intentions for the Dearly Departed

Our Financial Secretary, PGK Kirk LaPlante, has requested Mass intentions for our departed Brother Knights. The Mass schedule and time for each of our deceased members is below:

Brother Michael Murphy, September 7, 2023 & September 24, 2023, Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Brother Ken Long, September 8, 2023 & October 1, 2023, Sunday, 12:00 p.m.

Brother Charles Kime, October 9, 2023 & December 10, 2023, Sunday, 12:00 p.m.

Brother Thomas Goss, October 11, 2023 & December 17, 2023, Sunday, 7:30 a.m.

Brother Michael Robinson, October 23 (Monday) and December 24 (Sunday) both at 7:30 a.m.

Blessed Fr. Michael J McGivney Mass Scheduled

Members of St. Paul's Council 15001 can honor our Knights of Columbus founder Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney, and also fulfill your Sunday mass obligation, by attending the 7:30 p.m. Sunday August 27 Mass at St. Paul's which is specially dedicated in honor of Fr. McGivney. The date of August 13 has been designated as Fr. McGivney's official feast day (he was born on Aug. 12 and died on Aug. 14), so this will be an annual date that all Knights of Columbus Councils will be honoring in the future.

Help Needed for the Seminarian Dinner
August 7, 2023

Our Council's Annual Seminarian Dinner is just around the corner - Monday August 7th @ 4 p.m. at Mount Claret.

For those who have not participated in the past, it's a wonderful event where we provide a "healthy" (**NOT!**) meal for approximately 30 seminarians and a few priests!! **

This is a unique opportunity to sit down and have a meal with the next generation of priests in our diocese - very worthwhile!!

Deputy Grand Knight Charley Billingsley is the event captain and he needs 16- 18 Brothers (8 have signed up so far). Please text at 602-524-5034 or email Charley at billingsley@mac.com if you are available.

Summer Blood Drive— July 23, 2023
A Thank you to our Donors

For the last 3 weeks, Jerry Surdakowski, Jim Soderlund and Thomas VanBuren have been leading the effort (even in the horrible summer heat) to sign up as many donors for the blood drive at St. Paul's on July 23, 2023. As of today, they have registered 37 donors. Blood donations are low and demand is high especially during the summertime. A thank you to all our St Paul's Knights members and parishioners. Most importantly, a thank you to our Council's blood donor team.

Donation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus of South Sudan

As you all know, since our successful June Bingo night and the matching contribution from an unknown donor, our Council presented a \$2,000 check during Sr. Georgina's 25th Anniversary Jubilee. The Council's donation during her Jubilee was to fund a building of a boarding school and funds for girls who are looking to enter the religious life in South Sudan.

Our Council's generosity does not stop there!!! Before our 9:30 a.m. Mass, our Council presented a \$1,000 donation to Sr. Rose Santa's and Sr. Georgina Victor's religious order, the Sacred Heart of Jesus of South Sudan.



(Left to Right): Mike Aguilar, Jerry Surdakowski, Sr. Rose, Jim Soderlund, PGK Francis Abijaoude, WFS Kirk LaPlante, GK Dan McGinn, Sr. Georgina and Andy Picard

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On Sunday July 23rd, Council 15001 held the 2nd of three blood drives at St. Paul's church in Phoenix. Once again, they facilitated the mid-summer drive.

Parishioners and K of C and family members as well as people from the neighborhood - 38 in total - left their air conditioned homes and gathered at their scheduled time to donate. There were twenty seven successful donations made.

Pledge to Donate Blood on behalf of Knights of Columbus & St. Paul Catholic Church
Scan QR Code to Pledge.



The summer blood drive has never been one of our best drives. Many donors leave Phoenix in June not to be seen again until mid-September or later. With a seven day 110 degrees plus heat wave, people have been going to the west coast or to Northern Arizona to escape the heat.

The "Pledge" program I have spoken about, since the Covid quarantine, has ended and leaped forward during this blood drive. Vitalant has made up a QR Code unique to St. Paul's Catholic Parish in Phoenix, Arizona. The Blood Drive Team started handing them out on July 1st. When ever the Vitalant Donor donates Whole Blood, Power Red, Platelets or Plasma at ANY Vitalant Blood Drive or Donation Center, that donor should scan the QR Code with their Smartphone, fill out the requested information and St. Paul's will be credited with the donation.



Any Questions email me or text me at (602) 670-2419

Vivat Jesus

Jim Soderlund
Chairman, Parish Blood Drives



[2023 Arizona Rosary Celebration](#)



**Arizona
Rosary Celebration**
Bring family, friends, and your heartfelt prayer petitions.

**Sunday
October 15, 2023
2:00 - 4:15 pm**

*Doors open at noon for
adoration, confession, exhibits.*

Phoenix Convention Center
South Building, Halls F & G
33 S. 3rd St., Phoenix, AZ 85004

Information:
John McNulty (602) 568-7047
info@AZRosary.net www.AZRosary.net

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for Us

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DIOCESE OF PHOENIX**

Let's Pray the Rosary, Arizona!

The planning for upcoming 2023 Arizona Rosary Celebration is underway. This year's celebration will honor Mary under her title of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. The Phoenix Celebration is scheduled for October 15, 2023 at the Phoenix Convention Center. If you are interested in volunteering or want to place some advertising in the program book, please send an e-mail to info@AZRosary.net

Our Lady of Mount Carmel or Virgin of Carmel, is the title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary in her role as patroness of the Carmelite Order, which is particularly done within the Catholic Church. The first Carmelites were Christian hermits living on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land during the late 12th and early to mid—13th century. They built in the hermitages a chapel which they dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, whom they conceived of in chivalric terms as the "Lady of the Place." Our Lady of Mount Carmel was adopted in the 19th century as the patron saint of Chile.

Since the 15th century, popular devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel has centered on the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, also known as the Brown Scapular. Traditionally, Mary is said to have given the Scapular to an early Carmelite named Simon Stock (1165–265). The liturgical feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is celebrated on July 16th.

[A "Callout" to our St Paul's Ministers](#)

During a Vatican conference in February, Pope Francis went on to list some of the many ways laypeople can participate in the life of the Church. Some of these items included performing some forms of preaching; collaborating with priests in the formation of children, young adults, seminarians and religious novices; spiritual directing, preparing engaged couples for marriage and accompanying married couples. He also went on to say, "The lay faithful are not 'guests' in the Church, they are at home, so they are called to take care of their own home."

As we all know, St Paul's is currently struggling to find enough Liturgical Ministers to cover all Mass times without having so many serve every week. If you are interested in serving in a liturgical ministry or just want to know more, please contact any of the ministry leaders listed below.

Lay Ministry of the Eucharist: Dr. Elly Monroe, e-mail: drelly7@cox.net

Ministry of Altar Servers: Jeanne Cosme, e-mail: jeannecosme@76@gmail.com

Ministry of Cantors and Music: Jojo Concepcion, e-mail: music@stpaulsphoenix.org

Ministry of Hospitality (Ushers): David Sedlmeier, e-mail: davidsedlmeier@yahoo.com

Ministry of Lectors: Claire Granger, e-mail: claire.granger@cox.net

Minister of Sacristan: Frances D'Angelo, e-mail: fdangelo@msn.com

Ministry of Pastoral Care: Mary Harvey, e-mail: maryharvey@cox.net

Ministry of Rosary Leaders: Gloria Santos, e-mail: gsant6.gs@gmail.com

2023-2024 Fraternal Year Pin and Theme Unveiled

At the Arizona State Council organizational meetings held on July 7, 2023 our newly elected State Deputy, Tom Kato, unveiled the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year Theme and Pin. The theme for this year is "[Faith over Culture](#)".

The Definition of Culture is Culture: "The customs, arts, social institutions and achievements of a particular nation, people or social group."

The Definition of Culture is Custom: "Long established practice considered as unwritten law."

Essentially, the customs set forth over the last 50-60 years have now been incorporated into our culture.

St. John Paul the Great referred to this new culture as the "culture of death".

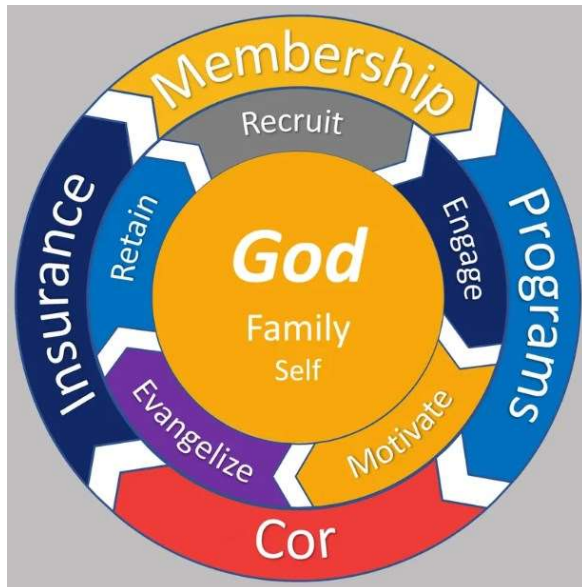
We need to build the New culture.

- ◆ Culture of life
- ◆ The Culture of Jesus fully present in the Eucharist: body and blood, soul and divinity.

However, Culture is not static. It evolves over time and is influenced by various factors such as **politics, media, technology,** and **globalization**. What was once considered acceptable in a particular culture may no longer be deemed so in another era. This ever-changing nature of Culture highlights the importance of prioritizing faith over culture.

Catholicism teaches that our **faith** should shape our actions and worldview, not the other way around. Our faith must take precedence over cultural norms when there is a conflict between the two.

As a Knights of Columbus, following Blessed McGivney's vision, let us ensure that we choose Faith over Culture!



Meaning of the Knight's Emblem

The Knights of Columbus Emblem



The Columbian coat of arms consists solely of straight lines and angles, symbolizing the determination, tenacity, firmness and courage that the Order's founders had to overcome in their effort to face cultural difficulties and to defend their faith and while operating in a difficult historical and political period.

Figures and Symbols

The Columbian Coat of Arms contains three symbolic elements: the sword, the anchor and the battle axe, recalling the noble and illustrious deeds of the Order's founders.

The sword and the anchor, placed one over the other, form a sort of "X" or St Andrew's cross.

The sword symbolizes honor, distinction, bravery and courage.

The anchor, an instrument designed to hold a ship in place, represents that which attaches, stops, consolidates and stabilizes.

The battle axe, placed on the shield, symbolizes action taken to overcome obstacles or ambushes on the road to accomplishing one's objectives.

The bundle represents the solid grouping of people come together to realize a common ideal under the guidance of a recognized leader. It symbolizes teamwork, the strength inherent in unity and fraternity.

The Colors

The blue (azure), represents the sky, that is, God who watches over the world. It is the symbol of hope, peace, and confidence.

The white (silver) is innocence, frankness and purity of intention.

The yellow (gold) denotes indestructible goods, the richness that comes with hard work.

The red symbolizes giving of one's self, courage, valor and heroism in the fight for one's faith, one's language and one's rights.

The Fourth Degree Emblem



The Fourth Degree emblem is made up of three distinct symbols which represent the three persons of the Holy Trinity.

Figures and Symbols

The cross represents God the Son, redeemer of all men.

The globe represents God the Father, creator of the universe and all things visible and invisible.

The Helmet placed on the upper part of the Coat of Arms The Dove represents God the Holy represents rank or degree of nobility. On the coat of arms Spirit, sanctifier of the world, breath of a warrior it is the noblest and principal ornament. life and inspiration for all men.

The little white triangle, above the helmet and pointing These three symbols remind the upward, symbolizes the flame which lights and guides. Knights that they have the faith and belief in the Trinity.

Colors

Blue (azure) symbolic of innocence.

White (silver) is the symbol of integrity.

Yellow (gold) is intended as the symbol for the riches acquired through hard work.

Red stands for courage, valor and giving of one's self.

The colors emphasize the basic principle of the Fourth Degree: PATRIOTISM.





FAITH

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FAMILY

LIFE

Promoting the Domestic Church— Families

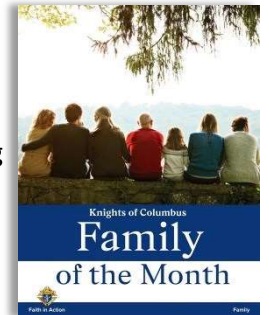
The Knights of Columbus Order has always been interested in the development of strong and vibrant families. To support this philosophy and to create an awareness of many of our parish families, our Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, located in New Haven, Connecticut started the “Family of the Month” program in 1978. The “Family of the Month” program has become a successful part of our “Faith in Action” program.

Family of the Month

The Knights of Columbus “Family of the Month” Program promotes and recognizes families who outwardly exhibit strong ties of love and faith, demonstrating Catholic family values, and how the family makes meaningful contributions to our parish and the community.

Our Council has established a “Family of the Month” committee whose responsibility it will be to select a “Family of the Month”. The committee is made up of our St. Paul’s Knights of Columbus Council members and the St. Paul’s parish staff. We are working together to get recommendations for selecting a “Family of the Month”. Our “Family of the Month” committee is not looking for “Super Families”, but we are looking for families who live traditional Catholic family values like:

- Is the family tight knit? Does the family spend quality time together?
- Does the family attend weekly Mass together? Does the family pray together outside of Mass?
- Has the family made significant contributions to the parish and church community?
- Does the family serve as a model of Catholic family values?



On the 15th day of each month — from August through July — the “Family of the Month” submissions will be drawn at random from entries received at our Supreme Council offices in New Haven, Connecticut. Each of the selected families will receive a special Holy Family gift, and a personal letter of congratulations from our Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly. These items will be mailed directly to the family’s home address.

Family of the Year



Our “Family of the Month” Committee is also participating in selecting a “Family of the Year”. The “Family of the Year” selection process is the same as the “Family of the Month”. An eligible “Family of the Year” recipient must be a Knights of Columbus family that has been selected in the last 12 months. Our committee will consider whether the family has continued to show the traits of a strong Catholic family as well as promoting the principles of our Church and the principles of the Order of the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council will make a “Family of the Year” selection received from all of the Knights of Columbus State Councils. The “Family of the Year” will be invited to attend the annual Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention where a special presentation will be made.

If you know a Catholic family you would like us to recognize, please call our Family of the Month Chairman, Phil Tabbita, PGK, at 202-256-9642 or send an email to Ptabbita@apwu.org

Fourth Degree News and Notes

Bishop William Z. Gomes Assembly #1805

By: SK Ted Cherekos

Each month, we would like to include news and notes about the 4th Degree of our Order. Several of our Council members belong to the 4th Degree, and are members the “Bishop William Z. Gomes Assembly #1805”. The members meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church at 11020 N 40th Street. The church is located between Shea Blvd. and Cactus Rd. If you are 3rd Degree or a CUF member, and you are interested in becoming a 4th Degree member, please contact Gary Schulte PGK/PFN for more information and an application form.



Fourth Degree News and Notes

By: SK Ted Cherekos

The next two scheduled 4th Degree ceremonies are being set for Tucson in September, and November in Phoenix. The Phoenix 4th Degree ceremony is scheduled for November 4, 2023 at Our Lady of Joy in Carefree. If you are interested in registering to become a 4th Degree member, please see Gary Schulte or Ted Cherekos for more information.

Each ‘Degree’ of the Knights of Columbus is associated with a particular virtue— Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. The Fourth Degree being “Patriotism or as it commonly known known as ‘The Patriotic Degree’.

What is the Patriotic Degree?

The Fourth Degree was established in New York on 22 February, 1900. The requirements for joining the 4th are that a brother Knight must be a third degree member in good standing, be an exemplary Catholic, and be of sound citizenship of his country.

The Fourth Degree is frequently regarded as an honorary title but should rather be thought of in terms of service to church and country, and the goals of the Fourth Degree may be summarized as the promotion of the ideals of Catholicism and Patriotism side by side.

The Goals of the Fourth Degree

The goals of the Fourth Degree Are:

- To promote and strengthen the patriotic spirit of the civic community.
- To educate its members, and others, both in the teachings of Holy Mother Church, and the history of our nation.
- To promote by example the highest type of citizenship so necessary for the preservation and perpetuation of republican form of government, and its democratic institutions.
- To oppose dissemination and spread of doctrine dangerous to our form of government, and to the Divine law of faith and morality.
- To support by word and deed, the duly constituted authorities of local, state and national government and to recognize excellence in public life.

It is not unusual to find Fourth Degree Knights participating visibly in church events, such as Eucharistic processions and others, in the community, standing up for the unborn and the elderly at Pro-Life events and commemorating the sacrifices of previous generations.

The primary purpose of the Fourth Degree is to foster the spirit of patriotism by promoting responsible citizenship and a love of and loyalty to the Knights' respective countries through active membership in local Fourth Degree groups called Assemblies.

At this time, when our way of life is being challenged both locally and globally, we ask that all men rise up to answer the call of becoming a Fourth Degree member to show that we will publicly defend both our rights and religious responsibilities



S.E.T. Remains as Very IMPORTANT

Well, it's that time of year when we need to remind all our Knights that they need to prepare to complete our Safe Environment training course for 2023-2024.

For those Knights who have completed the course, already, thank you.

If you have completed the course, please send me your S.E.T. Certification ASAP. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Joseph Castellarin at IT@stpaulsphoenix.org. He'll be more than happy to assist you.

Should you have any questions or need help, please feel free to contact Joseph Castellarin at IT@stpaulsphoenix.org or you can contact the diocese directly using their phone number 602-354-2000 during business hours.

Thank you for everything that you do for the Knight of Columbus at St. Paul's. It is because of you that Council 15001 is one of the best, if not the best, Council in Arizona!

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Why Is The English Language So Hard To Learn?

The fact that Kansas and Arkansas are pronounced differently bothers me way more than it should.

Pronouncing words that end in tough'. Cough, bough, rough, dough, through, though....

Is the "S" or "C" in scent silent?

Why does fridge have a "D" in it. but refrigerator doesn't?

Why are Zoey and Zoe pronounced the same but Joey and Joe aren't?

You can drink a drink but you can't food a food.

The word "queue" is just a Q followed by four silent letters

Why is a "w" called a "Double U" when it is clearly a "Double V"?

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The Cosme Family



Our Council’s Family Director, Phil Tabbita and the Family of the Month selection committee would like to introduce to you our July 2023 Family of the Month—The Cosme Family. Our committee chose the Cosme Family to recognize and highlight their service and contributions to our St Paul’s Catholic Church community.

Fred and Jeanie and their daughter Jamie-Faye became members at St Paul’s in 2004. They have four children, three older boys, Karlos, Makimus, and Markus, and their daughter Jaime–Faye. They also welcomed their first grandchild, Elaina, who is six months old.

Back home in the Philippines, she volunteered for the Red Cross and Christ the King parish for many years. At the Christ the King parish she served as their volunteer parish secretary. Jeanie Cosme is a very active member at St Paul. She is a member of the Liturgy Committee. She serves as a sacristan, altar server, Eucharistic Minister, and an usher. She is also the Altar Server ministry leader responsible for recruiting and training altar servers — both young and older adults. She currently training nine altar servers, and her program continues to grow. She also a Women’s Guild member where she is currently holds the position as their Hospitality Committee lead. She has also held different Women’s Guild leadership positions— Co-President, Vice-President, and Secretary. For her service, Jeanie

was named as the Woman of the Year in 2013-2014 by the Phoenix Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (PDDCW). The biggest question everyone asks Jeanie, is she retired? No, she is not. She has been working in human resources for 30 years.

Her husband, Fred Cosme, worked many years for a printing company, Reynolds & Reynolds. Since retiring, Fred is an active member of our St Paul’s Knights of Columbus Council #15001. He is currently serving as our Outside Guard position for the 2023-2024 Fraternal year. He is an active liturgical minister, serving as an usher at our 12:00 p.m. Sunday mass. On the side, Fred is a great cook and caterer. Fred and Jeanie have sponsored the annual St Paul’s parish staff and the Knights of Columbus Christmas parties.

Their youngest daughter, Jaime-Faye, was baptized at St Paul’s and she received the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation. Like her mom and dad, Jaime is always willing to volunteer. Jaime-Faye started as an altar server at age 10, Eucharistic Minister at 16, and she became St Paul’s youngest lector at 17. For her service, Jaime-Faye was named the 2017 Young Woman of Year by the Phoenix Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (PDDCW). She is currently living in Phoenix, and she is working full time as an office coordinator for the Basis Phoenix Central.

During our July 2, 2023, 9:30 a.m. mass, Phil Tabbita introduced Fred and Jeanie Cosme. They were presented their Family of the Month certificate by our Grand Knight Dan McGinn along with our Past Grand Knight Francis Abijaoude. At the conclusion of the ceremony during the mass, the Cosme Family was blessed by Father Bruno.



RETIREMENT ANNUITIES

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What is it?

An annuity is a retirement savings product. You make contributions, and, after a specified amount of time, the annuity pays you a regular income stream.

Who needs it?

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How does it work?

Knights of Columbus retirement annuities come with many different payment and plan types (see below) which determine the nature of the annuity. Once established, the money within a Knights of Columbus annuity continues to earn value, before eventually disbursing according to the options that you elect.

Knights of Columbus annuities also come with two important guarantees.

First, with a Knights of Columbus annuity, your principal is guaranteed. Regardless of market condition or company results, your Knights of Columbus annuity will not lose value.

Second, each Knights of Columbus annuity comes with a guaranteed minimum interest rate. No matter how much the market fluctuates, your annuity is guaranteed to never earn less than the contractually stated amount on an annual basis.

What options do I have?

Payment Type

There are three payment types for Knights of Columbus annuities:

Single Premium Annuity – You make a single, lump-sum payment that accrues interest until you elect to begin withdrawals.

Flexible Premium Annuity – Premium payments can be made on a regular or irregular basis. We encourage Electronic Transfer of Funds (EFT) with the frequency of payments determined by you. In addition, you have the option to choose your payment schedule.

Single Premium Immediate Annuity – Purchased with a single payment, it begins to pay out immediately.

Plan Types

In the United States, the Knights of Columbus annuities have three available plans:

Non-Qualified Annuity

Traditional Individual Retirement Annuity

Roth Individual Retirement Annuity



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If you have any questions about annuities or any insurance product offered by the Knights of Columbus, please contact your Knights of Columbus field agent today to learn more about our retirement annuities, and about the safety and security that we can help provide.

Birthdays—August 2023

Aug 01	Anthony Vechiola		Aug 01	Kerran Pettit
Aug 04	Gary Parsons		Aug 05	Mary Weege
Aug 04	Francis Dzielak		Aug 28	Kathleen Blome
Aug 07	James MacDonald		Aug 29	Lynn Bryant
Aug 13	Steven Pettit			
Aug 15	Maurus Bachmeier			
Aug 16	Andre Cerna			
Aug 17	William Hintze			
Aug 21	Richard Diefendorf			
Aug 24	Paul Reeves			
Aug 30	Bernard Cook			

NOTE: Wives' birthday list was taken from the Council Membership Survey which was turned in by members of the Council.

*We would really like every member to complete this survey
so that we can have the most complete and accurate birthday listing available*

Our Knights In Action

During the past Fraternal Year, PGK Richard Diefendorf sent a full year listing of the types of volunteer service hours, in a form format, to each member. We will try to continue that by providing a two-month list for you to fill out and give to the Financial Secretary. **You may also include any ministries that your wife and family participate in.** This means that you may include time for any and all parish ministries: EM, Adorer, Usher, Lector, Altar Server, Dusting Angels, RCIA, teaching or assisting at Catechesis, prayer shawls, decorating the Church at Christmas and Easter, attending Degree ceremonies, and of course the picnic and Campus cleanup. These are only a few of the things we and our Families do.

Monthly Record of Volunteer Service Hours for Council 15001

July

Officers' Installation _____
 2nd Sunday P.P. Rosary _____
 Servers _____
 EM _____
 Lector _____
 Adoration _____
 Other: _____

August

Seminarians Dinner—Mount Claret _____
 2nd Sunday P.P. Rosary _____
 Servers _____
 EM _____
 Lector _____
 Adoration _____
 Other: _____

Whether for Flu, RSV or Covid, be Wise and Immunize!



August 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 General Meeting Conference Room 7:00 p.m. 	3	4	5
6 Donut Sunday 	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Rosary at Planned Parenthood 	14	15 Assumption of Mary 	16	17	18	19
20	21 Officers' Meeting 7:00 p.m. Conference Room 	22	23	24 Assembly 1805 Meets at St. Joseph's 7:00 p.m. 	25	26
27 Fr. McGivney's Mass at 7:30	28	29	30	31		

Upcoming Events For August/September 2023

August 2023

- Aug. 02 General Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m. Conference Room
- Aug. 06 Family of the Month at 9:30 a.m. Mass
- Aug. 07 Seminarian Dinner at Mount Claret Retreat Center
- Aug. 13 Rosary at Planned Parenthood
- Aug. 17 Officers' Meeting 7 p.m. in Conference Room
- Aug. 21 Officers' Meeting 7:00 p.m. Conference Room
- Aug. 24 Assembly 1805 Meets at St. Joseph's 7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 27 Fr. McGivney's Mass at 7:30 a.m.

This applies to the Flu,
RSV Virus and Covid!



September 2023

- Sep. 01 Laugh4Hope at St. Xavier
- Sep. 03 Family of the Month at 9:30 a.m. Mass
- Sep. 04 Labor Day
- Sep. 06 General Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m. Conference Room
- Sep. 10 Rosary at Planned Parenthood
- Sep. 16 Aid to Women Gala at Arizona Grand Resort Ballroom
- Sep. 18 Officers' Meeting 7:00 p.m. Conference Room
- Sep. 23 BINGO doors open at 5:00 p.m. and Bingo starts approximately 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room



Remember: Hot water and soap will shorten the life of a virus. Also, wearing a mask may also make a difference.

Attention All Event Chairmen: After your event, please ensure that photos are sent to your Newsletter Editor for inclusion in the next newsletter.



Prayer to End Abortion

We often discuss in the newsletters and during General Meetings the need to have Rosary Saturday which is the second Saturday of each month. While many of you are able to take some time out of your valuable day, it would be a great example to yourselves, your family and your parish to make an appearance as often as possible. Every prayer is valuable to you and to our Blessed Mother Mary. It is through Her that we ask for God's intercession to stop the needless killing of convenience that is occurring. So once again, we ask you to try to come to as many of the Rosary Saturdays as possible during each year.

*Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life,
And for the lives of all my Brothers and sisters.
I know there is nothing that destroys more life than
abortion,
Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death
by the Resurrection of Your Son.
I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.
Today I commit myself
Never to be silent,
Never to be passive,
Never to be forgetful of the unborn.*

*I commit myself to be active in the pro-life
movement,
And never to stop defending life
Until all my Brothers and sisters are protected,
And our nation once again becomes
A nation with liberty and justice
Not just for some, but for all.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen!*

For Those Who Are Sick & Distressed

*Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness.
Hear the prayers we offer for our sick of distressed Brothers or their relatives:*

PGK Sean Cronkite (Cousin of PGK John Blome), Terra Billingsley, Rick Razzano, Bill Hintze, Cecile Calderon, Ave Marie Leonard, Diane Russell, Rebecca Cairo, Don Kolb, Manny Flores, Grae Fischer (young daughter of Brother Knight Ed Fischer), Lila Van Cuyk, Gary Parsons, Friend of Gary DeGregorio, Bill O'Connell, Luis Torres, Mike Godwin, Jonathan Hauer and James Wayne.

Repose of the soul of Brother Michael Robinson



*May all who suffer pain, illness or disease realize that
they are chosen to be saints and know that
they are joined to Christ in his suffering
for the salvation of the world,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, Amen.
Always keep in mind the unborn who were never given a chance of life.*

Catholic Prayer for those who have passed

*"Loving God our Father, Your power brings us to life.
Your care guides our lives,
and by Your command we return to the dust from which we came.
Father, those who pass on still live in Your presence,
their lives are changed but do not end.
I plead in hope for my family, relatives and friends,
and for all the dead known only to You.*

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