

March 1, 2022



Saint Patrick (Latin: *Patricius*; Irish: *Pádraig* [ˈpˠaːd̪ˠr̪ˠəj]) was a fifth century Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. Known as the "Apostle of Ireland", he is the primary patron saint of Ireland. Patrick was never formally canonized, having lived prior to the current laws of the Catholic Church in these matters. Nevertheless, he is venerated as a Saint in the Catholic Church and in the Eastern Orthodox Church, where he is regarded as equal-to-the-apostles and Enlightener of Ireland. He is regarded a Saint within the framework of their respective doctrine by the Anglican Communion and the Lutheran Churches.

The dates of Patrick's life cannot be fixed with certainty, but there is general agreement that he was active as a missionary in Ireland during the fifth century.

A recent biography on Patrick shows a late fourth-century date for the saint is not being impossible. Early medieval tradition credits him with being the first bishop of Armagh and Primate of Ireland, and regards him as the founder of Christianity in Ireland, converting a society then practicing a form of Celtic polytheism. He has also been generally so regarded ever since, despite evidence of some other earlier Christian presence in Ireland.

According to the autobiographical *Confessio* of Patrick, when he was about sixteen, he was captured by Irish pirates from his home in Britain and taken as a slave to Ireland, looking after animals; he lived there for six years before escaping and returning to his family. After becoming a cleric, he returned to northern and western Ireland. In later life, he

served as a bishop, but little is known about the places where he worked. By the seventh century, he had already come to be revered as the patron saint of Ireland.

Saint Patrick's Day is observed on March 17th, the supposed date of his death. It is celebrated inside and outside Ireland as a religious and cultural holiday. In the dioceses of Ireland, it is both a solemnity and a holy day of obligation; it is also a celebration of Ireland itself.

Patrick uses shamrock in an illustrative parable

Legend credits Patrick with teaching the Irish about the doctrine of the Holy Trinity by showing people the shamrock, a three-leaved plant, using it to illustrate the Christian teaching of three persons in one God. The earliest written version of the story is given by the botanist Caleb Threlkeld, but the earliest surviving records associating Patrick with the plant are coins minted in the 1680s depicting Patrick clutching a shamrock.

Patrick banishes all snakes from Ireland—But, maybe not!

The absence of snakes in Ireland has been noted from as early as the third century by Gaius Julius Solinus, but later legend has attributed the banishment of all snakes from the island to Patrick. However, all evidence suggests that post-glacial Ireland never had snakes. "At no time has there ever been any suggestion of snakes in Ireland, so [there was] nothing for St. Patrick to banish".



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

**This is the desire
 of the Supreme Knight.**

Can you help us make it happen?

So, are we all ready for Lent? Well, in some ways, we can always go to our Catholic idea of Lent and nearly start gnashing our teeth over what we have to give up for the next 40 days of Lent. But, that would show a really bad attitude towards a sacred time of the spiritual year. So, what is Lent? Well, Lent come from the Latin word “lentare” which means to back down or to let go or even diminish what we do.

As Knights, we often say that we do a lot. Well, during Lent we should be doing a lot less of things that may expend our time or energy and spend some of that time in prayer or helping others. No, I’m not advocating that we go around in sack cloths and beat ourselves with brambles or even a piece of bougainvillea! What we could be doing, outside of those areas that we are committed to fulfill such as meetings and Rosary and Planned Parenthood, is to go out and help others.

While helping others will diminish our time we spend going to movies or dining out or golfing or other relaxing ways of life, the helping will also help us to feel the goodness of lending a helping hand. Maybe you could offer to take a shut-in out for lunch or to a park to enjoy the outdoors and have companionship with someone who cares about them. Being a real care-giver is not just for the professional to do, but rather for all of us to try to accomplish.

So, based upon the idea of diminishing your life styles during the next 40 days of Lent, think of diminishing your problems or lifestyle to being less frenetic and rushed. Think of the Nun Run as a means of relaxing while helping out the Poor Clare Sisters of Tonopah by helping with car parking or being at a water station to hand out water bottles to the runners. This is not just for us as Brother Knights, but is for the whole family as well. We all, as Catholics and Christians, can benefit from “lentare” or lessening of our daily rush and feeling as though we are in a race. Take a little time and say “Thank you God for giving me this wonderful day to do something good for others.” Now, don’t you truly feel better! Vivat Jesus.

For Fraternal Year 2021-2022

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Grand Knight's Column



Grand Knight
Kirk LaPlante

Brother Knights and families of Council 15001,

For many Catholics Lent is a time for increased prayer, fasting and almsgiving. While Lent the past couple of years, during the mist of the pandemic was certainly unique, this year does seem strangely different. Many of the events described in the gospels; wars and rumors of wars, insurrections, earthquakes, famines and pestilences are occurring in our time. See Luke 21:9-11 and Matthew 24:4-8.

It feels a little like we are living in biblical times!

Given that backdrop, let's make a concerted effort for this Lent (March 2nd – April 14th) to be a more deliberate and focused one. One of the tenets of Lent is almsgiving. Almsgiving is defined as the act of donating money, food or other items to the poor or needy, especially as a spiritual practice. For me, in addition to giving financially, almsgiving also includes donating time to the poor and needy...and all of us as Knights, well that is exactly what we do!! The Knights help those in our parish and community through our numerous activities. Look at the upcoming activities just during Lent... active participation in these activities is one way to make our Lenten journey a more spiritual and meaningful endeavor.

- ◆ Nun Run Mar 5th
- ◆ Rosary at Planned Parenthood Mar 6th and Apr 10th
- ◆ Stations of the Cross and Soup Mar 11th
- ◆ Corporate Mass Mar 13th
- ◆ Donut Sundays Mar 20th & Mar 27th
- ◆ Blood Drive Mar 27th
- ◆ KOC Raffle – proceeds go to many worthy Catholic and community charities and organizations

I'm very proud of all Council 15001 does to support the poor and those in need in our local St. Paul's community, by our state organization supporting the poor and needy throughout Arizona and by our national organization supporting the poor and needy not only in America, but throughout the world.

We are truly a ministry that strives to live the values of our Catholic faith in all we do.

Be proud to be a Knight of Columbus and your involvement!!!

Vivat Jesus!

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PARISH STATIONS OF CROSS/SOUP SUPPER TO BE HOSTED BY COUNCIL 15001

Father Bruno has assigned every parish organized group, to work a Friday evening during Lent, by leading the Stations of the Cross outside at 6 p.m., followed by a Soup & Bread supper in the Conference Center and including a 20 minute presentation by the sponsoring organization. Council 15001 has been assigned the March 11th date and our GK has made the following assignments:

◆ Reader: Charley Billingsley



◆ Candle Bearers: Tom Van Buren and Gary DeGregorio



◆ In charge of preparing, serving and cleaning up after the meal: GK LaPlante and Janet, PGK Jack Swartz and Nadine; DGK Francis Abijaoude and Cindy; and Mac Diefendorf.



All Knights are urged to attend the Stations and meal, and please wear your Knight's shirt and khaki pants. Note: This is 2 days before our Corporate Mass to which we all need to put the 9:30 mass, March 13th on our schedule.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS AVAILABLE

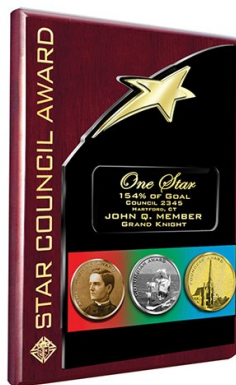
Every member of this council who has paid his 2022 dues can pick up his 2022 membership card from the Inside Guard at the Membership Meeting on Wednesday, March 9th.

Those who cannot make the meeting can mail a self-addressed and stamped return envelope to the Financial Secretary Jack Swartz at 625 W. Gibraltar Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85023 and he will mail your card to you.

A little history

What is a Star Council?

Star Awards recognize outstanding achievement in membership, insurance, programming, and overall operations. Earning a Star Award is the marker of a high performing Knights of Columbus unit and the goal to which every council, district, and assembly should strive. Star Council, Star District and Star Assembly Awards can be earned by completing criteria designed specifically for each division of the Knights of Columbus.



The next time you are in the Conference Room, look on the wall for not only the Star Council Awards, along with others that pertain to our Council.



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COUNCIL PARTICIPATES IN PHOENIX PRIESTS APPRECIATION DINNER

The annual Phoenix Knights of Columbus Priest Appreciation Dinner was held at St. Simon & Jude, as usual, on the night of Friday, February 25. Council 15001 was one of the best represented Councils on hand, with 7 Knights plus our 2 priests; and additionally, our Council sponsored 2 more priests' dinners. The event was well attended with a large number of priests on hand, including Bishops Olmsted and Navares, as well as all the State Officers of the Arizona Knights.

Attending from St. Paul's were: Fr. Bruno Cuario, Fr. Ishaya Samalia, Grand Knight Kirk LaPlante, PGK Dief Diefendorf, PGK Jack Swartz, PGK Al Gillis, PGK Gary Schulte, Butch Cook, and Don Kolb.



NEW MEMBER FOR COUNCIL

St. Paul's Council 15001 is pleased to announce the signing of a new member, Andrew T. Picard. Andrew approached the Knights at a recent Donut Sunday and asked about joining. He was soon given a form 100 to complete which he has done, and his application was approved at the last membership meeting. Andrew is scheduled to complete his CUF (Charity, Unity and Fraternity) degrees on-line on Saturday, March 5th; he is being sponsored by Ted Cherekos. Andrew is employed by the U.S. Postal Service and lives just across the street from our parish church.

February Audit Completed

On January 31st, an audit of Council 15001 financial records was completed by: GK Kirk LaPlante, Treasurer Jim Cairo, Trustees PGK Richard "Dief" Diefendorf, PGK Al Gillis, PGK Tom Russell and assisted by Financial Secretary Jack Swartz.



Donut Sunday A Resounding Success This Weekend

On Sunday morning, February 27th, Council 15001 once again provided doughnuts (donuts) for parishioners after the 9:30 Mass at the donut shack on campus of St. Paul. Here are some of the photos to see how happy everyone is that the Knights are providing this service to the community. Also, changing is the method of receiving money for the donuts. No longer are we charging \$1.00 for each doughnut. It is now on a donation only basis. Most of us familiar with this method know that people will usually put in extra to help out a good cause.



[Did You Know That We Have Knights of Columbus in Ukraine and Poland?](#)

(From the Oregon State Deputy): Today (Thursday) at 1:30 PM, I called the State Deputy from Poland, as he had been communicating to me through Facebook messenger just prior. He had just gotten off the phone with the State Deputy from Ukraine. (Yes, we have Knights of Columbus in the Ukraine.) The Ukrainian State Deputy contacted the Polish State Deputy to let him know that there were some Brother Knights from the Ukraine, fleeing the battles and going along with their families hurriedly into neighboring Poland. He asked that assistance be given to the Ukrainian Knights and their families. When I asked what Oregon could do, if we could send money, the Polish State Deputy passed on the request from the Ukrainian State Deputy. He asked that we pray. ALL of us, every day, for the victims of the war. So I want to relay his message to all of you, to all our Brother Knights in Oregon, and their families. Please pray for a quick end to the war in the Ukraine. For most of us, the war is a distant and non-personal event. But when you hear that our Brother Knights are fleeing for their lives and their families lives, when the possibility is great that there may be Ukrainian Knights of Columbus who will be casualties of the war, it becomes much more personal. In times like these, the least we can do is pray. In times like these, the MOST we can do is pray. Pray for Peace in the Ukraine. Thank you!

Vivat Jesus

Ray Prom
State Deputy
Oregon Knights of Columbus
Be Bold, Be Catholic, Be a Knight!

(Editor's note: Our thanks to Brother and Worthy State Deputy Ray Prom for providing us with this information. We are all Brothers and need to pray for the peace of our Polish and Ukrainian Brothers)

[Supreme Council Sets Up Assistance For Ukraine Refugees](#)

Update on our Brother Knights in Ukraine from Oregon State Deputy

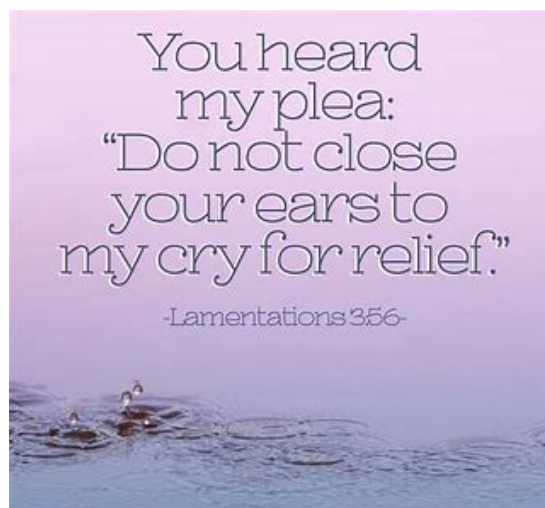
Brother Knights, Our Polish Brothers have been busy and this weekend are in the process of collecting medical supplies and other necessities, to be driven into Ukraine Monday morning, and delivered to the city of Lviv. They have collection sites in various cities throughout Poland. But their efforts will not be enough. Knowing that they will need help from around the Order, Supreme has set up a Ukrainian Relief Fund. Here is the link:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/articles/knights-pledge-assistance-ukrainian-refugees.html>

The Supreme Council will match, dollar for dollar, all donations up to \$500,000. My understanding is that the Polish State Council will then help provide assistance to the Ukrainians, with the monies donated through this fund. Individuals and Councils can go to this link, and donate to your Brother Knights in need. The Oregon State Council will be sending some money also, through our Disaster Relief Fund, and we will be sending it through Supreme's Ukrainian Relief Fund also. Please do what you can to help. 100% of the money sent through the Ukrainian Relief Fund will be donated to those in need. And please keep the prayers coming.

Vivat Jesus

Ray Prom
State Deputy
Oregon Knights of Columbus



COUNCIL PARTICIPATES IN DIOCESAN MENS CONFERENCE

A total of 14 members of Council 15001 attended the annual Diocesan Mens Conference held at Xavier Prep in Phoenix on Feb. 12. Steve Pettit was a chief organizer of the conference, and PGK Al Gillis, as usual, headed up the “parking team” consisting of getting a group of our Council members up before dawn to be on duty at the campus by 6 a.m. to handle the car parking duties. Al had a group of approx. 20 workers, mostly from our Council to do this job again, as we have for a number of years. An outstanding program was presented, headlined by our Bishop Thomas Olmsted.

The 14 members seen at the conference (most of whom helped on the parking) were: DGK Francis Abijaoude, PGK John Blome and son-in-law Amando Trillo, Jim Cairo, Gary DeGregorio, Ed Fischer, PGK Al Gillis, Mike Hobaica, Don Kolb, GK Kirk LaPlante, Bill O’Connell, Steve Pettit, PGK Jack Swartz and John VanCuyk.

FUNERAL FOR CAROL DZIELAK

The funeral for Carol Dzielak, wife of Council member Frank Dzielak, took place on Monday, February 14th, at St. Paul’s, with 25 Knights (along with 9 of their spouses) in attendance. These were: Mike Abbott, DGK Francis Abijaoude, Mike Aguilar and wife, Steve Alonge, Fred Brandt and wife, Jim Cairo, Gary DeGregorio, PGK Richard Diefendorf and wife, Frank Dzielak, Ed Fischer, Artie Hauer and wife, Mike Hobaica, GK Kirk LaPlante, Nelson Mayo and wife, PGK Tom Nash and wife, Bill O’Connell, Steve Pettit, Ray Rossetti, Jim Soderlund and wife, Jerry Surdakowski, PGK Jack Swartz and wife, Tom Van Buren, and John VanCuyk and wife, as well as Assembly Faithful Navigator Mark Orcelletto, as well as music director Jojo Concepcion.

Heavyweight Champ and Knight!



Editor’s Note: The following is an excerpt from [The Knights of Columbus: An Illustrated History](#). Which was recently sent to us. Many may have missed this article and it is being revisited.

Who Was Floyd Patterson?

Raised in an impoverished Brooklyn family, young Floyd Patterson struggled. Shy and virtually illiterate, and often truant or stealing food, Patterson ended up in reform school.

Surrounded by supportive instructors, he was introduced to boxing — and it helped him to rebuild his life. His skill swiftly catapulted him to the top. As a protégé of Constantine (Cus) D’Amato, the teenage Patterson won the 1952 middleweight Olympic gold medal. At age 21, he became the youngest world heavyweight champion, holding the title for three years, then regaining it in 1960 — another first. Along with his hallmark “peek-a-boo” style, he was well known for his sportsmanship which stood out in gestures like helping an opponent up off the mat or refusing to gain an “unfair advantage” by watching a future opponent train.

There were battles outside the ring too. Patterson strongly promoted civil rights and integration, despite opposition. In 1957, a hostile crowd of white locals impeded his arrival in Fort Smith, Ark., where he had a scheduled stop on an exhibition tour. A priest — himself an integration supporter — intervened, bringing Patterson and his entourage to the church and hosting them at the rectory. Soon after, Patterson demanded integrated venues for boxing.

He later traveled to Birmingham, Alabama, standing with Martin Luther King Jr. amid death threats, and he also decried his opponent Muhammad Ali’s embrace of the Nation of Islam for its divisive outlook on race, stating that it “preach[ed] hate and separation instead of love and integration.”

While heavyweight champion, Patterson converted to Catholicism in 1957. He later joined the Knights of Columbus in New Paltz, N.Y., and became, in biographer W.K. Stratton’s words, “a mainstay” of Knights’ events. He also helped the parish by distributing holy Communion at the local nursing home, calling himself “the eucharistic minister with the biggest hands.”

Despite his love of his sport, he once mused that if the Church forbade boxing, he would give it up. When an interviewer later recalled these words for Patterson and asked if his faith was still as strong, he replied that it was even stronger.

13th Annual Nun Run – This Weekend – March 5th, 2022

Nun Run Report



By: Al Gillis

The Sisters are looking forward to our Council being an integral part of the event as we have been for 10 years. We have a lot of new members who need to learn about the nuts and bolts of the event. Hopefully this will get the excitement going in order to provide the nuns with 35+ volunteers as we have always done in the past.

Let's mark the date—March 5, 2022 at Kiwanis Park, when we gather at 5:30 a.m.

About the Nun Run

The nuns have stated this before: “The Nun Run is an annual fundraising event to support Our Lady of Solitude Monastery and the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration in the Diocese of Phoenix.

This race is for the novice runner and the competitive racer alike. It is a family-friendly event.

The Nun Run is our biggest annual fundraiser... and also the most successful, thanks to YOU! Your participation is greatly appreciated! Your support moves us one step closer to realizing our dream of building a cloistered monastery in the heart of the Arizona desert. “

A Coach for the Ages

Revered NFL coach Vince Lombardi was a Knight of Columbus who shaped sports history

Editor's Note: *The following is an excerpt from Knightline which references [The Knights of Columbus: An Illustrated History](#).*

A man with strong Catholic faith and an unparalleled coaching career, Vincent “Vince” T. Lombardi is rightly one of the most revered coaches in NFL history. Within two years of taking over the struggling Green Bay Packers in 1959, he led them to two consecutive NFL championships, soon followed by a third championship, as well as victories in Super Bowls I and II. When he retired, Lombardi's career coaching record stood at 105 wins, 36 losses and six ties.

Beyond his coaching expertise, he earned regard for his values, which he both lived on his own and instilled in his team, urging hard work and discipline for overcoming problems and achieving goals. He also believed that faith was important in every life, he considered daily Mass and Communion the source of his strength, and he often led his Catholic players to Mass. Lombardi joined Msgr. Basche Council 4505 in Green Bay, Wis. and later became a Fourth Degree Knight.

A believer in civil rights, Lombardi famously would not tolerate racial prejudice — and not just among his players. He made it clear to local shops and restaurants that if they refused to serve any of his players because of their skin color, they would be boycotted by the entire team. And players who displayed any act of prejudice would be dropped from the team.

When Lombardi died in 1970 at age 57, thousands attended his funeral at New York City's St. Patrick's Cathedral. Decades later, he remains one of the most notable sports figures of all time. Despite his success and the high regard in which he was held, Lombardi never lost sight of his own purpose in life. This was perhaps best expressed by the following words, which he spoke to his players: “*After all the cheers have died down and the stadium is empty, after the headlines have been written, and after you are back in the quiet of your room and the championship ring has been placed on the dresser, and after all the pomp and fanfare have faded, the enduring thing that is left is the dedication to doing with our lives the very best we can to make the world a better place in which to live.*”



Green Bay Packers head coach Vince Lombardi celebrates after winning the NFL championship game Jan. 1, 1967, in Dallas. A few weeks later, Lombardi's Packers won the AFL-NFL championship game, now known as Super Bowl I. They repeated the feat the next year. In 1970, the Super Bowl trophy was renamed in honor of Lombardi.
Tony Tomsic via AP

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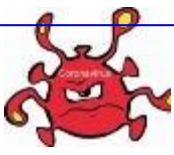


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February



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Ash Wednesday 	3	4	5 Nun Run 
6 Rosary at Planned Parenthood 	7	8	9 General Membership Meeting 7:00 p.m. In Conference Room	10	11 Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper 	12
13 Corporate Mass and breakfast 	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18	19
20 Donut Sunday 	21 Officers' Meeting 7:00 p.m. In Parish Conference Room	22	23	24	25	26
27 Donut Sunday 	28					

Upcoming Events For March/April 2022

- Mar. 02 Lent Begins—Ash Wednesday—Meeting Next Week
- Mar. 05 Nun Run
- Mar. 06 Planned Parenthood Rosary
- Mar. 09 **General Membership O'Carroll Hall** (note change of date)
- Mar. 11 Stations & Soup Supper
- Mar. 13 Corporate Mass & Breakfast in O'Carroll Hall
- Mar. 17 Sr. Patrick's Day
- Mar. 20 Donut Sunday
- Mar. 21 Officers' Meeting
- Mar. 27 Donut Sunday



When the chance arises



- Apr. 06 General Membership O'Carroll Hall
- Apr. 09 Rosary at Planned Parenthood
- Apr. 15 Good Friday
- Apr. 17 Easter
- Apr. 18 Officers' Meeting
- Apr. 23 Help Women's Guild with Shredding
- Apr. 24 Donut Sunday

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 Brothers or their relatives:*

*Fr. Gregory Schlarb, Father Bitrus Maigamo, Mike & Chris Murphy, Rick Razzano, Bill Hintze,
Colin Russell, Cecile Calderon, Ave Marie Leonard, Diane Russell, Rebecca Cairo
and Grae Fischer (young daughter of Brother Knight Ed Fischer) .*

Also, Lara Lee Gaudio, (part of the State Culture of Life Chair Couple) and the wife of our State Life Director .

*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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