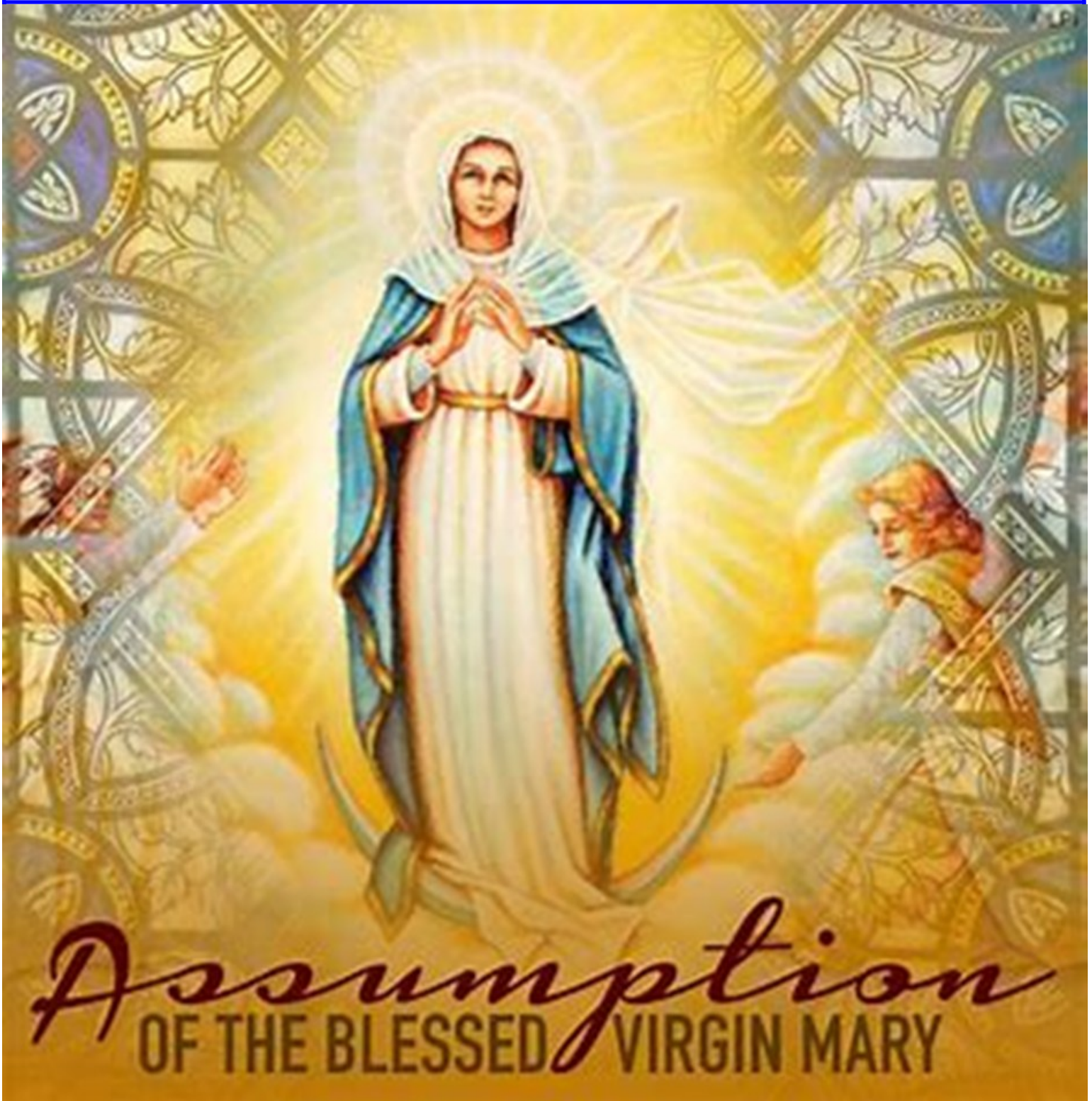


St. Paul's Knights of Columbus Council 15001  
330 W Coral Gables Dr  
Phoenix, AZ 85023  
602-942-2608

**August 1, 2022**



*Assumption*  
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



**August 1, 2022**

Council 15001

Your Officers for 2022-2023

- Grand Knight.....Francis Abijaoude
- Chaplain.....Fr. Dindo “Bruno” Cuario
- Asst. Chaplain.....Fr. Ishaya Samaila
- Deputy Grand Knight.....Dan McGinn
- Chancellor.....Charley Billingsley
- Financial Secretary.....Jack Swartz, PGK
- Treasurer.....Jim Cairo
- Trustee 3 yr.....Kirk LaPlante, PGK
- Trustee 2 yr.....Al Gillis, PGK
- Trustee 1 yr.....Richard Diefendorf, PGK
- Advocate.....Gary Schulte, PGK
- Recorder.....Ed Fischer
- Warden.....Artie Hauer
- Inside Guard.....Don Kolb
- 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.....Tom Karl, PGK
- Editorial Staff.....Jack Swartz, PGK
- Knights Website.....John Blome, PGK

What do we think about assumption? Does it mean assume or does it possibly mean a belief? We know after many years of praying that our Lady, Mother Mary, was declared in 1950 as being assumed into Heaven. What ideas do we have about assumption or being assumed?

Life is all about assumptions. We assume that we are going to lead a clean, holy and safe life—until it isn't! We assume as children that every day is going to be a time for fun and a carefree life. However, we soon learn it isn't! Early on we learn from our parents that there are boundaries which when crossed take away that carefree attitude. Then we learn to assume that we can't do certain things.

Life overall has so many assumptions. We plan to do things in the future to only have them stopped or taken away—through no action of our own. Think about how Covid has taken away so many of our freedoms! Yes, we can choose to listen to all the facts from medical experts or we can continue to have our freedom and not listen to good advice. We assume that we will not get sick or distressed. But, sometimes we think incorrectly and just like our boundaries with our parents we find ourselves crossing the bounding lines and having consequences.

It's those boundaries of life that we have to watch out for as we go through our daily lives. Do we assume, as adults, that every day will be carefree or will it have challenges to our desires? We sometimes find that with how we feel about our religion. Do we assume that we will automatically go to Heaven when we die? Do we think that we are always good and do not have to answer for our actions?

Life is full of assumptions and hopefully we make the right decisions to follow the correct path that leads us all to Eternal Salvation. One of those decisions is to pray the Rosary to Our Blessed Mother Mary each day. It is through the power of our praying that many good things come about for our good and the good of others.

So, now I am going to assume that you will all follow that lead and pray the Rosary each day and make requests of our Blessed Mother, not just for our own sake, but for the well being of others throughout the world, for world peace and for those who are in need of our prayers. We know by our payers that they are working and we don't have to assume that they are being heard—we know from the results of the miracles that happen each day. Just think of each newborn child as a miracle!

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

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

**For Fraternal Year 2022-2023**

**The State Theme is:  
Protector of Life**



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE  
IN SERVICE TO ALL

Insurance Field Agent Wes Casaus  
Wes.casaus@kofc.org  
(623) 640-0436





Grand Knight  
Francis Abijaoude

Brothers,

It appears that once the Covid restrictions were over with, we came out of hibernation with vim and vigor ready to start our programs and activities. We began with the Parish Picnic. It was the most highly attended function in a long time with sixty-two Knights participating. There were Knights helping in the kitchen, also serving the food, grilling outdoors and manning the activities for the children. Thanks to the Boy Scouts for their help in setting up and cleaning up afterwards.

With the momentum of energy from the picnic, the Knights once again helped in the Celebration for the Anniversary of St Paul. Knights were integral in leading the procession of the Eucharist and serving at the following luncheon. Who can forget that amazing roasted pig?

For the first time we experimented with having a Bingo night. It was so successful, that it encouraged us to apply for a license to add Bingo to our annual activities as a fundraiser.

Of course, the Arizona Raffle is always a Parish wide activity. With the help of our parishioners and sixty-seven Knights, we exceeded our target and were able to add two more charities to our existing list.

The Knights organized our annual pilgrimage to Our Lady of Solitude Monastery in Tonopah. The bus was completely full of Knights and visitors from the parish. The Knights were able to present a check to the Poor Clares Of Perpetual Adoration as a sponsorship for their annual Nun Run.

Our last function for the year was our famous Ladies High Tea. We were surprised to sell out the capacity of the hall two weeks prior to the function! The Ladies were so impressed at the perfect service provided by their tuxedoed waiters. Many Knights helped in the kitchen as well as setting up, food prep, and cleanup too.

In our last meeting with Father Bruno, he paid our Council a compliment by comparing the Knights to the Marines. "Wherever there is a job to be done the Knights are there. " Thank you, Father Bruno. It is a pleasure to be of service to our Pastor and our Parish.

The bar has been set quite high by the PGK Kirk La Plante. Thank you for your guidance. I am humbled by your confidence in electing me to guide the Council in the coming year. The new officers and I ask for your prayers and support as we begin the new year.

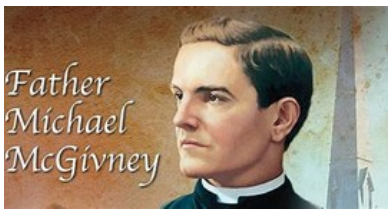
Vivat Jesus!

Francis Abijaoude - GK  
(602)418-0898 (Cell)  
(602)279-7200 (Home)  
[francis@amertradeinc.com](mailto:francis@amertradeinc.com)

**[Grandparents Day by Pope Francis](#)**

(Remember: To open hyperlink articles, first highlight the line below in blue, using your left mouse button and then use your right mouse button to see the menu and selecting the OPEN HYPERLINK to view it! There are several pages to watch. Happy viewing!

<http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/nonni/documents/20220503-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html>



## **COUNCIL 15001 HAS SPECIAL MASS HONORING FOUNDER FR. MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY**

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 **5:00 p.m. Saturday, August 13**, mass at St. Paul's which is specially dedicated in honor of Fr. McGivney.

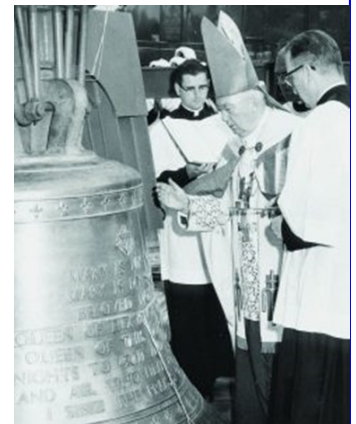
The date of August 13 has been designated as Fr. McGivney's official feast day (he was born on Aug. 12 and died on Aug. 14), so this will be an annual date that all Knights of Columbus councils will be honoring in the future.

**Fr. McGivney needs one more miracle attributed to him to move from Blessed to Sainthood.**

### **National Shrine Story and Hear the Carillon**

<https://www.nationalshrine.org/blog/heralds-of-triumph-the-bells-of-the-knights-tower-carillon/>

(Remember: left click and highlight the above hyperlink and then right click and select OPEN HYPERLINK from the menu to read the story and hear the bells pealing, which is very appealing!



Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle consecrates the bells.

### **History of the Bells**

Although it was decided from the outset that the Shrine campanile would house a precision musical instrument, it wasn't until 1963 that the Carillon was installed after a donation from the Knights of Columbus. On the day of the "christening," Archbishop O'Boyle remarked that, "Long after we are gone, this tower and these bells will be paying honor to God and to his Mother."

### **About the Bells**

While the bronze cast bells are permanent and don't require maintenance, the mechanical action and the clock-controlled electrical equipment are subject to the effects of age, use, weather, humidity, and pollution. In the summer of 1988, the I. T. Verdin Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, the oldest and largest tower bell company in the United States, constructed new action components, clock, control system and keyboard. In addition, new computerized features were added, and the restored carillon was heard for the first time on Christmas Eve in 1988.

The two bell chambers are located at the levels of 172 ft. and 223 ft. The carillonner must climb a 208-step spiral staircase to get to the cabin, which is located at the 200 ft. level between the tiers of bells. From here, the carillonner can play each of the 56 bells by either striking a wooden baton with the hand (or closed fist) or a wooden pedal with the foot.

Together the bells weigh 37,150 lbs. and produce pitches in a two-octave range, with the Mary bell striking on the hour and the Christopher, Edward, Francis and Virgil bells striking on the quarter hours. Each of the bells includes an inscription that is written as if the bell itself was speaking in first person. And because each of the bells is named after a saint, the text on the bell is also meant to reflect something the namesake might say. You can learn more about some of the largest named bells below.

**(To read the rest you will have to open the hyperlink. It is worth it!)**

## Council 15001's Efforts to Close one Planned Parenthood Location

Back in 2013, then Grand Knight Jack Swartz, while attending a degree ceremony, met with Larry Costanzo, KOC Chair Arizona Rosary Celebration and Former Supreme Warden requesting that our Council begin praying the Rosary in front of Planned Parenthood on the second Sunday each month for one hour; we selected 8 AM. While I can't be certain, my guess is we have not missed a single Sunday in the intervening 9 years. If my math is correct, that is over 100 Sundays!!

There were some very cold and very hot Sundays over the years!! YES...Sunday – the Lord's Day, the Sabbath was a very busy day at this Planned Parenthood facility. Because our Council prayed on the 2nd Sunday each month, when the second Sunday in May came along each year we were on the sidewalks praying the Rosary while inside the abortion clinic babies were being killed on Mother's Day!! It was shocking to see so many women, mostly young, getting an abortion on Mother's Day.

Our Council was persistent...we didn't give up. We had faith that our prayers at that clinic helped save lives and was used by God to help overturn Roe vs Wade. In March 2019 Fr. Michel Rodrigue accompanied us to the Clinic for prayers. We followed Father around the clinic, much like the biblical account of Jericho. He prophesied that day the abortion clinic would be shut down!!!!

See the picture below of Mike Aguilar, Planned Parenthood Rosary Captain taken on the second Sunday in July 2022, a glorious day when the parking lot was empty and Fr Rodrigue's prophecy is so very close to coming true!!!!



However, we have no false illusions – the fight must go on. This spiritual battle is far from over.

But it's good to celebrate a victory in the battle for the most vulnerable of our society.

Here are some pictures over the years to memorialize the efforts of KOC Council 15001!



As St. Mother Theresa said "I feel that the greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a war against the child, a direct killing of the innocent child, murder by the mother herself."

## July 11 Presentation to Life Choices Clinic

In the photo at right is PGK Kirk LaPlante along with our current Grand Knight Francis Abijaoude, PGK/FS Jack Swartz and St. Paul's parishioner and clinic worker Kym Williams and Clinic Director Sheila Reilly being shown at the presentation of a \$1,000 sponsorship check to the Life Choices Women's Clinic for its fundraiser Laugh4Hope.



Shown in this picture is most of the delegation from St. Paul's parish to the annual Independence Day Prayer for America, which this year was held at St. Theresa's parish church.

Arizona K of C is a co-sponsor of this event. Sitting at the table are Gary DeGregorio and wife Sue, with Mary Hauer. Standing left to right are Irene Gramza, Bishop Eduardo Nevares, Nadine Swartz, Frank Dzielak, PGK Kirk LaPlante, and PGK/FS Jack Swartz.

Also attending but not in the picture were PGK Gary Schulte and his wife Dema.



**In Memoriam**

Bishop of Zaria  
The Most Reverend  
George Jonathan Dodo  
April 17, 1956—July 8, 2022



It was with great sadness we learned that his Excellency, Bishop George J. Dodo, Diocese of Zaria, Nigeria passed on July 8, 2022. Bishop George had many kind words about our Council and what we did to support his priests.

Many remember his visits and long stays at St. Paul to visit his priests, Fr. Ishaya, Fr. Bitrus and Fr. Victor. Bishop George attended many events and spoke about his Diocese's struggles with the Boko Haram, church destruction and the constant fear of Muslim terrorists. As was written about him during a 2020 trip to Nigeria, "Bishop George is my hero". Indeed, we are mourning, weeping and grieving as we remember his loving presence. Bishop George was a profound leader in faith. He fought for the Catholic faithful every moment of his life. There have been shared images of him leading the priests, religious sisters and faithful in protest of the innocent lives lost to the Muslim terrorists. Yes, this courageous man was a blessing to his Diocese and people around the world in faith.

Let us join together in prayer for his reposed soul, his family, his priests, and the people of Zaria.

*Eternal rest grant unto Him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him, May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest In Peace. Amen*

**S.E.T. IMPORTANT**

Well, it's that time of year when we need to complete our Safe Environment training course for 2022-2023.

With your help, I'm hoping that you will be able to send me your certificate ASAP (meaning As Soon As Possible or yesterday)

Should you have any questions or need help, please feel free to contact Joseph Castellarin at [IT@stpaulsphoenix.org](mailto: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!

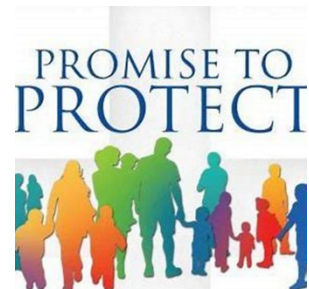
VIVAT Jesus

[John Van Cuyk](#)

H: (602) 375-2465

C: (602) 524-8002

[jjvancuyk@gmail.com](mailto:jjvancuyk@gmail.com)



## **In Memoriam**

**JAMES G. ABRAHAM**

June 30, 1953—June 10, 2022

His funeral Mass was held on July 8th at 10:00 a.m. at  
St. Bernadette Church at 16245 N. 60th St., Scottsdale, AZ

*Please pray for the repose of his soul as well as the souls of all those  
faithfully departed.*



### **BROTHER JIM ABRAHAM'S FUNERAL ON JULY 8, 2022**

Fourteen brother Knights from Council 15001 were in attendance, at the funeral of Brother Knight Jim Abraham, that was held at St. Bernadette Church on Friday, July 8.

Sadly, Brother Jim died on June 10 in a plane crash in California. He was just 20 days short of his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The following St. Paul's Knights attended his funeral: GK Francis Abijaoude, Mike Aguilar, Steve Alonge, Butch Cook, Don Kolb, PGK Kirk LaPlante, PGK Tom Nash, Ray Rossetti, PGK Gary Schulte, Jim Soderlund, PGK Jack Swartz, Tom Van Buren, John Van Cuyk and Mike Wagner. John Van Cuyk was honored to participate as a lector during the Mass.

### **SPECIAL MASS CELEBRATED FOR DECEASED BROTHER JIM ABRAHAM**

As is the custom with Council 15001, we normally have a special Mass said at St. Paul's for any of our Brother Knights who are deceased. On Friday, July 15, such a special Mass was said for recently deceased Brother Jim Abraham. Preceding the Mass, a special rosary was prayed for Jim, with the following Brothers leading the decades: 1<sup>st</sup> – PGK Kirk LaPlante, 2<sup>nd</sup>– John Van Cuyk, 3<sup>rd</sup>– PGK Tom Nash, 4<sup>th</sup>– GK Francis Abijaoude, and 5<sup>th</sup> – PGK Jack Swartz. Following the rosary, John Van Cuyk presented Jim's wife Debra with a Knights Resolution of Condolence.

All in all, a nice delegation of 14 Knights were on hand, consisting of: GK Francis Abijaoude, Gary DeGregario, Jim Gentner, Wayne Granger, PGK Kirk LaPlante, PGK Tom Nash, Peter Nguyen, Al Sindorf, Jim Soderlund, Jerry Surdakowski, PGK Jack Swartz, Tom Van Buren, John Van Cuyk, and music director JoJo Concepcion who is a Knight at another Council.



## **The Good Samaritan**

Homily, in part, by Fr. Angelo Te, Pastor of Sacred Hearth Parish Tillamook, Oregon  
Homily given at St. Joseph's Mission Church Cloverdale, Oregon on Sunday July 10, 2022

We all know the story about the Good Samaritan and how the Levite and priests walked by and would not help him after he was robbed and beaten.

At Sunday Mass, Fr. Te told us a true story about how this lesson was used and inserted into a seminarian class by a learned professor who had extensive knowledge and tenure with his position.

The professor challenged his 15 students to write something about the Good Samaritan and showed how much they had learned from the Bible story. His one caveat was that they had until 5 p.m. on a Friday afternoon to complete the paper. Those who were late would fail the class – no exceptions.

Meanwhile, unbeknownst to the students, the professor had hired several actors who were to place themselves along the way of where the students would walk that Friday afternoon. Each actor was to portray an injured person or one who needed immediate attention and some medical aid.

However, the seminarians, as the professor had already planned, were to be kept as busy as possible so that they would barely have enough time to run from their dormitory back to the classroom to turn in their paper. Late on Friday, as the students were released from their duties, they knew that they had little time to run to the computers and finish their work and print it out and rush off to the classroom. It was a couple of minutes to five. Breathlessly, as they ran down the walkway, they saw some people bleeding and in agony, but they knew that they did not have time to stop. Surely someone who is not as rushed would assist the injured person. So, they continued and rushed by without looking at these men. They just had to get their paper to the professor. Time was running out. They had to rush. They had to run. In the end, all of them, nearly without any breath left, handed in their papers – all 15 of them.

The professors then asked them if they saw the injured men on their way to the classroom. They all acknowledged that they had seen them, but that time was running out and they had to get the papers to him in order to pass the test.

Yes, they all passed the test of meeting the time limit, but all failed to have compassion in their lives. They failed to render aid to someone in distress and surely needing help.

Fr. Te also mentioned that in the Bible, Jesus only mentions compassion twice. The first was with the Good Samaritan story and the second was His compassion for the 5,000 who came to hear him and did not have any food to eat, but that he then provided them with fish and loaves of bread to eat. Jesus was filled with compassion!

As you go about your day – will you be filled with compassion for those around you who are suffering or sick and in distress? I hope that your answer is YES!

***If not us, then who?***

***Now, the Bible story:***



*A Jewish man was traveling on a trip from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. By chance, a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side. Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.' 'Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?' Jesus asked. The man replied, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Then Jesus said, 'Yes, now go and do the same.' [Luke 10:30-37](#)*

## Who Were The Samaritans & Why Were They Despised?



The region of Samaria that is frequently mentioned in the New Testament has a colorful history that helps us understand many things written in the four Gospels.

Samaria was the area between Judea and Galilee that had been the northern kingdom of Israel after Judah. Israel split into two monarchies following the death of Solomon around 931 BC. Some two hundred years later, in 726–722 BC, the Assyrian king Shalmaneser V invaded the region, captured the capital city of Samaria and deported many of its inhabitants to Assyrian cities in Mesopotamia. But some of the Samaritans remained in their land and eventually mixed with other groups who moved into the area.

This mixed – partly Jewish and partly pagan – population represented the Samaritans of Jesus’ day. Although they worshiped the same God as the Jews and strictly upheld the commands of the Mosaic law, their religion was rejected by Judaism – both because of their partly Gentile ancestry, and because the Samaritans accepted only the first five books of the Bible and worshipped in their temple on Mount Gerazim in Samaria rather than in the Temple in Jerusalem.

As a result, the Samaritans were despised by most Jews – who treated their northerly neighbors terribly, as virtual “untouchables.” The depths of this terrible disdain can be seen in the fact that Samaritans could not even be accepted as converts to Judaism. Rather than “contaminate” themselves by passing through Samaritan territory, Jews who travelled between Judea and Galilee would often cross over the River Jordan in order to bypass Samaria, rather than going through the area. Those who did take the direct route would hurry so as not to stay overnight there and would even refuse to eat in that area.

The attitude is reflected in later statements in the Jewish Talmud such as: “He that eats the bread of the Samaritans is like to one that eats the flesh of swine” (Mishnah Shebiith 8.10). Perhaps understandably, the Samaritans developed a deep antipathy toward the Jews, and there is no question that there was a great deal of mutual hostility and religious rejection between the two cultures (Luke 9:52-53).

This was the situation in the society into which Jesus was born. When we understand this background, we see how remarkable Jesus’ teaching and actions regarding the Samaritans truly were. We can sense the shock among many of his Jewish listeners when Christ told the parable of the “Good Samaritan,” an individual he held up as being not only “our neighbor,” but also someone more righteous than a representative priest and Levite – the Jewish religious professionals of that day (Luke 10:25–37).

The nature of Jewish-Samaritan relations (or lack of them) helps us to realize what a statement it was that Jesus chose to pass directly through Samaria instead of crossing the Jordan to avoid the area on the way to Jerusalem (John 4:4-5). When Jesus spoke with a Samaritan woman outside one of their cities, it was directly contrary to Jewish custom (John 4:9), and when he agreed to eat with the Samaritans of the area – and even stay with them overnight – it was the ultimate outrage from the perspective of the Jews: Jesus accepted the Samaritans as being no different from the Jews themselves.

When Jesus healed ten lepers from the border of Samaria (Luke 17:11-16) – at least one of whom was a Samaritan (vs. 16) – he showed he loved the Samaritans just as much as anyone else. In his teaching and serving alike Jesus accepted and cared for the Samaritans in a manner that completely negated their “untouchable” status in the eyes of many.

So, despite widespread Jewish antipathy, it is not surprising that the early Church recognized Samaritans as equal to Jews. Many Christians spread through the area of Samaria (Acts 8:1), and the evangelist Philip taught there (Acts 5:3-8). Significantly, the leading apostles Peter and John were sent on a special mission to the area in order to confirm those Samaritans who had been baptized by Philip (Acts 8:14-17) – to show that their acceptance was the official position of the Church.

The ready acceptance of Christianity by many Samaritans is likely due to their expectation of a *Taheb* or “Restorer,” a messiah-like figure whom they understood would be the prophet like Moses foretold in the Scriptures (Deuteronomy 18:15, 18). The *Taheb*, they thought, would be so much like God that anyone who believed in him would believe in the *Taheb*’s Lord (God himself).

In his ministry, Jesus had taught that the time was coming when worship in the temples of both Jerusalem and Samaria would no longer be important (John 4:21), and the conversion of Samaritans was one of the first steps in the realization of that truth. The acceptance of Christianity by many Samaritans became a clear intermediate step between the preaching of the Gospel to the Jews and to the Gentiles – just as Christ had predicted (Acts 2).

Even today a few ethnic Samaritans still survive in their homeland – mainly in the city of Nablus in northern Israel – and have maintained their traditional identity and worship. Some Samaritan Christians also maintain their faith – descendants of the second oldest Christian community in the world, and the only group of believers founded outside of Judea by Jesus himself.

## [ASAP \(Aid and Support After Pregnancy\)](#)

Dear Brother Knights,

On June 24, 2022, history was made. The Supreme Court upheld the *Dobbs v. Jackson* ruling thus overturning *Roe v. Wade*! While we take a moment to celebrate this historic decision, **our fight for life continues!**

Pro-life clinics throughout the United States and Canada continue their service to women and their children beyond birth. To better assist these centers, the Knights of Columbus has created the **ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy)** initiative. This Fraternal year, the Knights of Columbus pledge \$5M in support of local pregnancy centers, maternity homes, and other organizations that give direct assistance to new mothers and their babies. Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. will commit up to \$1M in support of this vital initiative. If you do not have a local pregnancy center in your community or simply want to give where it's needed most, please consider making a gift. **Can I count on your support of ASAP with a gift to the Knights of Columbus *United in Charity* Fund?**

[DONATE NOW](#)

Knights of Columbus Charities stands in support of life. Through the Culture of Life Initiative, we have worked with local Councils to place over 1,500 ultrasound machines in pro-life woman's health centers around the world.

Thanks to your generosity, and in tandem with the generosity of our local councils, **countless lives have been saved**. While our prayers have been answered for the overturning of *Roe v Wade*, **we cannot and will not stop our fight for life** until every unborn child is cherished.

As Knights of Columbus, we continue to demonstrate our belief in the value for life by providing invaluable family aid and crisis response. Through our *Coats for Kids*, *Food for Families*, *Leave No Neighbor Behind*, and disaster relief programs, Knights of Columbus councils throughout Canada and the United States provide support for families suffering from food insecurity and financial need in times of crisis. **Your gift to *United in Charity* supports these needed and impactful programs.**

Beyond our local communities, the Knights also stood for persecuted Christians in the Middle East and Nigeria. This past year, we added funding to help stop human trafficking. Christ has prepared us to stand in the breach for these vulnerable communities. Every time you see a story highlighting our efforts in these areas, **it is your generosity at work!**

Because of your support, our ***United in Charity*** fund has provided the first funds to almost every new and needed initiative supported by Knights of Columbus Charities—from disaster relief to persecuted Christians, to Ukraine Solidarity and pregnancy center support. Your gift today allows us to continue to respond immediately and the ***United in Charity*** fund allows us to be agile and act as soon as we identify the need.

### [Watch to see your gifts at work!](#)

I am blessed to have many more stories to share. Many of them can be found on KofC.org and on our social media channels. We look forward to sharing more of the impact you are making throughout the year. **Until then, please know I am humbled by your continuous outpouring of generosity, and I am honored to serve as your Supreme Knight.**

*Vivat Jesus!*

Fraternally,

Patrick E. Kelly  
Supreme Knight



## **LARGE CROWD ATTENDS OFFICER INSTALLATION ON JULY 6**

Approximately 60 individuals, including family members, attended the installation of Officers for Council 15001 in O'Carroll Hall on the St. Paul's parish campus on July 6. District 16 District Deputy John McNulty, filling in for vacationing DD Rich Ryan, conducted the installation ceremonies, accompanied by our own member Frank Dzielak serving as his Warden.

The highlight of this installation was the passing of the gavel from Grand Knight Kirk LaPlante, after completing an outstanding 2-year term, to incoming GK Francis Abijaoude, who had served as his DGK for those 2 years.

Following the installation ceremonies, the crowd was treated to ice cream and cake/cookies. After the installation, our newest PGK LaPlante presented an appreciation plaque to Brother Knight Mike Aguilar and his wife Paulette. Also, our newest GK Francis distributed Lady Knights' badges to the new officers wives.

(pictures furnished by Mary Hauer and PGK John Blome).

At the abbreviated membership meeting held prior to the Installation, new member Richard Rael was introduced to his fellow members. Also announced was an upcoming Blood Drive scheduled for July 24; a motion was passed for our Council to go ahead with the purchase of Bingo equipment and materials; plans were made for a delegation to attend the funeral of fallen Brother Jim Abraham, as well as having a special Mass said for him and which is being sponsored by our Council; and also we said prayers for a number of fellow Knights and their family members.

### **The following Officers were installed:**

Grand Knight – Francis Abijaoude

Chancellor – Charley Billingsley

Treasurer – Jim Cairo

Trustee (1 yr.) – Richard Diefendorf PGK

Trustee (3 yr.) – Kirk LaPlante PGK

Warden – Artie Hauer

Inside Guard – Don Kolb

Outside Guard #2 – Nate Duncan

Asst. Chaplain – Fr. Ishaya Samalia

Deputy Grand Knight – Dan McGinn

Financial Secretary – Jack Swartz PGK

Recorder – Ed Fischer

Trustee (2 yr.) – Al Gillis PGK

Advocate – Gary Schulte PGK

Lecturer – Gary DeGregorio

Outside Guard #1 – Fred Cosme

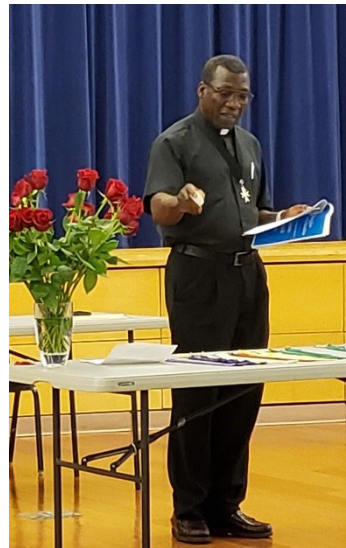
Chaplain – Fr. Bruno Cuario

Info. Tech. Dir. – Nelson Mayo



Installation Of Officers Council 15001 July 6, 2022





## **JULY 1st CONTRIBUTION TO ST. VINCENT de PAUL**

Shown in the picture are outgoing Grand Knight Kirk LaPlante, Mary & Manny Gomez (representing St. Vincent de Paul) next to incoming Grand Knight Francis Abijaoude and PGK/FS Jack Swartz. The contribution was in the amount of \$581.00.



### **Everyone Likes Free!**

**From: Supreme Council**

**Free Online Membership** has been extended into this Fraternal Year.

Many of you have reported how critical online membership has been to the growth in your jurisdiction. We are confident that having the ability to offer men the opportunity to join the Order online free of charge will help the recruiters in your jurisdiction to invite more Catholic men and their families to join our ranks.

Please note that the promo code for free online membership has changed. The new code is **BlessedMcGivney**. The code is one continuous string and is **not case sensitive**. Any combination of upper-case and lower-case letters will be accepted.

### **Have An Idea?**

How many times have you sat in front of computer and thought "I know we could do this better". Brothers, if you only keep those thought in your head and not write them down, then no one will be aware of a different if not better way to do things!

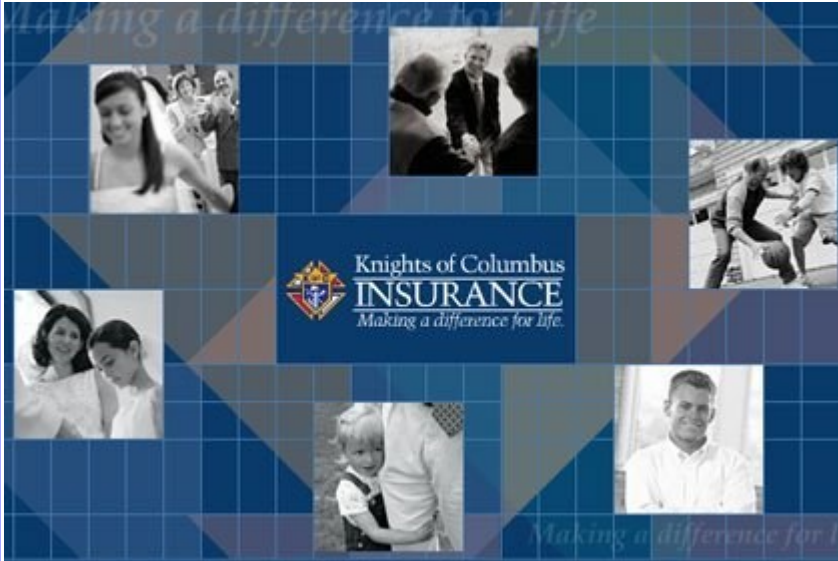
For instance, every year we help with the Parish Picnic. What do you think we are doing right and what do you think that we are doing incorrectly?

How about our Annual Christmas Party! Would you like to have something changed? Do you always want it to be pizza or do you have a different idea?

The newsletter has space for you to submit your thoughts about how things stand and when and where things can be changed. It is not just the Grand Knight and Officers of the Council who have to come up with new ideas. It is everyone's responsibility to do that. Remember C.U.F. which is Charity, Unity and Fraternity. It is our group that makes up the Fraternity and also our group which provides the Unity. It is all our Charitable acts that complete the picture.

**Write something and send it to me!**

## **KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS—YOUR SHIELD FOR INSURANCE FOR LIFE**



Since our founding in 1882, the primary mission of the Knights of Columbus has been to protect families from the financial ruin caused by the death of the breadwinner. In the beginning, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney and his fellow Knights “passed the hat” to benefit widows and orphans. From that humble start, the Order has grown to include top-rated life insurance, long-term care insurance and retirement products. With more than \$92 billion of insurance in force and a full-time field force of more than 1,400 serving our members and their families, we are very proudly fulfilling Fr. McGivney’s vision. The best way to learn about our products is by arranging a visit with a local field agent. Your agent can custom design an insurance program to meet your current needs, help you plan for the future or simply explain the many fraternal benefits that come with membership.

### **RETIREMENT ANNUITIES**

#### **A Part of K of C's Suite of Insurance Products**

**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?** There are few financial matters we give more thought and attention to than our retirement. Everyone thinks about it. Everyone needs it. Retirement annuities help you ensure that you have enough money to live on in retirement. But retirement income can be a difficult thing to calculate, especially with a changing landscape of federal and employee-provided benefits. With a properly structured retirement annuity from the Knights of Columbus, you can have retirement income that you cannot outlive, guaranteed. Retirement annuities provide security and peace of mind that people of all ages and financial circumstances can benefit from.

**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 the market fluctuations, 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 and Roth Individual Retirement Annuity



**Knights of Columbus**  
**INSURANCE**  
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE®



The Knights of Columbus also offers Tax Sheltered Annuities (TSA) and Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) options.

Knights and their families in Canada have two retirement annuity options:

Registered Retirement Savings Plan

Tax-Free Savings Account

A special hybrid life insurance and retirement annuity product – a Registered Retirement Savings Plan Single Premium Whole Life insurance policy – is also available in Canada.

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.




**Mr. Wes Casaus Sr., FSCP, FICF**  
Financial Services Certified Professional  
(623) 640-0436 Cell  
(623) 231-5532 Office  
[wes.casaus@kofc.org](mailto:wes.casaus@kofc.org)  
Let's Connect!  
[On LinkedIn](#) & [On Facebook](#)

Member since 2005

Protecting Catholic families since 1882

**Life Insurance • Long-Term Care Insurance**  
**Retirement Annuities • Disability Insurance**

## Birthdays—August 2022

August 01	Anthony Vechiola		August 01	Kerran Pettit
August 04	Gary Parsons		August 05	Mary Weege
August 04	Francis Dzielak		August 28	Kathleen Blome
August 07	James Mac Donald		August 29	Lynn Brandt
August 13	Steven Pettit			
August 15	Maurus Bachmeier			
August 16	Andre Cerna			
August 17	William Hintze			
August 21	Richard Diefendorf			
August 24	Paul Reeves			
August 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

Altar Servers Event \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Sunday P.P. Rosary \_\_\_\_\_

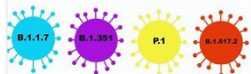
Servers \_\_\_\_\_

EM \_\_\_\_\_

Lector \_\_\_\_\_


Adoration \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_



# August 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 General Meeting Conference Room 7:00 p.m.	4	5	6 Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity or CUF
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Fr. McGivney Mass
14  Rosary at Planned Parenthood	15 Assumption Officers' Meeting 7:00 p.m. Conference Room	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## Upcoming Events For August/September 2022

- Aug. 03 - General Membership Meeting
- Aug. 06 - CUF Degree Ceremony (Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity or C.U.F.) at St. Joseph's
- Aug. 13 - 5 p.m. Mass at St. Paul's in honor of Fr. McGivney (his birthday)
- Aug. 14 - Rosary at Planned Parenthood
- Aug. 15 - Officers' Meeting



- Sep. 02 - Laugh4Hope
- Sep. 07 - General Membership Meeting
- Sep. 11 - Rosary at Planned Parenthood
- Sep. 18 - Donut Sunday
- Sep. 19 - Officers' Meeting
- Sep. 24 - BINGO



**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 or distressed Brothers or their relatives:*

Terra Billingsley, Father Bitrus Maigamo, Mike & Chris Murphy, Rick Razzano, Bill Hintze,  
Colin Russell, Cecile Calderon, Ave Marie Leonard, Diane Russell, Rebecca Cairo, Grae Fischer (young daughter of  
Brother Knight Ed Fischer) Lila Van Cuyk, Teresa Waugh and Jonathan Hauer



*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.*

Newsletter Approved by:  
GK Kirk LaPlante

Newsletter Editor: Tom Karl  
Email: [tkarl@charter.net](mailto:tkarl@charter.net)

Assistant Editor: PGK Jack Swartz  
Email: [jnswartz1@cox.net](mailto:jnswartz1@cox.net)

**[Submission of newsletter articles should be sent to your Newsletter Editor  
not later than the 25th of the month.](#)**