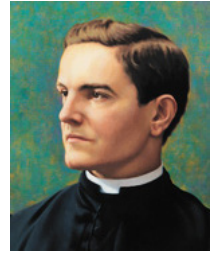




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June 2018

FR. FRANS BERKHOUT, COUNCIL CHAPLAIN, TRANSFERRING TO ST. FRANCIS CABRINI PARISH

An Open Letter from Fr. Tom Morgan,
Pastor of St. Jerome Parish

Dear Friends:

Fr. Frans received word this week that he will be transferred to St. Francis Cabrini in Spring Hill, Florida, on July 1, 2018.

As is often the case, I know that when a priest is transferred parishioners feel a sense of loss. Fr. Frans will be missed.

It is the nature of being a parish priest to desire the opportunity to serve as a pastor of a parish. I know that Fr. Frans is desirous of this opportunity. It is our hope that this next step in his journey will lead him a step closer to his dream.

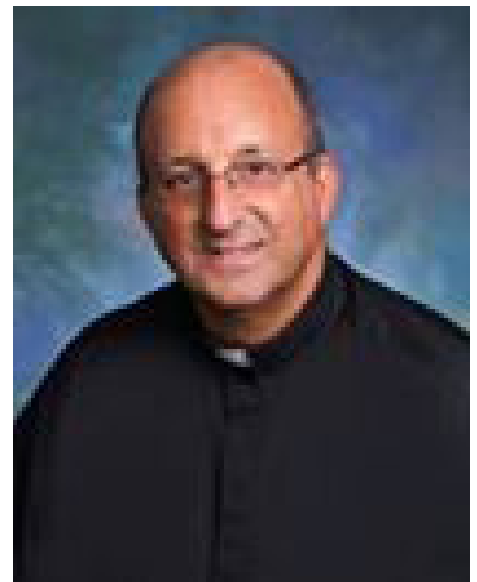
I am grateful to Fr. Frans for his service to our parish, for his support, and for his gifts that he has shared with us.

I want to invite you to join me for a farewell celebration for Fr. Frans on Sunday, June 3, 2018, at our 12:30 p.m. Mass. We will have a reception for Fr. Frans following the Mass in the Parish Center.

Please continue to pray for Fr. Frans as he makes this transition.

Respectfully in Christ..

Fr.. Tom Morgan



Fr. Frans Berkhout

JOKES MADE ABOUT ABORTION AT WHITE HOUSE DINNER



Michelle Wolf

The other night at the White House Correspondents' Dinner, Michelle Wolf, who I'm told is a comedian, regaled the black-tie and sequin-gowned crowd with her "jokes." Almost all were in extremely bad taste and/or wildly offensive, but one has become accustomed to that sort of coarseness in the comedy clubs and even on mainstream television. However, she crossed over into the territory of the morally appalling when she indulged in this bit of witticism regarding Vice President Mike Pence: "He thinks abortion is murder, which, first of all, don't knock it until you've tried it. And when you do try it, really knock it, you know. You gotta get that baby out of there." One is just at a loss for words. I mean, even some in the severely left-leaning crowd in Washing-

ton groaned a bit at that remark.

It might be helpful to remind ourselves what Ms. Wolf is referencing when she speaks of "knocking that baby out of there." She means the evisceration, dismemberment, and vivisection of a child. And lest one think that we are just talking about "bundles of cells," it is strict liberal orthodoxy that a baby can be aborted at any stage of its prenatal development, even while it rests in the birth canal moments before birth. Indeed, a child, who somehow miraculously survives the butchery of an abortion, should, according to that same orthodoxy, be left to die or actively killed. Sure sounds like fun to me; hey, don't knock it until you've tried it.

I realize that these attitudes have

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HOW DO YOU ANSWER THIS QUESTION: WHO IS MY BROTHER?

Who is my Brother?

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ISIS' terrorism an act of genocide." (KofC Website) Most Catholics are unaware that there are Eastern Rite Catholics who celebrate the oldest forms of the Mass which are still said in Aramaic, the language of Christ. They live and die in heart of Islam but remain faithful. They were almost wiped out by ISIS, but now this ancient Christian community is able to return and rebuild with the help of the Knights of Columbus. This is the fruit of what Fr. McGivney started 135 years ago, because this is made possible by the strong

financial backbone of our benefits. This is the heart of our brotherhood, because what you do for yourself and your family matters around the world. Tell your friends and family and please help us grow. Your insurance literally saves lives.



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BOOSTERS

We have begun our Booster Club again. What is a Booster Club? It is an opportunity for like-minded individuals who want to help our Knights of Columbus charities to have a contribution noted each month in this newsletter.

If you would like to be a part of this, your first donation (you, for example) would be \$5.00; each additional name (your wife, for example) would cost \$3.00. Also, this would be a wonderful way to remember loved ones by posting their names for all to see. Please fill out the form below to submit names.

Here are our names for the new Booster list:

Bob Anderson, Vice Supreme Master PSD

Edgar Lecuyer

Anne Lecuyer

Dave Dumont, PFN

Thelma Dumont

David Ruppel

Patty Ruppel

Henry J. Cajiao

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FROM THE DESK OF OUR GRAND KNIGHT



Danny McConnell GK

Brother Knights:

Greetings. I pray all of you are doing well. We do have quite a few members in need of our prayers.

At our next meeting, June 14, we will be holding our election of officers. If you are interested in becoming an officer nominations will

be taken from the floor.

Our council will be needing a pro-life director and membership director. If you are interested, please let me know.

Vivet Jesus

Danny McConnell Grand Knight



I think you have some serious faith issues.

UPCOMING EVENTS



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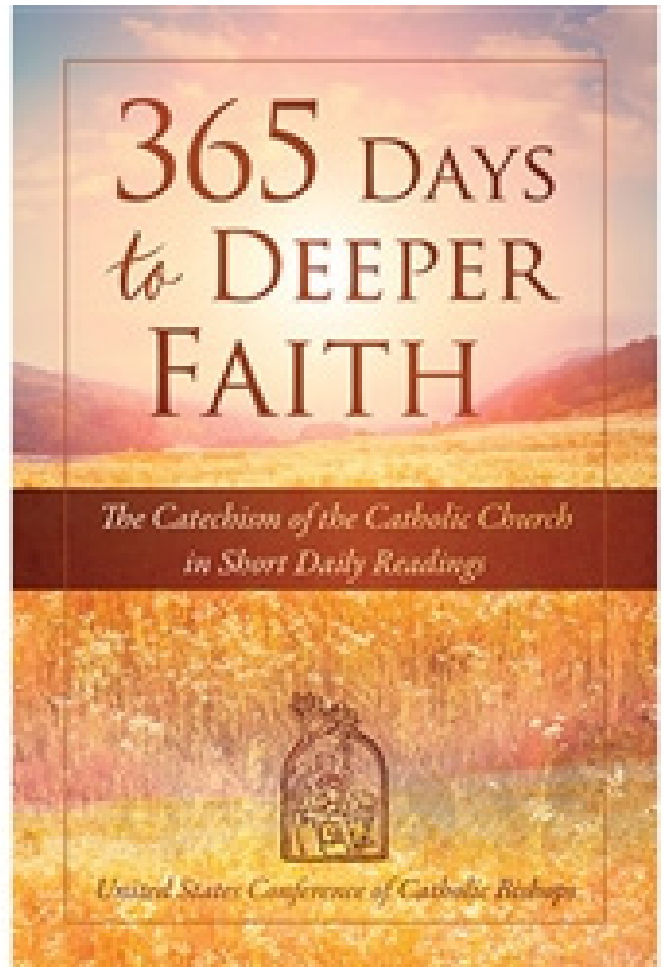


ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Give some thought to becoming an officer in our council. An election for all positions will be held on June 14. Anyone interested in becoming an officer should contact Richard Luzerne.

The following are the members who are running for office:

Grand Knight: Danny McConnell
Deputy Grand Knight: Pete Grasso
Chancellor: Raymond Spurgeon
Recorder: Jim Hand
Treasure: Brian Higgins
Advocate: Tom Walsh
Warden: Fred Myers
Inside Guard: Gene Sanders
Outside Guard: Henry Cajiao
3-Year Trustee: Robert Lamelle



This first of its kind guide to the Catechism of the Catholic Church will help you read through the entire Catechism in just one year! Each day was designed to help you learn in 30 minutes or less!

As a yearly guide, 365 Days to Deeper Faith will take you from paragraph 1 to 2865 with daily readings marking the course of your progress through the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Published in celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the promulgation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, it presents Pope Francis's October 11, 2017, speech commemorating the milestone silver anniversary.



The New Haven Hall has been booked for a Christmas party on December 15. The band will be Two Dog Night. Mark your calendars. More information will appear in the next newsletter.

FIRST DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION HELD AT ST. JEROME



L-R: Jim Blackwell, Financial Secretary; Danny McConnell, Grand Knight; Ron Waters; Pete Grasso, Recorder; and José Carrera, District Deputy.

On Tuesday night, May 22, new member Ron Waters was brought into our council.

Due to some complications, a DVD was used for the exemplification and it worked out fine.

Ron stated that he wants to become involved in our council.

LEAD WITH FAITH

Knights are committed to daily prayer, weekly Mass, and building a community of faith. This is the Knights of Columbus difference, knowing that you are backed by a band of brothers in the quest to become better Catholic men. Your membership gives you access to faith-building materials that will help you draw closer to God and lead with faith.

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been enshrined in American law for some time, but what particularly struck me about the Correspondents' Dinner was how they were being bandied about so shamelessly for the entertainment of the cultural elite. Let's face it, the people in that room—politicians, judges, writers, broadcasters, government officials—are the top of the food chain, among the most influential and powerful people in our society. And while the killing of children was being

joked about—especially, mind you, the children of the poor, who are disproportionately represented among the victims of abortion—most in this wealthy, overwhelmingly white, elite audience guffawed and applauded.

When we live in the space beyond good and evil, when morality is construed as entirely the invention of personal freedom, when nothing counts as intrinsically wicked, when any claim to moral authority is automatically shout-

ed-down, then the will of the most powerful necessarily holds sway. And when something or someone gets in the way of what the powerful want, well then, they just "gotta knock it out of there." Michelle Wolf's comment was not just a bad joke; it was a brazen display of power, designed to appeal precisely to those who have reached the top of the greasy pole.

By Bishop Robert Barron (Edited)

BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE



One of the most effective ways in which the Knights of Columbus has helped thousands of women save their children is through its Ultrasound Initiative.

Ultrasound exams, which are medically necessary throughout pregnancy for a variety of diagnostic reasons, use ultrasound waves to scan a woman's abdomen, creating a picture or "sonogram" of the baby in her uterus. Without K of C support, most pregnancy care centers would be unable to purchase the ultrasound machines, each usually costing tens of thousands of dollars. Providing ultrasound machines to pregnancy resource centers has enabled many thousands of pregnant women to see that their unborn child is a living human being. Ultrasound technology allows a mother to see her developing child and recognize the miracle of life within her. As a result, thousands

of mothers have decided to have their babies.

The Supreme Council shares the cost of ultrasound machines with state and local councils. Since the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative launched Jan. 22, 2009 on the 36th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in the United States, state and local councils have assisted qualified pregnancy centers by raising half the cost of ultrasound machines.

In addition to the Ultrasound Initiative, the Knights of Columbus is in the forefront of marches for life all around the world: in the United States, where the annual March in Washington, D.C., has now been supplemented by similar events in dozens of state capitals as well as the West Coast Walk for Life in San Francisco; in Canada, where the March for Life in Ottawa draws thou-

sands, and where marches are now being held in every provincial capital; and in the Philippines, where Knights helped lead Walk for Life events in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao.

The Knights seek nothing less than the transformation of today's culture into a new culture of life. And the foundation of this effort must be the bedrock of the inviolable dignity of human life at every stage and the realization that in the great family the Lord intends for his people, we are all our brother's keeper.



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THE LIVES OF SAINTS

St. Thérèse, The Little Flower

by Bishop Donald J. Hying

Born in Normandy, France, in 1873 to extremely devout parents, Thérèse Martin grew up in a secure, loving and prosperous family, surrounded by servants and Catholic faith. The loss of her mother at the tender age of 4 wounded her deeply, triggering a distressing illness and a vision of the Blessed Mother smilingly comforting her. As Thérèse's sisters, one by one, left home to join the local Carmelite convent, she felt the same urgent call to religious life herself.

The young Thérèse suffered from an extremely sensitive nature, prone to storms of copious tears and distressing scruples. Arguably coddled and spoiled by her affectionate father, she rose above her limitations, boldly seeking entrance to the convent as a teenager, which was against all the rules. When her pleading with the local bishop and even Pope Leo XIII during a pilgrimage to Rome bore no fruit, Thérèse surrendered her will to God and waited. Against all expectation, she was granted permission to enter the cloister at the age of 15, joining two of her blood sisters in a hidden silence of prayer, renunciation, and penance.

Once the novelty of her new life wore off, Sister Thérèse admitted to a gnawing restlessness. The long days of prayer, silence and work, coupled with the dynamic of a vivacious teenager in a cloistered world of much older women, made for some daunting challenges. In her more challenging moments, Thérèse dreamed of a different life, inspired by the glory of Joan of Arc, imagining herself as a martyr, a missionary---anything other than the endless sequence of quiet days behind convent walls which she had embraced when she professed her vows and put on the Carmelite habit.

In this context of vocational angst, the young nun discovered the spirituality that she would come to call her "Little Way" in the pages of Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. She read Paul's great hymn to love in Chapter 13 and felt a spiritual explosion of joy within

her: "Love appeared to me to be the hinge for my vocation. I saw and realized that love sets off the bounds of all vocations, that love is everything."

Thérèse realized that God was calling her to great love, not heroic deeds, and that her cloistered life mattered to the Lord. Doing little things with enormous love became the nucleus of her Little Way. Being kind and patient with a cranky old nun in the cell next to her,

smiling when she wanted to cry, loving a neurotic sister who drove her to distraction — these small acts of virtue became Thérèse's path to sanctity.

The other essential component to the mystery and mysticism of St. Thérèse of Lisieux is the depth of her suffering. Diagnosed with tuberculosis in the winter of 1897, she rapidly deteriorated. Exhausted, coughing up blood, realizing

that she was under a death sentence at the age of 24, the saint was plunged into a deep spiritual darkness. She despaired of heaven, feeling shut out from the Lord's light and love. Maybe she had thrown away her life on a naive illusion. Wondering if God even existed at times, she pondered the tragedy of dying and simply falling into an abyss of nothingness. Sensing no divine consolation, Thérèse persevered in a radical trust of God's tender love for her, despite fleeting thoughts of suicide.

This dark night of the soul persisted until the very moment of her death on Sept. 30, 1897, when she looked up to heaven with a beatific smile on her face and uttered, "My God, I love you!" and closed her eyes for the last time.

Thérèse was quietly buried in the local cemetery, but never forgotten by her sisters. Her intense love for Jesus and burning desire to do good remained as a luminous example of holiness, as did her promises that she would spend her heaven doing good on earth and that she would let drop a shower of roses upon those who prayed to her.

During the horrors of World War I, the Lisieux Carmel distributed prayer cards to French soldiers, which asked for her intercession and protection. When the war ended, the convent was flooded with hundreds of letters, testifying to the spiritual power of Thérèse in the ravaging danger of war. Soldiers claimed that they saw her next to them in the trenches; one said she pushed him out of the way to avoid a mortar blast; another hid in a barn at Thérèse's direction and avoided capture. The testimonies were so astounding and similar that they fueled her cause for sainthood and created a sensation around the world as these experiences became known. Her spiritual autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, became a best-seller.

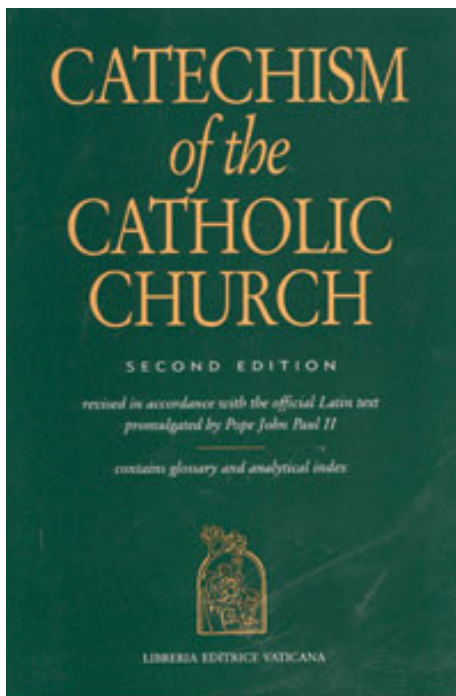
Thérèse embraced the mundane details of her life as she found it and lifted them to the Lord in a glorious act of oblation. Her sanctity speaks to the subversive power of the Gospel itself, which tells us to accept the kingdom of God as a child and to embrace our weakness, inadequacy and poverty in a liberating humility.



St. Thérèse of Lisieux



The Church's Marian identity will be honored in a new feast day, on the Monday after Pentecost



What does the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* say about....

Partaking of Communion under Both Species

1390 Since Christ is sacramentally present under each of the species, communion under the species of bread alone makes it possible to receive all the fruit of Eucharistic grace. For pastoral reasons this manner of receiving communion has been legitimately established as the most common form in the Latin rite. But “the sign of communion is more complete when given under both kinds, since in that form the sign of the Eucharistic meal appears more clearly.”
225 This is the usual form of receiving communion in the Eastern rites.



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