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Our Lord's Beauty by Brother Patrick Bodin



Pat Bodin

The Lord in heaven is stronger than the noise of great waters, yes, he is stronger than the great waves of the sea Psalm 93:4

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COTI PORTABLE 1

7:00 PM

Second Monday of the
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7:30 PM

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FATIMA AT 100

by *Columbia staff*

THE MESSAGE OF THE VIRGIN MARY TO THREE SHEPHERD CHILDREN IN 1917 POINTS TO GOD AS THE SOURCE OF PEACE IN THE WORLD

Between May and October 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared six times to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. Francisco and Jacinta Marto and their cousin, Lucia dos Santos, received Mary's words with simple trust and faithfully put them into practice.

Our Lady's message was one of prayer, penance and conversion at a time of international crisis, as World War I intensified in Europe and the Bolshevik revolution in Russia loomed on the horizon.

During the deadly flu pandemic that began months later, young Francisco and Jacinta suffered immensely, and they showed great spiritual maturity and holiness despite their young age. Francisco died in 1919 at age 10, and Jacinta died a year later at age 9.

Lucia, who became a Sister of St. Dorothy and eventually received permission to join the Carmelites, wrote of the Fatima events in a series of memoirs and obediently shared what came to be called the "secret of Fatima."

Pope John Paul II beatified Francisco and Jacinta on the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, May 13, 2000. Sister Lucia died in 2005 at age 97, and three years later, Pope Benedict XVI waived the five-year waiting period for her cause for canonization.

In March 2017, Pope Francis formally recognized a second miracle attributed to the intercession of Blesseds Francisco and Jacinta, and to celebrate the centennial of the apparitions he will visit the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima in Portugal May 12-13.

As summarized in the pages that follow, the story of Fatima, which unfolded over many decades, is a call to deeper prayer and conversion, and it is intertwined with the Church's experience throughout the tumultuous 20th century.

APPARITIONS AND MIRACLES

On May 13, 1917, 10-year-old Lucia was herding sheep in the Cova da Iria, near Fatima, with her cousins Francisco, 9, and Jacinta, 7, when the children shared a supernatural vision: A woman "clothed in white and brighter than the sun" spoke to them and asked them to meet her in the same place on the 13th day for the next five months.

Though cautioned by Lucia to remain silent about the event, Jacinta could not contain her joy and told her mother, who gave the claim little credence. Lucia's mother accused her own daughter of lying, even blaspheming. As word spread through the community, the children faced increasing questions and threats from the local authorities while ever larger crowds gathered each month.

On Aug. 13, authorities went so far as to kidnap, imprison and threaten the children in an attempt to make them repudiate the apparitions. That month, the Blessed Mother appeared to the children on the 19th, after their release, promising to "perform a miracle so that all may believe" in October.

On Oct. 13, an estimated 70,000 people gathered. While only the children saw Mary, as well as St. Joseph and the Child Jesus, the crowd witnessed what came to be called the "miracle of the sun" — the sun appeared to spin, move toward the earth and cast colored light in an extraordinary manner before resuming its normal appearance.

Sister Lucia later revealed in her memoirs that the remarkable events of Fatima actually began a year before Mary's first appearance. The children had previously been visited three times in the spring of 1916 by the Angel of Portugal, who taught them prayers and called them to deeper love of the Eucharist.

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Jacinta and Francisco Marto are pictured with their cousin Lucia dos Santos (left) around the time of the 1917 apparitions. Pope Francis recently approved the recognition of a miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Francisco and Jacinta, thus paving the way for their canonization. CNS file photo

MESSAGE AND PRACTICE

Mary's message to the children at Fatima was essentially a summons to conversion, faith, prayer, penance and hope. Repeatedly, Our Lady instructed them to "pray the rosary every day" to bring peace to the world and an end to war. She also said to "make sacrifices for sinners" and "in reparation" for offenses against God and her Immaculate Heart. On the last day, she said, "People must amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins."

The Fatima message inspired spiritual practices that have become part of popular Catholic devotion in many parts of the world. This includes devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and First Saturday Communion of reparation, much like the First Friday devotion to the Sacred Heart inspired by visions of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 17th century.

A number of specific prayers also stemmed from these events, including the Fatima Prayer said at the end of the rosary: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins and save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those who are most in need of your mercy."

Pope John Paul II affirmed the universality of the Fatima message in 1991 when he said, "Mary's message at Fatima can be synthesized in these clear, initial words of Christ: 'The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel' (Mk 1:15)."

CHURCH APPROVAL OF THE FATIMA 'REVELATION' On Oct. 13, 1930, after a seven-year investigation, the bishop of Leiria-Fátima declared the apparitions at Fatima worthy of belief and authorized public devotion to Our Lady of Fatima.

In reflecting on the Fatima message in 2000, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, then-prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, explained that Church-approved "private revelation" has three elements: The message contains nothing contrary to faith or morals; it is lawful to make it public; and the faithful are authorized but not obliged to accept the help it offers. This is distinct from "public revelation," which came to completion in Christ, as enunciated in the New Testament, and demands faith.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains: "Throughout the ages, there have been so-called 'private revelations,' some of which have been recognized by the authority of the Church. They do not belong, however, to the deposit of faith. It is not their role to improve or complete Christ's definitive Revelation, but to help live more fully by it in a certain period of history" (67).

As with the apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe (1531) and Our Lady of Lourdes (1858), recent popes have expressed personal devotion to the Blessed Mother under her title Our Lady of Fatima. When Pope Francis visits the Fatima Shrine in May, he will be the fourth pope to do so, following Paul VI (1967), John Paul II (1982, 1991 and 2000) and Benedict XVI (2010).

THE 'SECRET' OF FATIMA

During the apparition of July 13, 1917, the Virgin Mary revealed to the shepherd children the so-called secret of Fatima, comprised of three parts.

At the request of her bishop in 1941, Sister Lucia recorded the first two parts of the secret in writing. The first part was a harrowing vision of hell, depicting demons and souls in human form plunged in fire. Mary said to the children, "You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart."

In a reference to World War II, Sister Lucia further said that Mary spoke of a terrible war that would break out during the pontificate of Pius XI "if people do not cease offending God." Mary also referred to "persecutions of the Church and of the Holy Father" and to the great harm Russia would inflict upon humanity by abandoning the Christian faith and embracing atheistic communism. "In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph," Our Lady concluded. "The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, and she shall be converted, and a period of peace will be granted the world."

In communion with all Catholic bishops, Pope John Paul II consecrated Russia and the whole world on March 25, 1984. Sister Lucia later confirmed that this act of consecration corresponded to what Mary had requested, writing, "Yes, it has been done just as Our Lady asked." The following years saw the weakening of communist Russia and its satellite states; the Soviet Union finally collapsed Dec. 26, 1991, opening the door to a new evangelization.

THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON ST. JOHN PAUL II On May 13, 1981, a jeep carrying Pope John Paul II made its way through St. Peter's Square shortly after 5 p.m. Suddenly, two shots rang out as Mehmet Ali Ağca, a Turkish assassin, fired at the pope from point-blank range. One shot entered the Holy Father's abdomen, while the other grazed his elbow.

Then-Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant was among those gathered in the square for the Wednesday audience, and in the hours that followed, he joined others in prayers for the pope.

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John Paul II was rushed in an ambulance to the Gemelli University Hospital, where surgeons discovered the bullet had missed his abdominal artery by the narrowest of margins. The pope later attributed his survival to the intervention of Mary and said, “It was a mother’s hand that guided the bullet’s path.” He visited Fatima for the first time on the one-year anniversary of the assassination attempt, and the bullet that nearly killed him now rests in the crown of the Marian statue in the shrine’s apparition chapel.

On the day of the assassination attempt, the Holy Father had intended to announce the establishment of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family. The institute’s constitution was instead presented the following October, and the institute was entrusted to the care of Our Lady of Fatima. In a 2008 interview, Cardinal Carlo Caffarra, the institute’s first president, reported receiving a letter from Sister Lucia, in which she wrote, “The final battle between the Lord and the reign of Satan will be about marriage and the family.”

THE ‘THIRD SECRET’

In 1944, Sister Lucia’s bishop had instructed her to put the third part of the secret of Fatima in writing. A sealed envelope containing the text remained with the bishop until 1957, at which time it was delivered to Rome.

It was first read by Pope John XXIII in 1959 and later by Paul VI in 1965. John Paul II read it in July 1981, three months after the attempt on his life, and later authorized its publication. The full text was presented June 26, 2000, accompanied by a commentary by Cardinal Ratzinger.

The third secret described a vision of “a bishop dressed in white” going up a steep mountain toward a cross while praying amid the bodies of martyrs along the way. Upon reaching the summit, he fell to the ground, shot to death by soldiers.

Cardinal Ratzinger explained that “the figurative language of visions is symbolic” and therefore “not every element of the vision has to have a specific historical sense.” Taken as a whole, the vision presents the 20th century as “a century of martyrs, a century of suffering and persecution for the Church, a century of World Wars.”

He added: “When, after the attempted assassination on May 13, 1981, the Holy Father had the text of the third part of the ‘secret’ brought to him, was it not inevitable that he should see in it his own fate?”

With regard to individual events described in the vision, the cardinal affirmed that “they belong to the past,” and “those who expected exciting apocalyptic revelations about the end of the world or the future course of history are bound to be disappointed.”

OUR LADY OF FATIMA AND THE KNIGHTS

In 1947, during the first North American journey of the international pilgrim virgin statue of Our Lady of Fatima, Knights across the continent took part in the devotion and served as escorts. The journey reached more than 250 cities in Canada and the United States in honor of the 30th anniversary of the apparitions, promoting prayer for peace. The pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima also inspired then-Supreme Knight Virgil C. Dechant to initiate in 1979 the Order’s first Marian Hour of Prayer, featuring traveling images blessed by the pope.

A year earlier, the Knights of Columbus began the practice of giving each new member a rosary blessed by the supreme chaplain. Through its support of Holy Cross Family Ministries and through its own distributions, the Order has placed hundreds of thousands of rosaries into the hands of the faithful. In addition, through personal devotion and by organizing prayer services, Knights have promoted the daily recitation of the rosary, as recommended at Fatima.

On Oct. 13, 2013, a Fourth Degree honor guard participated in the Year of Faith “Marian Day” at the Vatican by carrying the original pilgrim virgin statue of Our Lady of Fatima through St. Peter’s Square. And in February 2015, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore and Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson traveled to Fatima on pilgrimage for the first time with Knights and their families.

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From Lecturer SK Jeffery Wooten

Meditative Prayer

Without the daily renewal and deepening of your personal relationship with Jesus Christ that happens especially through meditation, sooner or later routine sets in. Your prayers get mechanical, your sacramental life slides into hollow ritualism, and before you know it your faith gets sidelined and you get dragged back into the secular rat race in some form or another. Daily meditation keeps your faith lively, supple, and relevant. It waters the soil of your soul making your sacramental life more fruitful by keeping your other prayer commitments meaningful and continually revealing new views along the path to spiritual maturity. St Theresa of Avila once said *'He who neglects mental prayer (**meditation**) needs not a devil to carry him to hell, but he brings himself there with his own hands.'*

St Alphonsus Ligouri said *'It is morally impossible for him who neglects **meditation** to live without sin.'*

St Alphonsus Ligouri also said *'And by experience we see that many persons who recite a great number of vocal prayers, the Office and the Rosary, fall into sin, and continue to live in sin. But he who attends to mental prayer scarcely ever falls into sin, and should he have the misfortune of falling into it, he will hardly continue to live in such a miserable state. **Meditation** and sin cannot stand together. However abandoned a soul may be, if she perseveres in meditation God will bring her to salvation.'*

Christ never promised that following him would be easy. In fact, he promised it wouldn't. The spiritual life is full of mystery. You find yourself on unfamiliar ground when you trust God to lead you to richer pastures. Often it is much more comfortable to keep doing what you already know how to do, like Martha, who busied herself in the kitchen when Jesus and the apostles dropped by for dinner. Her sister Mary put normal activities on hold for a little while instead, and sat at Jesus' feet, drinking in his wisdom, his love, and his beauty. When Martha complained that Mary was being lazy and impractical, Jesus smiled at her and said: "Martha, Martha. You worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part, and it is not to be taken from her" (Luke 10:41-42).

If you want to continue to discover and follow God's path for your life, this intensely personal prayer is a necessary element in your spiritual life. While you are here on earth, God always has more he wants to reveal to you and teach you; he has more he wants to do in your soul, making it the masterpiece that he envisioned from the moment of your creation. He also has more work he wants you to do, work that will bear eternal fruit to his glory and to your temporal and everlasting happiness. All of this, however, requires that you grow closer to him, and without a deep, personal (and meditational) prayer life, you simply can't.

If the Pope were coming to pay us a visit, we would certainly be sure to have everything in order prior to his arrival. Christ himself comes to visit us every time we receive Him in the Eucharist. Meditational prayer will help us to ensure that our hearts, minds, and souls are in order every time we receive Him.

Vivat Jesus,

Sir Knight Jeff Wooten
Lecturer, Council 15199

Excerpts taken from 'The Better Part', a book by Fr John Bartunek'. I have just started reading this book and it an excellent resource for learning Meditational Prayer. I highly recommend this book.

From Supreme

A Message to Recruiters



Carl A. Anderson

Time and again, I have stressed that we have nothing less than a moral obligation to offer membership in the Knights of Columbus to every eligible Catholic man. To accomplish this, I am asking dedicated brother Knights like you to be ambassadors, to reach out to Catholic men and their families and invite them to become part of our Order.

The Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney founded our Order more than 134 years ago, and yet we have only just begun to realize our true potential. New members are essential to our success; the Order's *tomorrow* depends on our recruitment *today*!

We must be creative in our recruitment efforts, and I am pleased to promote an exciting web site feature that we hope will facilitate membership recruitment. Please visit the [Why Join?](#) feature and see how it can help in your recruitment efforts. This multimedia presentation offers powerful testimonials from Knights like you about their experiences in the Order.

Please encourage prospective members and their families to visit the "Why Join?" feature at their convenience and in the comfort of their own homes. In so doing, they can see why being a Knight of Columbus truly is an experience of a lifetime.

Thank you in advance for your efforts to bring new members into our ranks. Working together, I am confident that the Knights of Columbus will continue to thrive as the preeminent lay Catholic organization in the world

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MERCY AND THE MOTHER OF GOD

5/1/2017

by Father Jacques Philippe

MARY TEACHES US HOW TO TRUST IN GOD, RECEIVE HIS GRACE AND SHARE HIS LOVE WITH OTHERS



Virgin of Mercy with Child and Saints / Museo Civico degli Eremitani, Padua, Italy / Cameraphoto Arte Venezia / Bridgeman Images

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following text is abridged from a homily given Dec. 8, 2015, at Thomas More College in Merrimack, N.H., and later published in a book titled *Real Mercy: Mary, Forgiveness and Trust* (Scepter, 2016). It is reprinted with permission.

As a priest, I often meet people who say, "A few years ago, I committed this great fault, and I went to confession. I think God forgave me, but I don't seem to be able to forgive myself."

Consider asking yourself the question, "What will allow me to access the mercy of God?" My answer is that there are four conditions: trust, humility, gratitude and forgiveness. And Mary, who is the person with the deepest love and knowledge of God, can help us with these.

The mercy of God will always be greater than our sins, and this is what we contemplate in the mystery of the Virgin Mary. She plays a very important role in introducing us to God's mercy, which is his deepest attribute. Mary did not sin, but in the Magnificat she sang of the mercy of God (cf. Lk 1:46-55). God's mercy is a grace given to Mary in advance, by merit of the sacrifice of the cross. The effusion of mercy that springs forth from the cross, from the very heart of Christ, is what purified Mary.

Everything is given and everything comes from the mercy of God, not from our merit but from the free love of God. Mary is the richest of all creatures, the holiest and the most beautiful, but also the humblest and poorest because she knows that she has received everything from God.

TRUST AND HUMILITY

We see in the Gospels that the mercy of God is the greatest mystery and the most beautiful treasure. However, we have a difficult time accepting it because we really have very little trust in God's forgiveness.

This attitude can come about for certain reasons. Perhaps it has to do with human psychology, but without a doubt, there is a lack of trust. We don't really believe in this reality of the forgiveness of God, and so we don't always fully welcome it. God forgives us, but we can't forgive ourselves.

So there is an issue of trust that is not easy for us because of our wounded human nature. Yet we have the witness of the saints, such as St. Thérèse of Lisieux and St. Faustina, who all emphasize the importance of trust. What permits us to access God's mercy? Trust — complete trust in God. The greater the trust, the more mercy will be given to us, and the more we will please God.

St. Thérèse said that what wounds the heart of God most are not our faults but our lack of trust in his love. This is what prevents us from receiving the abundant mercy and love of God.

St. Louis de Montfort writes about everything Mary gives us. She gives us her faith, her trust in God. She dilates our hearts in a filial trust. She takes away every fear from us, along with all our suspicions. She gives us trust and simplicity and a profound faith that enables us to place all of our trust in God.

The second condition is humility. Sometimes, when we don't forgive ourselves even when God forgives us, the reason is pride — I don't accept being a person who has fallen, who has made mistakes. I would have liked to have been the perfect person, infallible. But I've made mistakes, and I can't accept having faults. This stems from a certain form of pride.

We have difficulty accepting that we have to depend on the mercy of God. We would like to save ourselves. We would like to be our own richness — to be rich based on our good actions and qualities. To receive everything from the mercy of God — to accept that God is our source of richness and not ourselves — requires a great poverty of heart.

Sometimes it's good that we rejoice when we have accomplished great things. But in the moments where we feel our poverty, we should also rejoice, because the good news is for the poor. Mercy is for those who need it, who feel profoundly that they cannot save themselves. Our only hope is not through our own works; it's hope in the infinite mercy of God. That is our only security. It's our only security in life to know that the mercy of God will never run out. That's the second condition for welcoming the mercy of God: humility and poverty of heart.

Mary's maternal love helps us to recognize and accept peacefully our limitations and fragility. This is Mary's great gift to us. Close to Mary, we love our littleness. St. Thérèse says this as well: "The more that you love your smallness and your poverty, the more Jesus will give you grace."

GRATITUDE AND FORGIVENESS

There is a third important condition: gratitude. Jesus said in the Gospel, "For to him who has, will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away" (Mt 13:11). We can understand it this way: He who knows he has received gifts from God, who gives thanks for these gifts, will receive more.

There is a little secret in the spiritual life: The more the heart gives thanks, the more God gives, even when life isn't perfect, even when we don't have everything we need or want. The more we thank God, the more our heart is open to receive even more of his mercy and his gifts.

Mary gives us the gift of thanksgiving. Mary is the Virgin of the Magnificat. She sings the marvels and the mercy of God in a song of hope. God will strike down the mighty from their thrones and will raise the humble. When Mary sings this, it is not yet fulfilled: The kings are still sitting on their thrones. Mary's song of hope is a song of gratitude. Mary teaches us the grace of thanksgiving and praise through her Magnificat.

The fourth condition to receive God's mercy abundantly is very clear in the Gospel: If you do not forgive, God cannot forgive you. Sometimes what stops us from receiving the mercy of God is our lack of mercy toward others, our hardness of heart toward others, our lack of goodness toward others. And so we too need to be merciful. "Blessed are the merciful, for mercy will be shown them" (Mt 5:7). The more I'm merciful with my brothers and sisters, the more God will be merciful with me.

If we want to receive mercy, we have to be merciful toward others. Here Mary gives us a beautiful gift: her maternal heart, her merciful heart. She is our mother, and everything she receives from God, she gives to us. The more I give myself to Mary, the more she will give herself to me.

What do we observe about Mary at the wedding at Cana? She's the first one to see the needs of the people around her. There is no more wine; this would be a catastrophe — even worse if this wedding were in France! Mary is the first one to notice, and she goes to find Jesus.

Mary can help us open our hearts and eyes to the needs of our brothers and sisters. She motivates us to acts of love and mercy through her maternal grace. Her tenderness and love has the force of faith. It can be compared to an army ready for battle. She's strong against evil, but with an inner peace and tenderness that she transmits to us.

Let us ask for the grace to welcome Mary into our hearts, to give ourselves to her so she can give us what she has received from God. She will give us limitless trust, faith, humility, hope and thanksgiving, along with her loving and attentive gaze and the goodness that is so deep within her. By practicing all of this with Mary, she will ask for what we need.

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A PILGRIMAGE UNLIKE ANY OTHER

5/16/2017



Support Warriors to Lourdes

From May 17-23, a group of American Warrior Pilgrims, including wounded and non wounded, are traveling to Lourdes, France, with the Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage to take part in the 59th International Military Pilgrimage.

Sponsored by the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, (AMS) and the Knights of Columbus, the program is a time for healing, both spiritually and physically, in the sacred waters of the grotto and the surrounding atmosphere.

In a letter to this year's pilgrims, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson called attention to the pilgrimage's theme — *Dona Nobis Pacem* (Grant us peace) — stating that the commitment and dedication of United States military men and women helps bring peace to the entire world and expressed his hope that this pilgrimage would be a time of peace for these peacemakers. He also recalled the significance of the pilgrimage this year, which marks the 100th anniversary of the United States entry into World War I. During WWI, the Knights of Columbus became known for their social and spiritual support to Allied servicemen of all faiths.

In a letter to pilgrimage attendees, Archbishop Timothy Broglio of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, (AMS) also discussed the theme of this year's pilgrimage, sharing his hope that the trip would allow pilgrims to be touched by peace and "serve to strengthen the cause of peace in our time."

The pilgrims have a weekend full of activities planned for them, including a series of Masses and ceremonies with veterans from other countries, a recitation of the rosary and the Stations of the Cross, and even a military band concert.

The Knights' sponsorship of the pilgrimage is the latest chapter in the story of their involvement in Lourdes, which first began nearly 100 years ago. During the First World War, the Knights were extremely active in serving American troops abroad and had an official Knights of Columbus Army Hut right in Lourdes itself. "The experiences of the Knights of Columbus in France have been almost as various as are the emotions of man," a report from the period says. It continues:

The Knights have attended the soldiers in their time of trouble; they have helped them to make good use of their moments of leisure. They have knelt by their side on the battlefield, and, when no Priest was to be had, they have taken the dying lad's last message, encouraged him in making his act of contrition, and, when all was over, they have closed his eyes. In times of military stress they have taken food to soldiers in areas which the commissary had been unable to reach; they have made merry with them in hut and in club, joined in their pastimes, found them good reading, comforted them in body and in soul.

Immediately following the end of the war, the Knights also produced a *Guide to Lourdes* after repeated requests from American pilgrims.

"There have been so many requests from the members of the American Expeditionary Forces for a "*Guide to Lourdes*," the introduction to the booklet says, "that the Knights of Columbus feel themselves called upon to present this little volume. It has always been our desire to serve our forces in every way possible."

But that wasn't all. With so many American troops stationed throughout Europe, the Knights of Columbus organized the first-ever international military pilgrimage to the Marian shrine at Lourdes.

"Nothing that the boys have done," the article says, "has given the Knights such satisfaction as has the visits of the doughboys to the shrine of Our Lady at Lourdes."

"Some of us had come six thousand miles," the author says, "but if we had come from the uppermost parts of the earth, the joy of these moments would have made the journey and the fatigue seem as nothing. The atmosphere was redolent with prayer and praise and thanksgiving."

Especially thankful to the sacrifice and service of our veterans, Knights of Columbus everywhere join with the supreme knight and the archbishop in praying for a successful and impactful pilgrimage for all those currently in France, and for all who have risked their lives for our freedom.

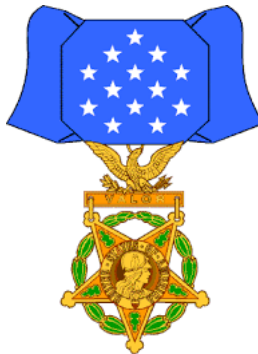
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Visit with Our Veterans



The VA Hospital

On Wednesday, May 10, 2017, we visited the VA Hospital and during this visit, we had the honor and the privilege to meet Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Gary Wetzel. Thank you Gary for your service and sacrifices.



Thank you Gary for your service and sacrifices.

To learn more about Gary please visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e2fyReohlKM>
<http://www.cmohs.org/recipient-detail/3440/wetzel-gary-george.php>



The Rio at Cabezon

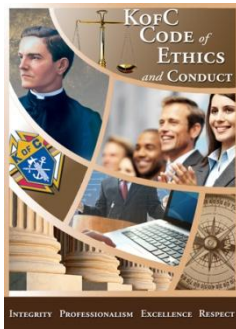
Our next visit to The Rio at Cabezon is Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 2 pm.
The program includes Prayer, Communion and Socializing.

Thank you to all Sir Knights and Brother Knights who support these activities.



Fund Meals For Homeless And Hungry Veterans for FREE

Did You Know?



Reflecting the moral teachings of the Catholic Church and upholding the core principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism in its good works, the Order makes ethics an essential commitment to its business client relationships.

This commitment to ethical leadership has been recognized in the business community when the Knights of Columbus was named a 2016 World's Most Ethical Company® by Ethisphere Institute, a global leader in defining and advancing the standards of ethical business practices. The Knights of Columbus has been recognized among the world's most ethical companies since 2014 when it was one of only two in the life insurance category, underscoring the Knights' commitment to leading ethical business standards and practices.

"For more than 130 years, the Knights of Columbus has been protecting the financial future of Catholic families and providing charity to those on the margins of society," said Knights of Columbus CEO Carl Anderson. "That founding principle of helping those in need is at work in every aspect of our business, guiding our corporate governance, our professional agency force, our investments, and our day-to-day business operations. It is this continued commitment to our foundational, Catholic principles that is the key to our ethical, sustainable and successful business model."

The Knights of Columbus' principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism serve as the basis of the Order's core values which are Integrity, Professionalism, Excellence, and Respect. Internally, the Order abides by a Code of Ethics and Conduct that demonstrates how the core values guide employees and contractors in difficult situations.

"At the Knights of Columbus, our values influence more than just our investments too. They also inform every aspect of our business, from the way we conduct our business, to the way we sell our products and treat our employees," Supreme Knight Anderson said in his remarks at the Sustainable Investments Conference in Chicago in 2011. "Our marketing code of ethics is based on the Ten Commandments and our 'Golden Rule' requires our sales agents to pledge to those they serve the same standards they would apply to themselves. In addition, we work hard to make sure that the same approach is applied to our employees by offering excellent benefits – including health care and a defined benefit pension – and by maintaining an excellent relationship with both our management and union employees."



Defend Life

Through prayer

Through
participation in
vigils

Through
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Through
monetary
support

Through daily
sacrifices,
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Culture of Life

A PRO-LIFE MOMENT

5/1/2017

by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

THE UNITED STATES HAS AN UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITY TO HALT ROE V. WADE'S LEGACY OF ABORTION ON DEMAND



PRO-LIFE AMERICANS now face a historic opportunity. Not since the Supreme Court decided *Roe v. Wade* in 1973 has the United States government had so many high-ranking officials who are pro-life.

Consider this: The House majority leader and the speaker of the House are strongly pro-life. So are the Senate majority leader and the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Both the president and the vice president as well as 17 members of their cabinet are pro-life.

Just three days after the inauguration, President Trump signed a presidential memorandum reinstating the Mexico City Policy, which requires that, as a condition for receiving U.S. foreign aid, nongovernmental organizations agree to neither perform nor promote abortion. Then, several days before the March for Life, the House of Representatives passed Rep. Chris Smith's "No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act."

Vice President Pence went from meeting pro-life leaders and speaking at the March for Life to later casting the tie-breaking vote to pass legislation overturning an Obama administration rule blocking states from defunding Planned Parenthood.

The pro-life agenda has had an important place in the first 100 days of the new administration and the new Congress. But that agenda is far from complete.

The *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, issued by the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace in 2004, describes the right to life as "the first right" (155) and states: "Promoting human dignity implies above all affirming the inviolability of the right to life, from conception to natural death, the first among all rights and the condition for all other rights of the person" (553).

Last August, during our Supreme Convention in Toronto, I stated that we can never hope to build a true culture of life and civilization of love as long as the legal regime of abortion mandated by *Roe v. Wade* remains in effect — a regime that has resulted in the deaths of an estimated 60 million unborn children in the United States since 1973.

As the *Compendium* affirms, "The immediate purpose of the Church's social doctrine is to propose the principles and values that can sustain a society worthy of the human person" (580). And Pope Francis in his encyclical on "care for our common home," *Laudato Si'*, speaks of the need to "safeguard the moral conditions for an authentic human ecology" and to provide the poor with the "right to a life consistent with their inalienable dignity."

The civilization of love rests on respect for the equal dignity and right to life of every person. Human dignity goes beyond abortion. But the right to life is not only a foundation; it can also be a common ground to a broader engagement with society.

Our Knights of Columbus/Marist polling on abortion has consistently shown that strong majorities of Americans support significant restrictions on abortion. And on some questions, these majorities include majorities of those who describe themselves as "pro-choice."

On Jan. 22, the 44th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, Pope Francis stated, "The Church must never tire of being an advocate for life and must not neglect to proclaim that human life is to be protected unconditionally from the moment of conception until natural death." He went on to encourage participants of the March for Life "to work tirelessly for the building of a civilization of love and a culture of life."

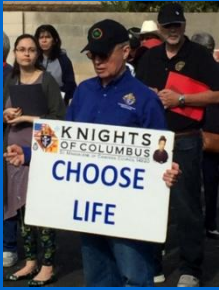
Today, we have in America a new pro-life moment. Now is the time for Catholics and other pro-life Americans to seize this moment to turn the corner on the legacy of *Roe v. Wade*.

The political stars are aligning in a way as to make change possible. It is time to take up the challenge of Pope Francis to work tirelessly for the building up of a culture of life by advocating for the unborn.

If we do not, then in the words of Shakespeare, "the fault ... is not in our stars, but in ourselves."

Vivat Jesus!

http://www.kofc.org/un/en/columbia/supreme_knight/fromthesk_20170501.html



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From Brother Curt Kuper, Project Defending Life



SK Bob Brunoni and Bethany Janzen, regional coordinator for Students for Life

There are 27,000 students at UNM and just a small handful of students that are battling the culture of death that definitely is there at UNM.

Thank God for the UNM Students for Life leaders that have led the Pro-Life effort there in the past: David, Sade, and Samantha. They are now looking for another student to lead for next Fall since the former leaders have graduated and I hope they do find someone.

Bethany is the Regional Coordinator and covers Colorado and New Mexico. She recently held a leadership conference at UNM, but unfortunately the attendance was very sparse despite bringing in excellent speakers like Dr. Anthony Levatino, Mark Cavalier, and Sade Patterson.

Thank you so much for supporting UNM Students for Life in the past and other worthy Pro-Life organizations. Support is very much needed for many of them operating with minimal funding.

God's blessings,
Curt



Project Defending Life

Click on PDL logo for more information

The 7th Annual Father's Day Weekend Prayer Vigil and Men's March for Life

Everyone is invited. Join us for one hour of prayer or for all of the events!



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Schedule for the UNM Newman Center.

1815 Las Lomas Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106 (Park in the back)

Friday, June 16

- 9:00 PM - **Begin:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Overnight Prayer Vigil. One hour of prayer for each vulnerable month of life.

Saturday, June 17

- 12:00 AM Begin Scriptural Rosary. (All four Mysteries! Join us in battle!)
 - 6:00 **End:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
- Everybody head out to Our Lady of Fatima for: Mass, the Rally and the March.

Schedule for Our Lady of Fatima Parish.

4020 Lomas Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110

Saturday, June 17

- 6:00 AM Registration and Fellowship.
- 7:30 Mass — Our Lady of Fatima Church.
- 8:15 Rally & Guest speaker: Mark Cavalier (shut down the abortion mill in Las Cruces) updates and send off announcements.
- 9:00 to 10:00 March and Pray (west on Lomas to I-25).
- 10:00 to 11:00 Pray the Rosary at the abortion mill.
- 11:00 Return to Our Lady of Fatima via Albuquerque City Bus—\$1 and/or Car-Pool back.

Stand up for those who are the most defenseless among us and show that we are humbled to be; sons, brothers, husbands & fathers.

"Defend the unborn against abortion even if they persecute you, calumniate you, set traps for you, take you to court or kill you. No child should be deprived of the right to be born, the right to be fed, the right to go to school."

Pope Francis

(Cardinal Bergoglio, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Sep 5, 2005)

"I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; **therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live**, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice, and cleaving to him; for that means life to you and length of days, that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them." Dt 30:19



Pro-Life Update

Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains announced that it will be closing three of its six abortion clinics in New Mexico late this summer, stating that funding is one consideration impacting the closure. The closing locations in Albuquerque's Nob Hill, Rio Rancho and Farmington referred clients to abortion centers.

These closures are part of a wave of victories for the pro-life movement in New Mexico. Although the abortion chain plans to expand its hours and operations, its tentacles in these communities will be removed. In January, Whole Women's Health, an abortion provider in Las Cruces, announced it was [closing its doors](#) after opening three years ago.

A year of scandals and congressional investigations have plagued the Albuquerque abortion provider Southwestern Women's Options and have involved UNM's Health Science Department. The congressional Select Panel on Infant Lives issued to [criminal referrals](#) naming UNM and SWO

Calling all that support the dignity and value of human life! We need your help.

What is an Ambassador for Life?

An Ambassador for Life is a volunteer that makes contact with his/her church to collect petition signatures, inform church members of upcoming events, and encourage others to get involved. As a Thank You, each Ambassador for Life will receive a FREE BOOK. Please click on the logo below if you want to be an Ambassador or volunteer in any other way. Your sacrifice is invaluable.



From SK Sid Gutierrez

The government's own definition attests to the fact that life begins at fertilization. According to the National Institutes of Health, "fertilization" is the process of union of two gametes (i.e., ovum and sperm) "whereby the somatic chromosome number is restored and the development of a new individual is initiated."

Steven Ertelt "Undisputed Scientific Fact: Human Life Begins at Conception, or Fertilization" *LifeNews.com* 11/18/13

**Science
Fact!**

**The Unborn Child
is a
Human Being!!**



**Don't be a
Science
Denier!**

Knights of Columbus Insurance



For most of us, the idea of not working is an exciting one. We relish weekends and vacations. We look forward to holidays and special occasions.

We plan for retirement and count down the number of days until we arrive at that freedom that we have planned for so deliberately.

But what if the end of work comes not with freedom, but with surprise? What if the end of work comes with an illness or an accident that prevents us from doing our job? Will we be prepared? Can we be?

With the help of the Knights of Columbus, members and their families can.

We welcome retirement because we have planned for it. We know when it is coming, we know what it will take to get there, and we know what we will need when it arrives. But how can we plan for something unexpected? How can we know what we will need when we do not know what will happen?

Disability insurance is often dismissed by working men and women because they think it will never happen to them. Their jobs are fairly safe. Their lives are fairly healthy. Disability — they say — is simply something they will never experience.

The statistics tell a different story.

According to the United States government, a staggering 1 in 4 of today's 20-year-olds will become disabled before reaching the age of 67.¹ The nature of the job is irrelevant. According to the Social Security Administration, 95 percent of all disabling illnesses and accidents happen outside of the workplace.²

Consider a typical male, age 35, a non-smoker, who works at an office job with some outdoor responsibilities and leads a very healthy lifestyle. He has a 21 percent chance of being injured or becoming ill and unable to work for three months or longer prior to retirement.³

And what happens once that occurs? What happens if your last paycheck is really your last paycheck?

If your illness or injury is among the 95 percent that happen outside of work, workers' compensation will be of no assistance to you. If you plan to rely on the government, you may find that you are among the 64 percent of Americans — including severely disabled Americans — who do not receive any assistance from the government or governmental programs, including Medicare, Social Security and supplemental Security Insurance.⁴

But the situation does not need to be that desperate. Your membership in the Knights of Columbus gives you and your eligible family members exclusive access to disability income insurance that can help safeguard your paycheck.

With Knights of Columbus Disability Income Insurance, you can help make sure that you continue to earn an income, even when you cannot work.

Our disability income insurance is designed to be flexible so that, working with your Brother Knight field agent, you can customize it to fit your needs. You choose the monthly benefit amount that's right for you, the elimination period that makes the most sense, and the maximum benefit period for your policy.

And, by purchasing a disability income insurance policy from the Knights of Columbus, you have the added security of knowing that you are doing business with an unapologetically Catholic company that makes sure its investments do not violate Church teaching, and which has been repeatedly recognized as a "World's Most Ethical" company.⁵

You owe it to yourself and to your family to make sure that your financial future is secure, regardless of what happens. Don't be caught off guard by surprises. Be on guard and be prepared.

Talk to your Knights of Columbus Field Agent today to learn how easy and affordable disability income insurance can be.

<http://www.kofc.org/en/news/insurance/protecting-paycheck.html>

Contact Sir Knight Bob Brunoni today to set up an appointment and learn how the Knights of Columbus can help protect your family.

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2017 Assembly 3309 Color Corp Schedule

1. January 29, 2017 - Corporate Communion - Process at Mass
2. April 13, 2017 - Holy Thursday - Guard for the Blessed Sacrament
3. April 16, 2017 - Easter Sunday - Process at Mass
4. April 30, 2017 - Corporate Communion - Process at Mass
5. **June 15, 2017 - Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) - Process at Mass**
6. **July 2, 2017 - Independence Day - Present the Colors (Sunday before as July 4 is on a Tuesday)**
7. **July 30, 2017 - Corporate Communion - Process at Mass**
8. October 29, 2017 - Corporate Communion - Process at Mass
9. November 12, 2017 Veteran's Day - Present the Colors (Sunday after as Veterans Day is on Saturday, November 11, 2017)
10. November 26, 2017 - The Feast of Christ The King - Process at Mass
11. December 25, 2017 - Christmas Day - Process at Mass
12. December 31, 2017 - Corporate Communion - Process at Mass



2017 Patriotic Fourth Degree Exemplification Ceremonies

June 10th - St. Jude Catholic Parish, 5629 Paradise Blvd, Albuquerque NM 87114 and hosted by St. Jude Assembly #3186.

Happy Birthday

June 2017

Thomas Plate 6-1
Dave Ashley 6-2
SK Joe Berryman 6-3
Victor Caraveo 6-7
Jacob Medley 6-12
Pat Bodin 6-13
David O'Hara 6-21
SK Rev John Carney 6-25
SK Sid Gutierrez 6-27
Abelino Martinez 6-27
SK Patrick McLaughlin 6-27
SK Bernie Marquez 6-30

July 2017

Anthony Duran 7-26
SK Anthony Gutierrez 7-24
SK John J Maloney 7-19
Angelo Marquez 7-12
Jon Paskiewicz 7-14
Richard Reiffenberger 7-20
SK Eduardo Serna 7-3

Knight's Prayer

Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our Order. Keep us true to our pledge, to extend the kingship of thy divine son on earth. Through Thine intercession, win for us the grace, ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues that should characterize those especially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware that as your Knights, we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our Order appreciated. Accept, O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion, of Thy Servants, the Knights of Columbus.

http://www.kofc11768.org/?page_id=19

Rummage Sale

Church of the Incarnation Parish Hall

July 28 – Jul 30

If you have items to donate, please bring them to the
Parish Hall, if you need assistance please call

505-903-0401

Items must be in good condition

No old TV's, heavy gym equipment or broken/worn
furniture, appliances, etc.

Reminder

Please Submit Your Service Hours

