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“Our Lady”

By Deacon Bob Cox, State Spiritual/Faith Director

Greetings my Brother Knights and families! I hope and pray that everyone is healthy. I also hope and pray that you all have been vaccinated...Pope Francis and Bishop Guglielmone tell us it is perfectly alright to be vaccinated. Other people are depending on you!

The month of September has been designated as the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows. The actual Feast Day of Our Lady of Sorrows is September 15th. This feast has been around since the 11th- 12th. centuries, however under various titles or names. In 1482, the feast was officially placed in the Roman Missal under the title of Our Lady of Compassion, as it made known the deep love of Mary that was displayed in suffering with her Son. Of course, Mary’s sorrow (dolor) far exceeded everyone else’s, since she was the Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ. In 1727, Pope Benedict XIII proclaimed the Feast of Our Lady of Compassion on the Friday before Palm Sunday. It was later suppressed in 1969. In 1668, the feast in honor of the Seven Dolors was designated for the Sunday after September 14th, The Feast of the Holy Cross. In 1814, Pope Pius X permanently designated the Feast of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary (now known as The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows) on the date of September 15th. in the calendar of the Roman Missal.

Honing-in on the compassion of Mary, St. Pope John Paul II, reminded the people, Mary goes on being the loving consoler of those touched by the moral and physical sorrows which burdens and aggravates mankind. The Saint said, “She knows our sorrows and our pains, because she too suffered, from Bethlehem to Calvary. ‘And thy soul too a sword shall pierce.’ (The prophecy of Simeon.) Mary is our Spiritual

Mother, and the mother always understands her children and consoles them in their troubles. Then, she has that specific mission to love us, received from Jesus on the Cross, to love us only and always, so as to save us! Mary consoles us above all by pointing out the Crucified One and Paradise to us!” (1980)

On April 3, 2020, Pope Francis had this to say about Mary, “Today it will do us good to stop a little and think about the pain and sorrows of Our Lady. She is our mother.” Pope Francis also says, “It will do us good to stop a little and say to Our Lady: ‘Thank you for accepting to be Mother when the angel told you and thank you for accepting to be Mother when Jesus told you.’”

So, my Brothers, let us remember to venerate Our Lady of Sorrows, not only on September 15th., but the whole month of September. She is our Mother.

I will be sending out later this month more on the Sorrows (Dolors) of Mary and the meditating and praying the Rosary/Chaplet of Our Lady of Sorrows as part of your Faith in Action, Faith category.

Viva Cristo Rey,
Deacon Bob Cox



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SCHEDULE OF STATE WIDE EVENTS

September 2021

- 11 85th Exemplification of the Fourth Degree -St. John the Beloved Catholic Church, Summerville

November 2021

- 13 Soccer Shootout, St. John Neumann School

December 2021

- 10-12 DD Midwinter Meeting, Westin Resort and Spa, Hilton Head Island, SC



From the State Deputy

Paul Burchell

A Little Good News. How many of you have pretty much stopped watching the news on a regular basis because of all the turmoil in our country and the world? Topics such as the pandemic, earthquakes in Haiti, violence in our streets, social unrest, political scandals, floods in Tennessee, hurricanes, and terror attacks in Afghanistan dominate the network news. Unfortunately, this is not the first time in our history where it seems that all we hear is bad news and I suspect it won't be the last time either.

In 1983, Ann Murray recorded a song entitled "A Little Good News" In it she talks about all the bad things that are happening in the world, not unlike today, and in keeping with the song's title, the line, "We sure could use a little good news today" appears throughout the song.

Fortunately for us there is not only good news but we, as members of the greatest fraternal organization in the world, are making it and we need to take the time to recognize and thank our Brothers who are making it happen.

How about Council 6892 in Columbia organizing the celebration of Blessed Michael McGivney's first annual Feast Day on August 13th with a Mass celebrated by the Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone? The parade of banners at the beginning of the celebration from councils across the state was very impressive. I can't imagine the months of preparation that went into making this such a wonderful celebration and truly an evening to remember. The preparation included working with Supreme who provided a news crew to document the celebration which can be viewed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9dAmhzmqc7I>. Thank you Council 6892 and the parishioners of Our Lady of the Hills.

How about the response from the Knights when the devastating floods occurred in middle Tennessee and Hurricane Ida struck Louisiana? State Deputies from across the United States and Canada immediately reached out to our Worthy Tennessee State Deputy, Fred Laufenberg and Louisiana State Deputy, George Martin, with financial donations and offers of needed supplies. The SC State Council donated a total of \$4,000 to assist our brothers in their disaster relief efforts.

How about as soon as the 7.2- magnitude earthquake in Haiti hit, the Supreme Council made an initial commitment of

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From the Vocations Director

Jim Weiskircher, Vocations Director

Father Matthew Gray has taken a leave of absence from the Diocese to take over the role of Vocation Director for the Archdiocese of the Military Services. We often think that when someone takes a leave of absence that they are gone but they are, in fact, on loan to the AMS. I took the following information from their web site to give you a better idea of how someone would go about applying to become a military chaplain.

The Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program was created as a formal relationship between the AMS and cooperating U.S. dioceses and religious communities to encourage men to pursue priesthood in the U.S. military and throughout the Church by supporting vocations drawn largely from the armed forces. The Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program financially supports men who show evidence of a vocation to priestly ministry in the armed forces. Contractually, Co-Sponsorship means that the AMS and the seminarian's home diocese or religious community agree to share equally the cost of all seminary related expenses with the understanding that the man will serve as an active duty military chaplain upon graduation from seminary, ordination, and completion of at least three (3) years of priestly ministry with his diocese or religious community.

Who is eligible?

Any single Catholic young man who is a US citizen with college experience who shows signs of having a vocation to priestly ministry, can meet the academic requirements for seminary training, and qualifies for military service is eligible to apply.

A candidate must be able to enter active duty before age 42. Adjustments on the entry age may be made for those with prior military service as long as the total number of years of military service can equal twenty years or more.

If you are currently a seminarian, you must first discuss your interest in the military chaplaincy with your formation director and bishop or religious superior; follow his directions.

If you are a laymen, military or civilian, and not yet formally accepted to a diocese or religious community priesthood formation program, you may contact the Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of the Military Services, USA.

Procedures to Follow:

Step 1: If you are a seminarian, discuss your interest and discernment regarding the military chaplaincy with your formation directors and bishop or religious superior. Follow their directions.

If you are a layman, military or civilian, and not yet formally accepted to a diocese or religious community priesthood formation program, and feel a call to the priesthood and

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Patriot's Corner

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blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” (Eph 6:11-12). Let our weapons be prayer, family, community, and solidarity under the truth. Let the chain of the rosary unite us and turn us back to the truth. May we all be under the mantle of Mary’s protection, One Nation Under God!
Vivat Jesus!

“Quo Vadis, America” ---- **Bishop Fulton J. Sheen**

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Happy Patriot Day 2021

From The Life Director

My Brother Knights,

I pray that you are all doing well and staying safe in this continued time of pandemic that our nation has been enduring. Despite our country’s current struggles and the struggles that face our families within our state, we as members of the Knights of Columbus know that we must keep on fighting for the unborn and the most vulnerable in our society. I plead with you to never cease in praying for the unborn. “Forty Days for Life” starts on September 22nd and runs through October 31st. The Silver Rose is a program that travels throughout councils every year along routes from Canada to Mexico to pray for respect for life and the spiritual renewal of each nation through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Hold a Novena for Life by having your council promote nine days of sustained prayer to build up a culture of life in our parishes, homes and communities. Work with your pastors to hold a mass for people with special needs. It can be challenging for these important members of our society to participate in mass due to physical and social barriers. Celebrating a Mass for people with special needs will send a message that all of God’s children are welcome under the parish roof and that every person is an integral part of the parish family.

Besides prayer, there are other ways that us brother knights and our families can advocate for the unborn and all other life issues. Get involved with your council and support the Ultrasound program, support a Women’s Center by providing funds and/or supplies for crisis pregnancies, be a silent witness outside of an abortion clinic praying or through sidewalk counseling and get involved in the prolife marches here in South Carolina and on the national stage. This coming year’s Stand Up for Life March and Rally at the Statehouse will take place on January 8, 2022 and will consist of a march and a celebration with members of the SC legislature and dignitaries. This is part of the Proudly Pro-Life Weekend 2022 with the Proudly Pro-Life Dinner on the 7th and March to the Statehouse on the 8th. As I receive more information of this annual event

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St. Thomas Aquinas in the Summa Theologica puts patriotism under the virtue of *pietas* – Piety because we are dependent on each other and dependent on law & order. This was never understood to Thomas as a detriment to the dignity of the human person. It was only in a society that understood the role of *pietas* where the dignity of the human person could be said to live the “quiet, peaceful life” that St. Paul speaks of in his letter to the Ephesians. It was this virtue that Bishop Fulton Sheen saw vanishing in a tumultuous America *over fifty years ago, which cried: “down with Churches, down with government, down with the police!”*

With the loss of this virtue, Bishop Sheen warned us that we had only two options. For one, we may fight to defend what the founding fathers deemed inalienable: the dignity of man. This was the Jeffersonian track, based upon a revolution that sought absolute truth and the freedom to govern ourselves on the most local level possible (the principle of subsidiarity). The other option was from Louis St. Just, a leader of the French Revolution and a contemporary of Jefferson, whose edict was violence and destruction of anything associated with the past.

Quo Vadis, America?

This was the title of the talk that Sheen gave so many years ago. It is Latin for “Where are you going, America?” Today choices are being made to answer that question. Regardless of the outcome, a restoration of *pietas* and patriotism is in order. The battle for the dignity of the human person is still here. As Fourth degree Knights of Columbus, we must “Put on the full armor of God, so that we can take our stand against the devil’s schemes. “For our struggle is not against flesh and

From the State Protocol Chairman

Worthy Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators and Members of the State Council:

From the State Protocol Chairman Ronald G. Povero, PSD, FM

Head Table

At any gathering of the Knights of Columbus, the cardinals, bishops, priests, religious brothers, Supreme Officers, Supreme Directors, State Officers, Supreme Directors, State Officers, State Directors and Chairmen, District Deputies, General Agents, Vice Supreme Masters, Faithful Navigators and visiting Grand Knights always are honored guests and as such should occupy a seat of honor. (Sometimes because of the large number of dignitaries in attendance it is impossible to seat everyone at the head table. In cases such as this, only the top ranking officials should be seated at the head table. Other dignitaries should sit at designated seats in the audience and should be introduced at an appropriate time by the master of ceremonies.)

Seating is arranged by rank from the middle out to either end – with the highest ranking official seated at the middle of the head table. Guests are introduced from the master of ceremonies right toward the middle, then from left toward the middle, excluding speaking members of the head table. All should rise when said members enter and remain standing until they are seated.

Procession

In all cases, the wishes of the celebrant are to be followed. Knights of Columbus are first to enter the church in a Liturgical celebration, and follow the celebrant out of the Church. The order of precedence for Knights of Columbus processional into the church is from lowest rank to highest. The highest ranking would be first to follow the celebrant out of the church and would follow the “Order of Precedence”. The color corps, when used at the celebration of Mass or a Knights of Columbus function, is to be lead into the church by the District Marshal or Color Corps Commander and follow by the highest ranking in colors.

Council and Assembly Degree Order of Precedence

1. Supreme Knight
2. State Deputy
3. Supreme Officers
4. Supreme Master
5. Supreme Directors
6. Former Supreme Officers and Directors
7. Vice Supreme Master

8. State Officers
9. District Master
10. Past State Deputies
11. Former Vice Supreme Masters
12. District Deputies
13. Former Masters
14. State Directors
15. General Agents
16. Chapter Presidents
17. Grand Knights
18. District Marshal
19. Faithful Navigators
20. Council Officers
21. Assembly Officers
22. District Warden
23. Field Agent

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\$250,000 to assist those affected and councils from our own District 10 asking how they could donate as well?

How about the Supreme Council sending a check for \$2,500 to support the South Carolina Special Olympics?

Yes, Brothers, there is a lot of good news out there and we don't have to search far and wide to find it. Just look around at your fellow councils. The four examples above all occurred within a three-week period in August. Similar acts of charity occur throughout the year because as our Supreme Knight stated, “where there's a need – there's a Knight”. Why wouldn't every Catholic man want to be part of an organization such as we have? And, more importantly, why wouldn't we want to offer that opportunity to everyone?

Vivat Jesu!

Paul

State Ceremonial Director

As of today, we have 32 new members. DD's please assure that you send me all 450's. We are off to a great start but we still have 6 districts that have not held a CUF Exemplification yet. The requirement is for each district to host at least one Exemplification per quarter. There's still time to meet this requirement. For the districts that have already completed this requirement, thank-you, especially Districts 3,9 and 13 for hosting 2. Lets keep moving forward.

Peace and God Bless;

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I will be passing along details. I would like to see as many Knights of Columbus members and their families participate in this coming year's event as well as 4th Degree members in uniform. The 4th Degree leads the March every year and should have a greater presence. I know that there were banners from numerous councils and assemblies last month present at the Feast Day for Blessed Michael McGivney in Columbia. I think it would be amazing if we could have all of our councils and assemblies painting the steps of the Statehouse with our banners. Please have your Council Life Directors promote this event and promote it early. To aid in participation, parishes should join in a transportation venture where all attendees can be bussed to the Pro Life March. Likewise, we need to have a much larger contingent of Knights of Columbus members from South Carolina attend the National Right to Life March in Washington, D.C. on January 21, 2022.

The State Council is rejuvenating the Pro-Life ACE Wings Award Program. The Pro-Life ACE Wings Award stands for Pro-Life without Apology, without Compromise, & without Exception. The ACE Wings are a pin that are 2" wide and 5/8" high and are metallic. The "Precious Feet" are the exact size and shape of an unborn baby's feet at 10 weeks after conception. There are certain requirements that will be published on the new website once launched soon along with the application for this award. This isn't just an award to be worn on your lapel but is a sign of your witness of faith and your steadfast commitment to building a culture of life. This award will not only be available for award to members of the Knights of Columbus but to others within our community that exemplify the same commitment to life at all stages. Once the application is complete, it can be submitted to the State Life Director by the Grand Knight of the respective council at chriscarter1@charter.net. I look forward to receiving an abundance of these award applications this fraternal year and seeing many of my brother knights making a difference in their communities by supporting life at all stages from conception to natural death.

Our councils at meetings and members in our homes should be praying as often as possible for an end to abortion. Write your legislators on the state and national level. Prayer definitely does help. We have seen many successes in our fight for life. Most recently, the United States Supreme Court refused to block a Texas law prohibiting abortions, less than a day after it took effect and became the most restrictive abortion measure in the nation. The court will take up a separate case in its new term this fall to decide whether Roe v. Wade, should be overturned. Their decision also left Texas abortion providers turning away patients as they scrambled to comply with the law, which prohibits abortions after six weeks. Our prayers were heard but many more are needed as we continue

to fight for decisions and legislation that support the life of the unborn and other vulnerable people in our society. Let us ever remember that we have a great weapon in the Holy Rosary. This is a powerful tool to fight the evils of this world including abortion. Mary's love encircles us, drawing us closer to her Divine Son. Under the mantle of her protection, we will always take up her Holy Rosary. Brothers, join me in continuing to fight for Life always.

Blessed Michael J. McGivney, pray for us!

SK Chris Carter, DW #6
State Life Director

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the military chaplaincy, prayerfully seek the advice of your Catholic military priest-chaplain (if you are on active duty), or your local parish priest. He will put you in touch with the vocations director in your home diocese. The vocations director can outline the steps to discern your call, enter into seminary formation, and become an ordained priest. You may also contact our AMS Director of Vocations for information and guidance.

Step 2: With their permission contact the AMS Director of Vocations. You will then be asked to complete a survey which provides personal, academic, ecclesiastical, and military information about yourself. On the basis of information gathered, specific guidance will be offered to you by the AMS Office of Vocations.

Step 3: Attend one of the two annual vocation discernment retreats sponsored by the AMS. This retreat will give you the opportunity to meet with the AMS Director of Vocations and military priest-chaplains from the different branches of service to learn more about the rewards and challenges of serving both God and your country.

Step 4: If a mutual decision has been made between you and your bishop or religious superior giving you permission to be a co-sponsored seminarian chaplain candidate, you will then be invited to apply for the Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program.

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