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7:30 PM

Second Thursday of the
month

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Our Lord's Beauty by Brother Patrick Bodin



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From Lecturer, SK Jeffery Wooten Sacrament of Reconciliation: Celebrating the Mercy of God

(Excerpts from an article by Thomas Richstatter, O.F.M.)

During his homily, a pastor was talking about confession and began by asking the congregation: “What is the most important thing about confession?” A woman in the front pew immediately answered: “Confessing your sins to the priest! That’s why we call it *confession*.”” The pastor said, “Confessing your sins is important, but it’s not the *most* important thing.”

A man towards the back called out: “Contrition! Being sorry for your sins! The whole thing doesn’t work without contrition.” The pastor answered, “That’s right, it doesn’t ‘work’ without contrition; but I don’t think that contrition is the *most* important thing.”

A man over on the left side of church spoke up: “Examination of conscience. If you don’t first examine your conscience, you don’t know what you have to be sorry for and you don’t know what to confess.” The pastor wasn’t satisfied with this answer either.

A young woman on the aisle tried: “It’s the penance. If you don’t do the penance, the confession doesn’t count.” The pastor shook his head and the congregation could tell that he still hadn’t heard the answer he wanted to hear. An uneasy silence fell over the church as people tried to think.

In the silence a little girl in the third pew said: “Father, I know what’s most important. It’s what Jesus does for us!” The pastor smiled and told she was absolutely right.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation has been changing and growing throughout the centuries. When the Church first began, the only forms of Reconciliation were Baptism and the Eucharist. Over the centuries, Reconciliation has changed to the following which will be discussed further below:

1. Canonical Penance
2. Celtic Penance
3. Confession
4. The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Canonical penance

All sins are forgiven when we are plunged into the death and resurrection of Jesus at Baptism. In the early Church, sins committed after Baptism were forgiven by prayer, almsgiving, fasting, self-denial and especially by the Eucharist. But there were times when baptized Christians committed such grave, public and scandalous sins that the community felt it was impossible to share the Eucharist with them. The Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit to continue the reconciling ministry of Jesus, developed sacramental rites to help these sinners repent, convert, and be re-admitted to the Eucharist. These rituals, which we now call “Canonical penance,” were modeled on the rituals for Baptism. They were public, liturgical and just like Baptism; they could be celebrated only once in a lifetime.

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Celtic penance

In fifth-century Ireland, they implemented a different type of Penance. Celtic monks were accustomed to seeking out a holy person to ask for advice in overcoming their sins - just as today we might go to a doctor to ask for help and advice in overcoming a physical illness. The Christian would go to a holy monk, tell their sins, and ask for healing. Celtic penance was for all sins; not just for grave, public sins. And, unlike Canonical penance, the process was repeatable. The emphasis was not on “telling the sin” but on performing the penance. Just like when we go to the doctor...the main thing is not “confessing” our illness to the doctor but by doing what he says and taking the medicine so that we can be healed.

Confession

During the seventh century, Irish missionaries brought Celtic penance to Europe and it eventually became called “Confession.” In this expression of the sacrament, a confession was made to a priest who was given the power by God to grant absolution. During this time, the penance was greatly reduced. For instance; during the time of Celtic penance, the penance may have been “fast on bread and water alone for 10 years”. When confession began, the penance may have been “say six Our Fathers.” The emphasis was on confessing the sins to the priest and the priest’s words of absolution. From this time until Vatican II’s revision, the liturgy was spoken only in Latin. Only devotional prayers were in the vernacular. In Confession, the priest and the confessor spoke to each other in the vernacular. Only the “formula of absolution” was in Latin.

Pope Pius XII, in his encyclical letter *Mediator Dei: On The Sacred Liturgy* (1947) wrote about Confession in the part of the encyclical entitled “Other Devotions Not Strictly Liturgical Warmly Recommended.” Apparently, even the pope thought of Confession as just a devotional prayer.

Vatican II’s revision

After Vatican II, many Catholics stopped going to Confession. During the first half of the 20th century, Catholics went to Confession more frequently than they went to Holy Communion! But then around 1965, the long lines for Confession disappeared! Various explanations are given.

- Some point to the encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (1968), with its unpopular ban on birth control.
- Bishops speak of “the loss of a sense of sin.”
- Some laity report that they have found other ways to experience what they used to receive from Confession: support groups, Bible study, spiritual direction, Alcoholics Anonymous, etc
- Some point out that the lines for Confession became shorter as the lines for Holy Communion became longer. Many Catholics began to see Eucharist as the primary sacrament of reconciliation.

Perhaps we are still too close to the event to explain why many people stopped going to Confession. One thing that we know from history is that the rituals by which the Church exercises the ministry of reconciliation are appropriate to the culture of the time. As culture changes, so does the form of the sacrament.

The Second Vatican Council looked at the history of the ways in which the Church has exercised the power to forgive sins and considering the cultural needs of the time, asked that the rituals for the Sacrament of Penance be revised “so that they more clearly express both the nature and the effects of the sacrament” (*Constitution on the Liturgy*, 72). The revised Rite of Penance was approved by Pope Paul VI in 1973 and was introduced in the United States on the First Sunday of Lent, 1976.

It appears there are four “categories” of expression of the sacrament in parishes today.

1. Devotional confession
2. Confession with spiritual direction
3. A communal Bible service followed by individual confessions
4. Celebrating the Mercy of God

Let's take a look at these four.

Devotional Confession

Many people continue to "go to Confession" just as they did before the new ritual. They come in, kneel behind the screen, repeat the traditional formulas, recite a short list of sins, and then wait for a penance and a brief word of encouragement. They say an "Act of Contrition" and "absolution". They say, "Thank you, Father," and leave. Like most devotions, part of the appeal of this ritual is its familiarity and the fact that it doesn't change. The encounter between priest and penitent takes only a few minutes; it requires little on my part as priest except to listen patiently. The penitent goes away with that "good feeling" that we each receive from the performance of our favorite devotions.

Spiritual direction

Telling our sins to a priest can be an exercise in humility. It is often humiliating and embarrassing to "confess" to your doctor that you have done something stupid which resulted in your illness. But in both cases, the "confessing" is not all that is needed. When you tell the doctor what's wrong with you, you expect that the doctor will do something that will help you get better.

Growth in the spiritual life is the motive for most Catholics to seek spiritual direction. For many Catholics, Confession is our only opportunity to enter into a conversation with a priest. In this expression of the sacrament, we sit down facing the priest and tell them of the state of our soul, our sins, and our temptations. The priest listens attentively and patiently, then give us words of encouragement based on the Scriptures. But they don't typically give us advice for obvious (and legal) reasons.

Bible service followed by individual Confession

Some parishes have begun the practice (often during Lent and Advent) of gathering the parish or deanery for a "service of the Word." Reading from Scripture, a homily, an examination of conscience and an Act of Contrition - after which several priests go to various parts of the church and hear individual confessions. People come to the priests and "go to Confession," and then say their penance and return home.

CELEBRATING THE MERCY OF GOD

The **new** ritual contains several ways of celebrating the sacrament. The "Rite for Reconciliation of Several Penitents with Individual Confession and Absolution" might look similar to the "Bible service followed by individual Confession" described above, but it is radically different in its focus and in what it intends to do.

The most important change is not in the *external ritual*; it is much deeper than that.

The girl in opening story exclaimed that what's most important about Confession is what Jesus does. Indeed, the focus of the Sacrament of Reconciliation **IS** on what Jesus does for us. The sacraments are acts of worship. They are celebrations of the Church. The focus is on God, love, community, celebration, joy.

This is very different from my memories of the dark confessional, the fear of the priest, the list of sins we didn't understand, the worry about forgetting something. We were focused on what we were doing wrong rather than on what *God* was doing.

Sacraments are the community's celebration of God's mysterious plan of saving love. Jesus of Nazareth is the primordial sacrament, the clearest sign of who God is and how God loves us. We gather to celebrate! We do not celebrate our sinfulness, we celebrate *who God is* and what God has done in Christ. As St. Paul said, "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. God has reconciled us to himself through Christ."

The Eucharist, being the source and summit of Christian life is the model for all the sacraments. Just as the Catholic Mass has four movements; gathering, storytelling (liturgy of the Word), meal sharing (liturgy of the Eucharist) and commissioning (the dismissal rites); the Sacrament of Reconciliation has the same four movements.

Gathering

First of all, we *gather* as a community and form Church. This is not a “private devotion” but a true liturgical celebration. Liturgical services are not private functions but are celebrations of the Church.

Storytelling

We then hear those biblical passages which tell of God’s abundant love and forgiveness. As we *hear* the Word of God, we *remember*...and this “remembering” will naturally call forth an attitude of thanks and praise (think Eucharist which literally means thanksgiving).

Love that is given calls for love to be returned. As we become more aware of God’s abundant love for us, we realize that we have not loved God back nearly as much as God has loved us. This realization is called “the sense of sin.” The awareness of our sinfulness comes not from hearing a list of possible sins that we might have committed but rather from the hearing of God’s abundant love. Only love has the power to draw us to conversion.

Just like at Mass we come forward to receive Holy Communion; at the Sacrament of Reconciliation we come forward to receive individual absolution. We go and kneel before the priest and confess our sinfulness. He places his hands on our heads and prays the prayer of absolution, assuring us that God loves us, cares for us, and forgives us.

Reconciling

Just as meal sharing is central to the Eucharist, reconciling is central in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Hearing the prayer, “...and I absolve you of your sins...” we are moved to an *inner acceptance* of God’s love, even in the face of our own sinfulness. This acceptance is the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, assuring us of forgiveness and reconciliation. God’s love enables us to love ourselves and removes all shame and guilt.

Our words of *sorrow* meets God’s word of *forgiveness* and explodes into *shalom* (wholeness, peace).

The rite then creates a space in which the community can joyfully and gratefully celebrate these gifts of forgiveness and peace. The priest leads the assembly in a joyful prayer of thanksgiving (again, modeled on the Eucharist, the form for all the sacraments). We praise God for his love and mercy, we sing a hymn or a psalm, we pray the Our Father; asking that God help us to forgive others even as God has forgiven us. We then share a sign of peace.

Commissioning

Made whole in the sacrament, we are strengthened to go forth to continue the healing ministry of Jesus. The priest offers a concluding prayer, gives a blessing and sends us forth as ambassadors of reconciliation as we sing praise to God.

Even though Vatican II seems like the distant past to many these days, the Church is still incorporating many of the changes the Council began. Reconciliation is still celebrated in a number of different ways, and each has its merits. However you celebrate the sacrament, remember the most important thing is “**what Jesus does.**”

Vivat Jesus,
Sir Knight Jeff Wooten

Fourth Degree Exemplification



Welcome and congratulations to
Sir Knight Philip Watje, Sir Knight Mark Bagdon,
Sir Knight Del Medina and Sir Knight Peter Aiello who completed their
journey to full Knighthood.



Welcome Brother Knights



Brother John Garcia and Brother Dominic Lepore
First Degree on February 24, 1028



From Master of The Fourth Degree, Rich Favela

We exemplified **20** new SKs at the NM district Patriotic Exemplification in Los Alamos on February 17th.

We are now immersed in planning for **the next exemplification in Las Cruces on Saturday, March 10, 2018.** St. Michael the Archangel Assembly #3330 is the host for the exemplification, Mass and banquet which will take place at St. Genevieve Catholic parish in Las Cruces. The exemplification and banquet will take place at the parish hall, 1025 Las Cruces Ave, with the vigil Mass being celebrated at the Church located nearby at 100 S. Espina St. Registration for the exemplification commences at 11:00 a.m., Mass will be at 5:30 p.m. with the banquet starting at ~ 7:00 p.m.

New Fourth Degree uniforms are slowly being delivered and the new manual details wear criteria along with color photos. Pay particular attention to the beret worn by the SK model in the photos. It takes time and effort to shape, shave, soak and stretch your beret so that it will fit your head with the proper droop hanging down towards your right ear. It's hard to describe the process in words and it's best done by a "show and tell" demonstration. Come to the biennial NM District assembly gathering in Albuquerque on Saturday, April 21st and I'll show you how it's done (more below).

At the annual NM State Council convention, Patriotic Degree color guards are called upon to conduct post/retrieve color ceremonies at the closing and opening of the convention and at the two banquets. Here is the opportunity for a color guard outfitted in the old Full Regalia and one in the new Fourth Degree uniform to present the colors and contrast the differences between the two uniforms for the benefit of all those attending the convention. *Which assembly will be the first to have all their color guard members outfitted in the new Fourth Degree uniform and thus have the honor and privilege to participate in these ceremonies?* **Assembly 3309 uniform update - 9 members have ordered and 5 have received their new uniforms.**

The biennial NM District Assembly gathering (during even-numbered years) will convene on **Saturday, April 21, 2018** in Albuquerque at the Lamy Building, 2800 San Mateo NE. This one-day meeting will convene at 10:00 a.m. The order of business for this assembly is detailed in Article 5(f) of the Laws and Rules Governing the 4th Degree of the K of C, one of them being the selection of three recommendations for District Master for the following term. During your February assembly business meeting, one of your orders of business was to choose the delegates for this important gathering. **Frank Melo and John Maloney will represent Assembly 3309.**

Planning is still ongoing to form a new assembly based out of Our Lady of the Annunciation parish in Albuquerque. SKs from assemblies 682, 2324, 2733, 3227 and 3282 may want to consider joining this prospective assembly; a minimum of 30 SKs are needed to form a new assembly, six of whom should be new Patriotic Degree candidates. Target date to set-up the new assembly is in June 2018 and would coincide with the Patriotic exemplification slated to occur in Albuquerque on June 9th.

Holy Land Tour

Our Immediate Past State Deputy, Brother Richard Espinosa has arranged a Holy Land Tour beginning October 26, 2018. Please refer to the attached flyer for more information. Brother Richard can be contacted at coachespi@yahoo.com or by phone at 505-796-2280. As highlighted in red below, the tour is open to Brother Knights and is also open to anyone who is interested in going on the tour. This is a good time to let your friends, neighbors and parishioners know about the Holy Land Tour.

The trip is for any Brother Knight or any others who are interested.

For more information: <http://www.nmkofc.org/event/2nd-annual-pilgrimage-holy-land/>



THE 2ND ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO THE

Holy Land



Hosted by the Knights of Columbus New Mexico State Council

10 Days: October 26, 2018 - November 4, 2018

\$2550 Discounted Tour Price - All Airline taxes included!

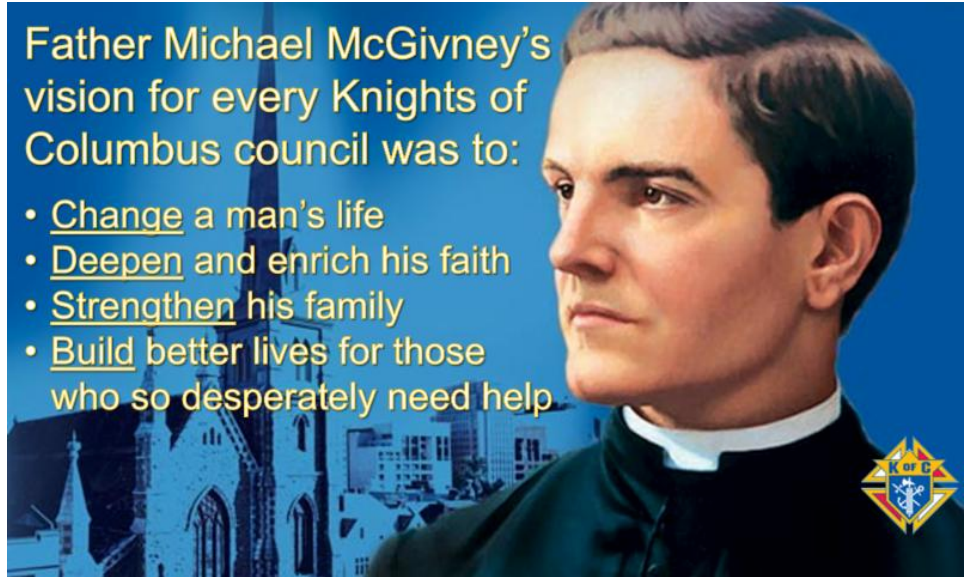


Travel Arrangements by: Holy Land Travel Center

From Supreme

Father Michael McGivney's vision for every Knights of Columbus council was to:

- Change a man's life
- Deepen and enrich his faith
- Strengthen his family
- Build better lives for those who so desperately need help



Knights of Columbus Fraternal Mission presents **Fraternal Training Webinars** that are open to all officers and members.

Please register to attend. Each webinar is recorded, for play back at any time, convenient for you, following the live presentation.

Fraternal Mission (203) 752-4270

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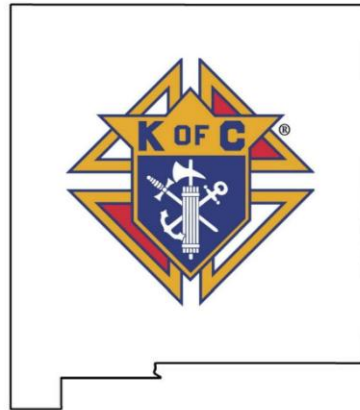
Option #2 Membership

Option #3 Training and Ceremonials

Click on the Fraternal Training Icon to find Fraternal Training open to all members!



Knights of Columbus
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"Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam"

May 3-6, 2018
Crowne Plaza Hotel
Albuquerque NM

[Click on K of C emblem to register](#)

State Free Throw Championship



17 March 2018 at 250 Isidro Sanchez Circle Bernalillo
High School in Bernalillo, NM

Registration: 10AM-11:30AM

Color Guard: Knights of Columbus 4th Degree

National Anthem: NM Hispano Music Award Winner
Jaelea Valencia

All competitors will receive a hot dog, chips and a drink
paid for by NM State Council

Knights in Action



The Rio at Cabezon

Our next visit to The Rio at Cabezon is Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 2 pm.
The program includes Prayer, Communion and Socializing

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



[Click Here](#)

Fund Meals For Homeless And Hungry Veterans for FREE

Burrito Sunday is Back

Thanks to all who got up early and helped out and thank you to Brother Joe Nieto
and VFW Post 5890 for letting us use their kitchen !

Proceeds from the sale of our burritos are sent to [Project Defending Life](#)



Did You Know ?

HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS: 1930-1940



The Great Depression initially had a detrimental effect on the Order's membership and finances, but it also led to a renewed sense of volunteer service. The success of an extensive membership campaign in 1935, titled Mobilization for Catholic Action, led to the establishment of the Order's Service Department, which subsequently launched a "Five-Point Program of Progress." The program encouraged councils to play a more active role in the life of the local parish and community, and included five categories: Catholic activity, council activity, fraternal protection, publicity and maintenance of manpower.

Also in the early 1930s, violent persecution resurfaced in Mexico, prompting the Order's leadership to strongly urge the U.S. government to take action. Tensions in Mexico eventually eased in 1937, but the threat of atheistic communism was growing in Europe. In response, the Knights organized anti-communist rallies in early 1937. When Pope Pius XI's encyclical on the subject, *Divini Redemptoris*, was released in March of that year, the Order printed and distributed a million copies. The Knights also sponsored a new lecture tour and expanded its anti-communism program to include a Crusade for Social Justice. "Injustice to man is the seed of communistic growth," Supreme Knight Martin Carmody said. "With Truth and Charity as your weapons, go forth as a Crusade."

1932: The 50th anniversary of the Knights is celebrated with Commemoration Week, June 24-30, 1932. Among the highlights is the unveiling in Washington, D.C. of a statue of Cardinal James Gibbons, an early supporter of the Knights who had ordained Father McGivney.

1935: On July 8, 1935, Supreme Knight Martin Carmody and other K of C officials meet with President Franklin D. Roosevelt about the ongoing situation in Mexico.

1936: Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli, Vatican secretary of state, visits the Knights of Columbus headquarters in New Haven; in 1939, Cardinal Pacelli becomes Pope Pius XII.

1939: In response to Pope Pius XII's petition for prayers for peace, the Knights of Columbus sponsors an international prayer for peace program on Armistice Day 1939 and a radio prayer for peace broadcast on May 19, 1940.

1939: Less than two weeks after World War II is declared, Canadian Knights establish a welfare program for soldiers comparable to the KC huts program that operated during World War I. Within a year, Canadian Knights raise nearly \$250,000 to support troops.

<http://www.kofc.org/en/todays-knights/history/1930-1940.html>

Culture of Life

From Brother Curt Kuper, Project Defending Life

Project Defending Life is once again hosting **40 Days for Life** this Spring because lives have been saved each time 40 Days for Life has been held. Last Fall, eight babies were saved right here in Albuquerque and eight women were spared from the pain of abortion.

40 Days for Life began on Wednesday February 14th. Bring a friend and go to the abortion mills to **pray, fast, and witness** for an end to abortion. See the attached flyer and the schedule below for requested days of prayer for your church or organization.

Also, during 40 Days for Life **join the sidewalk counselors as a prayer partner** and help save lives. The sidewalk counselors are at Planned Parenthood at **701 San Mateo** on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8-11 AM and at the late term abortion mill at **522 Lomas** (just West of I-25) on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 7-11 AM. Weekends are also a good time to witness for life and pray at these abortion mills considered by many to be the modern day Calvary, where innocent blood is shed.

Help close down these abortion mills where innocent lives are lost and women are hurt ...

At **Project Defending Life** we have a new building at 729 San Mateo, just North of Planned Parenthood and we are moving our **pregnancy resource center** back to the front lines. Sidewalk counselors can again tell abortion vulnerable women, **"help is available right next door!"** Please **pray, fast, and witness** for an end to abortion ...

A group of lay Catholic faithful here in New Mexico setup this website, www.ourladyoftherosary.org, to encourage everyone to **fast** every **Wednesday** during Lent for an end to abortion in New Mexico. That sounds like a great idea to me, so please join me in fasting on **Wednesday** and visit their website to see a beautiful image of the Blessed Mother with our Lord Jesus.

The Annual Brother Mathias corned beef and cabbage dinner (named after PDL's founder **Brother Mathias Barrett**) will be held on Saturday **March 17** from 4-8 PM at St. Pius High School. Tickets are available at FaithWorks (3301 Menaul), online at www.goodshepherdcenternm.org, or at the door. This is a benefit for the Good Shepherd Center, providing shelter to the homeless since 1951.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming **Jericho Walk for Life** on **Good Friday, March 30th**, from 9-11:30 AM at the new PDL location at 729 San Mateo Blvd in Albuquerque. A relic of the **True Cross** that held the Salvation of the World will once again be available for veneration. See the attached flyer for more information about the Jericho Walk for Life.

Excellent Pro-Life news stories are available at www.lifenews.com. Subscribe to their email newsletter and receive up-to-date Pro-Life news.

Father Artur leads a prayer group on Fridays starting at 8:30 AM on the sidewalk at the Planned Parenthood abortion mill at 701 San Mateo.

Defend Life

Through prayer

Through participation in
vigils

Through evangelization

Through monetary
support

Through daily sacrifices,
however
small

Quote from St. Padre Pio – “*The day that people lose their horror for abortion will be the most terrible day for humanity. Abortion is not only a homicide but also a suicide. Shouldn't we have the courage to manifest our faith before those who commit two crimes within one act? The suicide of the human race will be understood by those who will see the earth populated by the elderly and depopulated of children: burnt as a desert.*”

Click [here](#) to read an interesting story from [lifeneews.com](#) about a Catholic Bishop who recently announced that a U.S. Senator is not to receive Communion until he repents of his pro-abortion advocacy

"Because his voting record in support of abortion over many years constitutes 'obstinate persistence in manifest grave sin,' the determination continues that Sen. Durbin is not to be admitted to Holy Communion until he repents of this sin. This provision is intended not to punish, but to bring about a change of heart. Sen. Durbin was once pro-life. I sincerely pray that he will repent and return to being pro-life." - Bishop Thomas Paprocki

Thank you for your prayers and support,
Curt Kuper

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New Mexico Alliance for Life

House Democrats Hypocrisy on Parental Notification

Sadly, pro-abortion Democrat legislators on the House Consumer & Public Affairs Committee voted for parental notification of school absences, but not abortion. *Read more below on upcoming pro-life events.*

Democrat Reps. Eliseo Alcon, Patricia Roybal Caballero and Deborah Armstrong, exposed their hypocrisy in a vote [Saturday](#), in favor of [HB 332](#), "Parental Notification Via Text," for students missing school. As we reported, these same legislators, voted to [kill HB 56](#), the Parental Notification of Abortion Act in committee, requiring parents be notified before their daughter is taken for an abortion. ***"This goes to show that New Mexico's children are being exploited by the abortion industry and the abortion lobby," said Elisa Martinez NMAFL Exec. Director. "Representatives Alcon, Caballero and Armstrong are sending a chilling message to New Mexicans, that they don't care about children, they care more about protecting abortionists and the abortion lobby than our children. " As Rep. Bob Wooley, who voted for parental notification of abortion stated: remember these representatives when it comes election time. Please share this important information with others and stay tuned for our legislative***

Planned Parenthood's "Champion" Tries to Shut Down Pro-Life Testimony in Honor of Officer Ryan Holets

Planned Parenthood celebrated House Speaker Brian Egolf as their "fierce advocate and champion" just last week. Planned Parenthood declared they honor him for "his hard work and dedication to Planned Parenthood."

Rep. Brian Egolf didn't disappoint the Planned Parenthood lobby when he tried to shut down pro-life testimony in honor of Officer Ryan Holets for "Angels On Earth" Day at the Legislature last week.

Apparently, even hearing testimony honoring angels on earth, like Holets, saving babies from becoming a "reproductive health choice"-- was too much for the Speaker and his pro-abortion allies to hear. Watch video below. Additionally, in a sweeping move to stifle citizen participation at the Legislature, after Angel's on Earth Day, Speaker Egolf banned guests like Officer Holets from being invited on the House Floor.

Testimony read by Rep. Rick Little on behalf of CareNet Pregnancy Center of Santa Fe Director, Roberta Cheek. Roberta worked with a young woman who was seeking a late-term abortion in Albuquerque. CareNet assisted the young woman and helped her bring baby Micah into the world, who was adopted by a loving family. Please share this important information with others!

NMAFL is proud to partner with pro-life organizations and leaders like Officer Holets, CareNet, Project Defending Life, the Aspen Project, Alongside Ministries and others who are helping women in unplanned pregnancies by providing better and informed choices, before AND after pregnancy. The pro-life community understands that women do not want to have to undergo an abortion, but they often believe they have no other choice. By empowering women with the resources and assistance they need during and after pregnancy, abortion no longer becomes an option, and two lives are spared from the pain of abortion.



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 Ertel "Undisputed Scientific Fact: Human Life Begins at Conception, or Fertilization"

LifeNews.com 11/18/13

Prayer and Fasting Initiative

Albuquerque is the late-term abortion capitol of the western world, Wednesdays through Lent joint this initiative to [pray and fast for the end of abortion](#).

DONATE

Help us gain momentum in 2018!

We continue to be on the front lines during the 2018 legislative session and work to **stop the abortion industry's abuse of women and children** in our state. Together, **we've made incredible progress in 2017** and we look forward to keeping the momentum going, bringing results and accountability in 2018, **but we can't do it without your help and support.**

Please consider a gift to give 2018 a boost in the life-saving mission of New Mexico Alliance for Life. Give a one-time donation here, or partner with us in monthly giving here. Or donate by mail: 8400 Menaul Blvd NE, Suite 220-A, Albuquerque, NM 87110.

From your friends at New Mexico Alliance for Life, we wish you and your families a very prosperous and Happy New Year!

Your friend in LIFE,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elisa Martinez".

New Mexico Alliance for Life is a 501c-4 organization, donations are not tax-deductible.

Thank you for your support!

8400 Menaul Blvd NE, Suite 220-A
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Volunteer

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.





Our Mission

We offer practical, emotional, and spiritual support to women and men facing pregnancy and parenting decisions.

Our Vision

Our vision is to uphold the sanctity of human life by showing the love of God to those in our community facing pregnancy, parenting and post-abortion concerns.

Our Values Statement

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Santa Fe provides a caring network of support for women, men and children by following life-affirming values throughout every aspect of care:

Integrity

Care Net considers integrity to be a pillar of the ministry. In all actions we vow to be truthful, speaking truth to our clients, our mission partners and each other. Each relies upon us to act with the highest degree of ethics. *May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope is in you. Psalm 25:20-22*

Prayerful

Our first step is to seek God. In thanksgiving and at crossroads we seek His wisdom and guidance. A Christ-centered approach will prevail in the services we provide. Prayer is the pathway that draws us closer to God. *Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this. Psalm 37:5*

Compassion

Care Net often serves people facing difficult circumstances. We are a source of compassion, forgiveness, understanding and love. Serving with compassion builds trusting relationships with our clients. *The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness Exodus 34:5-7*

Professional

Our services are rendered in a professional manner such that clients are treated with respect and continue to view Care Net as a resource for healing body, mind and spirit.

Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, Ephesians 6:6-8

Hopeful

In order for change to occur in the lives of our clients, hope must exist. Care Net is a source of hope – for change, for healing, for faith and for life. *Guide me in your truth and teach me for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Psalm 25:4-6*

Christ-honoring

It is our desire that our words and actions are honoring to Christ, thus life-changing for our clients and community. *And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17*

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The Knights of Columbus has been recognized by the Ethisphere® Institute, a global leader in defining and advancing the standards of ethical business practices, as one of the 2018 World's Most Ethical Companies®.

The Knights of Columbus has won the distinction for five consecutive years and is one of only three companies in the life insurance category, underscoring the Knights' commitment to leading ethical business standards and practices.

"We are grateful for this honor because it recognizes that our commitment to corporate ethics and integrity is part of our founding mission and continues to be our highest priority," said Knights of Columbus CEO Carl Anderson. "Based on Catholic values, this commitment extends to every aspect of our work, our corporate governance, our professional agency force, our investments, and our day-to-day business operations."

The needs of widows and orphans led Father Michael J. McGivney to respond in 1882 by founding the Knights of Columbus, a fraternal benefit society that has grown into a worldwide financial and charitable organization.

The 135 honorees for 2018 span 23 countries and 57 industries. The honorees had record levels of involvement with their stakeholders and communities around the world. Measuring and improving culture; leading authentically; and committing to transparency, diversity and inclusion were all priorities for honorees.

"While the discourse around the world changed profoundly in 2017, a stronger voice emerged. Global corporations operating with a common rule of law are now society's strongest force to improve the human condition," said Ethisphere® CEO Timothy Erblich. "This year we saw companies increasingly finding their voice. The World's Most Ethical Companies® in particular continued to show exemplary leadership. I congratulate everyone at the Knights of Columbus for being recognized as one of the World's Most Ethical Companies."

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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Patriotic Exemplification

Patriotic Exemplification in Las Cruces.

St. Michael the Archangel Assembly #3330 will be hosting the exemplification which will take place at St. Genevieve parish on **Saturday, March 10, 2018** with registration for the event starting at 11:00 a.m.

Exemplification candidates will wear a dark suit, long sleeve white shirt and tie. Guest and sponsoring Sir Knights attending the ceremony, Mass and banquet may wear Regalia, Full Regalia or the new Fourth Degree uniform

Please contact Faithful Navigator Frank Melo for information
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The next NM Patriotic Exemplification is now scheduled for **Saturday, June 9, 2018** in the Albuquerque area. Host assembly and parish still to be determined.



2018 Assembly 3309 Color Corp Schedule

1. **March 29, 2018** - Holy Thursday - Guard for the Blessed Sacrament
 2. April 1, 2018- Easter Sunday - Process at Mass
 3. April 29, 2018 - Corporate Communion - Process at Mass
 4. May 31, 2018 - Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) - Process at Mass
 5. July 1, 2018 - Independence Day - Present the Colors (Sunday before as July 4 is on a Wednesday)
 6. July 29, 2018 - Corporate Communion - Process at Mass
 7. November 11, 2018 Veteran's Day - Present the Colors
 8. November 25, 2018 - The Feast of Christ The King - Process at Mass
 9. December 25, 2018 - Christmas Day - Process at Mass
 10. December 30, 2018 - Corporate Communion - Process at Mass
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Happy Birthday

March 2018

Patrick Martinez 3-2
Ronald Medley 3-2
SK James Starr 3-4
SK Ernest Marquez 3-8
Ricky Romeo 2-13
Marcos Martinez 3-17
Arthur Perez 3-23
SK Leroy CDeBaca 3-29


Happy
St. Patrick's Day!

A Prayer of Saint Patrick

May the Strength of God pilot us.
May the Power of God preserve us.
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.
May the Hand of God protect us.
May the Way of God direct us.
May the Shield of God defend us.
May the Host of God guard us.
Against the snares of the evil ones.
Against temptations of the world.

May Christ be with us!
May Christ be before us!
May Christ be in us, Christ be over all!
May Thy Salvation, Lord, Always be ours,
This day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen.



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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 you're 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.

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Reminder

Please Submit Your Service Hours

