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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS THE LARGEST CATHOLIC MEN'S FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION IN THE WORLD.

Chaplain's Report

One of the principles that our Faith cherishes and professes deeply is the belief in the sanctity of human life. From the moment of conception, we believe that each individual is sacred, having been created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1). God alone is the author of life. He alone is the one who gives life and, at his appointed time, brings our earthly journey to its completion. As the author of the book of Wisdom states, "God created us for incorruption and made us in the image of his own eternity (Wisdom 2:23)." These are the standards of our Faith.

The standards of the world, however, are different. Too often the worth of an individual is measured by what one is able to do, the status one holds, or the productivity one offers society. If one's life appears burdensome, society may deem an individual's life to be expendable. This attitude unfolds on the world's stage as the premise in sanctioning the practices of abortion and euthanasia. From the perspective of our Catholic Faith, both activities are immoral because abortion and euthanasia deny the sovereignty of God over human life. Consequently the Church has been steadfast in its opposition of uniformly terminating the lives of the unborn, the elderly, the physically and mentally handicapped, the terminally ill and the dying. We must continually express our opposition to any activity that promotes the culture of death.

We must pray for and defend the culture of life. The Church must always declare its unwavering support for the dignity of human life in all of its stages, from the moment of conception to the time of natural death. We as individuals must be diligent in promoting and protecting the culture of life.

January 22, 2009 marks the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade* that legalized abortion in the United States. "This day shall be observed in all the dioceses of the United States as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right of life (Ordo of Prayer)". I encourage you to attend our 8:00 Mass on that morning to pray with all of our fellow Catholics asking God that the practice of abortion may soon end and that his divine healing may be known within our country. Continue to remember these intentions in your own private life of prayer.

We also face another attack on the dignity of human life in the proposed legislation, the "Freedom of Choice Act". If this legislation is signed into law, FOCA will further expand the culture of death and make abortions even more accessible and legally protected. Many are suggesting that in our individual lives we observe a nine-day novena, beginning on January 11, praying that this legislation will not be signed into law. We encourage you to say a rosary on each day of this novena at home. You may also want to observe a day or two of fasting as we pray and act for God's help and healing.

May God hear our prayer and acknowledge our time of fasting as we uphold to the world our belief in the sacred dignity of each individual human life.

Fraternally in Christ,

Fr. Edward L. Beneleit, Chaplain

BLOODMOBILE

The next bloodmobile is at St. Clement Boeff Hall on Wed. February 18 from 12-6. There is an urgent blood need. Can you donate or to help staff?

Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Project launches on January 22

Knights of Columbus in two state jurisdictions in the United States will

donate the first two ultrasound machines to crisis pregnancy centers on the 36th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, Thursday, January 22. Stay tuned for details on this exciting new project!

Coats to be given free to underprivileged children beginning in Washington, D.C.



The Knights of Columbus will distribute thousands of coats to needy children as part of the organization's Coats for Kids program.

The Knights of Columbus has purchased 7,800 coats from OshKosh B'gosh and

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London Fog and will distribute them through local Knights of Columbus councils in several U.S. cities beginning in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 19, which has been designated the National Day of Service.

Coats for children ages 6 to 12 will be distributed by Knights of Columbus councils in Washington, D.C. as follows: 600 coats St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Southeast Washington, 300 at Nativity Catholic Church in Northwest Washington, and 300 at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Northeast Washington. The distribution at each location will take place between 10 a.m. and noon on Jan. 19, the celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and a national holiday.

Parents who might otherwise be unable to secure warm clothing for their children are invited to bring their children to one of the three locations to be outfitted with a new coat.

Coats are also slated to be distributed later this month in the Detroit and Chicago areas.

"As our nation faces tough economic times, we believe it is very important to respond within our communities in concrete ways to help those most in need," said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. "Helping children in need was a fundamental reason for the formation of the Knights of Columbus in 1882 and continues to be a very important component of our work today."

The Coats for Kids program is an outgrowth of the Knights' Help a Child in Need campaign, which began in 2006 with nationwide television advertisements encouraging people to donate to charities in their areas in support of poor children.

Locally, St. Clement parishioners last week gave \$875 to the *Keep Kids Warm* collection.

The Madonna Christmas Stamp

The following bit of information about the stamp purchased by many of you for use this past Christmas was submitted by Brother **Wayne Hicks**. If you received this January issue in your mailbox, take a close look at this very stamp and the character of it as described in this and the next column. Thanks, Wayne! -----

This season's USPS Christmas stamp replicates Virgin and Child with the Young John the Baptist, by Sandro Botticelli c. 1490. Medium: tempera and oil on wood. Measurements: Framed: 115cm x 12.5cm, Diameter: 68cm.

This great work of art is on display at the Cleveland Museum of Art open daily Tuesday through Sunday.

As he looks upon the Virgin Mary and Christ Child, the Young John the Baptist has an expression of hope and reverence while Christ possesses a youthful energy as he grasps his mother's neck. The Virgin's expression is one of mystic acceptance, as if she knows the sacrifice her son will later make. This quiet, half-dreaming calm of the Madonna resembles the work of Botticelli in the mid-1480s. The eager movement of the Child and the adoring expression of St. John resemble the same exaggerated gestures of Botticelli's 1490 Annunciation in the San Maria Maddalena dei Pazzi. (CMA)

FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT [FOCA]

During the Clinton administration, a bill of the same name was brought before Congress but was defeated. During the Bush administration, he vowed to veto any such bill that would be passed and brought before him so none was ever brought forth.

Now that we officially have a President who is very liberal in his beliefs and who has made known his thoughts to overturn gains made by the Pro-Life efforts in this country, this "Act" will be brought again before both houses of the present Congress because he has publicly pledged to sign such a bill. This time, the Pro-death members of this Congress (and the heavily-influential members of the media) are proposing and even stronger platform of radical beliefs that will strip away all, or nearly all, laws against abortion and Life issues. It would create a "right" to abortion, considered "fundamental". It would force the government(s) to not limit access to abortions and would, furthermore, require it/them to fund all such required activities!

Such an abhorrent ACT would overturn a broad range of pro-life policies that presently have Supreme Court protection: laws protecting parental involvement in their daughters' abortion decisions, conscience rights laws, limits on funding of abortions (including the military), bans on partial-birth abortion that were finally just won a few years ago under President Bush, and on it can go. Catholic hospitals would be threatened to perform abortions, or else. The "or else" would be being forced to close their doors. If that reads as being unbelievable, do not discount it.

This FOCA will be proposed soon because President Obama has many similar-minded supporters in the two houses of Congress. They think they have enough support to pass this FOCA and have been assured by the new President that he will be happy to sign it into law when it arrives on his desk! It is up to every Catholic and Christian to speak up about this and let their representatives in the U.S. Congress know of their opposition to such a bill.

Three pages out of the six that made up the November issue of the *The Banner* were devoted to this very topic; the details were laid out for your reading. It would be hoped that most readers of this monthly offering by your supported council would have read that entire explanation of the presently-envisioned FOCA. Did it educate you? More importantly, perhaps, did it influence you such that you will help fight its insidious cause?

Please go back and read that issue of your newsletter, taking this up as preferred reading. Go to any of the many Catholic websites that has more information. Ask at your church.

THIS FOCA BILL NEEDS TO BE DEFEATED.

Please, please do your parts in making this happen. Just sitting back and tsk, tsking about how this is so bad will not do what is necessary to change the minds of those who think much differently than do you. It requires you to challenge others who argue against you and it certainly requires that you let your three representatives in Congress to know your feelings.

Do not, either, be improperly swayed by prominent politicians identifying themselves as being of the Catholic Faith (of which one is the new FOCA-friendly Representative of the 16th District, **John Boccieri**) who seem to find various reasons why they cannot follow their proclaimed Church's teachings and faith while in their elected positions. You have seen it too often! Right now the USCCB-sponsored FOCA post card campaign is taking place. Participate in this with your help and, most certainly, prepare cards with your name and address this weekend for sending to Senators **Voinovich** and **Brown** and to Representative **Boccieri**. Encourage your wife and others in your circle of friends to do so. You do not have to be a voter to send in these post cards. Your children may sign cards, giving their address, also. Have them do so. Go at this by being proactive!

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A NOTE FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Mailings of Dues and voluntary contributions to *Gimme-Five* and the *Culture of Life Fund* continue to come in to my office, although now at a much slowed rate. Those that have promptly paid these – thank you! For those still needing to take care of this obligation, need to take care of it soon.

A special note on the stamped side of this newsletter denotes to some of you where you are with your Dues payment; those still needing attention to this can look for the hi-liting of this page four statement for your status. Those with documents inside are also noted with a different color.

I will add that those who have sent in their monies have been generous with the voluntary amounts included. Thank you!

At this writing, those monies have all been deposited and properly accounted for. Many of you have already received your new Membership Card and a printed Receipt. Others should have found them within the folds of this newsletter. If you think there is any problem, call me.

Mark A. Boron – F.S.

Yearly Birthday Greetings

For those experiencing a birthday this year that occurs in this newsletters’ coverage time of January and February are:

- Jan 22 Lance Talbott
- Jan 27 Richard Merry
- Feb 02 Mike Ockerman
- Feb 02 Max Wyss
- Feb 05 Cletus Rohr
- Feb 11 Dennis Heflin
- Feb 16 Bill Osterwyk

Wish them well in this new year of '09!

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The *Keep Christ in Christmas* banners that were prominently displayed on the sign board at the Gang residences have now been removed. They met with good comments from those who drove by during the Season of Christmas. Both are now stored and will be used again this December.

A committee is to meet with ideas to determine the future use of the now-blank sign board. Refreshing thoughts have already come forth.

What’s going on around town and in our greater community?

- Jan 22 36th anniversary of Roe v Wade decision. Annual March on Washington
- Jan 24-25 FOCA post cards filled out for mailing to congressmen representing our State and our 16th District.
- Jan 25 Free-Throw Local Contest to be held for the first time at Fairless Middle School. Doors open at 1:30; competitive shots begin at 2.
- Jan. 26 Boys & girls ages 10 – 14. Business meeting in Men’s Club Room – 7:30 PM.
- Jan 30 Special Population Free-Throw Competition at Southgate School at noon.
- Jan 31 Annual Fraternal Activity Report due in new Haven
- Feb 08 District Free-Throw to be at Boeff Hall. Registration is at 3:00.
- Feb 09 Planning meeting in MCR at 7:30 PM
- Feb 18 Bloodmobile visits St. Clement from 12 – 6 PM
- Feb 23 Business meeting in MCR at 7:30 PM. Bring rosary.
- Feb 28 Regional Free-Throw at Hiram College starting at 8 AM in Price Gymnasium
- Mar 29 Founder’s Day Mass at St. Clement. Knights assemble in front of Church.
- Apr 25 Measure-Up collections in
- May 02 the Navarre area

MARCH ON WASHINGTON

On Thursday, the day that you just may be receiving this in your mailbox, many busses and private vehicles are traveling east early in the day. Chances are good that many of those are heading to the Nation’s Capitol to participate in the annual *March on Washington*. They will be there to make theirs and our voices heard protesting the 36 years of the freedom from restrictions on abortion imposed by the Supreme Court of that day in 1973.

Please keep these thousands of warriors in your prayers for their safety and success in delivering a recognized message only two days after the hundreds of thousands that were just there for the Inauguration ceremonies and parties.

Also pray for a change of heart and mind on the part of our new President. Ω

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The Madonna and Child

Please become very focused
 on living, acting, and
 supporting LIFE!

The Freedom of Choice Act is
 a very dire and insidious bill
 that will surely be brought up
 in Congress early this year.
 Do everything in your power
 to enact its defeat.

If a portion of this note is hi-lited in **green** either a new Membership Card and/or Payment Receipt is enclosed within the folds of this issue of your newsletter. Please look for it. If hi-lited in **pink**, it means that your Dues have not yet been received and needs your attention.

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In This January Issue,
 read about . . .

Birthdays; Calendar of Events; March on Washington; Chaplain's Report; FOCA; FS News; and more! Thanks to those contributing to this newsletter!

WHEN AND WHERE YOUR COUNCIL MEETS

Meetings are held twice each month with a few exceptions. The first meeting is on the 2nd Monday of the month. It is for discussing, planning, and organizing activities, reports, and issues. It is informally conducted, beginning at 7:30 PM in the St. Clement Men's Club Room unless otherwise specified. This meeting shortens the length of the Business Meeting. The last Planning meeting was held on January 12th. The next Planning meeting is Monday, February 9th at 7:30 PM.

The second meeting date is the 4th Monday of each month. It is formally conducted and is for carrying out the business of the council. Members in attendance must have a current membership card in their possession. Actions are taken on the business discussed and planned at the first meeting of the month as well as that are appropriately brought up on the floor during the conduct of the meeting. Binding votes are cast, reports given, and final action plans made. The council's Grand Knight conducts both of the above meetings.

The coming Business meeting is on the 26th of January. **Bill Baker** (and Mary Kay), have volunteered to provide for this month's refreshments. Next month's, February Planning meeting is on the 9th at the MCR. The following (February) Business meeting is then on the 23rd. Brother **Jack Bellotte** has agreed to provide refreshments for that meeting one month away. He and Estella always do very well with these!

THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

When someone is in need, it could be that you are the only one to know it. If you come upon a brother Knight or one of his family that is in need of prayer, visits, or some help with something that he or they might not be able to do, please call the Fraternal Chairman **Jack Bellotte** without assuming that someone else is taking care of this need. Jack continues to handle this important duty and can be reached at **330-879-5603**.

In need of your prayers are:

- For **Betsy Jones**, wife of member Bob, as she continues her quest for health. She was again in the Cleveland Clinic for more surgery and she will need additional attention in the near future.
- For **Tim Gang** who continues with his recovery and therapy after eight weeks ago undergoing a complete knee replacement of one knee and not the arthroscopic surgery that was erroneously reported in December.
- For the repose of the soul of **Antonette "Nini" Grillon**, of Brewster, who died on January 15th. Antonette was the widow of deceased member **James Grillon** who died last April. She was 79. They had been members of St. Therese Church. Our prayers go out to the children and other family members.
- For the repose of the soul of **Robert "Bob" Paul Fuchs**, age 42 and of Canton, who died on January 16th. He was the youngest of **Ernie and Peg Fuchs'** 12 children. Ernie is a member of our council. Our prayers are with this large extended family.
- For the conversion of sinners