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Next business meeting is Wednesday, April 10th @ 6:45 - Please plan to attend

Grand Knight, SK Edwin Barron

As another quarter draws to a close, I am once again humbled and honored by the number and level of activities we put on as a council. The quality of these seems to continue to improve quarter by quarter, and year by year. The various Committee Chairmen will cover the recent activities in more detail, below, but I want to express a very sincere and heart-felt “thank you” to all the Knights who’ve helped make us so successful. Without Knights getting involved and staying involved, we would not be able to succeed as well as we have.



Even with this success, however, there is one area in which we can improve. While the Council continues to grow in membership, including a number of newer Knights “stepping up” and volunteering regularly, there is still room to increase the number of Knights, new and old, who get involved to support or run various activities. Of course we are all busy with our duties of state, but please give prayerful consideration to what areas/activities the Council could benefit by your involvement.

Lastly, considering Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI, I’d like to recall the recent words of our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, “...our thoughts and prayers are with (Emeritus) Pope Benedict XVI, who has worked so hard in leading the Church, and has always been such a good friend to the Knights of Columbus. We wish him all the best in his retirement. In addition, we pray for all those cardinals who will take part in the conclave, and for his successor, that God may inspire them as they carry out the mission with which they are entrusted.”

Sir Knight Antone “Nino” Morone (December 8, 1931 – December 27, 2012)



Antone “Nino” Morone, 81, passed away peacefully in his sleep on December 27, 2012. He was born on December 8, 1931 in Indianapolis, the youngest son of the late Giuseppe and Margherita Genco-Morone, both of Santa Ninfa, Sicily. His sister, Mary Frances Meyers, also predeceased him.

A Cathedral High School graduate, he worked at RCA for one year. He was at St. Meinrad Archabbey Seminary & School of Theology for a year before serving his country in the United States Air Force from 1951 to 1954, stationed in the former French Morocco and Libya. Antone visited his relatives in his parent’s native Sicily for the first time on short leave in March of 1954. After an honorable discharge, he enrolled at Purdue University, where he graduated with bachelor’s and master’s degrees in math and physics in 1960 and 1965, respectively. During summers, he

worked on Harvard Physics Project at Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois. He taught math and physics at Broad Ripple High School from 1960 to 1971 before selling real estate for Schmadeke Realty from 1972 to 1974. In late 1974, he began a new career with Horace Mann Educators as an insurance agent where he earned a Chartered Life Underwriter designation and retired in 1999 as Senior Account Executive.

A member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Antone was baptized on Christmas Day of 1931. He served as treasurer for about four years for the Italian Heritage Society of Indiana where he was a longtime member. He was a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus (#3660), Monsignor Downey Council and later at (#14449) Santo Rosario Council. He was also a member of the Indiana Retired Teachers Association.

In retirement, Antone enjoyed playing golf with former Cathedral High School classmates at Riverside Golf Course during the summers and sailing with friends and fellow members at Eagle Creek Sailing Club. He also played bocce ball in Holy Rosary's summer league and home-schooled science students for about six years.

His wife, Doris, with whom he would have celebrated 50 years of marriage with on January 5, 2013, survives him. They were married on January 5, 1963 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. He is also survived by sons Mario; Dominic (Julie) Morone; brother, Joseph P. Morone; sister, Angela T. Forni; several nieces, nephews and two feline sons, Salvatore and Vincenzo.

Nino was an active participant in our council, and often took on the role of council photographer. He was a joy to work with and truly a Catholic gentleman. We miss him and will continue to cherish his memory. Our deepest sympathy and condolences go out to Doris and Nino's entire family.

Chancellor, Brian Murrey

A Knights of Columbus council can work wonders; in fact, with its many programs, it can help change the community, town, city or neighborhood in which you live. However, a successful Knights of Columbus program depends on people taking the initial idea, modifying it to suit specific situations and local needs, then implementing the program in the way it works.



The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization. This theme permeates the entire Service Program: all Church, community, council, family, culture of life, and youth activities.

The Service Program is designed to establish each council as an influential and important force within the community, provide more meaningful and relevant programs of action, establish direct areas of responsibility, build leadership, and ensure the success of council programs. The following are brief descriptions of the Service Program activities:

- Church - As a fraternal organization of Catholic men, the Knights of Columbus has strong ties to the Church. At all levels, from the local councils to the Supreme Council, the organization has the volunteer power, communications abilities and organization to help strengthen the Church while offering members and their families to grow in the faith. Through the sponsoring of Church-related activities the members of the Knights of Columbus continue to show that they are the strong right arm of the Church.

- Community - Every community has its unique needs. For the Knights of Columbus, whose first principle is charity, finding ways to help those in need in their communities is a mission its members embrace. Through their good works, whether it be bringing food to the hungry, warm coats to the cold, wheelchairs to those who can't walk, or any of the many other programs conducted to help those in need, the Knights of Columbus practices a charity that evangelizes.
- Council - As a fraternal organization, the Knights of Columbus offers not only the opportunity for its member to serve others, but also to join together in other activities ranging from athletic activities, to cultural programs, to social events. Along with these fraternal activities are the programs councils regularly run to assist those of their members and their families who are in need. Additionally, councils should work to keep their members informed on current council initiatives and to let the parish and community know about the good works of the Order.
- Family - Families are the foundation of society and are at the core of the Knights of Columbus. With this in mind, councils regularly sponsor activities that allow families to spend time together in volunteer activities, faith initiatives and social events. In addition, the Knights of Columbus regularly recognizes the importance of the family and outstanding families. In addition, since its beginnings, the Order has always stood ready to help protect the widows and orphans of its members.
- Culture of Life - The Knights of Columbus remains firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being, from the moment of conception to natural death. Countless councils and individual Knights conduct projects aimed to build a culture of life in their individual communities. One of the most successful of the Order's initiatives in this area is the Ultrasound Initiative through which councils (both state and local) partner with the Supreme Council in provide sharing the cost of purchasing ultrasound machines for pregnancy resource centers. What we choose to do, or not do, about abortion, euthanasia, human cloning and embryonic research impacts lives for generations to come. Take action now and support a culture that values human life at all stages.
- Youth - Since the early days of its founding through its protection of the orphans of its members, the Knights of Columbus has worked to provide for the welfare of young people. Through sponsoring sports activities and championships, youth groups, educational programs, scholarships, and a variety of other initiatives, the Order looks to foster development of young people as they follow their paths to adulthood.

We would like to know your areas of interest. Please fill out a brief survey at <http://www.kofcsantorosario.org/members/volunteersurvey.php>. Those who participate by **Tuesday April 30th** will be entered into a drawing for a fabulous prize.

Membership Director, SK Don L. Murphy



I am sure you are all waiting for spring as anxiously as I am. We are at the end of March and approaching the Easter season and as a council we are just warming up. On the membership front we have welcomed another six members to our council since our last newsletter and have had a record year. We conducted our fourth, 1st degree ceremony on March 7th and welcomed five new gentlemen to our order. Please join me in welcoming our new brothers,

Rick Hammond, Rob Muth, Patrick Preston, Rick Schenkel, and Todd Wannemuehler. Please welcome them to the order when you get a chance. Please also welcome Zachary Williams who is new to our council as well.

I wanted to include a few notes this month on what is required or expected of a Knight who proposes a gentleman to his council for membership.

Proposing a new member is a commendable achievement and one to be proud of. However, as a proposer, turning over a completed Membership Document (#100) is not the end of the job. You must also take the responsibility to see that your recruit becomes fully accepted by his fellow council members and stays involved in council activities. There are several steps you can take to ensure this.

- Explain to him the council's admission policies and procedures and what the qualifications for membership are. Introduce him to other members.
- After he has been accepted, escort him to his First Degree and remain with him throughout the event. Following the exemplification, introduce him to his fellow council members.
- Take the newly initiated member and his family "under your wing". See that he learns council procedures, such as meeting times, committee assignments, etc. Introduce him and his family at council events. Encourage him to involve his family in council-sponsored activities.
- Accompany your recruit to his Second Degree and Third Degree exemplifications and stay with him throughout the day.
- Contact him before each council meeting and bring him to the meeting if necessary. If the new member becomes inactive for some reason, try to find out why. Call and ask to visit with him. Explain your concern about his absence and offer support or assistance.
- Encourage him to earn "Shining Armor" status within the council.

With a little personal effort you can help guarantee that your recruit becomes an active member of the Knights of Columbus.

Have a Blessed Easter Season!

Church Chairman, Gary Willen



On March 16, the Knights of Columbus assisted the Holy Rosary Altar Society in the annual “purpling” of the statues at the church. This event occurs every year on the Saturday preceding Passiontide – the two weeks before Easter. As the Altar Society ladies press the various size cloths, the Knights climb the ladders and such to arrange the cloths over the statue in the church nave, sanctuary, vestibule and in Priori Hall. The purpling reminds us to focus on the altar as we prepare for Easter.



March 16th also provided the annual Men’s Knight of Reflection hosted by our own Council. The evening started with a light meal and some social time in Priori Hall. Following, the men moved to the church to continue the evening. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament was followed by a short talk from Fr. Peter Marshall. Time was allowed for Confession, quiet time as well as recitation of the Rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet. The closing ceremony included the Litany of St. Joseph and Benediction before the closing hymn was sung.

Coming soon will be Holy Week. During that time, the Knights will carry the canopy over the Blessed Sacrament during the Procession following Holy Thursday Mass. A couple of Knights will volunteer to be “apostles” allowing Father to wash feet for the Mandatum.

Family Chairman, Jose Ocampo Mora



Café Rosario

Your hard work has made a difference! We wrote another \$1,000 check for the ultrasound initiative. This is important to the pro-life movement, and we should all be proud of our work to support this effort. Café Rosario is a win for the pro-life movement, builds the community of Holy Rosary, and brings families closer together at Holy Rosary. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Family of the Quarter

Our Family of the Quarter for the 3rd quarter of the fraternal year is the Gomes family! Ken and his wife, Lisa, have 6 children.

Their journey back into the fullness of the Catholic Church was realized at Holy Rosary last Easter. A yearning to know God more led Ken to an extensive study of God, religions, prayer, and service. Ken, Lisa, and their children discovered Holy Rosary and began their journey back to the Church in August of 2011. Their youngest children, twins Emily and Andrew, were baptized in the fall of 2011, and received the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist last spring with the First Communion class. They are currently preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this spring. Their son, Christopher, also prepared for and received the Sacraments of Penance, Eucharist, and Confirmation with the Holy Rosary classes. Daughters Katrina and Elizabeth joined their parents in RCIA. Ken, Lisa, and Elizabeth entered into the fullness of the Catholic Church at the 2012 Easter Vigil. Elizabeth through the Sacraments of Penance, Eucharist and Confirmation, Ken and Lisa with Confirmation.



Ken is an active Knight and is one of our committed members on the 1st Degree Team. Lisa is part of the RCIA team this year, serving as a sponsor. Their children join their parents in active service to the church both at the parish level and community level, volunteering for Spaghetti and Spirituality, brass cleaning, Holy Family Shelter, and St. Paul Hermitage. They are also active in prayer and worship, joining in the fight against abortion, celebrations such as Corpus Christi, and adoration.

Council Chairman, SK Don Benson



Indianapolis Indians Baseball Game

We are in the planning stage for our Santo Rosario annual Indians game this spring/summer. This is a great opportunity to join your brother Knights and families for an exciting evening of baseball up close at Victory Field. If you are interested in helping to coordinate this event contact Don Benson at (317)224-6823 (call or text), or via email at don.benson@cummins.com. The price per seat will be \$12. The Knothole Club discount will apply for children who are members. Last year we sold 50 tickets and our seating location was along 3rd base in Section 107. We will shoot for a similar location. Nearby handicapped seating is available, and of course we are in close proximity to all refreshments.

Community Chairman Jerald Friederick



Blood Drive

Our spring blood drive will be Sunday, April 13 at 10:30AM. Give until it hurts!
GIVE BLOOOD!!!

Holy Family Shelter

Serving meals once or twice a month at the Holy Family Shelter continues to go well. I encourage all Knights to volunteer for this worthwhile opportunity. They accept donations of food and clothing, and have many other volunteer opportunities (e.g. teaching, babysitting, reading, etc.). We accept these items on the 3rd weekend of the month. I will be delivering the donated goods to the shelter soon, and can always use help. To volunteer, please contact me or call the shelter.

Holy Family Shelter

www.holyfamilyshelter.net

907 N Holmes Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46222

Telephone (317)635-7830, #5 ext. 19

Santo Rosario Serving Schedule: 4th and 5th Saturdays from 4:00-6:00pm

Pro-Life Signs

Our family along with Brother Chad LaMar's family put up another Pro-Life sign. This one (8' x 12') is located on Washington Street (Hwy 40) and about Mount Comfort Road (600W) heading east towards Greenfield on an existing sign platform.

Update, as of now, the 14' x 48' Pro-Life sign's contract (on Brookville Road & Post heading west) has expired, but it is still up. Monthly rental is \$750/month on the 14' x 48' sign. If interested, please contact me.



14'x48' on Brookville Rd and about Post Rd

Youth Chairman, Bob Evanich

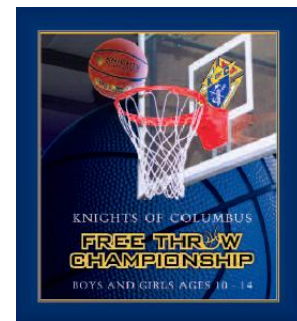


Knights of Columbus Free Throw Challenge

We held our Free Throw Championship competition on Friday, January 11. We held a competition at 2:30 PM with students from Lumen Christi School, and another one in the evening. There were seven winners declared. Three of them competed and won at the District Level. Thank-you to the brothers who helped run a smooth competition.

Age	Girls	Boys
10	Laura Davis	Rene Walden*
11	Maia Zeunik	Jacob Rosko*
12		Max LeMark
13		Sam LeMark
14		Nicholas Hofmeister*

*Won District Competition



Columbian Squires®

The Squires is an international fraternity of approximately 25,000 Catholic young men, ages 10 to 18, in over 1,500 circles worldwide. The Squires involves young men in programs to benefit the Church, the community, as well as in recreational and social activities. For several years, we have talked about starting a circle. We will have a brief informational meeting after our April business meeting to gauge the interests of starting a circle and potentially take the next steps to starting one. Please contact Bob Evanich, bob.evanich@kofcsantorosario.org or (317)614-5744, if you will be unable to attend the meeting but have an interest in participating in the Squires program.



Special Olympics Banquet

Once again, our council will host a banquet for the Southside Storm Special Olympics volunteers and athletes. Volunteers are needed to help set up, prepare and serve dinner and clean up. Please contact Bob Evanich for more information and to volunteer.

Saturday, April 13, 2013
6:00 PM
Priori Hall

Pro-Life Chairman, Jerry Mattingly



As of March 11, 2013 there have been 319 babies saved from abortion that we know of during 40 Days for Life. This means that since 40 Days for Life began as a coordinated campaign in 2007, we are now aware of more than 7,000 babies that God has spared in answer to all of your many hours of prayer. This is undeniably God's work, because sometimes hearts and minds can be changed without anyone saying a word. Indianapolis has recorded 11 saves to date.

Our Pro-Life Committee encourages parishioners to prayerfully witness outside the Affiliated Women's Services abortion clinic, 2215 Distributors Lane in Park Fletcher. The clinic flies in notorious abortionist Leroy Carhart about once every two weeks to kill babies, usually on Thursdays between 9:30 a.m. and noon. To confirm the timing of abortions, contact Dolores Tucker at (317)695-3166 or dtucker.tucker1@gmail.com, or call parishioner Dr. David Nealy at (317)535-8228.

Dr. Nealy relayed this story to me: Because of the last snow storm Affiliated Women's Services was closed. Praise Jesus! So, Dr. Nealy drove to Planned Parenthood at 8590 Georgetown Rd. Through the Providence of God he witnessed a documented "SAVE", a rare occurrence even for someone as faithful to the Pro Life cause as Dr. Nealy, who has logged hundreds of hours of prayer in front of abortion mills. Deo Gratias!

March 25th is the Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord and is the designated day Knights set aside to offer Prayers for the Unborn Baby. This year the Solemnity is celebrated on April 7th. I will ask Fr. Marshall's permission that all rosaries before Masses that weekend have for those intentions, Prayers for the Unborn Baby.

Brother Knights, I may be preaching to the choir but to the one or two who may not be aware of the active threat to our Religious freedoms in America, I urge everyone to pray for our Bishops and also for the persecuted Christians around the globe.

A “Faithful Citizens Rosary Procession” takes place every 4th Saturday after the 12:10 Mass at St John the Evangelist Catholic Church at Georgia & Capitol St’s. This procession will take place until there is no need, or, we are prevented from making a public witness of our Catholic (Christian) Faith.

The following link attest to the remarkable threat to Natural Marriage :

http://www.catholicworldreport.com/Item/2044/in_defense_of_marriage.aspx#.UTkIBlfwZnA

Lecturer, SK Frank Oliver



First, let’s recap events in the 1st quarter of 2013. After the February Business Meeting we celebrated our council’s 5th Anniversary with pizza from South of Chicago, beverages and cake. We had a good turnout and it was an enjoyable evening of fellowship.

Unfortunately our special blessing that, was scheduled in recognition of our Council’s 5th anniversary, had to be postponed. This has now been re-scheduled for the April 6th and 7th weekend Masses. This date is also appropriate because it is close to the anniversary date of the founding of the Knights of Columbus by Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney on March 29, 1882. With Fr. McGivney in mind, I thought it appropriate to share with you the following “The McGivney Prayer” which I obtained from Knights of Columbus Supreme’s website. Please consider including this in your prayers.

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

As I have said before our council is never lacking in activities and March was no exception. Essentially, in lieu of a social activity we had our Lenten Knight of Reflection on Saturday March 16th. Prior to the Eucharistic Prayer Service we enjoyed a light but delicious meal prepared by wives of two of our members. Special thanks to Gina Reese and Caren LeMark.

As to future events, we have discussed, at the recent Officer and Business Meetings, ideas for social events in April and May. I am currently working on developing these plans and as usual I welcome any input and assistance of my Brother Knights. I also know that all of us will have our attention, and rightly so, devoted to the upcoming events of Holy Week and Easter. I wish all my Brother Knights and their families a very prayerful Holy Week and a Happy and Joyous Easter.

Gibault Envoy, SK Steve Watt

Aftercare Report

Gibault's Aftercare Program works with kids who have been discharged from their program to help reestablish them in their home community.

The following are two reports provided by Gibault's aftercare coordinator.

Kayla is doing wonderful. She is earning great grades in school and volunteered at camp this summer. She is working at a pizza parlor where they are steadily giving her more hours because her performance is good. She is following her treatment plan and has not been in any trouble since she left Gibault. Her mother speaks very highly of Gibault, calls frequently to let us know of Kayla's progress and is incredibly thankful for our services.

Cathy is doing well since her discharge from us. She is enrolled at Ivy Tech State College. When she took the assessment test her scores were high. She is working, and her mother reports that her behaviors have improved 100% thanks to Gibault.

Your support makes these reports possible!

Ask Father Magiera



Many people are wondering what the new pope will be like. Where will he come from? What is his nationality, skin color, first language? How old will he be? Will he resign/abdicate like Pope Benedict? Well, we could speculate to our heart's content, I suppose. If you have the time for such day-dreaming, well, good for you. Most of us don't.

I would like one of two cardinals to be elected. One is Asian, the other American. As you might imagine, I have my own reasons for wanting one of these two men. As associate pastor of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, whose primary concern is the Extraordinary Form of the Mass, I would naturally want a pope who would not only be merely sensitive to the needs and desires of those attached to this liturgical form, but to be concretely supportive. I believe that either one of those two cardinals would be just the man for the job.

Gibault Raffle

Concludes: State Convention
Drawing: Saturday, April 27,
2013



The goal for the raffle is \$100,000. Every extra dollar raised from this raffle is one more dollar for Gibault. It already makes money and the only real cost to make it bigger is TIME.

Contact Jay Stanley for tickets!

17th Annual Gibault Golf Outing

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Terre Haute - Hulman Links Golf Course

Golfers: \$85 each or \$340 for a team of four

Sponsorships Levels

\$1,500 Sponsorships

\$400 Hole Sponsorships

\$200 Tee/Green Sponsorships

\$75 Cart Sponsorships

Contact Patty Stiegelbauer at (800)264-1156



Those two men are Malcolm Cardinal Ranjith, Archbishop of Columbo, Sri Lanka and Raymond Cardinal Burke, lately, Prefect of the Apostolic Signatura. Though I am not absolutely certain that Cardinal Ranjith has celebrated or celebrates Mass in the Extraordinary Form, I know for sure that he is a supporter of it, having lambasted bishops worldwide who, in his estimation, were dragging their feet regarding the implementation of Pope Benedict's *Summorum Pontificum*. I know that, as a bishop and as a cardinal, Cardinal Burke has celebrated Mass in the Extraordinary Form. Both men are known for their staunch orthodoxy and are, for want of a better term, labeled "conservatives." All cardinals, well, all true Catholics are supposed to be orthodox, so no problem there.

And as far as conservative, well the word comes from a compound Latin verb. The two elements are 'con' coming from the Latin 'cum' which means 'with' and serva(tive) coming from the Latin verb 'servare' which means 'to save' or 'to keep.' It seems that two cardinals who "keep and serve with" the faith should be OK with anyone.

Field Agent, SK Don R. Murphy, FICF



Ask eligible men to join

Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works in the council, state, national and international level are thanks to our hard-working members.

We also recognize that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to increase their numbers. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder's Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights are more visible than normal, during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often "forget" to ask men to join our ranks and bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. Chances are that the only reason he hasn't joined already is because no one asked him.

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don't forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often an interesting "selling point" to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members come into the Knighthood simply to be able to buy coverage for their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community and they are proud to be members.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity in any way that I can.

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Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson



Last December, the Knights of Columbus was privileged to join the Pontifical Commission for Latin America in sponsoring a historic meeting at the Vatican. Held to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Synod of Bishops for America, the meeting brought together participants from throughout North and South America to address questions concerning the future of the Catholic Church in our hemisphere.

Blessed Pope John Paul II had called for the 1997 synod to address “the problems of the new evangelization” under the theme “Encounter with the Living Jesus Christ: The Way to Conversion, Communion and Solidarity in America.” Two years later, the pope issued his apostolic exhortation, *Ecclesia in America*, in order to integrate the work of the synod more fully into his pastoral ministry and magisterial teaching. The document provided a blueprint for the new evangelization as the Church approached the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000.

In my address on the opening day of the meeting in December, I stated that to carry out the work of the new evangelization we must acknowledge that we confront a new situation in our hemisphere: Although great majorities of people still consider themselves Christian, many who profess a familiarity with Christ are at the same time ignorant of him. This often results in a mischaracterization of Christ and of the Church’s mission.

In his address to the meeting Dec. 9, Pope Benedict XVI took up this very issue by stressing the continued importance of the synod’s theme — the encounter with the living Jesus Christ — to the variety of problems confronting us today.

“All these important questions require careful study,” he said. “Yet in addition to their technical evaluation, the Catholic Church is convinced that the light for an adequate solution can only come from the encounter with the living Christ, which gives rise to attitudes and ways of acting based on love and truth. This is the decisive force which will transform the American continent.”

In *Christifideles Laici*, the 1988 apostolic exhortation on the mission of the laity, Blessed John Paul II wrote that the laity has an “essential and irreplaceable role” (7) in the work of the new evangelization.

As members of the Knights of Columbus — a Catholic fraternal organization whose first two principles are charity and unity — we must ask what this means for us.

In *Ecclesia in America*, Blessed John Paul II recalled the words of his predecessor, Pope Paul VI, at the close of the Second Vatican Council: “On the face of every human being, especially when marked by tears and sufferings, we can and we must see the face of Christ” (12, cf. Mt 25:40). We should add that every human being, especially when marked by suffering, must be able to see the caring face of Christ in his followers. This Gospel mandate of charity is the inescapable prerequisite of the new evangelization. It is our challenge today as Knights of Columbus.

In his recent document *On the Service of Charity*, Pope Benedict reminded us that charity is “a constitutive element of the Church’s mission and an indispensable expression of her very being.” All believers, he said, have a duty to devote themselves to charity. And as the pope has so often said, the method that speaks strongest of Christ is love. As Knights, we should be prepared to let

charity be our measure of the new evangelization. In this way we can truly promote “a charity that evangelizes.”

As Catholics we are well positioned, because of the leadership of our popes and our bishops, to offer concrete solutions to the problems of our hemisphere. No other institution has proposed a single vision that can transcend cultures and languages. This vision is not a political vision, but a vision of humanity encountering Christ.

Achieving this unity, though, can only be done by a hopeful, loving Christian witness. Such an authentic Catholic identity must be formed and strengthened by the sacraments and lived in total faithfulness to the Church and in commitment to Jesus Christ.

If we are able to do all this in the work of the new evangelization, then as Knights of Columbus we may truly say,

Vivat Jesus!



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