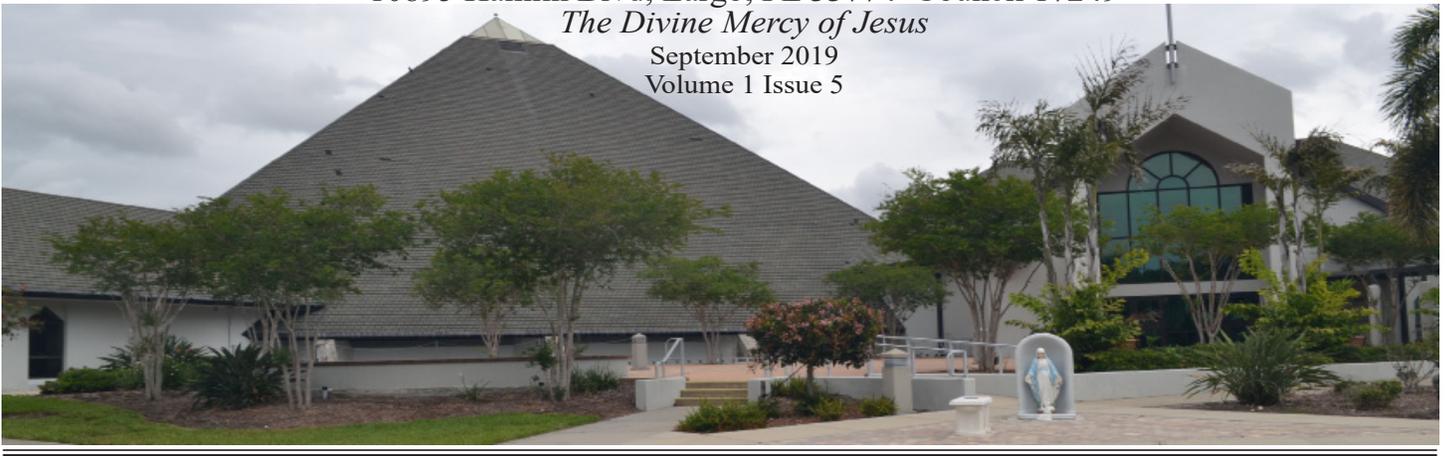


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ETSY WEBSITE SOLD CONSECRATED HOSTS WITHOUT REALIZING WHAT IT WAS DOING



Editor's note: Etsy's website connects people looking for unique goods with independent sellers around the world. When you shop on Etsy.com, you can choose from millions of handmade, vintage, and craft supply items created and curated by millions of independent sellers.

On May 7, 2019, the Etsy account "Pentagora" claimed to be selling "Real Catholic Hosts, consecrated by a priest." The hosts were advertised "...to abuse for classic black fairs or black magic purposes." The listing claimed to be selling a package of nine hosts that had been consecrated in Germany.

In the following days, the listing drew attention on Twitter, with critics arguing that it violated Etsy's policies. The popular online marketplace only allows for the sale of items that are handmade, vintage, or craft supplies. Stolen items are explicitly prohibited, as are items that "support or glorify

hatred toward people or otherwise demean people based upon: race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, gender identity, disability, or sexual orientation."

A few days later, the listing for the consecrated hosts was marked as "Sold Out." It was subsequently deleted.

On May 13, a Change.org petition was started, calling on Etsy to clarify that the sale of consecrated hosts is a violation of the platform's policies.

"Catholics believe that Consecrated Hosts are truly the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. It is the most precious thing in our religion," the petition said.

"It is given freely, and so the only reason anyone could ever have to sell it would by definition be illicit. To sell them 'for abuse' is hateful against the Catholic Church, and should be prohibited by Etsy."

The petition recognized that Etsy does not screen individual listings, but said that "to prevent this happening again, we ask that Etsy add 'Consecrated Hosts' to their already strict list of prohibited items."

By the following day, the petition had gained more than 7,500 signatures. Jess Kallberg, policy manager for Etsy, responded to the petition May 14, confirming that "the reselling of consecrated hosts is a violation of our policies."



FROM AROUND THE WORLD OF INTEREST TO CATHOLICS

Unplanned actress establishes scholarship for pregnant women

ATF investigates 'painful' fire that destroyed 125 year-old Texas Catholic Church

Senators introduce bill to stop federally funded embryonic stem cell research

Bishop calls assisted suicide 'af- front to the dignity of life' on eve of legalization

Bishops lament return of federal executions

Christian street preacher compensated after wrongful arrest in London

Catholic school reportedly re- moves Harry Potter books from li- brary because they 'risk conjuring evil spirits'

Polish priest attacked in sacristy during apparent robbery

After Epstein death, theologians discuss suicide and salvation.

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND KNIGHT



Pete Grasso

Brothers:

This is Part One of a Two-Part email. Part Two will come out on Tuesday evening after 8 p.m., so please watch for it.

I have attached a map (as of Monday morning) of the current position and projected path of Hurricane Dorian. One of my rules back years ago when I was in the emergency

business was, "Wait for the turn." As you can see from this map the turn is supposed to take place on Tuesday morning and head north. The heavy weather will be east of Pinellas

The problem is that these major storms do not allow us to follow the projected path. A 25-mile shift in the projected path could get us very wet.

Please watch for Part Two of this email on Tuesday evening where we can all make a logical decision on whether to come out Wednesday and be safe. Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters along the coast and on the islands, and especially for all the emergency workers who are placing themselves in harm's way.

God Bless you and your families.

Vivat Jesus. Pete



FROM THE DESK OF THE CHAPLAIN



Fr. Tom Morgan



1 John 4: 7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has giv-

en us of His Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. 17 By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as He is, so also are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. 19 We love because he first loved us. 20 If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from Him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

WORDS OF WISDOM

A smile is an inexpensive way to change your looks.

Many people lose their tempers merely from seeing you keep yours.

It is a common delusion that you can make things better by talking about them.

The truth hurts, and so would you if you were stretched as much.

Being rich is having money; being wealthy is having time.

A good laugh and a long sleep are the best cures in the doctor's book.

If you are the smartest person in the room, then you are in the wrong room.

A smile is a curve that sets everything straight.

Everything is changing. People are taking their comedians seriously and the politicians as a joke.

Everything is funny, as long as it's happening to somebody else.

I will not let anyone walk through my mind with their dirty feet.

You cannot be anything if you want to be everything.

Santo Niño de Cebú Celebrated Annually in the Philippines

Just before everything went horribly wrong and he wound up dead on the beach of Cebu, Magellan presented this small sacred figure, along with other religious gifts, to the Cebu chieftain's wife Hara Amihan to celebrate their conversion to Christianity.

The elaborately dressed carved wooden figure, believed to be of Belgian origin, traveled with Magellan on his voyage of discovery and conquest from Spain to the Philippines, making this the oldest Catholic treasure in the islands.

After Magellan's death at the hands of angry locals in April 1521, the little Jesus disappeared until 1565, when it was rediscovered. The oldest church in the Philippines, the Basilica Minore

del Santo Niño, is said to be built over the spot where it was found. The basilica has burned to the ground twice, and was bombed during WWII, but the little Santo Niño escaped unscathed.

The Feast of Santo Nino is held locally on the second Sunday in January, followed immediately by the nine-day long Sinulog festival, celebrating the local conversion to Christianity with parades, music, and dance.

Magellan's death is re-enacted locally every April.

Editor's Note: Our parish recently learned of the Santo Niño de Cebú when a woman who was born in the Philippines had her funeral in St. Jerome's. Santo Niño was placed on her casket.



WHY GO TO CHURCH?



A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So I think I'm wasting my time, and the preachers and priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all".

This started a controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for

weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing, Go is UP to something!

Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible & receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PREGNANCY CENTER



St. Jerome's Knights of Columbus Council 17249 *Divine Mercy of Jesus* Wins Fr. McGivney Star Council Award



The Supreme Council office has announced the winners of the 2018-19 Fr. McGivney Star Council Award. Our council, *The Divine Mercy of Jesus Council 17249*, was among the winners.

Councils winning the Star Council Award numbered 1,247. The award is presented when a council meets or exceeds a 2.5 percent net gain of insurance members for the fraternal year (councils under 100 members need a net gain insurance quota of 3 new members).

Awards are now being engraved and will be sent to district deputies and, if requested, to the state deputy.

There are more than 3000 pro-life pregnancy centers operating throughout territories of the Knights of Columbus. Consider "adopting" a pregnancy center in your area. By providing material, financial assistance, labor and spiritual support, your members can actively work in their community to show that the Knights of Columbus love both the mother and child before and after birth. With aid from the Knights, pregnancy centers can continue to offer support to help women choose life.

Choose life

How Great Thou Art --The History of the Hymn



The history of the hymn *How Great Thou Art* begins with Mr. Carl Gustaf Boberg (1859-1940). He was a Swedish pastor, editor, and member of the Swedish parliament. Mr. Boberg was enjoying a nice walk when a thunderstorm suddenly appeared out of nowhere. A severe wind began to blow. After the storm was over, Mr. Boberg looked out over the clear bay. He then heard a church bell in the distance. And the words to *How Great Thou Art* begin to form in his heart -- O Lord, my God, When I in awesome wonder, consider all the worlds Thy hands hath made. . . Can you imagine what Boberg felt as he formed these words? There was such calmness after the fierce storm he could only utter those words of peace. This poem was published in 1891 in *Witness of the Truth*, the weekly newspaper that Boberg edited. It was later translated in German. In 1927, it was published in a Russian version. *How Great Thou Art* was translated by Stuart K. Hine, an English missionary to Ukraine. He found some version of the Russian text and sang it at an evangelistic meeting with his wife. He then translated the first three stanzas into English, which was sung at an evangelistic meeting in England during World

War One. He published the first three verses in 1949. He later wrote the fourth verse as a triumphant message of life eternal. Of the hymn's importance he said: "When we reach that heavenly home, we will fully understand the greatness of God, and will bow in humble adoration. May we all live in such a way that we will be ready when Jesus Christ appears to receive the saints. Our heavenly home awaits us, all of those who have received Christ in obedience." *How Great Thou Art* was sung by George Beverly Shea at the London Crusade of the Billy Graham evangelistic team in 1954. He eventually sang this song over 100 times. during a revival in New York at a Billy Graham Crusade. This caused the hymn to receive new attention in Sweden and America and be published in several songbooks. Today millions across the world continue to sing this beautiful song. Giving God all praise, glory, and honor for who He is -- the Creator of this universe.

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder, Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, How great

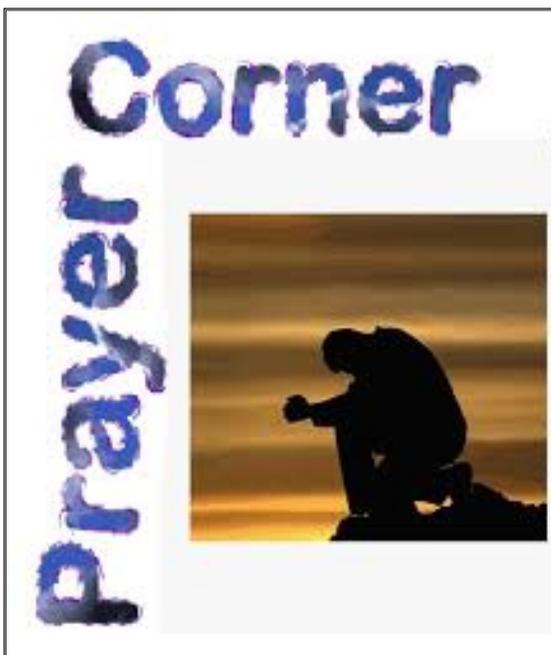
Thou art!
When through the woods, and forest glades I wander, And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing; Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art!



Healing Prayer of Surrender

Dear Lord Jesus, it is my will to surrender to you everything that I am and everything that I'm striving to be. I open the deepest recesses of my heart and invite your Holy Spirit to dwell inside of me.

I offer you my life, heart, mind, body, soul, spirit, all my hopes, plans and dreams. I surrender to you my past, present and future problems, habits, character defects, attitudes, livelihood, resources, finances, medical coverage, occupation and all my relationships.

I give you my health, physical appearance, disabilities, family, marriage, children and friendships. I ask you to take Lordship over every aspect of my life. I surrender to you all my hurt, pain, worry, doubt, fear and anxiety, and I ask you to wash me clean.

I release everything into your compassionate care. Please speak to me clearly, Lord. Open my ears to hear your voice. Open my heart to commune with you more deeply. I want to feel your loving embrace. Open the doors that need to be opened and close the doors that need to be closed. Please set my feet upon the straight and narrow road that leads to everlasting life. Amen.



SPOTLIGHT on The Lifeline Ministry

“As the story goes,” said Fred Bach, the director of Lifeline, “the founder of LifeLine was Ed Fowler. He was on a destroyer in WWII. It was destroyed in battle, but Ed was saved by a life line. He said that since God had saved him, he would give back to him by giving a lifeline to others.” And thus, in 1983, Lifeline was born. “We serve the community,” said Fred. “In 2018 we served an average of 237 families per month for a total of around 700 people. No one is turned away, although they are supposed to be limited to once a month. We are not hard-nosed about that.” Although Lifeline is advertised in the bulletin, Fred thinks mainly clients become aware of it by

word of mouth. Lifeline is a part of Feeding Tampa Bay, a non-profit supplier for food banks. As a result, Lifeline gets much free food. “We get meat at 18 cents a pound,” Fred said. “It’s food from various grocery stores that want to clear their shelves. It’s immediately frozen and remains good until distributed.”

He goes there every other week and usually brings home about 700 pounds of meat. Every Tuesday free produce is delivered. Recently they received 700 pounds of bell peppers and 300 pounds of tomatoes. Walmart also always gives them a good price on eggs. Publix supplies free bread and bakery items. Whatever else they need, they turn to parishioners with a list of items stapled to a paper bag. “We are normally in very good shape,” Fred said.

As for volunteers, “...we have plenty, around 45 or 50. I think we may be the biggest ministry at St. Jerome’s. Many of the other ministries help us: The Silly Sinatras, the Knights of Columbus, Early Childhood Center, Faith Formation, Bingo, to name a few.”

“Even though we might appear to be a beach community,” he said, “there are many retired seniors who are raising children and grandchildren. They need help.”

Clients cannot request food items. They are given boxes of food depending on the size of the family. Liability prevents clients from freely roaming the facility and picking out what they want.

Lifeline is open every Wednesday from 8:30-11:30 a.m. throughout the year, except Christmas and the day before Thanksgiving. It is also open on the last Saturday of the month.



Fred Bach
Director
of
Lifeline





Casino Night

Benefit Drawing

The Knights of Columbus of St. Patrick Church are holding a Benefit Drawing on Saturday, September 21st, during the Annual Casino Night and Dinner in the Parish Hall.

Each drawing ticket costs \$20.00. Only 400 tickets will be sold. First Prize is \$2,000.00, Second Prize is \$1,200.00 and Third Prize is \$800.00. If fewer than 400 tickets are sold, the winners' pool will be split 50% for First, 30% for Second and 20% for Third.

YOU NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.

The Knights continue to support St Patrick Church and School, along with other charities in the area with the proceeds from the event. We will be replacing some fencing facing trotter road in the near future.

Please join us for a night of good food and great fun at the Casino Night. Gourmet pizza, garden salad and cookies will be served, and \$50.00 in gaming chips will be given to each Casino Night ticket purchaser. The cost of the Casino Night and Dinner ticket is \$20.00. The drawing ticket is an additional \$20.00.

Toward the end of the evening you can bid on a number of Fabulous Prizes with the funny money you have won.

Please join us in helping the parish and having an opportunity to win some cash and/or a fun night of good food and fabulous prizes.

Please fill out the order form below and mail in with your check made payable to the Knights of Columbus. The party starts at 6:00pm. Cash bar will be available.



Knights of Columbus Benefit Drawing Order Form	
Name:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
Number of Benefit Drawing Tickets:	_____ x \$20 = _____
Number of Casino Night Dinner Tickets:	_____ x \$20 = _____
Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____	

Checks made payable to : Knights of Columbus. Please fill out the attached forms completely and mail it to the address below;

David Ruppel
13300 Indian Rocks Road #806
Largo, FL 33774

Call David Ruppel at 727-560-0063, if you have any questions.

Pope Francis Claims Former US Televangelist Performed Miracle, Paving Way for Sainthood

Pope Francis has declared that a late US television preacher once performed a miracle, moving him one step closer to sainthood.

The Vatican announced on Saturday the formal approval of the miracle, thought to relate to claims about a baby's extraordinary recovery in an Illinois hospital.

The Diocese of Peoria believes that Archbishop Fulton J Sheen – who died in 1979 – interceded in 2010 on behalf of a baby who began breathing 61 minutes after showing no signs of life at birth.

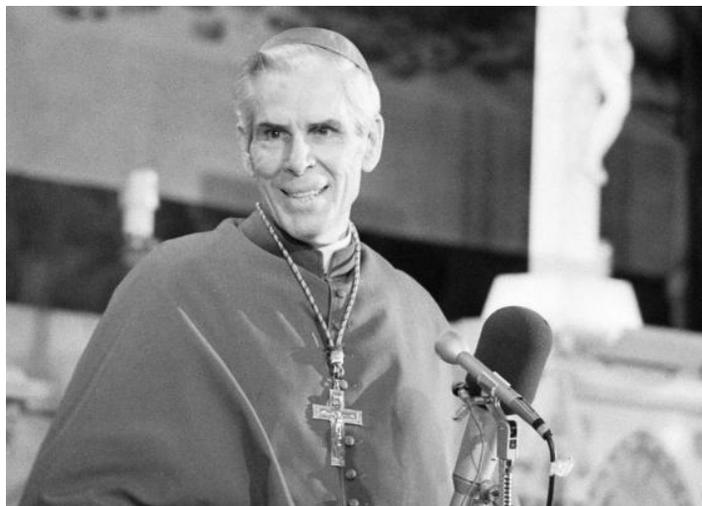
One miracle allows a candidate for sainthood to be beatified in the Catholic faith, but a second miracle must be approved in order for sainthood to be conferred.

No date has been given for his beatification ceremony, but the Peoria Diocese said it was beginning preparations for the celebration in the central Illinois city.

Archbishop Sheen's on-air evangelism made him a well-known figure in the US over several decades, having started on NBC radio in 1930 with a weekly programme called The Catholic Hour.

He expanded to television in 1950 with NBC's Life is Worth Living, regularly amassing more than 30 million viewers.

The pope's decision comes just weeks after a New York



court ruling allowing the American archbishop's niece to bury him in Peoria, where he was ordained, ending years of litigation and allowing the process for sainthood to resume.

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nuity. In addition to tax deferred growth, following are a few more reasons.

Your minimum interest rate is guaranteed...for life! There is a floor that the interest rate will never drop below. The good news is that we've always paid a higher current interest rate than the guarantee. This feature means nobody has ever lost a dime in a Knights of Columbus annuity...and never will!

Your principal is guaranteed by the Knights. Now that kind of guarantee is only as good as the company backing it...and we've had 40+ years of Superior ratings from A. M. Best for financial strength. (As of January 2019, rated A+ Superior by A. M. Best)

You are charged no administrative fees each year...100% of your money goes to work for you earning interest from day one.

Even though annuities are designed for long-term growth, after one year you can access 10% of the value without any KofC penalty.

Owners of annuities name a beneficiary; this means that at death, the proceeds bypass probate. This saves time and usually money, too. You can enjoy an income that you (and if you wish, your wife) can never outlive!

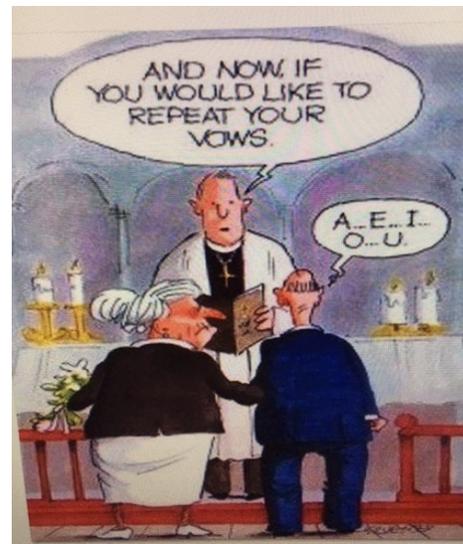
But let's be fair; an annuity is not the answer every time. It's not a short-term product. It's not designed to be a "put and take" account where you stick some money in and then take it out a

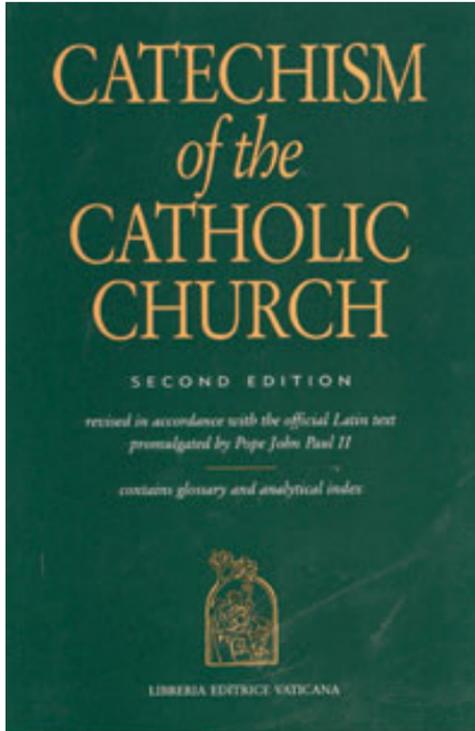
short time later. There is a reducing early withdrawal penalty over the first seven years if you take out more than the 10% free withdrawal. That feature, in all annuities, not just the KofC, is to encourage people to leave the money alone until retirement age.

So, although there are situations where an annuity is not the proper product, there are many where it is...And we haven't even talked about triple compounding, protection from creditors and other features.

How do you know if an annuity is right for you? Meet with me and let's look at your goals. It might be the perfect fit. Where do you keep your safe money?

Vivat Jesus!





What does the Catechism say about Christian Funerals?

1684 The Christian funeral is a liturgical celebration of the Church. The ministry of the Church aims at expressing efficacious communion with the deceased, at the participation in that communion of the community gathered for the funeral.

1685 The different funeral rites express the Paschal character of Christian death and are in keeping with the situations and traditions of each region, even as to the color of the liturgical vestments worn.

1686 The Order of Christian Funerals of the Roman liturgy gives three types of funeral celebrations: the home, the church, and the cemetery, and according to the importance attached to them by the family, local customs, the culture, and popular piety.

1687 A greeting of faith begins the celebration. Relatives and friends of the deceased are welcomed with a word of consolation. The community assembling in prayer also awaits the words of eternal life. The death of a member of the community is an event that should lead beyond the perspectives of this world and should draw the faithful into the true perspective of faith in the risen Christ.

1688 The liturgy of the Word during funerals demands very careful preparation because the assembly present for the funeral may include some faithful who rarely attend the liturgy and friends of the deceased who are not Christians. The homily in particular must avoid the literary genre of funeral eulogy and illumine the mystery of Christian death in the light of the risen Christ.

1689 When the celebration takes place in church, the Eucharist is the heart of the Paschal reality of Christian death. It is by the Eucharist that the community of the faithful, especially the family of the deceased, learn to live in communion with the one who has fallen asleep in the Lord.

1690 A farewell to the deceased is his final commendation to God by the Church. It is the last farewell by which the Christian community greets one of its members before his body is taken to its tomb. We shall never be separated, for we live for Christ, and now we are united with Christ as we go toward him. We shall all be together in Christ.