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**Media Advisory**



**Satanic Temple Convention in Scottsdale**

Bishop Olmsted encourages all priests and faithful to increase their prayers and sacrifices and reparations leading up to this Convention and immediately after.

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Following the announcement of the first convention – SatanCon 2022 that will take place February 11-13, 2022 in Scottsdale, Arizona, the Office of the Bishop for the Diocese of Phoenix released a memo, (attached). In the statement released January 14, 2022, Bishop Olmsted said, “I ask the faithful of the Diocese to refrain from organizing or participating in any type of protest at the venue of the Convention. Instead, in our spiritual warfare against Satan and his minions; prayer, fasting, reparation and sacrifices coupled with the Sacraments are the most effective, spiritual weapons at our disposal.”

As Knights of Columbus in Arizona State, remember our motto, “Defenders of the Faith.” In service to our priests and parishes we need to be constantly vigilant when we are present to assure the safety and welfare of our parish community. Remember in Ephesians, chapter 6:

“Draw your strength from the Lord and from his mighty power. Put on you armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil. Our battle is not against human forces but against the principalities and powers, the rulers of this world of darkness, the evil spirits in the regions above. You must put on the armor of God, if you are to resist on the evil day; do all that your duty requires and hold your ground. Stand fast, with the truth as the belt around your waist, justice as your breastplate, and zeal to propagate the gospel of peace as your footgear. In all circumstances, hold faith as your shield; it will help extinguish the fiery darts of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, the word of God. At every opportunity, pray in the Spirit, using prayers and petitions of every sort. Pray constantly and attentively for all in the holy company.”

We need to be prepared. We are being clothed in the armor that we need for this battle that is coming. This is an armor given to us by God. In the midst of a spiritual war, evil is rising around us as never before. The way we fight this battle is through faith, humility, and love, the key components of Christianity.

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