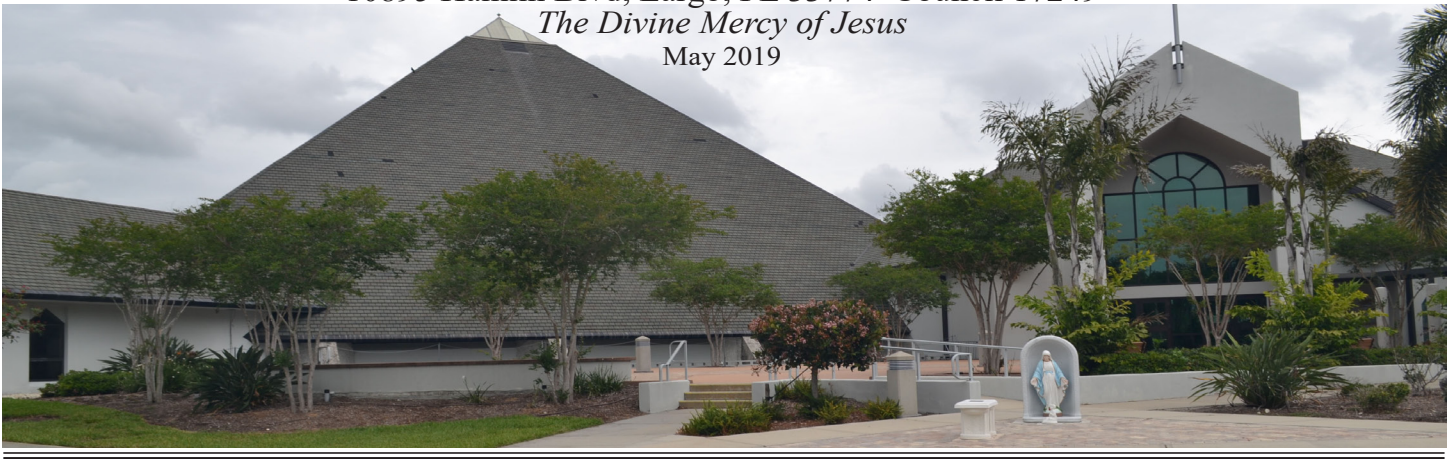


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Jerome's Catholic Church
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The Divine Mercy of Jesus
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NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED AS COUNCIL BEGINS ITS GROWTH

On Wednesday evening, April 3, eight men declared their desire to become a part of the Knights of Columbus at St. Jerome's Parish Council 17249.

The induction ceremony was led by Jim Blackwell, Financial Secretary, aided by District Deputy José Carrera and GK of St. Pat's council Danny McConnell. A video made by Supreme explained what the Knights are all about, especially the first formation degree.

During the process, the men were given a rosary and a lapel pin.

The exemplification was the first of our new council which will hold its meetings in the Ed Kilroy building on the second Wednesday of the month. There will also be a corporal meeting every three months to enhance our spiritual growth and to get to know each other better, both of which is difficult in a regular business meeting which is required by Supreme. A corporal Mass is going together as a unit, both Knights and their wives. After Mass, we plan to go out and eat.



FROM AROUND THE WORLD OF INTEREST TO CATHOLICS

St John Paul II's abuse record defended by his long-time secretary

Irish bishops speak out against abortion requirement for medical jobs

Scientists call for global moratorium on genetically modified babies

Northern Ireland anti-abortion law has saved 100,000 lives, pro-lifers say

Royal College of Physicians adopts neutral policy on assisted suicide

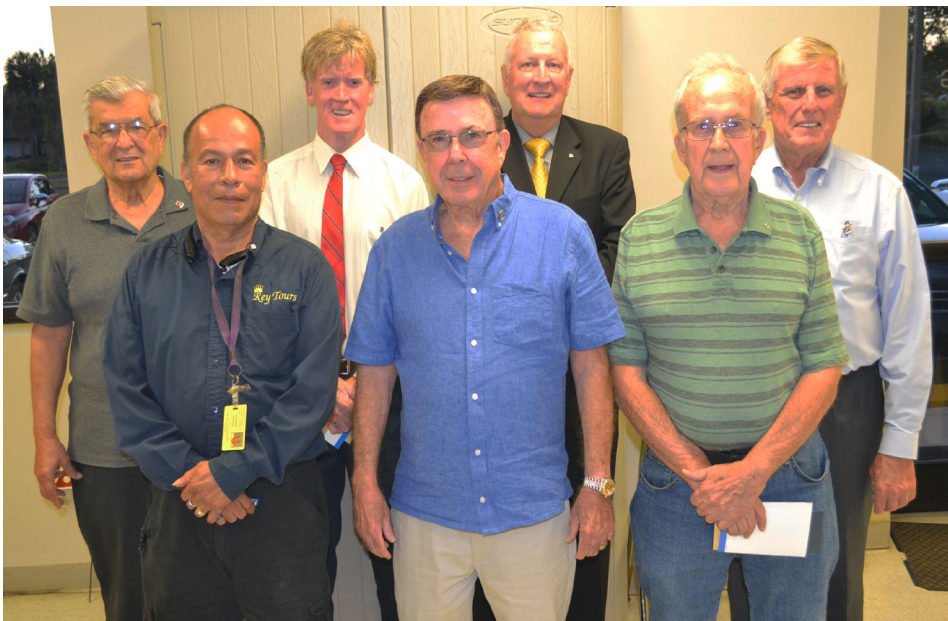
Age verification to access online porn arriving in UK next month

Ambassadors to Vatican partner with women religious to combat modern slavery

Dutch cathedral may be sold because of poor attendance, maintenance costs

Rome's 'Holy Stairs' uncovered for the first time in 300 years

Pope Francis likens abortion to hiring a 'contract killer'



Front, L-R: Eddie Padilla, Bob Mills, Jim Dolan
Rear, L - R: Unidentified, John Francks, Bill Bannon, John Ronnlof.

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND KNIGHT



Pete Grasso GK

Brother Knights:
What an incredibly blessed time we are going through. I believe God is directing our steps as we form the Divine Mercy of Jesus Council at St. Jerome Catholic Church, and what a wonderful time of the Easter season to do so. It just shows that things never just happen by accident and are meant to be.

Our organizational meeting went well. We discussed some very interesting ideas, heard from great speakers, and even had a very funny joke from Fr. Tom. All in all it was a great night with over 35 members in attendance. Amazing start. As part of the new beginnings, we brought in several new Knights and have transferred in a large body of talent which will carry us forward in doing

mighty deeds for God and the church family at St. Jerome. Over the next several months we will ALL work together to form the direction we wish this council to take. As I mentioned at our organizational meeting, it is not just the idea of one or two people, but the collective experiences of our veteran Knights and from the newer generation stepping up. We will find ways of developing our friendship among ourselves while integrating our own families into the good work of the Knights of Columbus. We are going to find ways to make our meetings interesting, informative, constructive, and faith-filled. Everyone will always be heard! Keep praying for our wonderful priests, our families, and for each other.

We'll talk again soon.
Your Grand Knight, Pete

WORDS OF WISDOM

If a church wants a better pastor, it only needs to pray for the one it has.

Using Time Wisely Is Never Out of Style



By becoming a Knight and giving just 24 hours a year, a man can be a better Catholic, father, and husband and make a dif-

ference in the Church and his community.

Some men don't think they have time to join Knights. Ask them if they have just 24 hours. In just that short time frame, men can be a better Catholic, father and husband, and part of a great Catholic brotherhood. Here's how the hours break down:

- 8 HOURS a year working with your council on charitable projects for the local church or community.
- 4 HOURS a year enjoying a council function with their entire family.
- 4 HOURS a year attending council meetings to help plan future activities.
- 6 HOURS a year (half an hour a month) reading the Knights' magazine Columbia, www.kofc.org, K of C social media and other publications.
- 1 HOUR a year meeting with a Knights of Columbus insur-

ance agent for a free analysis of insurance needs and learning about the exclusive, top-rated programs available only to members and their families.

Also 1 HOUR, a year attending Mass together with your council.

That's only 24 hours a year. It's not a lot of time — but it is time well spent. It's rewarding. It's life changing.



Brothers all:

Welcome to the Knights of Columbus Council 17249 newsletter. It will be sent to you on a monthly bases near the end of each month. It will contain international, national, local, and council news of interest to Catholics. As our council grows, so will our newsletter.

Please don't hesitate to alert me to any news you are aware of or any concerns you might have.

Vivat Jesu:

Jim Hand

Newsletter Editor

The Knights of Columbus Insurance Program

A Brief History....



many, tragically, were dying young, leaving behind widows and orphans with insufficient financial resources.

It was a cold reality that had confronted Father McGivney all too often — not only in the lives of his parishioners — but in his own. As a seminarian, he was forced to leave school and return home to aid his family when his father died.

Though this story of financial ruin for Catholic families was common, Father McGivney was convinced that there was a way to change the ending. He knew that if the Catholic men in his parish came together in mutual aid, widows and orphans could receive the support they needed.

He also knew that if Catholic men banded together, united by charity and unity, they could strengthen their faith, their families, and their communities.

So, he established the Knights of Columbus, and with it, a “pass-the-hat” insurance system to protect the Catholic families in his parish. Over time, that system has evolved, and today we stay true to our founding mission through our multi-billion dollar, top-rated insurance program. Members in the United States and Canada have exclusive access to our insurance program and products, including life insurance, retirement annuities, long-term care insurance, and disability income insurance.

Our charitable giving and fraternal service have continued to grow too. Nearly 2 million men in over a dozen countries across the globe are proud to call themselves Knights. Last year alone, these men and their families donated more than \$185 million to charity and performed more than 75 million hours of service.

The Knights of Columbus insurance story begins in the winter of 1882 in the basement of St. Mary’s Church in New Haven, Conn.

It was there that our Venerable founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, gathered the men of his parish together to create a solution to a recurring problem.

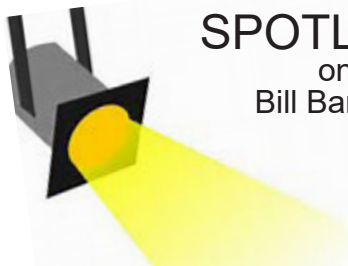
Many Catholics — most of whom were immigrants — were working and living in unfavorable conditions. And



Why Do You Need Life Insurance?

One of the most fundamental questions you should ask yourself when contemplating life insurance is this: Will someone in my life be adversely effected (from a financial standpoint) by my untimely death? This is different from “Will someone be sad by my untimely death?” I will be sad. But I do not want to assume your financial liabilities.





SPOTLIGHT on Bill Bannon

“JoAnn and I used to sit in the last pews so we could exit the church quickly and go about our business. How things have changed!” Bill Bannon was born in Pennsylvania and grew up in Allentown. He said that as early as being in the first grade he wanted to be a veterinarian. When asked why, he said, “I always had a dog, although many were strays and sometimes nasty. My mom liked cats. With a lot of pets always underfoot, I thought I would make a good animal doctor. It was not meant to be, though,” he said. “In college organic chemistry was my downfall.” As he grew up, he realized that he had developed an ability to think logically, wondering how things worked, etc. As luck would have it, Bill became a part of the world of computers by getting an associate degree in IT (Information Technology). Those were the days before DOS was invented as a basic language of the computer world, so it’s easy to say the Bill got in on the ground floor of what makes computers tick (or hum, or whatever the noise is they make.)



Bill Bannon

In another way to demonstrate how old school this was, he said a FAX took 45 minutes to send. “Programming software for a computer is much different from using the software,” he said. “You have to have an aptitude for being willing to stay with a project until it works like it’s supposed to and all problems have been solved. I was happy to discover that I have such an aptitude. It has served me well over the years.” His first job working with programming was working for Sunbury Casual Company where he made a program for NFL logos to be stitched on knit hats. This was before DOS was around. “The working of a computer just makes sense to me,” he said. Bill said he’s always thinking of how to solve a problem.

As an example, he told of a time he and some friends were trying to figure how to get a 400 lb. sectional couch up a flight of stairs. “After several futile attempts,” he said, “my friends gave up and left. I kept at it and finally figured out how to tumble it up the steps. I just don’t like to give up. As you might guess,” he said, “this skill is both a blessing and a curse.” Bill landed in Florida on August 1, 1987. He had gotten a job with Certified Pharmaceuticals. He came to Largo in his little red sports car, no resume, and with a 22 lb. cat. He had no family and no friends. He went to Crabby Bill’s the first Friday he was here, he said. Jake the bartender said he was soon to become a

certified scuba diver. Bill was interested in scuba diving and became a part of a small group of friends.

In December, just a few months after he had arrived in Largo, he met JoAnn and her daughter, Regina, through this connection. As far as Bill’s religious life is concerned, he said he was raised a Methodist in the 1950’s, then attended a Lutheran group which met in a garage for a while. Bill was in the first grade at the time. He said he and his dad cleaned the church until he was in high school. In time he started attending a Byzantine church because his first wife went. He started going with her to a catholic church and converted in 1973. This lasted for a few years until Bill got a divorce. He felt like spreading his wings, so when he met the woman who would become his wife—JoAnn—he told her that he didn’t go to church, but JoAnn’s faith quickly changed his mind about that.

Bill said he has been aware of the Knights of Columbus for quite some time but was leery of joining since he was so used to being involved in religious activities with JoAnn. However, after meeting Pete Grasso, a parishioner and Knights of Columbus Grand Knight, at an Alpha meeting, Bill became excited about becoming a Knight. He is especially interested in developing a Knights of Columbus webpage for our bulletin. He and JoAnn have been helping with the RCIA ministry for quite some time now. “It’s our first priority,” he said, “but I want to very much be a part of the Knights of Columbus. I’m thankful to Fr. Tom for helping to bring this council to St. Jerome.”

Corpus Christi June To Be Held Saturday, June 22, 2019

The Feast of Corpus Christi is a Catholic liturgical solemnity celebrating the real presence of the body and blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in the elements of the Eucharist—known as transubstantiation. Two months earlier, the Eucharist is observed on Thursday in a somber atmosphere leading to Good Friday. The liturgy on that day also commemorates Christ’s washing of the disciples’ feet, the institution of the priesthood and the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. The feast of Corpus Christi was established to create a feast focused solely on the Holy Eucharist emphasizing the joy of the Eucharist being the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

At the end of Holy Mass, there is often a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, generally displayed in a monstrance. The procession is followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A notable Eucharistic procession is that presided over by the Pope each year in Rome, where it begins at the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran and passes to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, where it concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The celebration of the feast was suppressed in Protestant churches during the Reformation, because they do not hold to the teachings of transubstantiation. Depending on the denomination, Protestant churches instead believe in differing views concerning the presence of Christ in the Eucharist, or that Christ is symbolically or metaphorically part of the



Pope Francis carries a monstrance in Rome

eucharist. Today, most Protestant denominations do not recognize the feast. The Church of England abolished it in 1548 as the English Reformation progressed, but later reintroduced it.

This year at St. Jerome Corpus Christi will take place Saturday, June 22, following the 5:30 Mass.

Why Do We Kiss the Pope's Ring?



bishop with a kiss of his ring is a sign of his episcopal dignity and is still "quite widespread."

In the past, "this gesture was accompanied by a bow of the head or a knee bend," he said, and while "kissing the episcopal ring in an official greeting is still in use, to bend the knee not so much."

Pope Francis, he continued, "seems to be against it. Sometimes he allows it, sometimes he denies it."

Regoli said that with Francis "there is a further sensibility, different from his predecessors, so we tend to further simplify the ceremonial by omitting the greeting of genuflection towards him."

The custom of kissing the ring of the pope or a bishop has been a gesture of respect in the Church for longer than can be remembered but likely started in the late Middle Ages. Kissing the pope's ring "expresses devotion not to the person of the pope but to whom and what he represents: the successor of the fisherman of Galilee and indicates fidelity and love for the Church.

While the commonly-used Italian term for the greeting is "baci mano," literally meaning "hand kiss," it is the papal Ring of the Fisherman which is kissed.

Pope Francis did not appear to be wearing that particular ring in Loreto March 25, 2019. Outside of papal ceremonies, Francis is typically seen wearing only his episcopal ring.

It is customary to kiss the ring of a bishop, out of reverence for his dignity as a successor of the apostles, and the hand of a priest, as it has been anointed with chrism to consecrate the Body of Christ.

The prayer traditionally said by a bishop before vesting with his ring for pontifical Mass is: "The digits of my heart and my body, O Lord, adorn with virtue, and with the sanctification of the sevenfold Spirit surround them."

The Fisherman's Ring is one of several rings typically worn by the Roman pontiff. The ring takes its name from its image of St. Peter as a fisherman, which became the standard design around the mid-15th century. Each Pope still receives a unique Ring of the Fisherman at the start of his papacy, which is then destroyed soon after his death.

In the early 20th century, St. Pius X connected a partial indulgence to kissing the Fisherman's Ring.

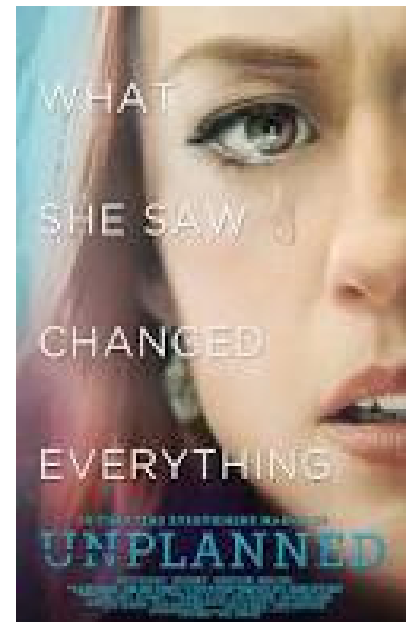
Fr. Johannes Grohe, a professor of Church history at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, said that to greet a

contrary to everything that could recall court customs. Some customs in ceremonies and pontifical audiences have a long tradition and therefore also have the form of other time periods.

UNPLANNED



This is a hard-hitting, fact-based drama adapted from a memoir by Abby Johnson. During her rise to become one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the country, Johnson gradually becomes uneasy about the organization's marketing of abortion, a process of conversion that reaches a dramatic climax when she is asked to assist a doctor performing the procedure and witnesses via sonogram what it really involves.

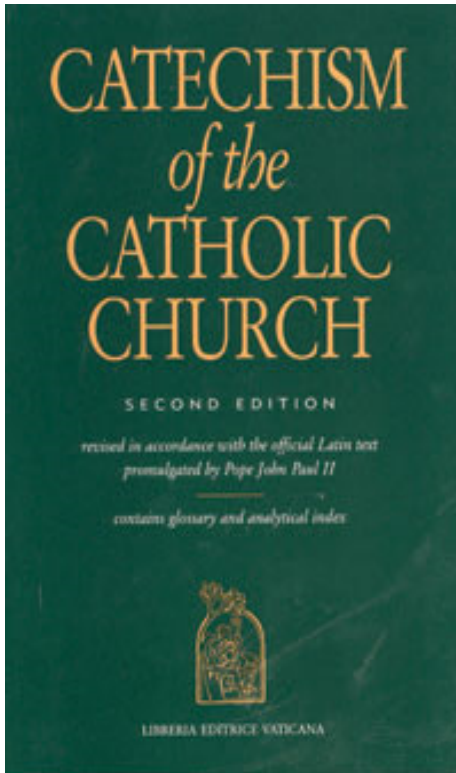


Her new stance is welcomed by her pro-life husband and parents as well as by some of the activists she once considered adversaries. But it infuriates her ornery former superior in the organization who becomes the moving force in a lawsuit against her.

Written and directed by Chuck Konzelman and Cary Solomon, the film is effective but unsparing in its effort to convey the full horror of slaughtering the unborn. The parents of older teens will have to decide whether the informative value of the story outweighs its disturbing content. Not for the casual moviegoer of any age. Gruesome images of abortion and dismembered fetuses, much medical gore, a mild oath, a few crass expressions, a vague sexual reference. The movie is rated R.



The Fiat Mihi is the Latin term used in the Catholic Church to describe the amazing response of Mary to the angel Gabriel, upon being told that she had been chosen to carry the Son of God in her womb. "Fiat mihi" when translated from Latin to English is "Be it done in me."



What does the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* say about the integrity of a person?

2338 The chaste person maintains the integrity of the powers of life and love placed in him. Integrity is opposed to any behavior that would impair it. It tolerates neither a double life nor duplicity in speech.

2339 Chastity includes an apprenticeship in self-mastery which is a training in human freedom. The alternative is clear: either man governs his passions and finds peace, or he lets himself be dominated by them and becomes unhappy. "Man's dignity therefore requires him to act out of conscious and free choice and not by blind impulses in himself or by mere external constraint. Man gains such dignity when, ridding himself of all slavery to the passions, he presses forward to his goal by freely choosing what is good and, by his diligence and skill, effectively secures for himself the means suited to this end.

2340 Whoever wants to remain faithful to his baptismal promises and resist temptations will want to adopt the means for doing so: self-knowledge, practice of severe self-discipline adapted to the situations that confront him, obedience to God's commandments, exercise of the moral virtues, and fidelity to prayer.

2341 The virtue of chastity comes under the cardinal virtue of temperance, which seeks to permeate the passions and appetites of the senses with reason.

2342 Self-mastery is a long and exacting work. One can never consider it acquired once and for all. It presupposes renewed effort at all stages of life. The effort required can be more intense in certain periods, such as when the personality is being formed during childhood and adolescence.