



AT THE 136TH SUPREME CONVENTION



Icon Raises Awareness For Middle East

As the Knights' 18th Prayer Program launches, a new Eastern-inspired religious icon will travel from parish-to-parish across the country to raise awareness and inspire support for persecuted Christians.

At the conclusion of yesterday's concelebrated Mass, the Knights launched its 18th Marian Prayer Program, this year featuring an icon of "Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians," created by Italian artist Fabrizio Diomedi.

In the image, we see various people gathered under Our Lady's mantle. These men, women and children died as martyrs in recent times. They together illustrate an inspiring example of Christians who so bravely and faithfully died for love of Christ.

The traditional process of making an icon is also symbolic, according to Loyola Press. An icon is painted on wood, representing the Tree of Life and Tree of Knowledge. Coats of glue symbolize the soul and life of the icon's subject. Certain areas receive a thin layer of clay, representing man's physical nature. Then the iconographer blows the clay off and paints those same areas with gold, recalling the act of creation and breath of life. He adds layers of paints, with darker colors applied last, so that light seems to come from within the image. This represents the unseen God's glory breaking through from heaven.

As the icon travels from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, it will help focus the eyes of our Church on the sacrifice of our brothers and sisters in Christ. May it serve to inspire us all to stand strong in our faith and continue our efforts to protect the free practice of religion throughout the world.

Our Lady, Help of Christians, pray for us!

The icon is part of Knights' ongoing mission of charity to Christians in the Middle East. Read more at christiansatrisk.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

Adoration Chapel
Room 306 7-11 a.m.



Memorial Mass
Hall B&C 8 a.m.



Relic Veneration
Room 306 9-11 a.m.



Final Session
Hall B&C 10 a.m.



Chaplains' Meeting
Hilton Baltimore
1-3 p.m.



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Family of the Year

The Young family from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., are this year's "Family of the Year" recipient.

Ryan and Elizabeth, along with their seven children Christopher (17), Trinity (15), Grace (12), Mary (9), Justice (8), Faith (2) and Xavier (5 months), not only fulfill their holy obligation by going to mass, but they are also active members at St. Martins de Porres Parish.

"Our faith is a way of life - truly and fully complete immersion. What we do as a family for us is normal for us.

... They wouldn't even know who they are without their Catholic faith being a part of their core.

It's not an aspect of life. It is life."

— Ryan Young

Ryan and his daughter Grace are cantors while Trinity and Justice help as altar servers. The family also participates in community outreach programs including Coats for Kids and the parish's blood drive. Ryan also serves as the director of the Fearless Retreat Program, a weekend youth retreat program hosted by Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of New York.

However, the Youngs' main initiative is Camp Veritas, a summer camp organized exclusively to inspire and form Catholic teens in 7th to 12th grade about the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. With the help Elizabeth, Christopher, Trinity and Grace, Ryan founded the camp in 2008, staffing it exclusively with volunteers. Camp Veritas has served nearly 10,000 teens to date, adding an average 134 new campers every year.

New Board Members



Arcie Lim joined the Knights in 1982. He is presently a member of Council 13072 in Vancouver. Arcie and his wife, Matilde, have two sons.



Terry Simonton, a convert, has been a member of Councils 3444 and 12931 as a Knight for over 32 years. He and his wife, Estelle, have been married for over 48 years. They have two children and four grandchildren.



Anthony Minopoli joined the Knights of Columbus in 1994 and served as grand knight of Council 4716 in Bridgeport, Conn. Tony and his wife, Karen, have been married for 25 years. They have two children.

Paul Lambert, Kenneth Stockwell, Scott Flood, Patrick Kelly and Ronald Schwarz were re-elected.



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