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State Deputy's Message

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Brothers Knights,

Fall, at least on the calendar, has arrived as we enter the fourth month of the fraternal year. Many good deeds have been accomplished under the banner of the Knights of Columbus so far. It is wonderful for me to see just how active our order is across the state.

Brothers, I thank you for all the time and energy you contribute to projects that help us grow in our faith, strengthen our families, assist those in our communities who have little and need much love and assistance, and stand up to defend the sanctity of life at all stages. From the Councils in Douglas, Sierra Vista, Bisbee and others in Southeast Arizona all the way to Councils in Page, Kingman, Williams, Flagstaff, and others in Northwest Arizona; we all work in Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Thank you!

This past month, District Master Bryant Sayers and I had the opportunity to attend the Provincial Meeting of the John H. Redden Province of the Fourth Degree. The meeting was held in Albuquerque, NM. It was a meeting filled with energy as many great ideas were exchanged among the district representatives from Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, and Colorado, who make up the province. Much of the discussion focused on the best methods for recruiting Native American members, and those living on Indian Reservations. Supreme Regional Training Director Ken White will be helping us bring the benefits of membership in the Knights to Catholic Native America men. It was also a good opportunity to meet the State Deputies from New Mexico and Utah to share information about what we're doing in our respective states to help grow the order.

The months of September and October are the months we traditionally conduct our fund-raising efforts for Persons With Intellectual Disabilities. Our fundraising efforts have unfortunately been curtailed as Fry's, Safeway and Albertsons are no longer allowing us to collect donations outside their stores. Yes, this is bad news. However, this presents an opportunity for us to identify new ways to raise funds for children in need of our help. Try something new or pick a new location

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A Missionary "Spring" in the Church

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.



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like Walmart, Costco, Basha's, Sprouts, Trader Joe's, movie theaters, or at church. Our Lady of the Rosary Council 13272 in Tucson is organizing a Roadrunners Hockey "Knight" in November to raise funds for PWID. Try to follow this Council's example in finding other ways and means to raise funds for such a noble cause. Organize fund raisers like dinners, breakfasts, or golf tournaments. If you encounter a successful method, please share it with us. Remember, this is not about us, it's about the people in need we serve.

October is the month dedicated to the Rosary, organize council and family Rosary gatherings. End your council or assembly meeting with a decade of the Rosary, dedicate it to the protection of life or for our Pope's intentions. Pray - the rosary more often than usual.

Come one, come all brothers to the Arizona Rosary Celebration. Yes. Brothers, October is the month. In Tucson the celebration will be held October 19, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Augustine Cathedral, 192 S. Stone Avenue. On Sunday, October 20, 2019, the celebration comes to Phoenix at 2:00 p.m. at the Phoenix Convention Center, 33 S. 3rd Street. This is an all hands-on deck event. Help is needed for ushers, Fourth Degree Honor Guard, representing your council or assembly in the Blessing Procession, arranging for buses to bring parishioners to the events, bringing your families and friends, and attending the celebration. Go to www.azrosary.net for more information. Spread the word!

If you can't experience the Arizona Rosary Celebration in Tucson or Phoenix, organize one within your own parish, with your pastor's permission of course. Praise God and bring your petitions to the Lord through Mary. This year we honor Mary under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe. During this annual Rosary event, we join with the Diocese of Phoenix as they celebrate the 50th anniversary of the diocese's establishment.

Looking ahead to November, there is a great opportunity coming up for all Knights, especially to those in Southern Arizona to receive great spiritual nourishment. Join men from all over the Diocese of Tucson to learn and share with one another, while holding up each other in our Christian calling. The 2019 Tucson Catholic Men's Conference will be held, Saturday, November 2, 2019 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Diocese of Tucson Pastoral Center, 192 S. Stone Avenue, Building 2. This year's theme is "Strength in Numbers: men strengthen men – faith strengthens love." Guest speakers include: Most Rev. Edward Weisenburger, Bishop of Tucson; Randy Cirner, Catholic therapist and evangelist, and Rev. Dennis Billy, author and professor of moral and spiritual theology at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, MD. Visit tucsonmensconference.org for more information and to register. I highly recommend every Knight attend.



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Last month, I had the honor to attend an exemplification of the Foundation and Knighthood degrees hosted by the Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council #7465 at St. Jerome Catholic church in Phoenix. It was wonderful to witness this class of 57 brothers, including one priest, make their 2nd and 3rd Degrees. It was also a blessed privilege to introduce Rev. Gary Regula, Pastor of St. Jerome, and the Arizona State Chaplain as the class honoree. Congratulations brothers!

It is so gratifying to see the ranks of our Order grow. Growth in our numbers means also growth in the number of councils in our state necessary to serve all our brother Knights. Such is the case in the formation and charter of San Judas Tadeo Council 17370 in San Luis. Efforts to establish this council in this small border community, south of Yuma, have been on-going at the Parish for about 10 years. Congratulations to District Deputy 18 Larry Lickfelt and others for all their efforts to make this a reality.

Continuing the theme of growth in our order, October is one of two major months for Membership Recruitment. District Deputies and Grand Knights, I am expecting a great effort from you to organize Church Delta Drives to bring new members into our Order. Grand Knights, get your drives scheduled, contact our State Membership Director for help, and reach out to your District Deputy or Assigned State Officer for help. Make sure to include your Insurance field agent, he is your best asset in recruitment.

Yes, our membership methods work. I'm happy to share with you that as of September 30, we have added over 182 new members and have now climbed to 13th in the order out of 75 jurisdictions. September has been a great month for membership intake, let's make October even better! My special thanks to St. Pope John XXIII 7159 in Paradise Valley and St. Philip the Apostle Council 9995 in Payson for achieving 157% and 125%, respectively, of their new member goals already. Great job gentlemen!

This past month, one of our own, was appointed to serve on this state's highest court. Sir Knight Bill Montgomery, a member of St. Mary Magdalene Council 13779 and a member of Vincent Paul Curcio Assembly 3327, of Gilbert, was appointed by Governor Doug Ducey to fill a vacancy on the Arizona Supreme Court. Brother Bill served as Maricopa County Attorney for the nation's fourth-largest county for eight years. He is a West Point graduate and decorated Gulf War veteran. We offer our congratulations and prayers to Brother Bill as he begins this new chapter of his public career upholding the ideals of justice on which our country is founded.



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Recently, I was informed that a cadet of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, John Delaney Winger, recently received the honors of the Foundation (2nd) Degree of our Order during an exemplification held at West Point. Brother Knight, cadet, Winger is a member of Saint Pius X Council 10762 in Tucson. He is the son of Knight Jack Winger, also of Council 10762. Cadet Winger joined the Order at the age of eighteen, prior to reporting to the Academy. Since then, he has been active with the Knights at West Point, although he remains a member of Council 10762. He is in his second year at West Point and is completing his studies of Chemical Engineering and has his sights set on becoming an Artillery or Aviation officer upon graduation. Sir Knight Jack Winger is a 25-year member of the Order. Congratulations to brother Knight Cadet Winger and to his father Sir Knight Jack and mother Kathy. We pray for the Lord to watch over and protect brother John in his service to our country.

In closing, I want to remind you that 40 Days for Life recently began its fall campaign. During the campaign, they schedule, as best can be done, around-the-clock praying in front of abortion clinics. I ask that every council participate in this campaign. As Knights we should be on the front lines in the war against abortion. Active campaigns can be found in Phoenix, Glendale, Tempe, Flagstaff, Nogales. Visit their website at www.40daysforlife.com for more information. If there is not a campaign in your community, sign up to lead one.

In other pro-life news, 10 years ago the Knights of Columbus set out to place 1,000 ultrasound machines in prolife pregnancy centers around the country. The supreme Knight recently announced that the Order has surpassed the goals of the program. Arizona Knights have raised funds to place several ultrasounds in pregnancy centers around the state. I am proud to announce that in the last three weeks Supreme has approved two new ultrasound machines that will be donated to the Carenet Pregnancy Center in Sierra Vista and the Choices Pregnancy Center in Tempe. I am very thankful for the hard work of our State Ultrasound Chairman Joe Kramer and State Program Director Larry Powers in making this happen. There is still much work to be done, though, to create more victories for life. This initiative, funded by local councils with matching grants from the Supreme Council's Culture of Life Fund, cannot continue without the generous contributions from people like you. Contact the Ultrasound Initiative Chairman Joe Kramer at e-mail pgkjoe@gmail.com for more information.

This coming month I ask that you focus on membership, the Arizona Rosary Celebration, pro-life activities, and the PWID programs. Thank you for all you do. God bless the Knights of Columbus!

Vivat Jesus!

Mario Vassallo, State Deputy



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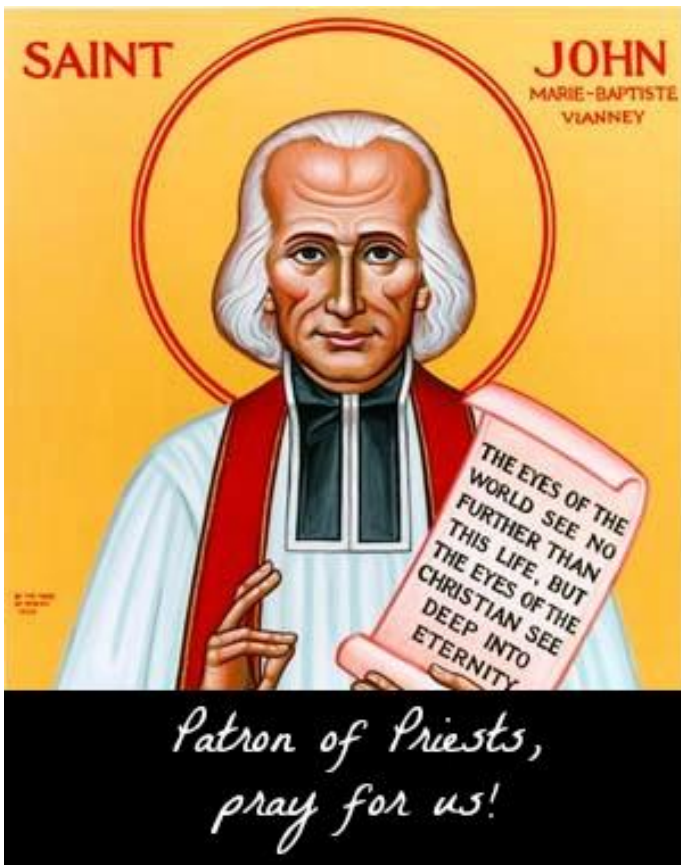
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Prayer for Vocations

Lord, You told us that "The harvest indeed is great, but the laborers are few. Pray, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His fields." We ask You to strengthen us as we follow the vocation to which You have called us. We pray particularly for those called to serve as priests, sisters, brothers, and deacons: Those whom You have called, Those You are calling now, Those You will call in the future. May they be open and responsive to the call of serving Your people. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



Prayer for Our Priests

Mary, Mother of Jesus,
throw your mantle of purity over our priests.
Protect them, guide them, and keep them in
your heart.
Be a Mother to them, especially in times of
discouragement and loneliness.
Love them and keep them belonging
completely to Jesus.
Like Jesus, they, too, are your sons, so keep
their hearts pure and virginal.
Keep their minds filled with Jesus, and put
Jesus always on their lips,
so that he is the one they offer to sinner and to
all they meet.
Mary, Mother of Jesus, be their Mother, loving
them and bringing them joy.
Take special care of sick and dying priests, and
the ones most tempted.
Remember how they spent their youth and old
age, their entire lives serving and giving all to
Jesus.
Mary, bless them and keep a special place for
them in your heart.
Give them a piece of your heart, so beautiful
and pure and immaculate,
so full of love and humility, so that they, too,
can grow in the likeness of Christ.
Dear Mary, make them humble like you, and
holy like Jesus.
Amen.



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Canonization of Blessed John Henry Newman – October 13, 2019

Pope Francis Wednesday approved the canonization of Bl. John Henry Newman, a Roman Catholic cardinal, scholar, and founder of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri in England.

Following a Feb. 12 meeting with Cardinal Angelo Becciu, the head of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, the pope signed off on a second miracle attributed to the intercession of Newman, who was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI in Birmingham, England on Sept. 19, 2010.

The first miracle attributed to Newman's intercession involved the complete and inexplicable healing of a deacon from a disabling spinal condition. His second miracle concerned the healing of a pregnant American woman. The woman prayed for the intercession of Cardinal Newman at the time of a life-threatening diagnosis, and her doctors have been unable to explain how or why she was able to suddenly recover.

Bl. John Henry Newman was a 19th century theologian, poet, Catholic priest and cardinal. Originally an Anglican priest, he converted to Catholicism in 1845 and his writings are considered among some of the most important Church-writings in recent centuries.

Ordained a Catholic priest in 1847, he was made a cardinal by Pope Leo XIII in 1879, although he was not a bishop. Newman was also particularly dedicated to education and founded two schools for boys.





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State Chaplain – Fr. Gary Regula

Dear Brother Knights,

On August 14, 2019, the German Bishops' Conference held a Mass at the site of the Auschwitz concentration camp honoring the legacy of St. Maximilian Kolbe and marking the 80th anniversary of the German invasion of Poland (September 1, 1939). The life story of this saint is an inspiration to all, and I would invite you to please look it up and spend a little time getting to know this man who offered his life so another may live.

For this little note instead of focusing on the history of this saint of the Church, I would rather focus on some things that Archbishop Ludwig Schick of Bamberg, Bavaria shared during his homily. He stated that through Kolbe's life and writings that God, "gives to all people, races and nations equal dignity and equal rights. He is the fatherly God of all."

Such a belief that Kolbe "would not recognize Hitler as an all-powerful leader and instead proclaimed that God is the master and ruler of all people, races and all nations" made Kolbe a "thorn in the eye of the Nazis." Shouldn't we all, as Knights, be a thorn in the eye of anyone that does not respect the equal dignity in everyone as a child of God.

There is so much hatred in our world today and as Knights, we are called to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to life in our families, our councils, our assemblies and everywhere we are called to go. Sadly, sometimes even in those groups I mentioned our Brother Knights do not show a respect for the dignity of others and their words and actions add to the hatred, mistrust and even prejudice against others.

As we journey towards this year's rosary celebrations may we ask Our Blessed Mother (St. Maximilian had a deep devotion for Mary) for her intercession so that all we say and do may bring about the unity that Christ prayed we may have the night before he died for us. May we ask for the grace of God to let go of any thoughts, words or actions that judge, demean or hurt our sisters and brothers. Archbishop Schick concluded as he shared that Kolbe's bravery showed his deep belief in the sovereignty of God and the brotherhood of all peoples. This message is extremely relevant today because when people do not love God present in our sister or brother we can see, they have forgotten or in reality they are denying God. Let us not merely say Vivat Jesus, but let Jesus, his message of love and his calling all his sisters and brothers be the cry we say every moment of our lives.

Vivat Jesus,

Fr. Gary Regula
State Chaplain

Class Honoree – Formation and Knighthood Degrees

Sunday, September 14, 2019 - Phoenix

Father Gary Regula, State Chaplain, Pastor at St. Jerome's Catholic Church

Father Gary Regula was born on August 29, 1964 in Chicago and was raised on the Southwest side. While growing up he attended a neighborhood parish and church and was inspired by his parents who were active to help out as well. He thought that priests were funny, filled with joy and were a good inspiration to him.

Father Gary attended school at one of the diocesan high school seminaries; however, after graduation he didn't think that God was calling him to the priesthood.

For 8 years he worked as a machinist, earning the rank of Journeyman Machinist. He then applied to the Archdiocese of Chicago and went to earn his degree at Loyola University of Chicago. Later he attended the University of St. Mary of the Lake for 3 years and before the last year he stepped away again because he felt that there were others that were more holy and prayerful that God would call and needed to serve as priests.

He served for two years as a lead counselor at Boys Hope Girls Hope after which he applied to the Diocese of Phoenix. After studying at St. Meinrad Seminary for one year he came back and served as a deacon at San Francisco de Asis Parish. He was then ordained and served in Flagstaff as an associate pastor until he was called to serve Santa Teresita in El Mirage as Pastor. He then was assigned to be the pastor at St. Benedict Parish. In 2013 Father Gary was appointed pastor at St. Jerome.

Father Gary became a Knight of Columbus on December 4, 1991. He is a Fourth Degree Knight. He was appointed Arizona State Chaplain in June of this year.

Father Gary has two siblings, a sister and brother. His mother died in 1987 while his father passed away in 2015. Father Gary has lived in Arizona for more than 20 years but still cherishes his upbringing in Chicago and still call it home.





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Welcome to New Brother Knight – John Delaney Winger

Cadet John Delaney Winger, US Military Academy Class of 2022, recently underwent the honors of the Second Degree of our Order at an exemplification at West Point. JD is a member of Council 10762 at St Pius X Catholic Community in Tucson, AZ.

JD joined the Order at the age of eighteen, prior to reporting to the Academy. Since then, he has been active with the Knights at West Point although he remains a member of Council 10762.

JD is in his second year at West Point. He is studying Chemical Engineering and has his sights set on becoming an Artillery or Aviation officer upon graduation. JD is the son of Kathy and Jack Winger of Tucson. Jack has been a member of the Order for over 25 years and is a Fourth Degree Knight. JD is an Eagle Scout and was Captain of his High School Football team.

The United States Military Academy is located at West Point, New York approximately 50 miles north of New York City on the Hudson River. Established in 1802 by President Thomas Jefferson, the Academy is a four-year college which prepares Cadets to become Army Officers. After graduation, Cadets are commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the US Army. The Academy has a long and distinguished list of graduates to include Ulysses S. Grant, Dwight D Eisenhower, Douglas MacArthur, George Patton, Buzz Aldrin, Norman Schwarzkopf, and Alexander Haig. In order to receive an appointment to West Point, candidates must receive a nomination from an elected US Official, must be accepted into the Academy based on their academic performance, and must meet the medical and physical fitness standards of the US Army. Approximately 1200 candidates receive appointments out of 50,000 applications in a given year.

Jack and Kathy Winger

Msgr. O'Keefe Council #8250 was founded 7 November 1982 through the efforts of West Point Cadets & Officers. Our council is named after Msgr. Cornelius George O'Keefe. He was a priest in the Archdiocese of New York and pastor of Most Holy Trinity Parish. During his time as Pastor the current Catholic Chapel was built in 1900. Msgr. O'Keefe died on 23 May 1918, and is buried in the West Point Cemetery.

The West Point Knights Council works closely with the Catholic Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity Parish at the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY, providing manpower for various projects and the members are active participants in their parish.





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State Warden / State Program Director – Lawrence Powers

Brother Knights,

Once again thank you for all of your efforts to raise funds for the Ultrasound Initiative. We just received confirmation that Supreme will be matching our funds to purchase an ultrasound for the CareNet Pregnancy Center in Cochise County, and we are waiting on approval for the Choices Pregnancy Center in Tempe.

Has your Council made plans to conduct the four required programs for the Colombian Award?

Novena for Life, Spiritual Reflection, and Consecration to the Holy Family. All of these programs can be accomplished with very little cost, and just involve a little planning. Info on each of these programs can be found at: <http://www.kofc.org/en/programs/index.html>

An idea for Spiritual Reflection is to plan for your Council to attend the Tucson Men's Conference on November 2, 2019. If 10 members or 10% of your Council attend the Council will meet the requirements for the program. Info about the Conference can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/yynu594t>

Finally, it is not too early to plan for Christmas. Ideas for Keeping Christ in Christmas can be found at: <http://www.kofc.org/en/programs/family/keep-christ-in-christmas.html#/> Contact your Pastor and discuss what programs would fit your Parish for Advent. All the materials you need can be ordered for very little cost to your Council, and if you plan now you will have them in plenty of time for the Christmas Season.

Reach out to me if I can help you in any way.

Vivat Jesus!

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State Membership Director – Bobby Nielsen

My Brother Knights,

After a slow start in July, August growth was greatly improved and September looks to be even better. Many District Deputies have reported large number of candidates at Admission Degrees, including District Deputy Dominic Conn who on September 11, 2019 reported on a Degree at host Council 9482 of 13 new Knights! Raul G. Chavez reported a Degree of 5 new Knights on September 9, 2019 at host Council 3855. Similar Degrees are happening across the State with great success. If your district or council has not recruited a new Knight since July you are missing out on a time when men are looking for the Knights. Our faith is being tested and the Knights of Columbus have accepted the challenge to grow and defend our Church.

In October we have a great training opportunity. Supreme Regional Growth Director Ray Lopez and Regional Training Director Ken White will be presenting on DELTA Church Drives, Leadership Strategies and Council Growth. Information on new exciting recruitment techniques will also be presented followed by a question and answer session. There will be classes in Phoenix on October 15th and 16th. The October 15th training will be at Fray Francisco Garces Council 3855 Hall, 8066 N. 49th Avenue, Glendale AZ. The October 16th training will be at Saint Joseph's Catholic Church, 11001 N 40th St, Phoenix AZ. Tucson will have a training session on October 17th at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 8650 N Shannon Tucson AZ. All trainings will begin at 6:30 pm. The training is open to all Knights. District Deputies, District Wardens, Grand Knights and Membership Chairmen should plan on attending. Make this training a priority and make sure your districts and councils are represented.

Arizona has a new council! On Monday September 16, 2019 District Deputy Larry Lickfelt filed a Form 136 with Supreme, giving notice of a new Council being instituted in San Luis AZ. The name of the new council is San Judas Tadeo and its council number is 17370. Council San Luis is just one example of the tremendous growth opportunity that we have in our State. Thanks to all that worked to get this new council up and running.

Into The Wild Retreat was recently held at St. Joseph's Youth Camp. This event brought men from several states together for a weekend of excitement, brotherhood, prayer and relaxation. Past Grand Knight Council 1229 Brandon Garcia attended the retreat and accepted the role of Knights Recruiter! In addition to reading a letter from our Worthy State Deputy Mario Vassallo, Brandon guided men that are currently Knights on how to get more involved in their council and spoke to prospects on how to join the Knights. Thank you Brother Brandon!



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State Membership Director – Bobby Nielsen

The summer is officially over. It's October, one of the two biggest Membership Drive months of the Fraternal Year. Therefore it is time for Arizona to recruit more than 100 men this month. All Councils should have a DELTA Church Drive planned. Let me know when yours is scheduled, I enjoy helping out and meeting our Brother Knights.

A great training opportunity will occur in Arizona in October. Supreme Regional Growth Director Ray Lopez and Regional Training Director Ken White will be presenting on topics that include DELTA Church Drives, Leadership Strategies and Council Growth. Information on new exciting recruitment techniques will also be presented followed by a question and answer session. The training is scheduled to last 90 minutes. There will be training sessions in Phoenix on October 15th and 16th and in Tucson on October 17th. All sessions will begin at 6:30 pm. These sessions are open to all Knights. There have been many requests for this training, District Deputies, District Wardens, Grand Knights and Membership Chairmen are strongly encouraged to attend. Make this training a priority and make sure your councils are represented. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

The training schedule is as follows:

October 15th – Phoenix - Fray Francisco Garces Council 3855 Hall, 8066 N. 49th Avenue, Glendale.

October 16th - Phoenix - Saint Joseph's Catholic Church, 11001 N 40th St, Phoenix.

October 17th – Tucson - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 8650 N Shannon Tucson AZ.

We look forward to seeing our Brother Knights at these training sessions. Your commitment to growing the Order in Arizona is greatly appreciated.

Bobby Nielsen

State Membership Director

Mario Vassallo

State Deputy



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State Ceremonial Chairman – Skip Hopler

Thanks to Archbishop Sheen, Council #7465 at St. Jerome's in Phoenix for hosting the September 14th Formation and Knighthood Degrees, exemplifying 56 candidates plus a priest. The honoree was Fr. Gary Regula, our State Chaplain. We also had a good number of members attending. It is vital that we show support for our candidates by attending these ceremonials.

As Knights we pride ourselves on our support of our priests and bishops. One of the most effective ways to do this is to be able to explain and defend our faith when challenged with questions from non-Catholics and even other Catholics. Not everyone who questions us on our faith is being confrontational. Many are just truly curious and want to increase their knowledge of what it is to be a Catholic. We should be ready to explain what we believe as part of our role to join in the evangelization effort of the Church. When we joined the Knights of Columbus we received a booklet called "These Men They Call Knights". At our recent Degree in Phoenix our State Deputy, Mario Vassallo, reminded us that this booklet is a very handy source of many basic tenets of our faith and should be reviewed periodically to maintain our knowledge. Another way to keep current is to attend parish programs that are geared to refreshing our knowledge and restoring our confidence in our ability to correctly respond to questions from others including our own children. Grand Knights can encourage their Lecturers to present short refresher lessons at monthly Council Meetings (it is already on the recommended Meeting agenda from Supreme). Another excellent source of information is the access on the Supreme website to the Catechism of the Catholic Church and other faith-based information sources. Let's resolve to take the time to be informed.

Turning to our Ceremonials, our Degrees are lessons that teach us about the Knights of Columbus principles and are meant to be completed through the Fourth degree. To stop, for example, after the Admission (First) Degree is to learn only 25% of what the Knights are all about. We must encourage all our members to experience all the lessons after the Admission Degree: Formation, Knighthood and Patriotic Degrees. Yes, a member needs to complete at least through the Knighthood Degree to be able to hold Council Offices, but the more important reason is to learn what is expected of a Knight of Columbus so that he can live up to its principles.

Attending degrees in your Council or District is important for two reasons. First, it refreshes your knowledge of our principles and second, it shows our sincere commitment to all new members and encourages them to follow our example. It also makes it easier to answer questions from prospective members and so increase our effectiveness in recruiting. Look at the State website for the full schedule of all four degrees and make a commitment to attend those that are in your area.

Finally, the quality of our degree programs depends on maintaining a strong degree team cadre for all four degrees. Councils need Admission Degree teams that have depth and quality. This is the first formal look a new candidate gets of what it means to be Knight of Columbus. Ask your Grand Knight how you can help and get involved. If your Council doesn't have a team, ask your District Deputy if he has other Councils who need team members. If you would like to join the Formation Degree Team, ask your District Deputy to help you get in contact with one of those Teams. If you like, you can call me directly (info below) and I will help you. You will find a great level of camaraderie and sense of accomplishment as a team member while you help teach the lessons of the Order to our members. This can be your contribution to recruiting and retention.

Vivat Jesus,

Skip

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Arizona Rosary Chairman – Larry Costanzo

The 2019 Arizona Rosary Celebration (ARC) is rapidly approaching and is but 1 month away when we will honor Mary under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe on the weekend of October 18 – 20, 2019. Bishop Olmsted will dedicate the Phoenix Diocese to the protection of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Bishop Weisenburger will preside in Tucson.

The monthly meetings of the Tucson and Phoenix Steering Committee meetings are in full swing and are important in passing on the mountains amount of information needed to help keep each Chairperson aware of the progress toward ARC in October.

At the State Organization Meeting we had opportunity to speak to the Knights of Columbus District Deputies from across the state to enlist their support in getting the word out about Rosary Celebration. We provided them with a great deal of information which hopefully they will use to support Rosary Celebration.

As you know, the Arizona Rosary Celebration is expensive and is only funded by advertising in our Program Book and by donations. We have formed an advisory group to help us solicit and secure the necessary funds to support the effort. Joe Shanks, DD #13 will head that committee. But it is still up to all of us to help get the funds needed. Look at the Program Books from past Rosary Celebrations and if you know, or are familiar with any of the advertisers, contact them for their input. Better now than later. To help us in that endeavor to fund Arizona Rosary Celebration, we have asked that every council and assembly have an item in their annual budget to purchase an ad in the Program Book. The ads in our Program Book range from \$50.00 for a quarter page to \$400.00 for full a page, but we can all help by soliciting donations from friends and neighbors.

Our Co-chairs: Karen McEwen and Al Tucker in Tucson and Danny Haywood and Greg Mattingly in Phoenix, and their chairpersons are providing guidance as to actions needed. In addition, it would be helpful to the Tucson and Phoenix Committees if each council and assembly would appoint a contact for ARC. Submit the names by email to: azrosary@yahoo.com.

Be sure that your Councils and Assemblies are prepared to bring their banners for the procession in Phoenix. Please contact Joseph Shanks @ hotrodtiki@aol.com with your Council and Assembly number and the number of people in the procession by October 4th, 2019.

Check our website: www.AzRosary.net .



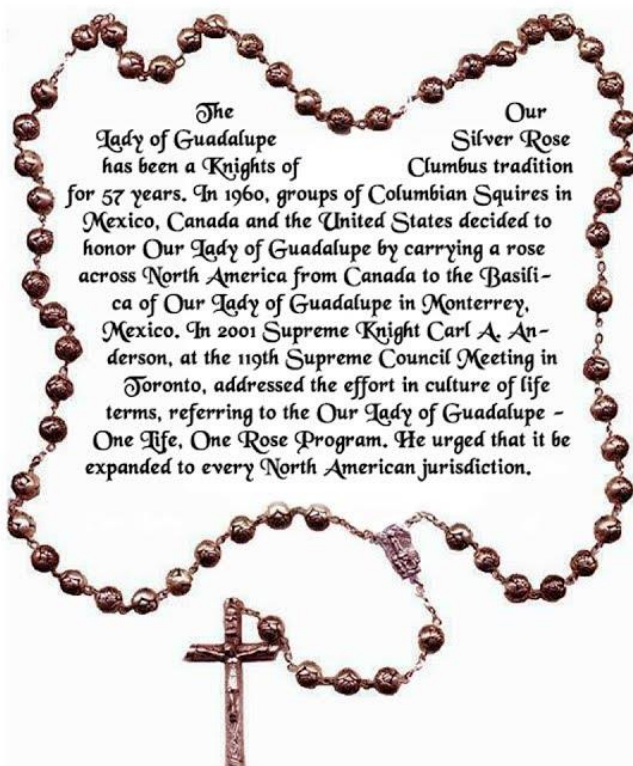
Silver Rose Chairman – Bob Julien



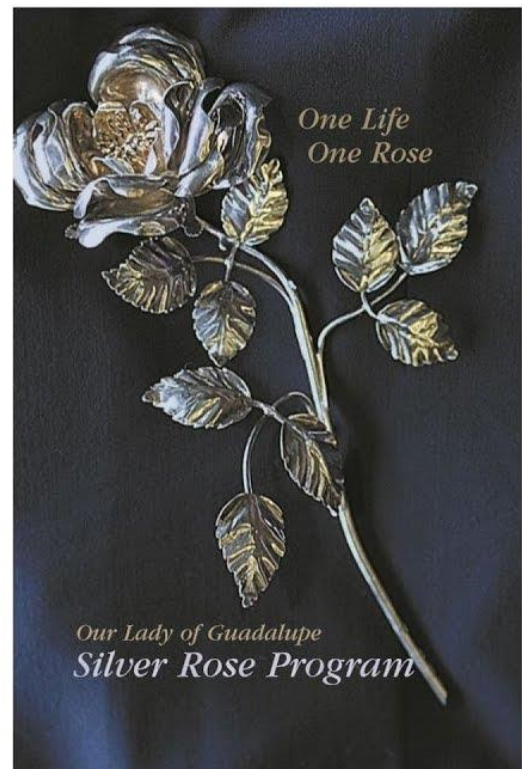
Brother Knights,

Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

This year Arizona will have the Silver Rose from October 1 – November 15 tentatively. At this time all dates are full for the Silver Rose. I want to thank all of you for your support of this program. If there are any questions, please email me at: rajulien@cox.net.



The Lady of Guadalupe has been a Knights of Columbus tradition for 57 years. In 1960, groups of Columbian Squires in Mexico, Canada and the United States decided to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe by carrying a rose across North America from Canada to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico. In 2001 Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, at the 119th Supreme Council Meeting in Toronto, addressed the effort in culture of life terms, referring to the Our Lady of Guadalupe - One Life, One Rose Program. He urged that it be expanded to every North American jurisdiction.



One Life
One Rose

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Silver Rose Program



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Operation Restoring Veteran Hope Retreat

Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, District Master, District Deputies, GKs and FNs,

The Patriotic Degree of the Knights of Columbus in conjunction with St. Josephs Youth Camp and Operation Restoring Veteran Hope, will be hosting a free event for our Veterans at St Joseph’s Youth Camp on October 4th, 5th, and 6th 2019. St. Joseph’s Youth Camp is located by Mormon Lake just south of Flagstaff. Flyer will be available soon.

The Operation Restoring Veteran Hope Retreat will enable veterans that have struggled or are currently struggling, to focus on their well-being, as well as connect with other veterans. Last year a group of 73 veterans rode with a 16-motorcycle escort Sept. 14, embarking on Operation Restoring Veteran Hope, a new retreat designed to provide veterans with an opportunity for healing and a chance to share their stories. Veterans of Vietnam, Desert Storm, Afghanistan and Iraq, ranging in age from 29 to 72, attended.

This year we are hoping to have 120-150 veterans and 15 support staff personnel who will provide counselling sessions as well various activities.

Last year we raised a little over \$14,000 and the average cost per veteran was \$195.00. With the expansion of the program to include up to 40 plus veterans we are anticipating our cost to be approximately \$20,000.

Please review the following links of last years’ event.

Video Links

PBS Link <https://azpbs.org/horizon/2018/11/operation-restoring-veteran-hope/>

YouTube Links for Operation Restoring Veteran Hope 2018

<https://youtu.be/mASN-H4Xm0E>

We appreciate your support for our military and hope that you may find a way to assist us in honoring our veterans by making a monetary donation or items of need. You may mail your monetary donations to:

St. Joseph’s Youth Camp

PO Box 23658

Tempe, AZ 85285

If in need of a tax receipt use St. Joseph’s Youth Camp 501(c) (3) Tax ID 86-0452558. I am available for any additional information at 602-670-8949, email kingman_m@msn.com.

Sincerely,

Michael Kingman and Tyson Gentz

Co-Chairmen

Yours in Christ

Michael H. Kingman, Former Vice Supreme Master, John H. Reddin Province



Council, District and State Soccer Challenge 2019

Brother Knights,

The Soccer Challenge season is just around the corner. We are looking forward to a great event with the anticipation all Arizona Councils will be participating this year. If you have not received or ordered your kit from Supreme, please do so right away. Schedule your Council event for the month of September.

Grand Knights: Within a week after the Council event, forward/scan all the **WINNER'S** entry forms/score sheets to your **District Deputy**. He will need this information for the District level Soccer Challenge which should be scheduled in October.

District Deputies: After you determine if there will be a District event, and once it is completed, **forward/scan the entry forms/score sheets to the State at: AzKnights@q.com. These forms MUST be received BEFORE the State Event.** If there is no District Challenge, because only one council in your District participates, it is your responsibility to forward/scan this Council's WINNERS entry forms/score sheets to the State.

NO Participant should hand carry his/her form to the State Event. Forms may be mailed to: **Knights of Columbus, 14175 W. Indian School Rd, Suite B4-626, Goodyear, AZ 85395**

Remember there can only be ONE winner per age and gender, Per District. If you determine the 1st Place Winner will not attend the State Event you may send the 2nd Place Winner's form to the State. **Please make sure the Council Number and the District Number are on each form** before sending the winners forms.

District Deputies please make sure that this information makes it to each of your Council's Grand Knights and Youth Directors.

This year's State Soccer Challenge will be:

DATE: November 9, 2019

PLACE: St. Jerome School

10815 N. 35th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85029

TIME: Sign-in is between 9:00 to 9:30 am; Start time 9:45 am

Award Ceremony will be immediately after the event.

Lunch provided by St. Joseph's Youth Camp.

Thank you for your assistance and if you have any questions contact:

Howard Birnbaum
State Soccer Chairman
buckbirn@aol.com
602-809-5442

Joe Danko
State Youth Director
joedanko@cox.net
602-710-0418



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General Agent – Knights of Columbus Insurance – Nate Raso

Dear Brothers,

I hope this message finds you well. Over the course of this month (which coincidentally is Life Insurance awareness month) we have lost many Knights here in Arizona to the angel of death (almost one a day). One brother in particular I'd like to share with you. He was a friend, a client, a father, a husband, and arguably most importantly, he was prepared. He went to his maker knowing that he had taken care of his family when he was called home. His wife will be taken care of – despite him being single when he purchased the policy. His children, who were not of age to own any assets, will now be able to have a down payment on their house, or perhaps pay down some debt. They will remember their father for the good decisions he made in life, and in death. It's an amazing legacy of love, that this brother left.

That is not always the case. I was also contacted by 2 councils, requesting donations for brother Knights who had no insurance and left their families in a bind. We work every day, so that our brother Knights families don't need a GoFundme or a car wash for the dignity of a Christian burial that they deserve.

Our calling in the Order is one of Charity, one of Unity, and one of Fraternity. Built into those messages, I can hear Fr. McGivney BEGGING you to do business with the Knights. The many acts of charity – that we often hear about – begin at home. He is talking about going without today, to leave something for tomorrow. This is the true essence of life insurance. That is to say, going without a little today, to pay so much more when your time comes. **You may not control the time, or the place, but you can control the outcome. Our company was founded by a priest to protect Catholic families, and nothing has changed from those humble beginnings.**

Please ask us about our Long Term Care, Life Insurance, Retirement Annuities, and Disability. We would love the opportunity to help you and your loved ones.

We have changed some territory in the Agency. Please check our website AZknights.com for any updates.

Fr. McGivney Pray for us!

Nate Raso, FICF

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Keep Christ In Christmas Chairman – Dennis Schauer

Brother Knights,

Stores will soon have aisles filled with artificial Christmas Trees and holiday gifts as they obviously focus on the commercial aspects of Christmas selling to a population that is more concerned about gifting than celebrating the birth of Christ and His subsequent impact on the world. As the secular society has become more 'politically correct,' the words Christ and Christmas have been replaced by Happy Holidays, Seasons Greetings, and Santa Claus to name a few. Some people are even offended if they are greeted with "Merry Christmas." This trend shows no signs of reversing.

Thirty years ago, the Knights of Columbus partnered with a small card company in Virginia to make true Christmas cards when others like Hallmark and American Greetings thought demand would be too low for "mass" production. The cards and associated Christmas products are purchased by the council and are then sold to fellow Knights, parishioners, family, friends, etc. These products can be viewed on the State Council Website, KOFc-AZ.org under 'MORE.' There is also a special discount pre-packaged assortment of cards if orders are placed by September 25th. Although this program can be used as a fundraiser, it is primarily intended to evangelize by making Christian items readily available to parishioners and providing visibility for your council and its good works. Council order forms can also be downloaded from the website and mailed or emailed to me.

As part of building the domestic church, please actively participate in Advent, Christmas, and Holy Family services and use products that evangelize the historic birth of Christ. Please consider this opportunity to affirm that Christ is more important than political correctness and help spread the Good News to relatives, friends, parishioners, and the community.

The following information is from the Supreme Website and offers additional ideas for celebrating Christmas at your parish including the poster contest and Journey to the Inn.

<http://www.kofc.org/en/programs/family/keep-christ-in-christmas.html#/>

Also see all our cards and associated items that can be purchased at our State Website.

<https://kofc-az.org/keep-christ-in-christmas>

Vivat Jesus!

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Keep Christ in Christmas Chairman
Arizona State Council
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OCTOBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
29	30	1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10 Councils that are in arrears will be suspended
13 Council Church Drive	14 Columbus Day (USA) Thanksgiving Day (CANADA)	15	16	17
20 Council Church Drive	21	22 St. John Paul II	23	24
27	28	29	30	31 All Hallow's Eve

Things to Accomplish:	
	Hold a Council Church Drive
	Make sure that all per capita payments are sent to the Supreme Office by October 10th to avoid suspension

Plan Ahead:	
	Helping Hands – World Day of the Poor, November 19th
	Christmas Poster Contest
	Coats for Kids
	March for Life
	Which prospects will you be inviting to the next activity your council holds?
	Is your council on track to earn the Star Council Award?

Reminders:

1. Be sure to report on the number of degrees conducted and the number of candidates brought into your Council.
2. Go to Supplies Online and order any kits/materials needed for upcoming programs, such as the Christmas Poster Contest.
3. Ask someone to join your council.

Council Activity Tracker

ACTIVITY	# OF NEW CONTACTS	\$ DONATED	# OF VOLUNTEERS	HOURS OF SERVICE	TOTAL HOURS OF SERVICE

Other Publications of Interest

Columbia Magazine

<http://www.kofc.org/en/columbia/index.html>

Chaplains Report

<http://www.kofc.org/en/members/resources/leadership-communications/chaplain-report.html>

District Deputy Reminder

<http://www.kofc.org/en/members/resources/leadership-communications/district-deputy-reminder.html>

Fathers for Good

<http://www.fathersforgood.org/en/index.html>

Catholic Men's Fellowship of Phoenix

<http://www.cmpf.org/resources-programs.php>



All healthcare providers and their spouses are invited to join the Most Reverend Thomas J. Olmsted for this annual Mass on 10/19/19. Please encourage any interested Knights and their spouses and friend to come.

There is a banquet following with paid pre-registration by 10/16/19.

Keynote Speaker for the banquet is Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke, Prefect Emeritus of the Apostolic Signatura. His topic is: "Call to Holiness and Mission in Christ of Catholic Healthcare Professionals. The annual St. Luke's and Evangelium Vitae Award presentation is also held at this event. No registration is required for Mass attendance only, which begins at 6pm at the Diocesan Pastoral Center Chapel. However, registration for the Banquet that follows is required for catering purposes.

RSVP at the event link by October 16th, or email cmaphoenix@gmail.com for more information.

**CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
OF PHOENIX**

ANNUAL WHITE MASS & BANQUET

Come celebrate our Call to Holiness and Mission in Christ as Catholic Healthcare Professionals at the Annual White Mass & Banquet for Catholic Medical Professionals with keynote speaker Cardinal Raymond Burke

**OCTOBER 19TH | 6:00PM
DIOCESAN PASTORAL CENTER
400 E MONROE ST
PHOENIX, AZ 85004**

Cost: \$100 | Free for Clergy & Medical Students

RSVP by October 14th online at <https://dphx.org/events/> or email cmaphoenix@gmail.com for more info

Registration is at:

https://phoenix.onedesa.com/event-registration/register.php?act=begin_registration&event_id=4462&list_department=5

James Asher, DO
VP Catholic Medical Association of Phoenix
Cathedral Council 12708, Assembly 1805



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Planning the Month's Ahead

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Formation and Knighthood Degree Schedule

The link below will provide the schedule of degrees, degree letters and also a link to the State Calendar for Admission Degrees.

<https://kofc-az.org/exemplification-schedules>

Next Formation and Knighthood Degree is on Saturday, October 26, 2019.

Where: St. Thomas More

186 London Bridge Road, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403

Host Council #6442

Exemplifications instructions on the website.



In most cases registration begins at 9:00am.

To see a full schedule of exemplifications, check the website under State News – Degree Schedule Information on the schedules will be updated as the information is received.

Patriotic Degree Schedule

The next 4th Degree Exemplifications are a follows:

Exemplification and Entry Forms on State Website

<https://kofc-az.org/patriotic-degree>

Saturday, November 16, 2019 Archbishop Daniel J. Gerke, Assembly 16
1950 W Irvington Place, Tucson, AZ 85746

Saturday, February 15, 2020 Location TBD

Saturday, June 6, 2020 Location TBD



Please check website for additional information. <https://kofc-az.org/patriotic-degree>



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF ARIZONA

KNIGHTS SERVING GOD SERVING THE COMMUNITY

THIS IS WHO WE ARE, THIS IS WHAT WE DO

At the start of every fraternal year, it has become a long-standing custom in Arizona that the State Deputy introduces a new State Pin and logo design. During the recent organizational meeting, State Deputy Tom Kalisz told the attendees, “This year’s pin design is meant to be a visual, daily reminder, of what we stand for and the depth of our commitment to serve God, our parishes, and our neighbors.”

Around the outer edge of the pin and logo design we find the guiding principles of the Order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. They remind us of who we are as Knights of Columbus and what we do.

Within the circle, an image of the State of Arizona is found at the center, emblazoned with the Emblem of the Order. This represents the Arizona State Council and its jurisdictional responsibility for all of the State of Arizona.

This year, the Worthy State Deputy has dedicated his administration to Our Lady of Guadalupe. The image of Mary on the cloak is known as ***Our Lady of Guadalupe*** for an interesting reason. On that same day, Mary appeared to Juan’s uncle and cured him, giving him a message for the bishop, saying that she would “crush the serpent’s head.” The bishop did not understand the Indians’ language. The Indian word for “crush the serpent” sounded to him like “Guadalupe,” the name of Mary’s shrine in Spain. Thinking that the Virgin wanted the new shrine to have the same name, the bishop called her ***Our Lady of Guadalupe***.

Mary’s visit to Guadalupe is a reminder that God will remember his mercy for all people. In Mary’s song of joy, the Magnificat, she praised God because he has put down the mighty, exalted the lowly, filled the hungry, and sent the rich away empty. People honor ***Our Lady of Guadalupe*** because they recognize her motherly concern for them.

Working under our theme of ***“Knights Serving God, Serving The Community, This Is Who We Are, This Is What We Do”***, the cross is included so that we are reminded that we are all children of God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The cross also symbolizes the gift we received through the death of Jesus Christ – forgiveness of sin and a path to everlasting life.

Finally, included in the lower right portion of the logo are two small baby’s feet. These are included to remind us that we must always fight to preserve the sanctity of life from natural conception to natural death.

The Worthy State Deputy says that he hopes that the pin and logo will keep us focused on unity and fraternity as we perform works of charity in service to all.



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Our Lady of Guadalupe (**Spanish**: *Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe*), also known as the *Virgin of Guadalupe* (**Spanish**: *Virgen de Guadalupe*), is a Catholic title of the Blessed Virgin Mary associated with a venerated image enshrined within the Minor Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. The basilica is the most visited Catholic pilgrimage site in the world, and the world's third most-visited sacred site. Pope Leo XIII granted the venerated image a Canonical Coronation on October 12, 1895.

Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

“Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mystical Rose, make intercession for the holy Church, protect the sovereign Pontiff, help all those who invoke you in their necessities, and since you are the ever Virgin Mary and Mother of the true God, obtain for us from your most holy Son the grace of keeping our faith, of sweet hope in the midst of the bitterness of life of burning charity, and the precious gift of final perseverance.

AMEN

Canonization of Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney

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 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. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.

Knight's Prayer

Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our Order. Keep us true to our pledge, to extend the kingship of thy divine son on earth. Through thine intercession, win for us the grace, ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues that should characterize those especially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware that as your Knights, we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our Order appreciated. Accept, O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion, of Thy Servants, the Knights of Columbus.



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Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe

**"Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known
that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help,
or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired by
this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my mother;
to you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful,
O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions,
but in your clemency hear and answer me"**

AMEN