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From the Desk of the Grand Knight...

My Brother Knights,
Vivat Jesus!

I hope you all had a
Happy Easter.

I would like to take this
time to express a thank
you to the following
Knights. First, I would like
to thank Ed Robinson for
leading the Divine Mercy
Novena during the Easter
season. This event keeps
getting bigger every year.
Secondly, I would also like
to thank the Gauvin

family, the Pruchnik
family, and the Staley
family for the work they
did on "Bowling with the
Knights". This fundraiser
was designed to help "our"
Seminarian Charles
Russell. The event hosted
81 bowlers and was a
good time for all. A finally
a thank you goes to Mike
Beurer for supplying the
equipment to show "The
Passion of the Christ" in
the church on Palm
Sunday. Those who
attended complimented

the evening. Our Blood
Drive collected 53 pints of
blood, thank you to the
Brother Knights and their
families, along with the
Parish and friends who
contributed.

As a final note, summer is
soon upon us; remember
to have a safe and fun
filled season. Please
remember the One who
gave us this season so let
us bring Him with us
wherever we may and
whatever we may do.

Upcoming Programs and Events

Program Director: S.K. Mike Beurer

Following are a list of
upcoming events that not
only benefit our council,
but the organization
overall.

During the month of May,
Father Veryser will be
holding its annual
**Mother's Day Brunch on
May 11th from 9:00 AM
until 2:00 PM** in the St.
Linus Activities Room.
This event features a full
service brunch
atmosphere with a variety
of different choices. The
prices for this event are
\$12.00 for adults and
\$6.00 for children ages 6
– 12. Success for this
event is dependent upon
an active participation.
This help may come in the

form of set-up for the
event, service during the
event, or clean up
following the event.

**The Officer's Meeting
will be conducted on
May 15th at 7:00 PM in
the Annex**

**The State Convention
will be held on Mackinac
Island on May 22nd
through May 24th.**

**The monthly business
meeting will be held on
May 29th at 7:30 PM** in
the Activities Room at St.
Linus. Please remember
that voting for new officers
will occur prior to the
meeting. Please attend to
ensure your opinion is

heard and the officers you
want to represent us are
selected.

Once again, our **Family
Fun Day** is coming up.
This event is scheduled to
occur on June 8th,
following Mass and lasting
until 6:00 PM. Once again
anytime you can
contribute will be greatly
appreciated.

On **June 22nd**, Father
Veryser Council will be
holding a **Corporate
Communion at 10:00 AM**
at St. Linus. **Following
Mass, the installation of
Officers will occur** which
will be followed by a light
brunch.

Papal Visit Results in Big Jump in Positive View of Benedict and Church

From the Supreme Council Web Site - www.kofc.org

One third now more likely to vote and be more active in community and Church.

A [poll](#) taken immediately following the conclusion of Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the United States shows that it had a powerful impact on public attitudes toward the pope, the Church, and a willingness to live their faith more fully.

The nationwide poll of 1,013 adults was commissioned by the Knights of Columbus and conducted by the Marist College Institute for Public Opinion between April 22 and April 24, 2008. Marist conducted a similar poll prior to the pope's visit, allowing before-and-after comparisons.

Among the highlights of the poll results:

65 percent of Americans have a more positive view of Pope Benedict because of what they saw and heard during his visit

52 percent have a more positive view of the Catholic Church

The proportion of Americans with a favorable view of Pope Benedict jumped from 58 percent prior to his visit to 71 percent afterward

The proportion describing the pope positively as a spiritual leader went from 53 percent to 62 percent

The proportion describing him as a good or excellent world leader went from 41 percent to 51 percent

56 percent see his ability to promote good relations between the Catholic Church and other religions as good or excellent, up from 40 percent prior to his visit

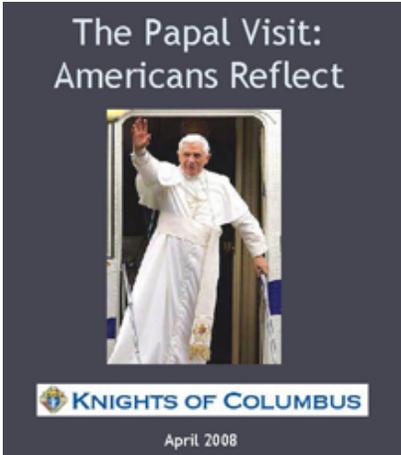
More than a third (35 percent) say they are now more in touch with their own spiritual values as the result of the pope's visit.

Even more importantly, nearly half (49 percent) now have a better understanding of the Catholic Church's positions on important issues, and a significant proportion of Americans are prepared to change their personal involvement as a result:

About four in ten say they are more likely to lead a moral life and make family a bigger part of their lives

One in three are more likely to participate in elections, community activities and their churches because of the papal visit.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said that the poll results "show clearly that Pope Benedict has presented the Catholics of the United States with a tremendous opportunity. Americans are a religious people, and they responded very positively to the message of faith, hope and love that the Holy Father delivered throughout his visit.



Pope Recalls Father McGivney's 'Remarkable Accomplishment'

During his April 19 homily at a Mass for clergy and religious at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Pope Benedict XVI made special mention of "the remarkable accomplishment of that exemplary American priest, the Venerable Michael McGivney, whose vision and zeal led to the establishment of the Knights of Columbus."

Father McGivney's cause for sainthood is being considered at the Vatican, and the Pope declared him a venerable servant of God in mid-March.

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson made the following statement regarding the Pope's remarks:

"This morning, Pope Benedict reminded America's clergy that the 'secret of the impressive growth of the Church in the United States was a 'unity of vision and purpose – rooted in faith and a spirit of constant conversion and self-sacrifice,' and held up as a prime example our founder, Father McGivney.

"The Pope's selection of Father McGivney as a role model for today's priests and religious is enormously important for us.

"Thousands of priests are among the 1.7 million

members of the Knights of Columbus, including Cardinal Egan and hundreds of others in the Archdiocese of New York.

"Each and every day, all of us in the Knights of Columbus look to Father McGivney's vision and example as a guide to our work of charity and evangelization.

"At a time when our priests are in need of our support more than ever, the Pope's promotion of Father McGivney as a role model for clergy everywhere is both timely and enormously appreciated.

Membership

Membership Director: S.K. Mike Robinson

Imagine an organization that fills your heart and your mind with the joy of giving and the feeling that comes with making a difference.

We should always be on the look out for new members. Maybe a neighbor or someone who sits nears in church every weekend just needs to be asked. An idea – ask his

wife if he would like to join! Let us make our council grow. You are the one that can do that.

If you know someone in college or in the military, ask them if they would like to join the Knights. Our Council does not charge dues to full time college students or full time men serving actively in the military.

Any questions as to the process for attaining the 1st degree or general questions about the council, the Order, or specific events do not hesitate to contact our Membership Director, S.K. Michael Robinson, Deputy Grand Knight or any other member of Father Veryser Council

**Form #100
Belongs in
All of These Places**

- Briefcase
- In Your Pocket
- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!

**SIGN UP A
NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**




KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Family Fun Day

On **Sunday, June 8th**, we will be hosting the **"Family Fun Day"** on parish grounds. While this event makes no money for the Council, it is a chance for the Knights to show the men of the parish what we do. We hope this event raises the interest in one of the men in the parish to join our Council. We will be having the water slides and moonwalk. Sir knight Ed Robinson will once again challenge the adults and kids to the softball game. We will have hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and other picnic food. Come join us for some fun.

Dues are Due

The bill for your 2008 dues was sent out. Please get them in. If you did not receive, your statement let the Worthy Financial Secretary know. He will be sending out "Second Notices" and "Notices of suspensions" to those 2 years in arrears.

1st Degree Staff

Congratulation is in order for the members of the Father Veryser Council 1st Degree Staff. They successfully completed their first initiation on April 24th. Please join me in wishing each member a job well done and applaud the initiation of our newly installed 1st degree members.

Mother's Day Brunch

The **Mother's Day Brunch** is a "go". Prices will be the same as last year. They will be \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for Children 6 to 12 years old. **We need help to impress the mothers of the parish.**

Pro Life Fundraisers

Our Pro-Life Family Chairman, Jim McLaughlin, talked about doing the "Baby Bottle Boomerang". The Council had this activity in October of 2006. Because of all the activities that we have in the Fall, this one was moved to the Spring. The Baby Bottle Boomerang would run from Mother's Day, when we pass out the bottles, to Father's Day, when we will ask the parishioners to return them full of loose change. We will be calling you to hand out the bottles after one of the masses on Mother's Day. As of this writing, Jim is attempting to locate enough bottles to pass out.

Our Program Director, Sir Knight Mike Beurer, came up with the idea of showing "*Bella*" depicts life's choices. A Knight of Columbus along with the lead actor and producer directs this film. Any money raised from these will go to "Wee Care" as a Right to Life Lifespan Program. Karen Patrosso, a member of St. Linus parish, heads "Wee Care" up. A date has not yet been decided.

Sick and Deceased List

Please remember the sick and recovering from our council and their family members especially, Rev. S.K. Robert LaCroix, B.K. Richard Chavez; B.K. Ted Bartek; B.K. Larry Farchione and his wife Beverly; Rita Flavin, mother of S.K. Phil Flavin; Jack and Connie Gardner, father and mother of B.K. Jack Gardner; B.K. Bill Kubek; B.K. Bob Percha; B.K. Chuck Rocheleau.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of B.K. Tom Wayne and Vincent Malinski, a Brother Knight and brother of our Worthy Treasurer, Jerry Malinski.

If you know of a Brother Knight or member of his family who is in need of our prayers, please contact GK Tom Kramarz or DGK Mike Robinson.

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<http://kofc13810.org>

Corporate Communion

On Sunday, June 22nd, we will have our Corporate Communion at the 10:00 AM Mass. The Grand Knight is asking all the Knights and their families to attend this Mass. Following the Corporate Communion, we will be

hosting the Installation of Officers for 2008 – 2009 in the St. Linus Activities Room. Again, everyone is invited. After the Installation of Officers, a light brunch will be offered to all attending this ceremony. Please mark your calendars.

*Corporate Communion
and Installation of Officers
on June 22 at 10:00 AM
St. Linus Church
All are invited and
encouraged to attend*

About Our Organization...

The Knights was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief

works. Thanks to the efforts of Father Michael J. McGivney, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven and some of his parishioners, the Connecticut state legislature on March 29, 1882, officially chartered the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal benefit society. The Order is still true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity.



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