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Grand Knights Report – April 2014

Holy Week will soon be upon us and we will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after his crucifixion at Calvary. The week will culminate with Easter and the Passion of Christ. Before that we will gather for Holy Thursday and commemorate the Last Supper and its preceding foot washing. Good Friday commemorates the crucifixion and death of the Son of God.

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday before Easter Sunday and it marks the beginning of Holy Week. Palms are distributed to commemorate Christ's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem, when palm branches were placed in his path, before his arrest and Crucifixion on Good Friday.

On the first Sunday of April we shared the Parish Hall with the CWL Easter Bake Sale. Both Pancake Breakfast's were very well attended and I was very proud to see the amount of Knights that came out to volunteer.

Pizza! Pizza! Splash! Splash! Held on Sunday, March 30th was the best attended Pizza! Pizza! Splash! Splash! yet. At least 175 Parishioners and their families enjoyed an afternoon of swimming, water slides, hot tubbing, and diving board fun before a pizza feast provided by our friends at Nitza's Pizza. We raised \$400 for Water Initiatives of Development & Peace. All had a great time. A great big thank-you to Br. Tim Cusack and his wife, Susan Coates, for organizing this event again this year. They took the time to advertise this event in the catholic schools in St. Albert and the results speak for themselves.

Tickets are now on sale for "Thank God for Marriage", being held Friday, May 2nd in the Parish Hall. Only 100 tickets are being sold at \$40/couple so get yours now to avoid missing the premier event of the year in our Parish. If you wish to volunteer at this event please give Br. Gerry Buccini a call.

Blue Sunday and the last Pancake Breakfast's are also being held that same first weekend in May. Please invite anyone you know that is in the Military, Police, Fire Fighter, Correctional Officer, EMS, or any other service that protects our families to this event. All Service Personnel and their families attending this event are treated to a free pancake breakfast courtesy of Council 4742. This event is sure to fill the church for the 11:00 a.m. mass so arrive early to get a seat.

Vivat Jesus

Terry Sperling, Grand Knight

Please bring a copy of this Beacon to the next regular meeting so that you can more fully participate in the readings, meditation and prayers. If you are unable to attend please reflect on the readings in your own way.

THANK GOD FOR MARRIAGE

The Knights of Columbus, Council 4742, St. Albert Parish, cordially invite you to the return performance of "Thank God for Marriage", an inspiring presentation about love, marriage and God's amazing grace.

This special production appeared at Holy Family Parish in the year 2012 and met with great reviews by its audience. It is now the great pleasure for the Knights of St. Albert Parish to host this "repeat performance".

Please join us on FRIDAY, MAY 2nd, (doors at 6:45 and show at 7:30) in the Church Hall of St. Albert Parish (7 St. Vital Avenue) for this fast-paced, funny and moving show that all couples must see. Whether you have been married for many years, or just a few, or whether you are a future bride and groom, this presentation is for you.

The show has been created and performed by professional actors Maureen Rooney, Paul Punyi, and Lori and Bruce Mohacsy, all of whom represent over thirty years of professional theatre, performing arts and music. Their own marriages have provided inspiration to bring the special messages of marriage to all Christian married couples. They are animated by their strong faith in God and by the end of the show you will also feel this inspiration and a growing faith in this special gift from God that we call "marriage".

Tickets will be limited so you are encouraged to book yours as soon as possible. Tickets will be sold at a cost of forty dollars per couple. Please join us for this special evening of inspiration!

Tickets are now available from the Knights of Columbus, Council 4742. Please call Gerry at 780-459-7384 for tickets and further details.

Obtain your Grocery Gift Cards before or after Mass.



Good of the Order

Please pray for Brothers who are ill
David Biollo Sr.
Armand Carignan
Fern Carignan
Ernest Sokolan
Al Stephenson



The May PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be held on Sunday MAY 4th following the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Mass Single Family \$15.00 Adults \$5.00 Children under 16 \$3.00



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2014**
- April**
- 16, Wednesday - General meeting - Grandin Room 7:00PM
- 20, Sunday - Happy Easter!
- May**
- 2, Friday - Thank God for Marriage! Presentation in the main Church at 7:00PM
- 4, Sunday - Pancake Breakfast after both 9:00 & 11:00 masses. BLUE SUNDAY celebrations at 11:00AM mass!
- 5, Monday - Executive meeting. Grandin Room 6:30PM
- 8, Thursday - Alberta March for Life, Noon, Alberta Legislature www.albertamarchforlife.com 780-807-8972
- 11, Sunday - **Mother's Day!**
- 21, Wednesday - General meeting - Parish Hall 7:00PM

BLUE SUNDAY, May 4, 2014

Once again, the Knights of Columbus, St. Albert Parish Council 4742, is hosting a special "Blue Sunday" celebration at the 11:00 Mass, on Sunday, May 4th. This special Mass honors the many men and women who risk their lives on a daily basis for the betterment of our community. We recognize the police forces, the EMS workers, prison guards, the military, peace officers, and the list goes on and on.

We cordially invite you to join us for this Mass, especially if you are one of these special people in your life.

We are also asking for your support in "advertising" this event to any special person that may fall under one of the categories. This person does not have to be "active" today. All retired personnel are invited and are equally deserving of our recognition. If a person wishes to attend, we hope they would come "in uniform" but this is not necessary. Following the Mass, we will provide a special "Pancake Breakfast" for them and their families, hopefully allowing them to meet many of our parishioners, and giving us another opportunity to "thank" them.

Our guests do NOT have to be of the Catholic faith. Please, if you know of someone, a neighbor, a friend, or a family member, pass this information on as soon as possible so their calendars can be marked. If you are successful in attaining an acceptance for attendance at this Mass, please call Gerry (459-7384) so their names can be recorded.

Thanks for your cooperation as we hope to make this special Mass the best one yet.

Council 4742, Knights of Columbus

Are you over 18 and a male?

You should consider joining the Knights of Columbus!

Fill out a request for information Card located in the pillar at the back of the church. Give it to the Knight selling grocery tickets.

April 2014 Meeting

Ten Commandments

The Eighth Commandment

Opening Prayer

Lord teach us to pray:
Our Father...

The Reading

(to be read by the Leader)

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

“The Eighth Commandment teaches us not to lie. Lying means consciously and intentionally speaking or acting against the truth. Someone who lies deceives himself and misleads others who have a right to know the full truth of a matter. Every lie is an offense against justice and charity. Lying is a form of violence; it introduces the seed of division into a community and undermines the trust on which every human community is based” (Youcat 452). For most of us, we may well admit that at times we have gossiped. We have spoken about another individual, not present, with information that may or may not be true. The reality of gossip is that though most folks would confess they have been guilty of it, it can have very significant consequences.

Once upon a time I was present with then Archbishop Thomas Collins in a Grade VI classroom where the students were preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. It came time for question period and one student asked His Grace what the worst sin is. I was surprised with the response. In Cardinal Collin’s mind gossip ranked very high on the list. He said once you say something about someone, once it leaves your tongue you cannot take it back. It is simply out there for anyone and everyone to speak about, distort, add to, and there is not a thing one can do about it. Not unlike our superstars who do something less than honorable and the next thing you know, it is on the internet and there is no stopping it. His comment rang very true for me as one who certainly has wagged his tongue when it would be of no benefit for me or anyone else.

The Reflection

(to be read by the leader)

There are in the world, considered to be three transcendentals, that is, things which do not change. Beauty, the Good and the True. These three elements are considered to be absolute from a philosophical viewpoint. For you and I as Catholic Christians, living in respect for the truth means not only being true to oneself, but more precisely it means being truthful, being true to God, for He is the source of all truth” (Youcat 453). We see this in the person of Jesus Christ, who is “the way, the truth and the life” (Jn. 14, 6). One of the graces of speaking the truth at all times, always with charity, is that we never have to second-guess ourselves. What did I say to this person? What did I say to that person? We know what we said because we spoke the truth. The key with truthfulness is that it must always be spoken with love, in other words for the benefit and well-being of others. Truth can at times be damaging to others. So then, we should not lie, but are we

always required to speak the truth even if it may cause harm or defamation of character?

The philosopher Socrates used a method called the “three sieves.” “Is it true? Is it kind? Is it helpful?” You may have heard this wise adage. Everything we say must be true, but we need not say everything that is true. St. Augustine of Hippo, one of the great theologians in the history of the Church, is quoted as having said, “In the important things unity, in the unimportant things diversity, but in all things charity.” Mom was quite right when she told you, “If you don’t have anything nice to say, don’t say anything.”

It is important that we ask ourselves why we feel compelled to share information, true or false about our neighbor. If we are honest with ourselves we may have to admit that when I can make someone else look a little smaller, in some twisted way I am making myself a little bigger, because I know something about someone else. Charity is about the other, but specifically it is about the good of the other.

A word on the confessional. How confidential is the seal of the confessional? “The secret of the sacrament of Reconciliation is sacred and cannot be violated under any pretext. The sacramental seal is inviolable; therefore it is a crime for a confessor in any way to betray a penitent by word or in any other manner or for any reason” (CCC 2490). Suffice to say, that for a priest who violates the seal of the confessional, being stripped of his priesthood would only be the beginning of his problems. I understand the sacred seal of the confessional to be a condition that my own salvation hinges upon.

Finally brothers, “Every Christian must give testimony to the truth and thereby follow after Christ, who before Pilate said, “For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth” (Jn. 18, 37), (Youcat 454). As disciples of Jesus Christ and as those men they call Knights, we have a moral obligation to testify to the truth of Jesus Christ in our word and in our actions. St. Francis of Assisi is credited with saying, “Preach the Gospel at all times....and if necessary use words.” (870)

Meditation Period

(The leader now invites the members to spend a few moments in silent reflection, as the above text is not meant to be a ready-made answer but a starter for personal reflection on the theme.)

Fraternal Sharing

(The leader now invites the members to share with their Brother Knights any relevant thoughts that came to them during the meditation period.)

Closing Prayer

(Recited by all)

Let us pray;
Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Rooney and Punyi Educational Theatre
Proudly present ...

"Thank God for Marriage"

Sponsored by the St. Albert
Knights of Columbus Council 4742

A special evening for married couples of all ages and those engaged to be married.

Enjoy a romantic evening of entertainment, dessert and wine.

An inspiring theatre piece of love, marriage and God's good grace.

Fast-paced, funny, with beautiful music, this is a show that couples need to see.

Created and performed by:

Maureen Rooney, Paul Punyi, Lori Mohacsy, Bruce Mohacsy

These four performers each have over thirty years' experience in professional theatre, performing arts and music and they are animated by a strong faith in god.



FRIDAY, MAY 2nd, 2014

St. Albert Parish Hall

DOORS OPEN 6:45 p.m. — SHOW 7:30 p.m.

Interactive Session 8:15 to 9:15 p.m.

\$40.00 per couple

(Not suitable for children or Infants)

CASH BAR



This latest theatre piece from Rooney and Punyi Educational Theatre Productions was commissioned for the 2011 World Marriage Day and received a standing ovation and many enthusiastic comments in the weeks following.

2 **1*** On the third day there was a wedding in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. At the wedding Jesus and his disciples had likewise wine. *The Wedding at Cana*



**BLUE SUNDAY
MASS
11:00 a.m. MAY 4th, 2014
St. Albert Parish
7 St. Vital Ave.**



**EVERYONE IS INVITED
DOWNSTAIRS FOR THE
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**PLEASE INVITE YOUR COLLEAGUES!
BRING YOU FAMILY!
UNIFORM DRESS OPTIONAL!**



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