



In the Easter story, in the Gospel of John, Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb first, on the Sunday morning.

She sees that the stone has been rolled away from where it was sealing Jesus's tomb, and that Jesus's body is not there. She runs back with the news, meeting Peter and John on her way.

John and Peter run to the tomb to see for themselves. John arrives first, and looks in, but doesn't go in. Peter then arrives and goes on into the tomb, looking around, seeing the graveclothes and the napkin. Then John enters, too, and sees it all and believes, too, that the Lord has been resurrected. Hallelujah For He Is Risen!

Message from the State Deputy**Knights of the Eucharist!****Become who you were born to be!**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



State Deputy  
Kenneth Anderson

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State Deputy's Letter

Worthy Brother Knights,

I hope you are doing well. I hope Lent has been fruitful so far. I hope you have been able to take this time to pray, fast, and give alms. I hope this has also been an opportunity to do charitable works and good deeds for others.

I would like to suggest and propose a wonderful charitable work and good deed that we as Knights of Columbus can do: Invite other men to become a Knight of Columbus! This is in fact a very noble thing to do and a great service we do to the men we ask to join our Order. The opportunity to take upon oneself knighthood is really a wonderful thing. Given that this is a time of Lent, let us re-double our efforts and put more effort and work into inviting other men to join.

Brothers, I must be frank with you. We are not doing well for membership this year. We are now currently ranked 67 out of 75 in the whole Order on Membership. For a State that has achieved Pinnacle last year, we have proven ourselves to be capable of much better than this. We are now currently at about 47% towards our Circle of Honor goal and need about 200 more members to be at goal. We can do this! This is achievable! With approximately 100 Councils, we just need each Council to bring in 2 more members!

I'm calling on each Council in this State of Oregon to recommit yourselves to renewing your effort in bringing in new members. At least 2 more members per Council! Hold a membership drive in the next few weeks. How many Councils currently have a membership drive scheduled in the next month? If not, time to schedule one. Talk with the pastor to set a date, get some prayer cards and online membership cards (the business card size cards that say "you are invited to put your Faith into Action" with [kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join)), have a passionate pulpit announcement ready, KofC ambassadors to greet people, and have the Council ready to invite men to join after Mass. Invite men to join during a Parish event that the Council is putting on. Invite men to join individually after Mass. We have 4 more months worth of Masses for each of us to individually invite someone after Mass. Do not let these opportunities get passed up.

I am still very deeply concerned about the Councils that have not invited any new members to this date. I invite you to strongly consider the future of these Councils. If a Council never recruits, then the current members will eventually no longer be willing to run the Council and the Council will die. This is not something we want for the Parish, for the men, or for the world. Therefore, if your Council has recruited 0 new members so far, please put some effort into recruiting at least just 2 members. Just 2.

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As always, the State is here to help you. Please let us know what we can do to help. Feel free to invite us to various Council events and we'd be happy to work with the Council and do everything we can to provide what your Council needs. Remember that the work we do as Knights of Columbus is crucial to the world. If we do not fulfill this work, then the evil one has much more of a foothold on the world. So I'm asking you to please help bring in more men to help us in this quest.  
Vivat Jesus!

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*"Become who you were born to be!"*

Listen here to an interview with State Deputy Kenneth J. Anderson on Mater Dei Radio, The Morning Blend with Brenda Akin on Friday March 1st:

[Charitable Work of the Knights of Columbus](https://player.captivate.fm/episode/1c87b80a-545c-44e9-8ee1-20d7eeffc30a)  
<https://player.captivate.fm/episode/1c87b80a-545c-44e9-8ee1-20d7eeffc30a>



This article recommended by State Deputy Kenneth Anderson  
Pilgrims make a retreat and renew your heart  
**By: Dina Marie Hale**



Dear friends,

*"Set your minds on the things that are above, not on earthly things." Col 3:2*

On your Lenten pilgrimage, hold firm to your practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We can't do this alone - we need God's grace, each other and the Saints-our spiritual navigators. This Lent, go on retreat, make the Stations of the Cross and spend time in quiet prayer at the nearest Adoration chapel. Jesus is waiting for us - in the Blessed Sacrament.



Come join me on a Lenten Adventure. During our retreat we will explore the proclamation by St. John the Baptist in the Gospel of John: **"Behold, the Lamb of God"**. Come prepare your heart for the Holy Season of Easter and celebrate the Eucharistic Glory of the Risen Lord.

#### **Lenten Retreat dates and locations:**

- Sat., March 2, 9:30-11am at St. Jude Church, Eugene
- Wed., March 6, 7-9pm at Our Lady of Peace Retreat House, Beaverton
- Sat., March 9, 9am-2pm at Sacred Heart Church, Newport
- Fri., March 15, 9am-2pm at The Grotto, Portland - \*RSVP required!

For retreat details visit: [dinamarie.org](http://dinamarie.org) or email: [dinamariehale@gmail.com](mailto:dinamariehale@gmail.com).

#### **UPCOMING FAITH EVENTS - SAVE THESE DATES:**

**April 5-7:** Men's Silent Retreat with Retreat Master Fr. Christopher Bernabe on the theme: "All Quiet on the Western Front: Amassing Virtue Amidst a Spiritual Wasteland." Commuter rates available. To register: [olpretreat.org](http://olpretreat.org) or call: 503.649.7127.

**April 13:** Women Growing in Faith at Holy Redeemer Church in Vancouver. All women are invited to attend. This month's topic is "We are Never Alone: Meet the Holy Angels-Our Constant Companions" with Dina Marie. For details: <https://dinamarie.org/coming-events>

**April 8-12:** Mater Dei Radio's [Spring Sharathon](http://SpringSharathon) - Renew Your Hope: *"In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world."* John 16:33

**Oct 31-Nov 3:** Women's Saints & Souls Retreat at the Saint Benedict Guesthouse & Retreat Center at Mount Angel Abbey. Pray with the Benedictine Monks and experience this unique women's retreat where we will explore the lives of the Saints and find peace in silence, community and prayer. For details and to register: <https://dinamarie.org/event-register>

*Your words, Lord are Spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.*

In Joyful Hope,

**Dina Marie Hale** | FAITH MOMENTS | [www.dinamarie.org](http://www.dinamarie.org)  
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*"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and He will establish your plans."* - Proverbs 16:3

#### **Attend the Lenten Day Retreat at The Grotto with Dina Marie of Faith Moments**

Retreat theme: "Behold, the Lamb of God" John 1

Friday, March 15, 2024  
9:30am-1:30pm

Retreat Fee: \$15  
(lunch optional)

To register and for details:  
[dinamarie.org](http://dinamarie.org)



*Come pray at The Grotto's Outdoor Stations of the Cross*



The National Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother (The Grotto) is located at NW 85th and Sandy Blvd in Portland



[For FS's and GK's IRS Form 990](#)



This notice is to remind Councils, Assemblies and Chapters in the United States of their legal obligation to file an IRS Form 990 (informational tax return) for the 2023 tax year, and to provide detailed instructions on how to comply with this obligation.

The Knights of Columbus, including all subordinate Councils, Assemblies, and Chapters (collectively referred to as Councils), is a tax-exempt organization, recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a fraternal benefit society under Section 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code. This tax-exempt status requires each Council to file an annual Form 990 with the IRS.

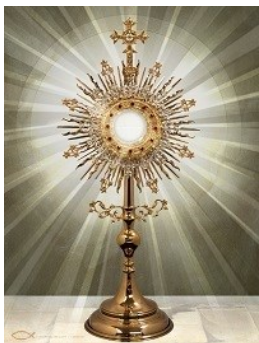
Councils reporting gross receipts of \$50,000 or less with less than \$200,000 in assets may comply with their obligation by filing the Form 990-N electronic postcard (also known as the e-Postcard). Councils reporting gross receipts of more than \$50,000 and less than \$200,000 with total assets of less than \$500,000 must file the Form 990-EZ. Councils with gross receipts of \$200,000 or more and total assets of \$500,000 or more must file the Form 990.

**REMINDER**

The IRS requires electronic filing for **all** tax-exempt organizations, regardless of which form they use. The online filing system, also known as "E-Services", requires **all new users** to register or sign in with LOGIN.GOV or ID.me, the current IRS credential service providers.

There are two ways to access the Form 990-N Electronic Filing system: (1) Sign in with your active IRS username; or (2) Sign in/create an account with LOGIN.GOV or ID.me. Form 990-N filers who have an existing IRS username and register for a new Login.gov or ID.me account must use the email address associated with their IRS account. Refer to User Guide for the IRS Form 990-N Electronic Filing System. Instructions are available on the IRS website, links to which are in the *Where to File* section.

[State-wide Holy Hour](#)



On Sunday March 3rd, the Oregon Knights of Columbus held a State-wide Holy Hour. Archbishop Sample led the Holy Hour for the West side at the Cathedral in Portland at 2pm. While this Holy Hour was just finishing, Bishop Cary started the Holy Hour for the East side at 3pm at St. Francis in Bend.

Many Knights, family members and other parishioners attended these events. There were several other Knights of Columbus Councils throughout the State that sponsored and also held a Holy Hour at their respective Parish. Springfield Council 4087 was a notable Council that also held a Holy Hour. This was an excellent opportunity for the State of Oregon to be united in prayer to our Eucharistic Lord. There will be more opportunities to follow.

***Kenneth J. Anderson***

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Archbishop  
William Lori

### [Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge](#)

**“Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.”** (Gospel for March 17, Jn 12:26)

Next to Our Lady, what greater model of faithful service to Jesus do we have than St. Joseph, the Lord's own adoptive father? In humble obedience to God, Joseph protected Mary and Jesus under the most difficult of circumstances. Although he says not a word in Scripture, the “silent” Joseph speaks volumes through his faithful actions. He is a model of manhood and discipleship for all Knights today.

#### [Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:](#)

This month — in which we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph — I challenge you to pray a novena or another prayerful devotion to this great saint.

#### [Questions for Reflection:](#)

What virtues do you see in St. Joseph as you read the Gospel narratives about the nativity and early life of Jesus? How well do you practice these virtues in your own life, not only as a husband or father, but as a faithful disciple of Jesus? What specific, concrete things can you do to grow in these virtues in your day-to-day life?

### [Director of Chaplain's Report](#)



Father Jonathan D.  
Kalisch, OP Director of  
Chaplains and Spiritual  
Development

Pope Francis' **Message for Lent 2024** sets out the goal facing each believer in its very title: “Through the Desert God Leads Us to Freedom.” The Holy Father speaks of the identity that is at the heart of our relationship with the Father: “God has not grown weary of us. ... Lent is *a season of conversion, a time of freedom*. ... Unlike Pharaoh, God does not want subjects, but sons and daughters.” Opposed to our identity as beloved sons of God is Satan, the Father of Lies, who, Pope Francis reminds us, tempts us: “To be all-powerful, to be looked up to by all, to domineer over others ... We can become attached to money, to certain projects, ideas or goals, to our position, to a tradition, even to certain individuals. Instead of making us move forward, they paralyze us. Instead of encounter, they create conflict.” An antidote is to pause and encounter God amid the wounded members of the Body of Christ. “In the presence of God, we become brothers and sisters, more sensitive to one another: in place of threats and enemies, we discover companions and fellow travelers,” the pope writes.

The story of Rudolf Höss, the Nazi commandant of Auschwitz who is featured in the recent movie *Zone of Interest*, presents a further area for preaching. Höss was raised in a devout Catholic family before rejecting his faith during World War I. However, he was an early adherent of National Socialism, joining the Nazi SS and steadily rising through the ranks of viciousness. He worked at Dachau and Sachsenhausen concentration camps before being put in charge of Auschwitz, where he oversaw the murder of more than 1 million Jews. After the war, he was captured, tried and convicted of crimes against humanity.

While awaiting execution by hanging at Auschwitz, he was held in a Polish jail in Wadowice, the hometown of Karol Wojtyła. During this time, he was stunned that the Polish guards did not commit heinous actions against him like those he had inflicted on prisoners at Auschwitz. In fact, he was moved to ask for a priest, recalling the name of the Polish Jesuit superior Father, Władysław Lohn, whose life he had inexplicably spared once at the camp. Höss confessed his sins to Father Lohn on the Thursday after Easter 1947 and received holy Communion the next day. Polish guards were stunned to see “the Animal,” as they called him, on his knees, weeping after receiving the Eucharistic Lord five days before his execution.

While the mystery of evil can never be fully understood, we know that Divine mercy is God's answer to that mystery. In God's mercy, the reign of evil always has an expiration date. Let us lead our brother Knights and their families into the spiritual freedom of the sons of God.

*Vivat Jesus!*

### [Knights of Columbus publicity tips](#)

*(Editor's Note: This article was written last December, but many items remain pertinent today)*

It is December and our Councils are all involved in many forms of charitable giving.

- Is your Council participating in the K of C Coats for Kids campaign?
- Is your Council collecting food for Christmas baskets to help needy families in your community?
- Is your Council sponsoring any special events at church for children or families?



If your answer is yes to any or all of these questions, please make sure your local newspaper, radio or TV station know about your efforts and, of course, make sure something is in your church bulletin, the state K of C website and also the Columbian Newsletter.

**Number 1:** Clearly outline what the activity is and how much money or food was collected.

**Photograph:** Take a CLEAR photograph of what you are doing and identify the people shown (as you look at the photo) from left to right in row one, left to right in row two, etc. Send a jpg version of the photo along with your press release.

#### **Example: Sweet Home Knights of Columbus fill Christmas food boxes**

**SWEET HOME** — The St. Helen Catholic Church Knights of Columbus Council 8624 recently collected enough food to fill more than 40 Christmas boxes for needy families.

Members of the parish donated canned goods, noodles, boxes of oat meal, peanut butter and many other items and the Knights purchased spiral hams to go into every box. Boxes also contained a bag of potatoes and a pumpkin pie. There was enough food for several meals.

There also were games, toys and clothing items such as gloves and stocking caps for children.

“We enjoy helping our neighbors and partnering with Sweet Home Emergency Ministries on this annual project,” Grand Knight Alex Paul said. “The children of the parish help wrap all of the boxes and parishioners are extremely generous with food items and cash donations.”

The Sweet Home Council meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at the church hall.

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men’s Fraternal Organization founded more than 130 years ago by Father Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

For more information, contact Alex Paul by calling 541-409-8025 or email: [alexpaul1954@gmail.com](mailto:alexpaul1954@gmail.com).

Note: You can use the same procedure for any of your charitable programs: Santa with kids, Coats for Kids, a family movie night or perhaps a dinner for the community.

If you have any questions, or need assistance, please call Alex Paul, State Publicity Director at 541-409-8025, or email: [alexpaul1954@gmail.com](mailto:alexpaul1954@gmail.com)

[The Mission of Men](#)

Please look at this information.



Ray Prom IPSD  
Oregon State  
K of C Charities  
President

**Saturday, March 16, 2024**  
**9:00am - 4:00pm**  
*(Confession Available & Rōsary 8:00-9:00 am)*  
**Redmond, OR**  
**@ St. Thomas Parish**

**Diocese of Baker**  
**Men's Conference in English 2024**

# The Mission of Men

Join Catholic men from around the diocese for inspiring talks, strengthening conversations, and prayer that will help us become the husbands, fathers, and brothers God is calling us to be.

**Guest Speakers**

**BISHOP LIAM CARY**

**SEAN FORREST**  
 Singer/songwriter  
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 Author  
 Co-founder of HAITI180

< Scan Here  
 for more information & to register  
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Made possible by the **Bishop's Annual Appeal**

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[Cor 101](#)

**There's one in every parish!**

Are you doing more prayer and Bible study this Lent?

Are you spending time with your male friends?

Then you are already doing Cor!  
It's that simple.  
Men-Cor  
Easy



Remember the 3 tenets of Lent  
Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving

Please remember to include Oregon State K of C Charities in your sacrificial almsgiving.

We do so much good work for so many Catholic charities.



**State Advocate / Membership Director Report**



Chris Cummings  
State Advocate /  
Membership  
Director

Brothers, I hope your Holy Hour went well today, Sunday March 3rd. I also listened to a podcast today sent to me by our Worthy Life Director Eric—it was very good. The title is, *Why is Evil Erupting in These Historic Times?* If you're interested you can find it on Youtube. To break down the message very quickly, our culture is going to continue to attack the Holy Catholic Church and Christianity in general. As Catholic men we have to be prepared to stand up for our faith and perhaps face others who may want to harm you just for being a Catholic man! I don't want to bring forth a negative message, but as a member of the KofC, we need to be prepared to share our faith and build our band of brothers in Christ.

This is why membership is so important. No one wants to be alone, together we are strong. So go out and make new Knights of Columbus and win the culture back.

**A Shout Out:**

- Portland is right on the cusp of Making it Happen! Well done Travis, Aidan and Mike!
- DD Mark Larson put some energy into Tigard with a CUF exemplification degree and "reeled in" a couple of new solid members. Not to mention a great Young Catholic Professional event in Mt Angel Saturday. Well done Mark.
- Nice to see DD Frank Gilligan and the team in Hood River end a dry spell and put points on the board. Don't pull a muscle coming off the bench! Now that you're warmed up, make it happen and get to your goal!
- Who's next?

**Membership Results 3.3.2024**

Council	New Members	% to Goal	FS	GK	DD
Portland - 15605	1	80%	Aidan Willis	Travis Athougies	Mike McDougall
Tigard – 3591	2	41.67%	Steven Root	Sal Arellano	Mark Larson
Hood River – 7292	1	20%	Eric Walker	James Dummer	Frank Gilligan

**Civil War:**

- UO put up 3 unanswered points!

OSU 112 - UO 53

You are wondering Right? What's the Challenge you were talking about in the title of the original email ("Message from Membership - You have a challenge!")?

Our Worthy State Deputy had an Emergency Conference call the other night. He implored all DDs and KofC to have Delta Drives and also increase the urgency of membership activity. I am pressing each of you, as leaders in the state, to STEP IT UP and bring men to the Order.

That includes me and my Council! So let's do this!

Bl Michael McGivney Pray for us!

Vivat Jesus!


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**You can get more ideas by going to KofC.ORG and looking up:**


**Council Focus Areas for the Next Four Months (2/2024)**

A review of where your Council's focus should be for the final four months of the Fraternal Year. Covers essential information your Council needs to be successful in growth, programs and administrative tasks as you attempt to make Star Council.

CIVIL WAR!!!			
OSU - BEAVERS!			
District	DD/DW	New Members	% Increase
2	Tom Burns	24	
4	Jeff Cupier	10	
6	Kent Purdy	11	
7	VACANT	2	
9	Ed Dinius	5	
10	Pat Creedican	15	
11	Ipo Ross	3	
13	Fraxis Mohr	0	
14	Mke Dec	15	
17	Mike Pranger	15	
18	Dave Judy	9	
23	VACANT	3	
25	Mike Hanley	0	
<b>Total</b>		<b>112</b>	

Ducks			
District	DD/DW	New Members	% Increase
1	Mike McDougall	11	
3	Mark Larson	8	
5	Michael Miller	8	
8	Marvin Jarvis	0	
12	Mike Hahn	7	
15	Jerry Buricaga	0	
16	Jerry Lencioni	3	
19	Frank Gilligan	1	
20	John Snyder	6	
21	VACANT	5	
22	Kevin Fredinburg	0	
24	Mark Oberle	4	
26	Subhuti Lichtman	0	
<b>Total</b>		<b>53</b>	







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# Virtual Fraternal Benefits Night

Join us at 7pm  
every  
last Wednesday  
of the month

## HOW TO MAXIMIZE YOUR RETIREMENT

**March 27, 2024**

### Links:

For **Pacific Time** (7pm) Join Zoom Meeting and **Alaska Time** (6pm) Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85327101375?pwd=RWNPWTAyNGV6eW1FbXQ2Wk9EU3E3Zz09>

Meeting ID: 853 2710 1375  
Passcode: 256122

For **Hawaii Time** (7pm)  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84540550203?pwd=aTFGK21rV0RsS0JCR0duOVIMRWxDdz09>

Meeting ID: 845 4055 0203  
Passcode: 793297

**New Council Development**



Tom Burns  
Chairman New  
Council Development

We're approaching the end of our Fraternal year and each of us should be reflecting on what we have done over the past year. We all should be looking at achieving Star Council. Your Council deserves the honor and it is one of the easiest goals to reach—the Star is our recruitment goal. It costs us nothing and the rewards are plentiful.

If you can, look to your neighbor. Does a parish near you not have a Knight's Council? First contact the parish priest and ask him if he would be interested in having you form a Council in his parish. If he is not interested, I personally would not go further, as it is imperative to have the pastor's blessing for your future endeavor. Eventually the parish will have a priest who desires our presence. If the priest is interested, I make it a practice to invite him out to dinner. Have a few of your Council members attend also. Bring your District Deputy along as it is even very probable your District lies in the same Vicariate and the priests meet regularly and he will also be dealing with those priests, so a good relationship is the hallmark building stone.

What's in it for you? First off, you will have a new vineyard to reap the fruits that are waiting to be harvested. It has been my experience that the process of forming a new Council takes approximately twelve-to-eighteen-months from beginning to end. During this period, you will be recruiting new Knights and this will easily double your recruitment goal. It will also take your efforts into the next Fraternal Year. So, you will meet your Councils goals two years in a row.

Even if your Drive does not culminate in the formation of a new Council, you still would have benefited at having those men that you did recruit in your Council. You will set up a Round Table for them so they can serve the needs of their parish and you keep your presence in the parish doing things you do best. Pancake Breakfasts and coffee and donuts—which is one of the prime opportunities for recruiting. Does the neighboring parish engage in activities that your parish may not? What about Feast Days and Adoration or Processions of the Holy Eucharist? Encourage these new men in the Council to become the ushers at Mass and to wear their badges or Knights swag, when appropriate. Visual aids increase interest.

Lastly, it is imperative that as the Grand Knight you show your leadership in becoming the "Recruiter Personified". It's truly an opportunity to Evangelize—which we are all commanded to do as disciples. When recruiting do not forget to ask the Holy Spirit to put HIS WORDS in your mouth and ask Christ to reflect His countenance in you, so when you invite the men to join, then they see Him .

Tom Burns, New Council Development

**INVITING MEN TO JOIN**



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### [Pro-Life Gala February 17th](#)

Here are a couple pictures of the Archdiocese Pro-Life Gala on Saturday February 17th.



### [MEN'S SILENT RETREAT](#)

Dear Kenneth and various K of C members,

Please share this upcoming Men's Silent Retreat with your members. This will be a powerful weekend for the men. Please note both overnight retreatants and day commuters can attend this weekend retreat.

Blessings to all, Dina Marie

Lenten Greetings from your Franciscan Missionary Sisters and Staff at Our Lady of Peace Retreat in Beaverton! Please spread the word about the upcoming Men's Retreat we will be hosting in early April. It takes a considerable amount of advertising to engage men who might benefit from this retreat! Please see the ad below.

#### [MEN'S SILENT RETREAT](#)

April 5 - 7, 2024

with Fr. Christopher Bernabe, Parochial Vicar at St. Stephen Catholic Church in SE Portland.

Theme: *"All Quiet on the Western Front. Amassing Virtue Amidst a Spiritual Wasteland"*.

This Men's Silent Retreat is held at OUR LADY OF PEACE RETREAT IN BEAVERTON.

The retreat begins Friday with Dinner at 6 pm and concludes after a late-morning Brunch on Sunday. To register, visit: [www.olpretreat.org](http://www.olpretreat.org), phone the retreat house at: 503-649-7127, or email: [sisters@olpretreat.org](mailto:sisters@olpretreat.org).

\$255 for the weekend; Commuter rates available

Thank you and God Bless you,  
The Franciscan Missionary Sisters

In Joyful Hope,

**Dina Marie Hale** | FAITH MOMENTS |

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Proverbs 16:3



## MEN'S SILENT RETREAT

### April 5-7, 2024

### Our Lady of Peace Retreat

**Retreat Theme:**

**"All Quiet on the Western Front:  
Amassing Virtue  
Amidst a Spiritual  
Wasteland."**



Led by Retreat Master:  
**Fr. Christopher Bernabe**  
Parochial Vicar,  
St. Stephen Catholic Church

**To register: 503.649.7127 or [olpretreat.org](http://olpretreat.org)**  
hosted by the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows  
3600 SW 170th Ave., Beaverton, OR



**Council In Action**

Brothers:

During the past year, the Knights of **Council 12656** have put their faith into action by picking up their crosses and contributing 5204 hours of service to help our parish and people in need. The attached report includes highlights of many of our various activities. In 2024 we plan on another year of living our faith with many Holy Moments. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Vivat Jesus!

Bob Moore, Grand Knight  
St Pius X Council 12656  
503-780-1409

**Council Supports Pregnancy and Maternity Care Centers**

Our Council provided a total of \$1,500 to support pregnancy care centers in Beaverton, Canby, and McMinnville. These centers provide information, ultrasounds, clothing, food, housing, and hope to pregnant mothers and families in need. We also gave \$1,500 to Road2Hope, an organization that provides transitional housing to mothers and their babies. The Supreme Council of the Knights of the Columbus contributed additional matching funds through its Aid and Support After Pregnancy program.

**Knights Help Move Fr. Joachim Gracias**

Father Joaquim Gracias, our parochial vicar, needed help moving from his residence in the basement of the parish business office building, which needed significant repairs. The Knights worked with the parish's staff to find a clean, bright apartment within walking distance of our parish campus. Once the lease was signed, Knights worked with the parish's facilities staff to move Fr. Gracias' belongings. After the move, fellow Knight Cliff Jensen said, "Really the best part of the day was when we had about half of the items in Father Joaquim's new place, and he came upstairs and saw his almost furnished apartment. He had a huge smile of Joy and Love from ear to ear."



### [Pro-Life Knights In Action](#)

As part of the *40 Days For Life* spring campaign, volunteers pray for an end to abortion while standing in front of places of abortion. Knights from **Lebanon Council 3184** and **Albany Council 1577** are scheduled for prayers on Tuesdays from February 20 through March 26 at the Planned Parenthood facility on Wolverine Street in Salem. Pictured are Roger Maurer of Lebanon, and Teresita and Patrick Parson, the Albany Life Couple.



### [Council In Action](#)

By: Thomas Radel, State Historian/Webmaster

On March 2nd, **Albany Council 1577** held an exemplification following Mass. They had three new members go through the exemplification: Seminarian Kenneth Parsad, Joe Ramos and Joe Lake.



Pictured degree team:

Back row: Pat Boland, Emmet Jones, GK Al Correia, PGK Chris James, DGK Tom Radel  
Front row: Seminarian Kenneth Parsad, Father Maro, Joe Ramos, Joe Lake





**Knights In Action**

Saturday, February 10th, **Council 15773 in Florence** participated in the Annual Polar Plunge in support of Oregon Special Olympics Athletes was an amazing success. Florence Council 15773 participated with three Knights taking the "Plunge".

Truly we "Plunged"! Richard, Jeff and Tom reflected the meaning of Knights of Columbus Community support with their participation. St. Mary's parishioners and Knights friends and families as well supported the annual Eugene Willamette River event with total donations of \$ 1,980.00 at the end of the day. Just twenty dollars short of \$2,000.00.

The love for these Special Needs Athletes came out in this overwhelming response.

Thank You for your generosity and God Bless.

Sincerely,

Thomas Zahara, PGK



**FREEZE THE DAY!**

- ~~FEB 03 Salem~~
- ~~FEB 10 Eugene~~
- ~~FEB 17 Corvallis~~
- ~~FEB 23 Super Plunge & Executive Plunge~~
- ~~FEB 24 Portland~~
- ~~MAR 02 Southern Oregon & Bend~~
- ~~MAY 04 Pond Skim Mt. Hood Meadows~~

SPECIAL OLYMPICS OREGON  
**POLARPLUNGE**

Only  
One  
Left







Eric Walter  
Life Director

## [Life Program Report](#)

Greetings Brother Knights!

I periodically provide a list of all the life initiatives under the Life program just as a friendly reminder for Councils to consider when planning their upcoming events. I included all the life program links below directly to the Supreme website for guidelines and necessary details for your Council. Please consider including one or more of these important initiatives for your Council:

[ASAP \(Aid and Support After Pregnancy\)](#)

[Christian Refugee Relief](#)

[March for Life](#)

[Mass for People with Special Needs](#)

[Novena for Life](#)

[Pregnancy Center Support](#)

[Silver Rose](#)

[Special Olympics](#)

[Ultrasound Program](#)

This month, I believe it is important to focus on the ASAP program and the 40 Days for Life campaign. I included an update on 40 Days for Life since this campaign is underway from February 14 to March 24.

### **40 Days for Life**

Shawn Carney, President / CEO of 40 Days for Life published an article with photos highlighting a few cities throughout the country. Our location in Eugene was included (see photo). The photo shows our opening prayer vigil at the Eugene Planned Parenthood on February 14th. The article states: **Eugene, Oregon** - On the West Coast, 40 Days for Life volunteers weren't blanketed by snow...but **they were soaked with rain.** "The weather never for a minute dampened the spirits and resolve of the faithful front-line prayer warriors here in Eugene," said Eileen, the campaign leader. The article can be read at: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/day-12-bad-weather-saves-lives>



Brothers, the 40 Days for Life is an excellent opportunity for men to get more involved with pro-life work. Coordinators for the 40 Days for Life campaign have recently reached out to the Knights requesting assistance from men, especially at this time in Oregon. The men are not acting as security guards. Just having men present has proven to help deter unruly behavior. The 40 Days for Life campaign is being held from **February 14 to March 24**. There are many time slots still available. Please consider this opportunity to serve. There are three locations in Oregon that includes Portland, Salem and Eugene. Specific campaign information can be found under "Upcoming Life Events in Oregon".

### **Prayer to St Joseph, the patron saint of the unborn:**

*St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and foster father of the Son of God, obtain from Jesus the grace we fathers need to raise our families according to the will of God. We need light to recognize our grave responsibility as husbands and fathers. Above all we need the courage to persevere in the fatherly care of our families through time into the endless reaches of eternity. Amen.*

*Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for us*

*Vivat Jesus,*

Eric Walter  
State Life Program Director  
Oregon Knights of Columbus  
[dominuspictura@gmail.com](mailto:dominuspictura@gmail.com)  
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FAITH



Eric Walter  
Life Director

Greetings Brother Knights!

## [Life Program Report](#)

### [UPCOMING LIFE EVENTS IN OREGON](#)

#### **[40 Days for Life - Portland - February 14 thru March 24](#)**

Our local 40 Days campaign still needs volunteers! The location is the Lilith Abortion Business in the Portland Medical Center, 511 SW 10th Ave Portland, OR. Please sign up at [40DaysforLife.com/Portland](https://40DaysforLife.com/Portland) or contact Therese at (503) 997-1884 or email: [preciouschildrenofpdx@protonmail.com](mailto:preciouschildrenofpdx@protonmail.com).

#### **[40 Days for Life - Salem - February 14 thru March 24](#)**

You're invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil outside the Salem Planned Parenthood, 3825 Wolverine St. NE, Salem, OR. Please sign up for at [40DaysforLife.com/Salem](https://40DaysforLife.com/Salem) or contact Bob Snyder at (503) 480-9374 or email: [40DaysforLifeOR@protonmail.com](mailto:40DaysforLifeOR@protonmail.com)

#### **[40 Days for Life - Eugene - February 14 thru March 24](#)**

You're invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic, 3579 Franklin Blvd., Eugene 97403, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. Please sign up for at [40DaysforLife.com/Eugene](https://40DaysforLife.com/Eugene) or contact Eileen at 458-205-3820 or email [40DaysEugene@gmail.com](mailto:40DaysEugene@gmail.com)

### [Special Olympics – Several Oregon Locations and Dates](#)

Winter Regional Basketball – Medford – March 9, 2024

Winter Regional Powerlifting – Klamath Falls & Gresham – March 10, 2024

Winter Regional Basketball – Turner – March 16, 2024

Winter Regional Basketball – Beaverton – March 17, 2024

Special Olympics Summer State Games – OSU Corvallis – July 12-14, 2024

For detailed information, please visit: <https://soor.org/events/>

#### **[Launch – Salem – March 24 thru 27](#)**

Launch is our pro-life leadership retreat for young adults, aged 16-21. Over four days and three nights, Launch attendees will be thoroughly trained on all aspects of the pro-life movement. For more information on this event, please contact Oregon Right to Life at (503) 463-8563 or website: [Launch](#)

#### **[Oregon March for Life – Salem – May 18, 2024](#)**

Join thousands of Oregonians on May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Oregon State Capitol as we continue to advocate for a culture of life in Oregon. The band will begin playing at 2:15pm with speakers starting at 2:30pm. The Oregon March for Life will begin immediately following. Please consider having your Council sponsor and coordinate a bus to transport folks to and from this event. Also, the State Life Director has reserved an "Oregon Knights of Columbus Pro-life" table. For more information, please visit: <https://www.ortl.org/march/>

*Vivat Jesus,*

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February 14<sup>th</sup> - March 24<sup>th</sup>

# 40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.

## Help Save Lives in Portland !

Prayer & Fasting • Community Outreach • Peaceful Vigil

**Vigil Location:** The sidewalk in front of  
The Lilith Abortion Business  
Portland Medical Center, 9<sup>th</sup> floor  
511 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Portland, OR 97205

**Vigil hours:** February 14<sup>th</sup> - March 24<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday - Saturday 8AM - 2PM

**Email:** [preciouschildrenofpdx@protonmail.com](mailto:preciouschildrenofpdx@protonmail.com)

**Vith God's help,** here are the proven results from 40 Days for Life campaigns  
24,224 **babies** saved from abortion - and **129 locally !**  
**256 abortion** workers converted  
**148 abortion** centers closed , including **Lovejoy Surgicenter !**

Join over 1 million volunteers worldwide and sign up for prayer times.  
You can make a difference.

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[40daysforlife.com/portland](http://40daysforlife.com/portland)



[StandUpGirl](http://StandUpGirl.com)


*StandUpGirl.com*<sup>®</sup>

Sometimes life throws difficult decision at us.  
*We are here to help!*

**Need Help**

**Watch**

Our Video Stories

**Real Stories**

**Like You!**

We Have Been There!

**Hot Topics**

**Read**

Questions & Get Answers

**Scared?**

**Contact Jewel**

Private & Confidential

**Local Pregnancy Support**

Find help in your area

First Image/PRC-Beaverton  
4975 SW Watson, Beaverton, OR,  
97005, USA (14.87 miles)  
**(503-643-4503)**

Birthright of Hillsboro  
232 NE Lincoln St Ste F, Hillsboro, OR,  
97124, USA (15.32 miles)  
**(503-648-6766)**

Choice Adoptions  
12901 SE 97th Ave, Clackamas, OR,  
97015, USA (21.58 miles)  
**(541-801-0930)**

The StandUpGirl.com ministry provides Hope and Courage to young people in an unexpected pregnancy. We provide anonymous, non-judgemental support, resources and guidance during a moment of crisis.

**Text 833-475-(LOVE) 5683 or email Jewel@standupgirl.com 24x7.**  
**We are Here to Help! You are Not Alone!**

**StandUpGirl.com** Foundation Inc. is a Heartbeat International-Affiliated Pregnancy Help Organization in Newberg, OR. We rely on the generosity of donors and organizations such as the Knights of Columbus to help us support mothers and babies in need. In the last year, we have provided resources to over 400,000 digital clients, distributed online training to 506 digital clients, and provided text counseling sessions to over 300 women, all because of the support of local individuals and organizations.

We know that many Knights of Columbus Councils have generously donated to centers like ours in the past through the Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) Program. In fact, we were delighted to discover that last Fraternal Year, Knights donated more than \$5 million to support pregnancy centers and maternity homes like ours as we serve women, mothers, and their new children.

We are asking you to please consider donating to our ministry through the ASAP Program so that we can continue to help mothers and babies in our community who are in need of resources and services. As you likely know, the Supreme Council has set up a way for your donation to be matched if you support a Heartbeat International affiliate like us. The [StandUpGirl.com](http://StandUpGirl.com) Foundation currently offers FREE online training courses in English and Spanish to young women and fathers in the midst of a pregnancy crisis. These courses, along with our text counseling program, are available 24x7, and the funds from the Knights of Columbus Council could help us fill this much-needed and utilized set of resources, all with the ultimate goal of saving the life of the baby and the family!

Please Contact: Dawn Marie Perez, Executive Director @ [StandUpGirl.com](http://StandUpGirl.com) 503-554-5683

**DISTRICT 12 REPORT**

Mike Hahn  
DD12

Joe Sidel **Council 5511 Brookings** ended their report with the sad news by reporting the passing of one of their Brother Knights, Brother Julius Knight, a third degree member since 2013 who died at the age of 77. He was a native born from Switzerland. His funeral Mass is planned for 6 March at Star of the Sea church in Florence.

Regional Director Pona Magana, State Secretary Bob Adams, Past State Deputy Ron Boyce and Fraternal Benefits Representative Dan McDermott paid visits to the Councils in the area. Our Lady of the Dunes in Florence and Joe Sidel in Brookings are scheduled for the first week Of March. On March 2nd, Coos Council hosted the Hispanic community. The Regional Director's presentation was well received by a sizable crowd at a luncheon given by the community after the 1 pm Spanish Mass. At the conclusion of his presentation he secured 4 candidates.

The visit started with a Faith In Action/Lenten Retreat Event in Bandon, Oregon. Chaplain and Pastor Anthony Ahamefule gave confessions at 8:30 am, the Mass scheduled to start at 9 am started late due to confessional being well-visited. Then, after Mass and a short breakfast serving, Father Anthony introduced the visitors and welcomed the Knights, their families and the parish members totaling over 60. After an insightful presentation/interaction with attendees, the Council provided lunch after which the Fraternal Benefits Representative gave an emotional and forceful presentation on the charitable works of the Order which was greatly appreciated by the attendees. Also, so did the presentation of Brother Pona Magana. It should be noted that the event was attended by RCIA attendees, two of them who committed to becoming a Brother Knight. Many of the attendees, Brother Knights, family members and parishioners commented very favorably about the presentations given by Brother Pona Magana and Brother Dan McDermott. Both gave eloquent and emotional testaments to the works of the Knights of Columbus, its mission and the reasons for them being a part of our brotherhood. We also thank Past State Deputy Ronald Boyce for giving an overview of the State Charities program. Though the event was announced for the District, other Councils were unable to attend due to the weather conditions and distances involved. They unfortunately missed a wonderful Lenten retreat given by Father Anthony Ahamefule.

From your District Deputy, State Secretary and Past State Deputy's perspective, the two events were highly successful. Father Anthony of Holy Trinity and Father Rick of St Monica (both chaplains of their respective Councils) were impressed with the turn-out and presentations given.

Of course there were other events during February.

**Our Lady of the Dunes Council Florence** held a successful (monthly) bingo, which yields the Council approximately \$4,000.00 a year. Three of their members (not afraid of cold waters) also partook in the Polar Plunge in Eugene in support of the Special Olympics. They donated \$500.00 to the Florence Pregnancy Support and \$500.00 to the Florence Food Bank.

**Most Holy Trinity Council Bandon** hosted a well attended pancake breakfast. They also partook in the annual fundraiser for the Pregnancy Support Center in Coos Bay donating \$500.00.



DGG Jeffrey Amundson and PGK Thomas Zaharra  
presenting \$500.00 to the Florence Food Bank



Well attended Bingo hosted by  
Our Lady of the Dunes Council



PICTURES FROM THE FAITH IN ACTION/LENTEN RETREAT IN BANDON'S HOLY TRINITY PARISH HOSTED BY MOST HOLY TRINITY COUNCIL



GK Richard Huff and DKG Jeff Amundson presenting \$500 to the Florence Pregnancy Support Center



Pastor and Council Chaplain, Father Anthony Ahamefule (State Auxiliary Chaplain)



Regional Growth Director Pona Magana gave a powerful, personal and emotional testimony



Fraternal Benefits Representative Dan McDermott gave an inspiring talk on the reasons behind the insurance program.



Past State Deputy Ron Boyce explaining that Most Holy Trinity Council was formed when Brother Ron was State Deputy. (note; DD also is 'forced' by his Council to help serve!



Father Anthony ensured the Lenten retreat was not just a lecture. Kathy Cowan, wife of Brother Jim Cowan, is reading from John 6

Mike Hahn  
District Deputy 12  
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**Worthy Faithful Navigators and Sir Knights All,**



Duane Morris  
Oregon  
District Master

Thank you for the time and effort you put into being a Knight and your involvement in the Honor Guard as a Member of the Knights of Columbus in the Fourth Degree.

As Members of the Fourth Degree Honor Guard, we represent the four principles of our order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. We Stand for the love of our faith, the love of our country, and the love that we have for our fellow Brother Knights. Let us always put our best foot forward.

**Official Dress Uniform:** The Laws and Rules of the Fourth Degree define the official Regalia of the Honor Guard as stated in 3 separate Sections within Article XI: The Official Dress Uniform (Section 38), Dress for Exemplification (Section 39), and Color Corps Regalia (Section 40). Brother Knights, please review and bring yourselves to the highest standards that our order expects.

Areas of special attention should be brought to:

**The Beret:** please take the time to form correctly. There are many YouTube videos on how to wear and wear correctly. See the Drill manual for more information.

**The Official Blazer:** There is only one. There are no substitutes. Please keep it clean and pressed. The only medals to be worn on it are the approved mini medals of the order based on past office held and the mini emblem of the Order.

**The Slacks:** These are available from the authorized vendor. Please do not use any other. The slacks are to be hemmed and without cuffs.

**Plain Toe Black Shoes:** Clean and polished leather or leather-like, no wing tips, tennis shoes, or shoes that lace out to the toe, like sports shoes or lace-up boots. Cowboy boots are also discouraged. Simple round toe not pointed, keep heels low.

**Socks:** These are plain black, with no stitching emblems or club patterns.

**Plain White Shirt:** Not a button-down collar or French cuffed sleeve. Suggested is a narrow V collar instead of a wide V collar.

**Official Tie for the District (USA).** From the approved vendor. It strongly suggested that the knot used to tie the tie be one that forms a triangle, i.e., single Windsor. The fore-in-hand knot does not look good.

**Gloves White.** Cotton or Nylon plain. Clean (think what your grandmother would say if she saw those palms).

**No name badges are to be worn while in regalia.**

When securing the beret after removing it from your head, it should be folded and put in your waistband, just forward of the right hip. Gloves are to be put in a pocket. It is bad form for them to be dropped in the pew or chair.

**Manual of Arms:** You should be able to draw and return your sword to its scabbard without looking for it. See the Drill manual and practice. Left hand on the tip of the sword to the entry of scabbard.

Try practicing in a hallway or doorway to keep your movements close to you.

Please review the Drill Manual. (808 Fourth Degree Color Corps Drill Manual 0920)

**I. Return Sword**

1. This order is used to return the sword to the scabbard. It can only be ordered from the "Carry Sword" position.
2. This command is only executed at the "Halt."
3. At the preparatory command "Return," grasp the sword's point with the left fingers.
4. At the command of execution, "Sword," drop the point of the sword by turning the right hand in the most convenient manner as the sword's design permits. At the same time, grasp the scabbard near the mouth with the left hand, thumb on the mouth of the scabbard, and tilt it forward. Turn the head slightly to the left, fixing the eyes on the opening of the scabbard, raise the right hand sufficiently to insert the sword blade, and return it to the scabbard.
5. Once the sword is in the scabbard, turn the head to the front and drop the hands as in the position of "Attention."

Please review the Drill Manual. Most situations require the use of silent commands, so practice is imperative.

Vivat Jesus,  
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Oregon District Master  
Archbishop Blanchet Province  
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Mark Larson  
Oregon District Color Corp Marshal

# Patriotic Degree Exemplification

**Blessed  
Father  
Michael  
McGivney**

**Complete Your  
Journey**

**Where**

**St Patrick**

**Catholic Church**

**498 NW 9th Ave**

**Canby, OR 97013**

**When**

**Saturday March 23, 2024**

**CUF Degree: 1:00pm**

**Registration: 2:00pm**

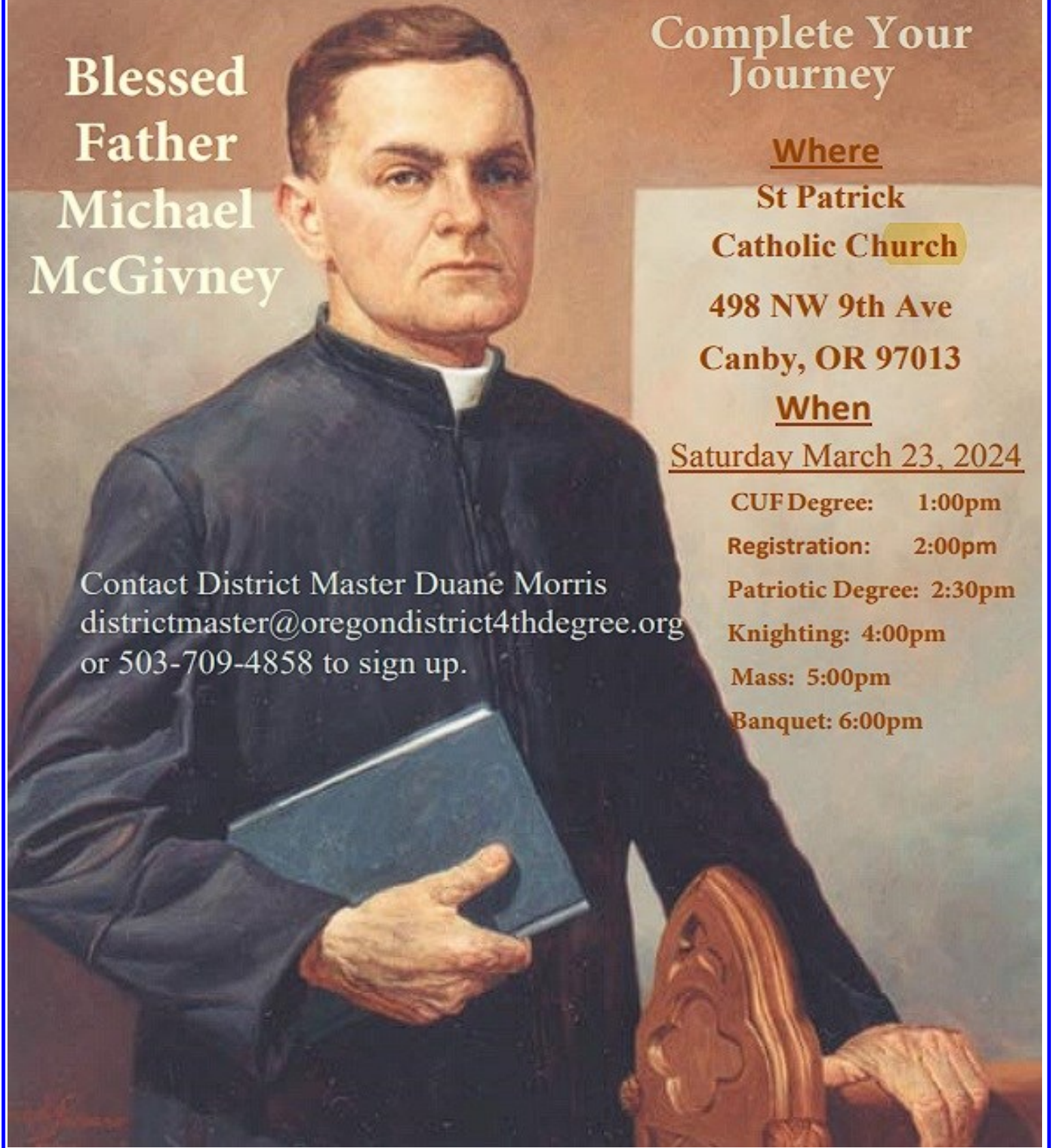
**Patriotic Degree: 2:30pm**

**Knighting: 4:00pm**

**Mass: 5:00pm**

**Banquet: 6:00pm**

Contact District Master Duané Morris  
[districtmaster@oregondistrict4thdegree.org](mailto:districtmaster@oregondistrict4thdegree.org)  
or 503-709-4858 to sign up.





**Council In Action****KofC Fern Ridge Council 17884**

KofC **Fern Ridge Council 17884** responded to an URGENT CALL for help to clean up the parish area around the front of the church.



The call went out on Thursday morning February 8, 2024 at 9 am for help from anyone who could come to the church to help get downed trees and branches cleaned up and moved to the brush pile on parish grounds. The plea was for everyone to bring their chain saws, blowers and tools.

Here's what happened. The January ice storm resulted in a large number of limbs breaking off the oak trees in front of the Church, with some hitting the ground and others remaining caught high in the other limbs. Caution tape was used to cordon off the area to avoid personal injury from falling limbs.

The Deputy Grand Knight, Chris Demers, contacted Lane Electric, because the leaning trees were a threat to the overhead power lines powering the Parish. Surprisingly, Lane Electric was able to respond immediately. Lane Electric on a moment's notice came out to remove the most dangerous tree damage in the courtyard as well as the one across the driveway. The reason for the urgency was that the parish had a funeral on Friday, February 9th and the parish needed it cleaned up ASAP.

On Tuesday, February 6th a commercial tree service was requested to take down the trees . This created an immediate need to clean up the grounds before the funeral scheduled for Friday, February 9. Not everything could be cleaned up in time.

On Wednesday February 7, 2024 the Deputy Grand Knight sent an urgent email to all Council Knights to help with debris clean up starting at 9:00 a.m. the following morning.

At 8:30 a.m., Chris Demers and his father, Robert, showed up with their excavators, chainsaw and dump truck. Two other Knights were able to respond to the call, Shawn Church with his chain saw and Derrold Burnett.

The fallen trees were cut into manageable pieces for the excavators, loaded onto the dump truck and hauled to a temporary wood pile staging area or to a burn pile. All the debris from the oak trees were burned. In addition, all the trimmed tree limbs on the ground from earlier in the year (when the fir trees were limbed to remove the threat of a forest fire) were moved to the burn pile. Eight hours later the grounds were cleaned and swept ready for the funeral the next morning. This how the Fern Ridge Knights get 'er done!





## [Council In Action](#)

### [Council 1594 Presents Annual Awards](#)

At the monthly Council business meeting on February 12th, **Rogue River Council 1594** presented the Knight of the Year and Knight Family of Year Awards for 2023. The Council Knight of the Year Award was presented to long-time Council Financial Secretary Richard Moyer. Brother Moyer has served as the Council's Financial Secretary for over 20 years and provides many hours of valuable service each year to the Order and to his Brother Knights. The Council Knight Family of the Year was then presented to the Walter Jones Family. Brother Jones and his wife Kamallata provided substantial time, service and support to both Sacred Heart Church and Sacred Heart School during 2023.

District 9 District Deputy Ed Dinius was on hand to present the awards at the meeting.



Council #1594 Knight of the Year Award presented to Richard Moyer (left) and Knight Family of the Year Award presented to Walter Jones (right) by District Deputy Ed Dinius

## [Regis High School in Stayton celebrating 60th Anniversary](#)

Sir Knights,

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, March 16, 2024. Regis High School in Stayton will celebrate their 60th Anniversary. Archbishop Sample will be celebrating a special Mass at the Regis High School gymnasium at 5:00 pm. An Honor Guard is requested for this special celebration Mass.

Regis High School is located at 550 W Regis Street in Stayton. There is plenty of parking space near the school. The Mass will be offered in the gymnasium. The Knights from Saint Anthony Council 2439 in Sublimity will serve as ushers. It is estimated there may be as many as 1,000 people attending this special celebration. If you are participating in the Honor Guard or serving as an usher, you may want to show up by 4:00-4:15 pm.

If you have any questions or need clarification please respond to this email or feel free to call me at 503-871-5339. Thank you.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,.

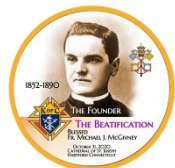
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Financial Secretary Council 2439

Faithful Comptroller Assembly 900

[FS@kofc2439.org](mailto:FS@kofc2439.org)

<https://kofc2439.org>





Dear Brother Knights,

December 19, 2023

The State Charities Fund was established in 1980 so members could individually donate to a non-profit group.

The State Charity is totally dependent on contributions from Council members, their families and friends of Knights of Columbus in Oregon. Our first and foremost principle of our Order is Charity, the greatest of all virtues and the crowning glory of a Christian life.

The Oregon State K of C Charities gives the opportunity for Council Members and members of our Community to assist those Catholic Charities in the state Oregon and fulfilling our obligations to perform Corporal Works of Mercy.

Because Oregon K of C Charities is a 501 (c)3 entity, individuals and businesses may possibly deduct contributions on their Federal and State taxes. (please talk to a tax professional for verification). The world is a better place because of the Knights of Columbus and Oregon State K of C Charities.

Our current "Green Sheet" list the groups that we have contributed to the last few years. You may choose one of these or you can list General Fund.

There are several ways to donate:

- 1.) Fill out the Green Sheet and return it with a check made out to "Oregon State K of C Charities "
- 2.) Send the check directly to the Oregon State K of C Charities:  
State Charities Secretary Bob Adams, 2455 Fir St, North Bend, OR 97459.
- 3.) Visit the Charity web site at [www.oregonstatekofccharities.org](http://www.oregonstatekofccharities.org)

Sincerely,

Vivat Jesus!

Ray Prom IPSD Charities President

PH:503-440-2382

[promray58@gmail.com](mailto:promray58@gmail.com)





## FRATERNAL YEAR 2023-2024

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Council Number: \_\_\_\_\_

# CHARITABLE "GREEN SHEET"

\$ _____	<b>Oregon Homes for Unwed Mothers</b>	Help for the unwed mothers' homes in Gresham, Medford, Bend, & Baker City.
\$ _____	<b>KBVM Mater Dei Radio</b>	Support to help bring evangelization to the air waves
\$ _____	<b>General Fund</b>	The Board can choose to add support to those that are now listed. support to those that are now listed.
\$ _____	<b>Special Olympics</b>	Support of Special Olympics Oregon
\$ _____	<b>Ultrasound Initiatives</b>	This allows us to help fund ultrasound machines in pregnancy centers.
\$ _____	<b>Military Chaplain's Scholarship</b>	This fund helps support a need for Priests to become Chaplains in our armed forces.
\$ _____	<b>Diocesan Youth Programs</b>	Support Portland and Baker Diocese Youth Programs
\$ _____	<b>Baker Diocese Retreat Center</b>	Support the Baker Diocese Retreat Center
\$ _____	<b>Natural Disaster Assistance</b>	Assist Food Banks and Distribution Centers during natural Disaster
\$ _____	<b>Catholic School Assistance</b>	Assist Catholic based grade school, middle school and high schools in the state of Oregon. State Chaplain approved.
\$ _____	<b>Pre-Seminarian Program</b>	Assist Pre-Seminarian Program to help those who are entering the Seminary.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL GREEN SHEET CONTRIBUTIONS**



### State Youth Director (SYD) Report



George Murphy  
Youth Director

Worthy Brother Knights:

The State Convention is right around the corner.

Our youth activities program is coming to its annual summer break.

The last item before summer for us is our State Basketball Hoop Shoot Championship. It will be hosted by Holy Family Parish 7525 SE Cesar E Chavez Blvd Portland, OR 97202. Sign-in is at 12 noon, Tournament play starts at 12:30 PM Mar 16, 2024 for 9 year old Boys and Girls, all other age groups will follow. Remember, all participants must bring the original score sheet from their Council level event, and they must have completed 25 free throws in any district level competition.

Holy Family Parish will be hosting a fundraiser at the same time as our Championship. Their items will be for sale by their parish. (Also they will be collecting containers of coffee and jam/jelly for S.V.D.P. locally) please donate.

Good luck and prayers for every participant.

Any questions please give me a contact me. Thanks in advance .

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### Council In Action

On February 23rd and scheduled for March 15th **Council 17536 St. Rose of Lima** Catholic Church in NE Portland was asked if they could host a soup Supper before Stations of the Cross and Eucharist Adoration, which are held one after the other on all Friday evenings during Lent.

I can tell you that the first one on February 23rd was truly a great success.

We had a half a dozen Knights and their families attend as well as many other parishioners, probably about 25-30 people total. We had 3 soups to choose from and plenty of rolls.

As already noted, we have one more supper on March 15th. If you would like some soup for dinner on a Lenten Friday and to be with Jesus during Stations of The Cross & Eucharist Adoration, come to our supper as the door is open to all.

We are located at: 2727 NE 54th Ave, Portland, OR 97213

Grand Knight Kevin Seed  
Council 17536 St. Rose of Lima



**Council In Action**

By: Duane Kloser, PGK

The **Canby Knights of Columbus Council 3484** hosted their Charity Auction and Crab Dinner on February 24, 2024, at the Canby Fairgrounds, serving a fabulous crab and chicken cordon bleu dinner to 392 guests and workers.

Unlike 2022, we didn't have any local tragedies to use as our Special Appeal for 2024. Brother Knight Greg Perez learned of a non-profit organization in Canby, called Neurotherapeutic Pediatric Therapies that would be a great organization to support. After a couple of visits by our auction team, we made the decision to go with them.

"Neuro's" specialty is supporting children with developmental and behavioral disorders and delays, serving families by providing them with occupational, physical, mental health and speech therapy for children from birth to young adulthood. More than 50% of Neuro families are on Medicaid and/or are underinsured. Neuro is always working to remove the financial barriers to their care so all their clients can get the therapies they need, for as long as they are needed. Our guests opened their hearts to raise \$26,662 for this cause.

For Council 3484, this is our major fundraiser to support funding for our many local charities, scholarships for high school graduates and support for the religious education programs at St. Patrick's church, our parish picnic and the many other activities we support for our church and the community.

This event took many hours of preparation to make it happen, especially with the setup of 300 silent and oral auction items that could be viewed on the website prior to the event. We had more than 50 Brother Knights, Spouses, Parishioners and youth involved in the set up on Friday evening and the day of the event. Many thanks to the Youth Group who helped make this such a success.





## State Historian Report

### Rev. Edmund John Murnane 14<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> State Chaplain of Oregon 1937-39, 54-56



Edmund John Murnane was born June 21, 1896 in Portland, OR to Michael and Katherine Stack Murnane. He attended Jefferson High School.

Edmund attended Columbia University and St. Patrick Seminary in Menlo Park, CA. and was ordained as a priest in 1921 at St. Mary's Cathedral in Portland, OR. He was the last priest to be ordained by Archbishop Christie.

He served at parishes in Portland, Junction City, Harrisburg, North Bend, Reedsport, Corvallis and Astoria. Rev. Murnane was Pastor of St. Mary's in Eugene for 20 years 1950 to 1969. He established five Catholic churches, a Carmelite convent, and the Catholic Charities and St. Vincent de Paul social service agencies. He was also one of the organizers of an alcoholism and drug treatment center, Serenity Lane.

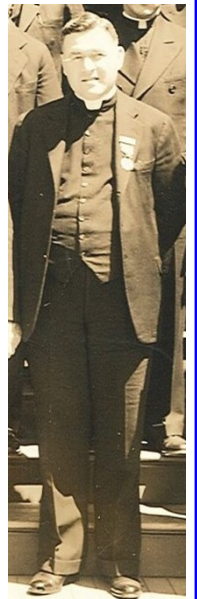
When he left St. Mary's, he moved to St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Veneta, OR. He served there until his retirement on Easter Sunday 1980.

In the early 1950's, Monsignor Murnane saw the need for the continued growth of Catholic secondary education in Lane County. He called on the Marist Brothers to oversee the construction of the new Marist High School.

On May 23, 1967, ground breaking ceremonies launched the construction of Marist High School. By September of 1968, on what just a few years previously had been 30 acres of lush Oregon farmland along the banks of the Willamette River, stood a spacious modern facility dedicated to the continuing Christian education of youth. Monsignor Murnane served as State Chaplain of Catholic Daughters and State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus 1937-39 and again 1954-56.

He was gifted with a booming voice, he was in great demand as an occasional speaker in the days when electronic amplification was not common.

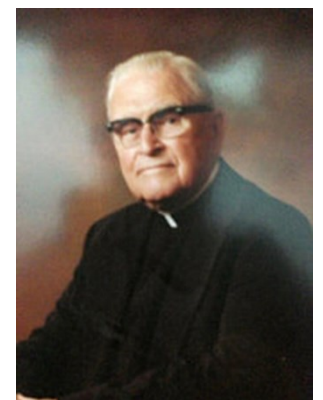
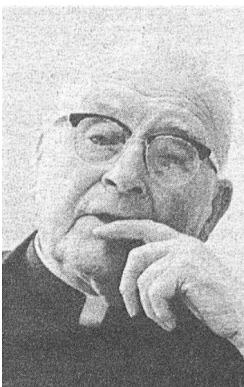
Monsignor Murnane was an avid book collector and had a 6,000 volume book library. He donated over 1,000 books to the "Monsignor Murnane Library" at Marist High School. He also loved to dance.



*"I was a waltzer and something of a ham", Monsignor Edmund J. Murnane, December, 16, 1983, Eugene, OR*



Monsignor Edmund John Murnane died May 29, 1987 in Maryville Catholic nursing home in Beaverton, OR. He is buried at the Mount Calvary Cemetery in Portland, OR.





**Council In Action**

**A St Vincent de Paul Breakfast at St Matthew**

**Hillsboro Council 1634** held a Breakfast fundraiser for St Vincent de Paul at St Matthew Parish Hall on Sunday February 25th.



**4th Degree Exemplification**

Sir Knights Duane Morris, George Murphy and Mark Busch from Council 1634 assisted with a 4th Degree Exemplification at St Anthony in Tigard on Saturday February 24th.



Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen.

**SICK AND DISTRESSED**

**Bob Puncochar**

**Darrel Mattoon**

**Bill Holmes**

**Mike Wanner's Father**

**Jim Perillo**

Council 1634 Hillsboro



*Let us pray:*

*O Heavenly Father, God of Love, You gave us Your Son Jesus to be not only Physician of our souls but also Healer of our bodies and minds. Lord Jesus, We turn to You in this time of illness. Please come to us now and lay Your healing hand on us and all who are in need of your Mercy. Let the warmth, peace and healing power of Your Spirit fill all of us now with Your life and love. We receive You, Lord Jesus!*

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Dennis Carroll**

Council 12656 Cedar Mill

**John O'Conner**

Council 9263 Salem

**Julius Knight**

Council 5511 Brookings

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**Let us keep in mind and prayers all those  
Brother Knights and/or members of  
Knights' families who have gone before us.**

*No member nor their  
family members  
should ever be forgotten.*



**Please direct your prayer requests to:**

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**We request you also pray for all Knights, their Families, friends and all of our Police, Firefighters, Servicemen and Servicewomen, our Veterans, Ambulance personnel, Chaplains, Nurses, Doctors, Care Givers and those who minister to the needs of others— please take time out to say: "Thank You So Very Much" for all that they do for all of us! Also remember those who have lost so much in the storms, wildfires, hurricanes, flooding, tornadoes and those whose lives have been lost and disrupted due to illness.**

**This we ask through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen!**







Abbot  
Jeremy Driscoll



Abbot Jeremy traveled to Rome in early February to participate in a plenary Assembly of the Dicastery for Divine Worship.

Those in attendance included cardinals, archbishops, and bishops from around the world. One of 3 main speakers at the plenaria, Abbot Jeremy spoke about the curriculum at Mount Angel Seminary, which is centered on Communion Ecclesiology and emphasizes the liturgical formation of seminarians. During their meeting, Pope Francis addressed the Dicastery for Divine Worship and greeted each participant individually.

The picture (below) shows the strong Benedictine influence at the plenaria. Left to right: Abbot Olivier-Marie Sarr, OSB, abbot of Keur Moussa (Senegal) and a former student of Abbot Jeremy's at Sant'Anselmo; Archbishop Aurelio Garcia Macias, under-secretary of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and professor at Sant'Anselmo; Abbot Jeremy; Cardinal Arthur Roche, prefect of the Dicastery for Divine Worship; Archbishop Vittorio Viola, OFM, secretary of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and professor at Sant'Anselmo; Fr. Bernhard Eckerstorfer, OSB, rector of Sant'Anselmo; and Fr. Pierangelo Muroli, professor at Sant'Anselmo.

While in Rome, Abbot Jeremy stayed at Sant'Anselmo, where he taught a semester each year for nearly two decades and spent time with Fr. Israel Sanchez, OSB, and Fr. Ephrem Martinez, OSB, two monks of Mount Angel who currently live at Sant'Anselmo while pursuing advanced degrees in theology. Fr. Israel is studying patristics at the Pontifical Institute Augustinianum, while Fr. Ephrem is studying spiritual theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University.



Abbot Jeremy also received honors from his alma mater, the Benedictine College of Sant'Anselmo, where Fr. Bernard A. Eckerstorfer, OSB (rector), granted him the honor and title of "Professor Emeritus" of the Faculty of Theology at Sant'Anselmo. On behalf of the Athenaeum's academic community, Fr. Bernard also bestowed on Abbot Jeremy the "Diploma of Merit," an honor given to those who have left a profound mark on the culture, research, and life of Sant'Anselmo and the life of the Church and the Benedictine Confederation. Abbot Jeremy responded, "I carry Sant'Anselmo in my heart. Upon returning here, I still find that peace that we breathe and that every student can breathe. It was a grace to study and then teach in a place like Sant'Anselmo."



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