

# The Cross and Compass

Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council #7528



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## From The Grand Knight

Well, we are two thirds of the way thru my term as Grand Knight of the Council and the many events that we have done has their own story. The Dinner for Seminarian Support is one of them, we just had that on the 8th of February and one of the 5 Seminararians we are supporting was raised right here in Federal Way and he is Michael Barbarossa who is currently attending Mundelein seminary in Chicago. Let me tell you a little about Michael, he is a life-long member of St. Vincent de Paul parish and a recent graduate of Kennedy Catholic High School. As an organist and pianist, he has served in music ministry both at his home parish and at Sts. Peter and Paul in Tacoma. Michael enjoys bicycling and hiking with his family, loves board games, and is an avid reader of classic mystery novels. He is so grateful for the support from his family and looks forward to priestly service, especially though the Eucharist.



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## Lecturer

### Facts, Myths and Maybes Part 4

This article continues the series about what we know or don't know about our Catholic faith. It explores topics from the book by John Deedy with the subtitle *Everything You Think You Know About Catholicism But Perhaps Don't*. We conclude our discussion of the section of the book on Worship.



**MYTH:** The permanent diaconate is an emergency response to the vocations crisis. The decision to restore the permanent diaconate stems from a recommendation of Vatican Council II when vocations were generally quite ample. It was not initiated as an emergency measure. Nor can it be viewed as a means toward a non-celibate priesthood, since deacons are forbidden to marry if not already married or remarry should they become widowers.

**TRUE:** Women once served as deacons in Catholic ministry. In Roman 16:1, Paul commends Phoebe "a deaconess of the church". Also, the widows spoken of in Timothy 5:3-10 were probably deaconesses. Further, the Apostolic Constitutions document contains a ritual for the ordination of women as deacons. Progress for the

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## PGK Corner (David Myers)

Success is achieved or lost, depending on how you see yourself.

### Where's the mirror?

Has anyone ever told you that it was wrong to feel proud of yourself, or to be too excited or happy? What's so bad about feeling good? Nothing at all, if you ask me. But there are some people who will try to get you to believe that you shouldn't be too happy.

They'll tell you things like, "Who are you to feel so good when there's so unrest going on," or "If you show too much happiness, sure enough something or somebody will knock you down." "My 401 K plan is up....is yours up too?" "I'm not convinced it's going to stay...I think it's short lived and we could lose it all." "don't know who to believe any more, you know the media and all these hearings." "I'm not sure we can maintain this terrific growth and employment, somethings gotta give." And guess what, more of the same unhappy non-encouraging words. How's that for people you want to hang out with? They'll say they're only telling you these things for your own good, and they'll try to make you feel guilty if things go too well for you. OH Boy.....see where I'm going?

Now, they're not lying to you. They really believe that what they are telling you is true. But it's important to remember that it's their truth, not the truth. Now, we all know how easy it is to allow the negative comments and stories to continue on their destructive journey.....all you have to say is "really, I didn't know that" .....or "are you kidding me, they did what....." And the details get better and the reputation diminishes. Unfortunately it happens.....we've all done it and we think back and realize what

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Another story is Marriage Renewal, what a great program this is, it's a weekend all about your marriage. The Knights were very blessed to be able to be a part of this glorious weekend retreat which is meant for all stages of marriage from newly wed to 50+ years. We provided breakfast on Saturday of the three-day retreat, also for the first time my wife and myself attended the event and I must say what an eye opening time it was, so I would like to say to every married couple out there. Give your marriage a gift... Give it Marriage Renewal, it comes around every year at our parish.

This takes us to our next story, Lent and the associated Fish Fry's. We are planning on having 6 fish fry's during the season of lent this year. This is a great time to come to the parish social hall and have some good fried fish and or salad, the first one will be February 28<sup>th</sup> and the last will be April 3<sup>rd</sup>. In the term 2019-2020 this council has had many stories such as these and I want to say we have endured and THANKS KNIGHTS of council #7528 for enduring with me these past 8 months and for the success we have had, as we look forward to the rest of the events for the remaining four months of my term and beyond. As Lent approaches we all need to be mindful of sacrifice and penance, as well as giving thanks to Jesus for all the great blessings he has given us, and these stories and events are a small way of giving back to the body of Christ which is the Church, which is all of us.

Vivat Jesus! Garnett Beadle GK

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involvement of women in ministry continued before being ruled by the Council of Nicaea of 325 that female deacons were not to be ranked as clergy. The Vatican's 1977 declaration that "a natural resemblance" between Christ and his minister must exist in the application of Holy Orders effectively ended the discussion, but did leave open "for the future" the question of women being ordained as deacons.

MYTH: A woman known as Pope Joan once served as pope. Supposedly a female curia notary disguised herself as a man worked her way into the cardinalate, then the papacy allegedly having succeeded Pope Victor III on his death in 1087. She was then exposed as a woman when she went into labor while mounting a horse. Another account has Pope Joan succeeding Leo IV and occupying the papacy from 855-858, and was discovered when she gave birth during a solemn procession from St. Peter's to the Lat-

eran. Paradoxically, the myth was exposed by a 16<sup>th</sup> century French Protestant named David Blondel.

False: It is a "mortal" sin to miss Mass on Sunday. For one thing, the church generally doesn't speak of "mortal" sin instead it uses the terms grave or serious sin. Dying in mortal sin meant automatic consignment of one's soul to Hell. Today the church does not speak in such apocalyptic term. Certainly, Catholic Christians from the earliest times kept Sundays holy out of respect for the Risen Christ. But for a thousand years there was no absolute requirement of Sunday Mass attendance. The Lateran Council imposed the obligation in the Middle Ages not just as a celebration of the Easter mystery but of hearing the Word of God. The Mass had become a teaching tool, and so remains. Furthermore, Canon 1247 of the new Code of Canon Law, the faithful are invited to participate in the Mass as a holy opportunity, a privilege, a setting for comfort and joy. Why not take advantage?

What about holydays? Holydays vary from country to country. Can be moved or dispensed with by Episcopal fiat. And is periodically the subject of debate. So the question arises as to whether Mass attendance can be made obligatory? Answer: Not persuasively so. However, given the opportunity to receive the Eucharist, listen to God speak to your heart, and experience comfort and joy; why not make the most of every opportunity.

False: Catholic Veneration of the Saints borders on idolatry. At least it shouldn't. Indeed the place of saints in Catholic devotion was thought so excessive by Reformers that it was jettisoned from Protestantism. However, it persisted even to the 20<sup>th</sup> century such that Vatican II urged "all concerned ... to restore all things to a more ample praise of Christ and of God." Church law specifically reserves adoration to God. *Latria* or "supreme worship" it is called. Saints are to be honored or venerated known as *duria* from the ancient Latin word for service or work done.

The actual demythologizing of saints may be traced to April 18, 1861 when the Congregation of Rites dropped Philomena from the roll of saints due to lack of evidence there ever was such a person, but was the sheer invention of a parish priest. However, churches and shrines dedicated to Philomena were allowed to remain, much to the relief of our neighboring parish I am sure. Subsequent actions after Vatican removed other "saints" of dubious validity from the liturgical calendar including Christopher and Valentine.

Not Quite: Indulgences are like double value food coupons. A vast theology once surrounded indulgences well into the 20<sup>th</sup> century. By the time Vatican II came along there was considerable sentiment to drop indulgences entirely. Although that did not happen, in 1967 Paul IV issued an apostolic constitution, "The Doctrine of Indulgences" which was a complete restatement of what indulgences were all about. Faithful whom perform a specific act for which a "partial indulgence is attached" receive not only remission of an offense stemming from performing the action itself, but also an equal remission from the church itself. As the New Catholic Encyclopedia whimsically suggest, it is more of a "matching grant" than a "double value coupon".

Half True: Angels are a large part of biblical history and also of the continuing Catholic consciousness. Though biblical history is re-

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we should have said or done....."please, you're talking about that person and I don't want to hear that." "If you are going to say something that is hurtful....please don't." But, that takes courage....you may not be popular. It takes guts to say "I'm not going to participate in this conversation. It's not productive." Who cares? You will. Besides I want to suggest to you that it's a good idea to avoid people who try to rain on your parade. Are they helping you?

I'm reminded of a heartwarming story told by a young girl about her kind and devoted father and the lesson he taught her about showing compassion and love. It's a great message .....here goes. Have you ever had breakfast for dinner? Well, when this young girl was about 10 or 11, she remembered one night in particular when Mom had made breakfast after a long, hard day at work. On that evening so long ago, her Mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage and extremely burnt toast in front of her Dad and she remembered waiting to see if anyone noticed! Yet all her Dad did was reach for his toast, smile at her Mom thanked her and asked how his precious little girl's day at school had been. She couldn't remember what she told him that night, but she did remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that toast and eat every bite! When she got up from the table that evening, she remembered hearing her Mom apologize to her Dad for burning the toast. And she never forgot what he said: "Honey, I love burnt toast."

Later that night, she went to kiss her Daddy good night and she asked him if he really liked his toast burnt. He wrapped her in his arms and said, "Your Momma put in a hard day at work today and she's real tired. And besides - a little burnt toast never hurt anyone!" What a lesson! How many Dads' would have said something different?

You know, life is full of imperfect things.....and imperfect people. What I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each other's faults - and choosing to celebrate each other's differences - is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship. And that's my hope for you today. That you will learn to take the good, the bad, and the ugly parts of your life and turn it over to God. Because in the end, He's the only One who will be able to give you a relationship where burnt toast isn't a deal-breaker! So, when someone says "things aren't going well and times are tough.....did you hear about....." Think about the wonderful Dad that could have said "lots of stuff" but chose to use sweet words.

You don't have to live in a perfect world or be a perfect person to be happy. The time to be happy is now.....the place to be happy is here. And the reasons to be happy are all around you, if you will only look for them. Happiness is a choice you make, not something that happens to you. When you choose to be happy, you become a light in the world and a source of comfort and inspiration. We don't pay our entertainers and comedians as well as we do for nothing. Smile and laughter make us feel good, and feeling good is good for us.

What's so good about feeling bad? Not a single thing I can think of. So why not choose happiness for yourself, and why not start today? Remember, it's in your hands.

David Myers, PGK.

## Next Business Meeting!

Brother Knights,

Please be sure to join us for our next general meeting on Tuesday, March 3rd at 7:00 in the Narthex.

## Good of The Order

Good of the Order St. Joseph Council #7528 January/February, 2020

The following is a list of those Brother Knights or family members who are sick or in distress:

Pete Anderson, Sharon Beadle wife of GK  
Linda Doherty, Maureen Fay wife of Mike Fay  
Margie Fredrickson wife of Gary Fredrickson  
Mary Garcia wife of Ray Garcia, Peggy Horner and Ralph Horner  
Joe Jarrell, father of Randall Jarrell, Kathy Koch wife of Jerry Koch  
Jeff Markwith, Romeo Mayor, Joe Martinez  
Larry and Ann Neville, Ralph Osman, Joe & Robin Penwell  
Joey Romero Family, Jim Roten, Mike Rutland Jr.  
Paul Savino, Dean Smith, Cindi Vicars widow of Greg Vicars  
Boyd Wilton, Jim Yokum, Jim Philomeno brother of Tim

Pray for our soldiers and first responders (Police and Fire) as they perform their duties protecting us.

Pray for the Church, Priests and religious that the Holy Spirit helps them to bring us His true word and when we hear it keep it in our daily lives.

Pray for the widows and widowers of the Council that the Holy Spirit descend upon them and bring them comfort and healing.

Pray for Our Country and leaders that the Holy Spirit descend upon us and lead us back to One Nation Under God for without Him we will not survive as a nation.

## The Agent's Corner – Mike Rutland

My brothers, I pose this question to you: Are we a Fraternal Society that happens to sell insurance or are we an insurance company that just happens to be a fraternal society?

This a question that has been the source of debate and consternation over the years. I say the latter is true. I say this not because I'm a field agent, but because that was the vision of Father McGivney. To gain insight into his thoughts, one only need look at some of his own writings as cited on the Knights of Columbus website.

In a letter to his fellow Connecticut parish priests in April 1882 Father McGivney writes "Our primary object in founding this order is to prevent people from entering *Secret Societies*, by offering the same, if not better, advantages to our members. Secondly, to unite the men of our Faith throughout the diocese of Hartford, that we may thereby gain strength to aid each other in time of sickness; to *provide* for decent burial, and to render pecuniary assistance to the families of deceased members."

In August of 1883 in a letter to the Connecticut Catholic, Fr. McGivney writes "We have set the wheel in motion, and with willing cooperation in a work that tends so much to our own welfare, we venture to say that soon, very soon, the Order of the Knights of Columbus will hold a prominent place among the best Catholic cooperative corporations in the Union. ... 'Unity and Charity' is our motto. Unity in order

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### Birthdays and Anniversaries!

Member's Birthdays		Member's Birthdays cont'd	
3rd	Steven Gentry	28th	Alejandro Paves
3rd	Gerald Wilson	31th	William Herbert
4th	Jeffrey Burgess	Member's Wife's Birthdays	
6th	Kevin Fleming	1st	Yong Ruiz
7th	Matthew Tavares	1st	Margie Fredrickson
8th	Gary Hunter	4th	Ifeoma Chiedu
12th	Lou Soros	6th	Jean Duran
13th	Theodore Colby	7th	Shirley Hemmer
15th	Robert Bowell	8th	Paula Mayfield
16th	Dennis Kamau	19th	Cindy Amato
18th	Adrian Ryder	20th	Heidi Colby
18th	Jeffrey Lee	27th	Marilyn Courtney
18th	Martin Moore	28th	Judy Gonzalez
20th	Ken Landreth	28th	Helen Rabara
20th	Frank Spicer	Anniversaries	
21th	Thomas Vandenberg	19th	Thomas and Barbara Skoda
22th	Samuel Schroeder	25th	Randall and Jovita Jarrell
23th	Mark McGregor	30th	Henry and Rosita Anusiem
24th	Scott Baukol	31th	Tony and Carol Robinson

Don't see your Birthday or Anniversary? Send the dates to our FS, Joe Krick [fs@kofc7528.org](mailto:fs@kofc7528.org), he will update our database and next time, you will be included.

### Nativity House!

Come help feed the homeless Saturday March 21st. Everyone will be meeting in the church parking lot at 7:45 and leaving promptly at 8AM. From there everyone will be heading to the Tacoma Nativity House to feed the homeless pancakes and sausage! This is a great opportunity to help those in need!

Contact Ted Colby at [nhb@kofc7528.org](mailto:nhb@kofc7528.org) for any additional information.

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plete with stories of angels in the Old and New Testament, they are also prevalent in Catholic tradition. St. Jerome proposed that every person had his or her angel from birth. "The dignity of the soul is that great" he argued. This led to the concept of "guardian angels". Though never established as dogma by the church, in 1608 Paul V instituted the Feast of Guardian Angels which is listed on the liturgical calendar on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Today, however, the notion of angels belongs more to symbolic imagery than theological reality. The New Catholic Encyclopedia cautions that two extremes are to be avoided. "On the one hand, not everything that is therein contained can be taken as fact, because much of it belongs to the philosophy of life in antiquity and must be discarded; so too, the existence and efficacy of angels cannot be denied out of hand, simply because it is possible today, ... to explain by natural causes what was once attributed to angels". However, the New Catholic Encyclopedia rightly or wrongly relegates the existence of angels "to the sphere of legend, fairy tale and child's fantasy".

Not Necessarily: If the existence of angels is doubtful then so must be the existence of the devil. How else to we explain the evil in the world if we have an infinitely good God? Or is God an "imperfect" God such that evil triumphs at times over the good. The bible says that Satan was conquered and fell from the sky (Luke 10:18). Yet evil persists in the hearts of men. There is no good answer. Speaking for myself, evil to me is a consequence of our free will and our own imperfection. Evil is in various degrees a reflection of our looking out for our own interests rather than God's wish for us.

False: The fourteen Stations of the Cross are etched in stone. The stations are a devotion of the Middle Ages and ranged in number from 5 to 37. It was not until 1731 under the reign of Clement XII that then number was fixed at 14. In the 1960s it became practice in some places to add a fifteenth station representing the resurrection. In 1991 Pope John Paul II introduced an extensive revision which eliminated all stations not mentioned in the New Testament: Veronica wiping the face of Jesus, the three falls and the meeting with his mother. The number remained at 14 however. Since the Stations of the Cross do not belong to dogma, both the new and old formats are acceptable.

Fact: New liturgical emphases have virtually eliminated the color black from the church's color charts. Traditionally the color of mourning black has been largely displaced. The liturgical colors and their symbolism are: White – the color of purity and joy. Used on Christmas and Easter, feast days nad commemorations of Mary, angels, saints who are not martyrs and at funerals; Violet – the penitential color for Advent and Lent; Green – the color of hope and growth used during the liturgical period known as Ordinary Time; Red – the color of fire and blood used during feasts of the Apostles and martyrs and feasts associated with the passion and death of Christ including Pentecost and Good Friday; Rose – the color of joy anticipated used on Gaudete Sunday (third Sunday of Advent), and Laetere Sunday (fourth Sunday of Lent).

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to gain strength to be charitable to each other in benevolence whilst we live and in bestowing financial aid to those whom we have to mourn our loss."

In another article in the Connecticut Catholic, May of 1885, in response to clergy concerns he writes, "The Order of the Knights of Columbus is the same now as when first instituted. viz.: It is an Order composed of Catholics and instituted for the welfare of Catholic families. ... Not only in sickness, but when death takes the support of the family away, the Knights of Columbus comes to the relief of the widow and the orphan in a very substantial manner."

I believe the evidence of his own words speak for themselves. While the fraternal side of the Knights of Columbus has grown and flourished over the last 138 years, it is Fr. McGivney's vision of financial aid to the widows and orphans that will always remain the bastion of our honored Order. Call me at 206-419-8120 and let's sit down and discuss your family's protection plan.

#### Knight of the Month

Mike Fay

#### Family of the Month

Victor and Marcia Ducusin

#### Meeting Raffle

Each meeting, we draw a member's name for a chance to win the Meeting Raffle. We start the year with \$25.00 and add \$5.00 each month that there is no winner. You MUST be present to win.

Jim Roten—Warden

## Upcoming Events!

March		April	
3rd	General Meeting, 7:00pm Narthex	7th	General Meeting, 7:00pm Narthex
6th	2nd Fish Fry - 5:00pm	6th	6th Fish Fry - 5:00pm
13th	3rd Fish Fry - 5:00pm	18th	Nativity House
17th	Planning Meeting/1st Degree	18th	Culture of Life Dinner
20th	4th Fish Fry - 5:00pm	21st	Planning Meeting/1st Degree
21st	Nativity House	23rd	Council Parish Rosary
27th	5th Fish Fry - 5:00pm		

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