

Knights of Columbus

St. John the Divine, Council 11053
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Since the year 431, on January 1st we honour Mary not only as the Mother of Jesus, but also as the Mother of God, our Church and our Faith.

January 2014

Chaplain's Message

Since Father Pio is getting some much needed rest,

Text of Bishop Fabbro's Christmas message



Some parishes have requested the text to Bishop Fabbro's Christmas message to include in their bulletins.

I am very pleased to offer you my Christmas greetings.

A familiar display in many of our homes and parishes at Christmas is the nativity scene, the crèche. Parents like to bring their children to the crèche; to explain how Jesus was born in a manger, to tell them about Mary and Joseph, the animals, the shepherds, the magi. It is deeply moving to see little children at the crèche, filled with wonder and awe.

When we reflect on the Christmas story, we are struck by the humility and courage of Mary and Joseph. They knew the reality of poverty firsthand. They knew the fear of being hunted by enemies, of being strangers in a foreign land, of being refugees in Egypt.

Their story moves all of us. It helps us appreciate the plight of the thousands of refugees and immigrants who our coming to Canada to find a safe home. Like the Holy Family, they feel the uncertainty and vulnerability of being displaced from their homes. We need to welcome them to our country, reach out to them and support them.

Opening our hearts to Jesus, who was born in such humble circumstances, surely means that we have to open our hearts: to pregnant women who feel all alone; to the unborn who are victims of abortion; to the many people in our communities who are dependent on soup kitchens and food banks; to the poor, the homeless, those suffering with addictions and mental illnesses, who live among us.

Just a few weeks ago Pope Francis, our Holy Father, published an Exhortation, "The Joy of the Gospel". He begins this Exhortation by speaking of the dangers of living in a society pervaded by consumerism. Such an attachment to material goods hardens our hearts. We can turn in on ourselves, on our own interests and concerns, and leave no place for the poor and needy around us. When that happens, there is no place for God in our lives. The Pope encourages us to experience Jesus in our lives and the joy that he brings us.

At Christmas, God comes to us as a Child. He comes to us poor and defenseless, dependent on Mary and Joseph. Jesus' birth invites us to open our hearts to him to welcome him into our lives, with the heart of a child, recognizing that we are totally dependent on him. The love and joy that this encounter with Jesus brings us enables us to welcome others into our lives, especially the poor, the needy, and the vulnerable.

Christmas is a special time to be with our families and friends. Many will come to our churches. I invite you to join us in our parish churches - to experience the wonder and awe as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. I extend to you my heartfelt wishes for a blessed Christmas. May you experience the joy and peace that our Savior brings us.

Grand Knight's Message

To My Brother Knights,

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you and your families a Happy, Healthy and Holy New Year.

As we wind down from all of our 2013 activities, we look forward to completing 2013 tasks, but identifying new opportunities where we can make a difference in 2014.

One program has been a huge success is the Ronald McDonald house dinners that we have prepared for the families staying at the home while their children seek hospital care. This type of initiative make us feel good about the types of programs we can provide to the community As we find ourselves moving forward into 2014, the was

Our monthly Friday night Roast beef dinners continue to be a success however more effort in selling tickets needs to be done therefore effective January 2014, there will be a phone committee which has been set up and is ready to make those important calls in order to increase our numbers. This phone committee was a success with the turkey dinner we had prior to Christmas in which we fed over 160 people. So when you receive that phone call from the committee please commit to attend the Roast Beef dinner and be sure to bring your friends.

Since there is no pasta dinner in May we have confirmed that the last Friday of the month is now booked for one of our meals. I would challenge the council in coming up with a theme night such as Musical entertainment, foods from around the world etc. The possibility of presenting local talent from our parish family could prove to be most gratifying.

The annual free throw event on January 24, 2014 is fast approaching and I am pleased to advise you all that we have again this year increased our school base from 4 to 5 and possibly 8 schools. This event is a main stay within our council and demands at least 9 members coupled with 2 wives to handle the admin work.

In closing, I look forward with confidence continuing to work with both the council, our St John the Divine. Further I want to thank each of the executive members for their outstanding contribution, and I look forward to a successful 2014.

Vivat Jesus

Gary Pullam G.K.

Financial Secretary Reminders and Reports:

Happy New Year to all Brothers.

By now, most of the Brothers should have received their Membership Card for 2014. Please remember to sign your card and bring the card to the General meetings to indicate that you are up to date in your dues.

For the Brothers who still have outstanding dues, you will be receiving a second notice shortly and the annual dues are now \$50. As well if there is any type of hardship or disability, please contact me as this is never a reason to not partake in the Knights of Columbus.

Please find attached to the Newsletter our financial report for the month of December 2013 as well as a notice for the next Men of Faith Conference. The Conference will be on January 25, 2014 and registration can be mailed in or can be completed online at www.famfi.ca.

Reflection and Prayer:

Prayers for Vocations

Father, we're your people, the work of your hands. So precious are we in your sight that you sent your Son, Jesus. Jesus calls us to heal the broken-hearted, to dry the tears of those who mourn, to give hope to those who despair, and to rejoice in your steadfast love. We, the baptized, realize our call to serve. Help us to know how. Call forth from among us priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers. With our hearts you continue to love your people. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Birthdays

James Keaney 01-10-1935

William P Grenier 01-11-1944

Jonathan D Goldenberg 01-21-1982

Ian A Brennan 01-22-1956

William A Matheson 01-22-1937

Michael L Chretien 01-29-1970

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Our next General meeting is January 14, 2014 at 7:30pm following Mass. Refreshments are to follow afterwards.

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