



# The Voyager



October 2008

Newsletter of Immaculate Lady Council 5208, Glyndon, Maryland

Vivat Jesus

## Grand Knight Report

The Columbus Day Parade is **Sunday, October 12, 2008**. I will be providing limousine transportation to and from the parade site. **(Yes, I will have 3 limos on hand.)** We will meet at 10:00am on the school side parking lot and leave by 10:15am.

Please don't forget, I'm looking for more brother knights and their wives to attend The Columbus Day Ball. The Ball is Saturday, October 11, 2008 7:30pm to 12:30pm. The location is the LaFontaine Bleu, Glen Burnie, Maryland. The tickets are \$42.50 per person. Contact Dino at 443-220-6988 for more details.

**Our Knight of the Month** is Chuck Pearson. The Family of the Month is Mark Crist and Wife. Mark has continued to support and maintain the communication that is so vital in the council. **Great work Mark!**

## Membership

October 1, 2008 is our first degree. Please wear your sports coat and tie. We currently have five, maybe six new members coming into our council. We need you all there to support them. Remember the Star Council Award requires 14 new Knights this year. Our Council's goal however is 40 new members. Every officer and Program chairman should bring in one new member each. Remember to keep a form 100 with you at all times.

## Church

Thanks to all the brother knights who helped with the set up, grilling and clean up for the Sacred Heart parish picnic and Ministry fair.

## Youth

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## Chaplain's Report...

As we enter the month of October, we are reminded that it is the month of the Holy Rosary. Our Lady and her rosary are important to us as Knights. As we enter our Order, we are given a rosary and admonished to pray it often. Devotion to our Lady and praying her rosary are trademark characteristics of a Knight. We often open our meetings with the rosary, and in earnest prayer for our deceased brothers, we gather to recite it at their funerals. In our Council dedicated to the *Immaculate Lady* who is our mother, a small but growing group of Brothers gathers before our meetings to pray the rosary together.

The rosary is a beautiful prayer, but not necessarily an easy prayer. In that respect, it is like all prayer. Prayer is not easy; it requires time and effort, but nothing could ever be more rewarding.

For us as Catholics, the most perfect prayer is the Mass in which we gather with our priest around the altar to celebrate and actually experience what Jesus has done for us in offering himself to the Father for the salvation of the world. We are not just spectators, but true participants even to the extent of sharing in the banquet of Christ's body and blood.

But our participation in the great drama of the Mass should result in our being people of prayer. Our lives should be a prayer that continues our participation in the Mass. The hours of our day should be punctuated with intentional pauses in which we step aside and pray. How wonderful it would be if the rosary would be one of those prayerful times in our day! How wonderful it would be if we could commit ourselves to honoring Our Lady, seeking her assistance with all of our concerns, and growing in our appreciation of our faith by contemplating the mysteries as we say the prayers.

It is not easy, and it requires discipline. But we are men, and we are Knights. Nothing that is so worthwhile should ever stop us because it is difficult and requires a commitment. So let us pray the rosary; privately, together, and with our families; and as we pray, let us remember our Brothers and all people who need our prayers and our Lady's concerns that the world for which her Son died on the cross will be converted from sin so that God's peace can reign and put an end to all wars, all evil. Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,  
Deacon Jim Ryan, Associate Chaplain

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Dave Coyne said to mark your calendar for the week-end of October 24 thur 26 (Projected Dates) for the **Tootsie Roll Drive**. Details will follow at our next meeting

*Vivat Jesus!*

Arthur Dino Grier, GK

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**The Immaculate Lady Council #5208  
Knights of Columbus  
Glyndon, MD**

### **Elected Officers**

Grand Knight	Dino Grier	443.220.6988
Deputy Grand Knight		
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**Deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month**  
**No exceptions**

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# Catechism

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Who is the most important person in your life? Your wife, your husband, or your children? **It should be God!!!** The love of God should be the first priority on our life, followed by the love of our neighbor. This is a very counter cultural belief. We all love our families, but we are brought up to think and rely primarily on ourselves. It is the American way, the self made man - you can be whatever you want to be. The emphasis is on me. There is a lot of ego and pride in that kind of thinking. We should be relying on God; loving Him with all our hearts and souls and trusting completely in Him. We should be praying to Him every day for guidance.

Here are a few paragraphs from the Catechism regarding God's priority in our lives.

**2083** Jesus summed up man's duties toward God in this saying: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This immediately echoes the solemn call: "Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God is one LORD."

God has loved us first. The love of the One God is recalled in the first of the "ten words." The commandments then make explicit the response of love that man is called to give to his God.

**1823** Jesus makes charity the *new commandment*. By loving his own "to the end," he makes manifest the Father's love which he receives. By loving one another, the disciples imitate the love of Jesus which they themselves receive. Whence Jesus says: "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you; abide in my love." And again: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

**226** *It means making good use of created things:* faith in God, the only One, leads us to use everything that is not God only insofar as it brings us closer to him, and to detach ourselves from it insofar as it turns us away from him:

My Lord and my God, take from me everything that distances me from you.

My Lord and my God, give me everything that brings me closer to you.

My Lord and my God, detach me from myself to give my all to you.

**227** *It means trusting God in every circumstance,* even in adversity. A prayer of St. Teresa of Jesus wonderfully expresses this trust:

Let nothing trouble you / Let nothing frighten you

Everything passes / God never changes

Patience / Obtains all

Whoever has God / Wants for nothing

God alone is enough.

## Ministry Trip to Mexico

Deacon Jim Ryan has been invited by a brother deacon, Deacon Al Kosla, to join a group from Our Lady of the Fields in a ministry trip to Guaymas, Mexico. The group from OLOF will probably consist of about 10 high school teens and 10 adults. From November 22 thru December 2, they will be visiting, doing work projects, and ministering to the people served by the Casa Franciscana Outreach, a Francisco Mission in that area. Our Lady of the Fields is financing the trip, but each participant is encouraged to raise funds to help defray the costs which are about \$600 per person. Deacon Jim is hoping that the Council can contribute

## Council Annual Memorial Mass

Please join us on Wednesday, November 19 as we honor the memories of our departed Brother Knights at our Annual Memorial Mass.

The Mass will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be followed by a reception in the West Room. This is a very important, if not the most important event of the year, and I ask you to please make a special effort to attend, if at all possible, so that we may honor not only our departed Brother Knights, but also their spouses and families. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact:

Stan LaSov (410) 526-4105 or Craig Roe (410) 581-8745

We look forward to seeing you on November 19 !

## PRO LIFE REPORT

The Respect Life Committee is having a Mass said in early October for anyone who has lost a child. Check the bulletin for details.

Remember the Pro Life March in January. We Knights help pay for the buses so we should be helping to fill them to support Pro Life. The March is interesting and involves many people from all over the country, some from as far away as Kansas. It keeps showing that there are a very large number on Americans don't agree with abortion. The media ignores the March – the coverage they give it is minimal – and if the same amount of people showed up for any liberal cause, the papers and TV would give it the front page. To appreciate how many people are there you have to go to a March – I think it is over a 100,000.

Linda Brenegan is the director for the Archdiocesan Respect Life Committee and she is very involved sending out e-mails on Pro Life activities in the area. Linda Brenegan has no telephone number that I am aware of for calling her.

The Maryland Right to Life is another group active in the area. They have no newsletters but have a lot of Pro Life information on their web site. They also have a number of active chapters though out Maryland. Their phone number is 410 269 6397.

I won't repeat the Pregnancy Center information. Call me if you need it.

### Vigils

Still being held at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center once a month and here in Owings Mills every Saturday.

### Activities

“40 Days of Life” is a program set up to get people to pray each day for 40 consecutive days, and if it is possible, to go to an abortion facility to pray. You can also stay at home and pray for an hour or whatever time you have available. This is a national event and is based on the 40 days of Lent.

There will also be the 17<sup>th</sup> annual “Carroll County Chain for Life”. The nearest one will be in Westminster near St. John's at the intersection of Sullivan Rd and 140. They will hand out Pro Life signs to hold which will have no graphic depictions of aborted babies. The people stand alongside of Rt. 140 for an hour and pray individually to end abortion. It is scheduled for Oct. 5 rain or shine, from 3:30 till 4:30. For more information you can contact Maria Decesare at 410 848 0716

Bob Wagner

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Statement of the U.S. Bishops:

Bishops respond to House Speaker  
Pelosis misrepresentation of Church  
teaching against abortion

WASHINGTON--Cardinal Justin Rigali, chairman of the U.S. Bishops Committee for Pro-Life Activities, and Bishop William E. Lori, chairman of the U.S. Bishops Committee on Doctrine, have issued the following statement:

**In the course of a Meet the Press interview on abortion and other public**

issues on August 24, 2008, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi misrepresented the history and nature of the authentic teaching of the Catholic Church against abortion.

The Church has always taught that human life deserves respect from its very beginning and that procured abortion is a grave moral evil. In the Middle Ages, uninformed and inadequate theories about embryology led some theologians to speculate that specifically human life capable of receiving an immortal soul may not exist until a few weeks into pregnancy. While in canon law these theories led to a distinction in penalties between very early and later abortions, the Church's moral teaching never justified or permitted abortion at any stage of development.

These mistaken biological theories became obsolete over 150 years ago when scientists discovered that a new human individual comes into being from the union of sperm and egg at fertilization. In keeping with this modern understanding, the Church has long taught that from the time of conception (fertilization), each member of the human species must be given the full respect due to a human person, beginning with respect for the fundamental right to life.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law (No.2271).

Because some public figures have denied this claim, it is worth reviewing the facts:

- From earliest times, Christians sharply distinguished themselves from the surrounding pagan culture by rejecting abortion and infanticide.

The earliest widely used documents of Christian teaching and practice after the New Testament, the Didache (Teaching of the Twelve Apostles) and Letter of Barnabas, condemned both practices, as did the early Church councils.

## Lawrence P. Grayson

### The Public Rosary – A Prayer of Proven Might

The Rosary is a powerful prayer that has proven to be effective numerous times throughout history. Our Lady has often interceded with Our Lord to alter the course of events when people have asked for her assistance through this invocation. One of the earliest, history-altering incidents affected by the Rosary occurred on October 7, 1571. The Mohammedan Ottoman Empire, which then was at the peak of its naval power and threatening to overrun Christian Europe, sent a fleet of some 300 galleys into the Gulf of Lepanto. A smaller fleet of about 200 galleys was formed in defense. In the weeks preceding their engagement, Pope Pius V had ordered all churches and monasteries to offer the Forty Hours Devotion, with public processions and recitation of the Rosary for a Christian victory. The resulting battle was decisive, as the invaders lost some 25,000 men and most of their ships. Never again was the Ottoman Empire a threat in the Mediterranean Sea. The Venetian Senate declared that it was not the might of arms that brought victory, but the Blessed Virgin's intercession. In thanksgiving, the Pope designated October 7 as the Feast of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary..

On August 6, 1945, Enola Gay dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, the world's first use of this horrendous weapon. For miles in every direction buildings were leveled, people were burned beyond recognition, and bodies littered the streets. Eight blocks from the epicenter was the Church of Our Lady's Assumption, with an adjoining residence where eight Jesuits missionaries from Germany lived. The Church was severely damaged by the blast, but the residence was intact. Although some 50,000 people were killed by the blast and another 20,000 died soon after from radiation exposure, the priests were unharmed. None suffered radiation sickness, blistering from the heat, loss of hearing, or other bomb-related illness, and all lived for several more decades. Fr. Hubert Schiffer, one of the survivors, attributed the miracle to the group's devotion to the Blessed Mother and their faithfulness in praying the Rosary every day.

At the end of World War II, Austria, a country strategically located between East and West, was divided among the victorious allies. Soviet Russia took the most important quarter, which included Vienna, and subjected it to the oppression of Communism. Fr. Petrus Pevlicek, obeying a voice he heard at a Marian Shrine, founded the Holy Rosary Atonement Crusade in 1947 to pray for thee nation's freedom. The faithful began saying the Rosary almost continuously, and on the 13<sup>th</sup> of each month paraded through the streets praying to Our Lady of Fatima for independence. The marchers grew in number, reaching in 1955 about 500,000 people, one tenth the population of Austria. Then, on May 13, 1955, the anniversary of the first apparition of Our Lady at Fatima, the Russians unexpectedly withdrew. Inspired by Austria's independence, Hungary, in October 1956, demanded similar freedom from the Soviets. Instead of prayer, however, Hungary relied on tens of thousands of Freedom Fighters and mass demonstrations. In less than three weeks, the Soviets suppressed all public opposition. The Rosary succeeded, while reliance on arms failed.

When Nikita Khrushchev visited the United Nations in October, 1960, he pounded the desk with his shoe shouting that the Soviets "would bury" America. This was no idle threat, as the Soviets were completing development of the R-16 Inter Continental Ballistic Missile. Pope John XXIII instructed the Bishop of Leiria (whose see includes Fatima) to write to the bishops of the world, asking them to unite with the pilgrims of Fatima on the night of October 12, 1960, in prayer and penance for Russia's conversion and world peace. That evening, about a million pilgrims at Fatima spent the night outdoors in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and some 300 dioceses throughout the world joined with them. On October 26, as the final test launch was in progress, the ICBM exploded killing some 250 people, including the commander of the Russian Strategic Missile Forces and the chief designer of the R-16, setting the Russian nuclear missile program back many years. Again, the Rosary prevailed.

On March 1, 2008, a crisis between Colombia and its neighboring states, Ecuador and Venezuela arose. The President of Columbia had ordered a military raid into Ecuador's territory against a rebel camp used by Marxist guerrillas to launch terrorist strikes. In response, Ecuador's President cut all diplomatic relationships with Colombia, while Venezuela, Ecuador's political ally, ordered a massive military surge to the Colombian border. On March 5, as tensions increased, Columbia's President invited all officials to pray the Rosary in the chapel at the Presidential Palace. It was offered to Our Lady of Chiquinquirá, Our Lady of Coromoto and Our Lady of Mercy, respectively the patronesses of Colombia, Venezuela and Ecuador. Two days later, Columbia's President apologized and the presidents of the three countries shook hands ending the crisis.

<b>October</b>				
Tootsie Roll Drive	TBD		Dave Coyne	
Knights of Columbus meeting	10/1/2008	Sacred Heart	Dino Grier	dinoadg1@verizon.net
CCT	10/6/2008	Sacred Heart		
Catholic Conference on Medicine & Ethics	10/8/2008	Hyatt Regency (Balt)		<a href="http://www.cathmed.org">www.cathmed.org</a>
Knights of Columbus meeting	10/15/2008	Sacred Heart	Dino Grier	dinoadg1@verizon.net
CCT	10/20/2008	Sacred Heart		