



The Voyager



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Vivat Jesus

Chaplain's Report...

In St. John's gospel (3:16) we read: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life." We have heard this verse many times. We have even seen it referenced on signs held up at sport events, which read: JOHN 3:16.

It is one of the many clear statements in the Bible of the great and incomprehensible love that God has for us. We are his humble creatures. We have offended Him by our personal sins, and we participate in Original Sin, the sin and sinfulness of the human race passed on through the ages from one generation to the next. Despite all of this, God has sent His Son among us to save us and give us life. In *1 John 4:10*, we are reminded: "In this is *love*, not that we have loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son in expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God has loved us, *we also must love one another.*"

God has given us so much, in fact, all that we have and all that we are; and in our hearts by faith, we have the sure hope of eternal life. Our membership in the Knights is one of the ways in which we can give back to God. By serving our brother knights in fellowship and by reaching out with them to the world around us, we respond to God's love and we fulfill our Lord's command to love one another.

As we enter into fall and the more active time in our council and church, we have an opportunity to show our gratitude to God by our participation in the work and programs of our council and our parishes. May God guide us and bless us in this work, and may he shower his grace upon all of us in Immaculate Lady Council as, under the patronage of Our Lady, we strive to make a difference for Christ in a world that so desperately needs God's love and peace. *Vivat Jesus!*

Fraternally,

Deacon Jim Ryan
Associate Chaplain

Catechism

REFLECTION

Today we will discuss our Faith. It is a great gift from God to us, but we must use it and make it a part of our life. We must make it a priority to know our Faith, or we will be easily led astray. Especially in the world we live in where there are temptations of every kind wrapped nicely by the Devil to let us think there is nothing sinful about abortion or contraception or woman priests or the practice of homosexuality to name only a few. The Devil can easily justify sin as he always has. It is up to us to know our Faith so we can recognize right for wrong. We will not learn anything about our Faith unless we go out of our way to do it. We can buy a Catechism which is a good start, but we have to read it. There are also a lot of Catholic web sites and magazines and periodicals available to read. But be careful, because these can also be giving you false truths.

Here are a few paragraphs from the Catechism dealing with Faith.
162 Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to man. We can lose this priceless gift, as St. Paul indicated to St. Timothy: "Wage the good warfare, holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting conscience, certain persons have made shipwreck of their faith." To live, grow and persevere in the faith until the end we must nourish it with the word of God; we must beg the Lord to increase our faith; it must be "working through charity," abounding in hope, and rooted in the faith of the Church.

2087 Our moral life has its source in faith in God who reveals his love to us. St. Paul speaks of the "obedience of faith" as our first obligation. He shows that "ignorance of God" is the principle and

PRO LIFE REPORT

“A good Catholic cannot be pro choice.”

Well here we are, maybe a little late, starting a new council year with a new writer for this report. I only hope that I can do as well as my predecessors.

The statement at the beginning of this report is the truth. Abortion under any circumstances is still murder which is a mortal sin against the 5th Commandment, and you can't go to Communion or get into Heaven with even one mortal sin on your soul. We should not be helping or suggesting anyone have an abortion. There are some “Catholics” who are pro choice, and we know some of them as our elected politicians and some are in our pews.

Do you remember the story about the guy who put his finger in the dike to stop the leak and saved the town. This happened because he did something besides just watching it happen or waiting for someone else to do something or waiting to be told to do something. If we get involved in any pro life activity it will be on the local level so my emphasis will be on the local activities sponsored by the various pro life groups who always need volunteers to help.

Pro Life Groups

Our parish has a Respect Life Committee which is chaired by Wayne Dickie and is looking for members. They set up the buses for the March against Roe vs. Wade in January and meet periodically during the year. They sponsor a baby bottle campaign to raise funds for a local pregnancy center and try to raise awareness of Pro Life issues. They also sponsor Masses for those who have lost a child

A very active local activity is the Defend Life group which runs the “Face the Truth Tour.” The core group who move the signs from location to location are mostly volunteer college students; the leaders of this group are from our parish. Pro Life volunteers show up at each location to hold the signs.

The web sight for Defend Life is www.defendlife.org ; the e-mail address is jack@defendlife.org. This group is very active and brings in a lot of Pro Life speakers as well as other Pro Life activities. You can e-mail to join and will receive messages about the various events taking place as well as a bi-monthly news letter which will keep you abreast of Pro Life activities in the area.

Another local group is the Baltimore Archdiocesan Respect Life Committee which is also involved in Pro Life activities in the area. Linda Brenegan is a Director and responsible for the e-mail communications. If you are interested and want to join you can send a e-mail to lbrenegan@archbalt.org and ask to be added to her listing and you will receive messages of Pro Life activities in the area.

Another local group is the Maryland Right to Life whose web site is www.mdrtl.org. They are involved in both essay and oratory contests and give internships. You can learn more about them at their website

Pregnancy Centers

If one would want to volunteer time or donate baby items there are two Pregnancy Centers who would be glad to take your time or items. They are

Pregnancy Center Inc.
1327 Dillon Heights Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21228
410 243 6555

Center of Pregnancy Concerns
2418 St. Paul St.
Baltimore, MD 21218
410 744 8125

Vigils

Pro Life vigils are still being held monthly at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center and every Saturday morning here in Owings Mills. If anyone wants any information about these vigils call me at 410 833 7534. My wife and I try to be at the Owings Mills vigil every Saturday.

Activities

“40 days of Life” will be from Sept. 24 till Nov 2. This approach to get more people to pray was started last year and involves an opportunity for us to select a one hour block of time to pray at home, in Church, in front of an abortion clinic to join Christians nationwide in an effort to end abortion.

Bob Wagner

Membership

2 Years
Michael Warner

3 Years
Dave Binnette

4 Years
Steven Evangelista
Tom Schwarzweller

5 Years
Ken Calvert
Michael Ramos
Brian Zile

6 Years
Ted Lawson
Bob Trout

9 Years
Ed Clarke
PGK Stan Lasov

10 Years
Richard Huslig
Russ Timmons

12 Years
PGK Fred Shaneybrook

16 Years
PGK Rich Whitney

17 Years
Tom Barry

20 Years
Eugene Trainor

22 Years
PGK Sam Collins
Jacob Smith
Fr. Michael White
PGK Mickey Zavoyna

23 Years
Tommy Damasiewicz
Joseph Kellner
Nick Patronik

29 Years
Lou Jackson

31 Years
Jim Bloom

32 Years
Doug Warner

36 Years
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38 Years
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50 Years
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