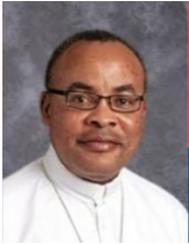




Knights Corner

FATHER SCHUMAKER COUNCIL NO. 6772 ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH
BROOKLYN CENTER, MN 55429 January 22

Chaplain's Message: Fr. Marcel E. Okwara, CSsR



Greetings brother Knights,

Every human person needs food, water and air to survive. We need them to stay alive. Without them, our life will come to a grinding halt. And oftentimes we fulfill these primary needs without even thinking. But these are not the only things we need, especially if we are going to thrive. God wants us, not only to survive but to flourish as well. To be able to thrive, God and God's matters must be central to the four dimensions of our lives—physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual. When considerations are being made about these four aspects of our lives, God should be placed right at the center, not on the sidelines. When religious faith plays a key and crucial role in our physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual lives, we move from simply surviving to thriving; we begin to bloom and blossom like a tree planted close to a never-dry river. Our Lord Jesus attests of God's desire for us in these words: *"I have come that they may have life, life in its fullness"* (John 10:10). The great Saint Irenaeus affirmed it when he said, "The glory of God is the human person fully alive." When we are alive in every aspect of life, God is happy. So, for us to really thrive in life and be happy, we have to stay connected to God. We are wired for God, as St. Augustine said. But how can we stay connected to God? We do so through prayer, through the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, which is the source and summit of the Christian life. We can also deepen our relationship with God by talking to others about what God has done for us and our loved ones. God's redeeming and redemptive acts in our lives should be shared with others. Another way

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of staying close to God is getting involved in direct ministry to the poor. Didn't Jesus say, "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do it to me?" So, in the cry of the poor, in the faces of the suffering, we can also have access to Christ who first gave himself for us.

Brothers, as Christians we should never forget that history has a trajectory. It is moving somewhere, towards its culmination, towards that time when Christ will emerge as the triumphant Warrior to draw all things to himself and to bring history to its fulfillment and culmination. Never forget that nothing lasts forever. A time will come when all the political order and even the cosmic structures will fall apart. The present state of affairs, this old fallen world would give way to what the Bible calls a new heaven and a new earth. God's purpose to finally save, transform and transfigure everything including time, space, history and even our very bodies will definitely come to pass. So, do not allow any earthy events to distract you from what matters the most. Do not allow worldly goods—wealth, power, pleasure and honor to come between you and God. God is the deepest longing of the human heart. Therefore, nothing else, not even family, not even comfort, not even politics, not even your race, not even your nation, not even your job etc. should be the deepest yearning of your heart.

God bless you! And have a wonderful New Year!

Rev. Marcel E. Okwara, CSsR

Council #6772 Activities

Welcome to our new 2021 Council#6772 Members

Didier Attipou

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Ayodele Bellow

Harry Beyan

Leon Gerring

Gaspard Kamara

Robert Porte

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1st Year FREE Knights of Columbus Membership

New members can join the Knights of Columbus for FREE until June 30, 2022! To join the Knights of Columbus, a man must be practicing Catholic gentleman at least 18 years of age. Signup on line by going to www.kofc.org/joinus -- use the promo code McGivney2020 and enter council# 6772 in required box. If questions, please contact a council officer.

Matching Dollars Fundraiser Thank You – a BIG Thank You to all Brother Knights that made a donation to the council's "MATCHING DOLLARS FUNDRAISER" this past fall. Together with your donations plus the matching dollars pledged, the council raised a total of \$ 12,535.00 for charities. Thank you, again!



Council Breakfast – Super Bowl Sunday February 2/13/2022

Our next breakfast is scheduled for Sunday February 13 from 8:30AM – 12:00PM. Menu to be pancakes, eggs and sausage along with orange juice, coffee. This is a free will offering breakfast with take-out trays for \$ 5.00/tray.

Membership Meeting, 7:00PM
1st Thursday of the Month

Planning Meeting, 7:00PM
3rd Thursday of the Month

To learn more about the Knights of Columbus:

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Council website: <http://www.kofc6772.org>

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Pray For the Sick

Joe Thill Kathy Hallermann
Rita Roehrl Gertrude Shallbetter
Frank Noonan Steve Buechler
Jim Denn
Paul & Kay Ditter

Pray for our Deceased Members

Tom Kelly
Austin Loeffler

*And for others we may have missed and need our prayers.
If you know someone who may benefit from a card, please contact:
Simon Fehn: 612-308-0051 or email: simon.f@usfamily.net*

Pope Francis

January Prayer Intentions:

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

February Prayer Intentions

For religious sisters and consecrated women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.