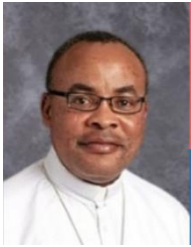




Knights Corner

FATHER SCHUMAKER COUNCIL NO. 6772 ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH
BROOKLYN CENTER, MN 55429 November 2023

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



Dear brother Knights,

Developed Israelites of Jesus' time were required to keep 613 commandments found in the Bible's first five books. So, it was a common practice among the rabbis to inquire from one another what is the greatest, the central commandment, and the organizing principle of the law. Sometimes to ensure clarity and succinctness, a rabbi was compelled to offer this summary while standing on one foot. In accord with this custom, Jesus is confronted, during his public ministry, by one of the Pharisees, a scholar of the law, with the question of "which commandment in the law is the greatest?" (Matthew 22:36). Although the purpose of his question was to entrap Jesus and use whatever he says against him, Jesus, nevertheless, gives an honest, clear and extremely illuminating answer: *"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* If you are still wondering what Christianity is about, this is it! Mind you, this is not one more philosopher among the many speaking. This is Jesus Christ, Son of God speaking and telling us what the heart of the law is. So, it is incumbent on us and actually obligatory that we listen and obey.

But why are the two commandments so tightly linked in Christianity? It's not controversial to say that the heart of religion is the command to direct one's energy and life towards God, the Highest Good. It's evidently clear! But why does Jesus immediately add the second commandment, the love of neighbor? It is

because God loves everything and everyone that he has made. No one would have existed unless God loves them into being. Therefore, if we love God with everything we've got, we will definitely love what God loves. This is precisely why the two commandments are intertwined and interlaced. As I was growing up in my family, I got to know that there were certain things my mother loved not so much because they were her things; she loved them because my father, whom she loved, loved those things. Now, the requirement of love is far more than simple affection or warm sentiment. Our love for our neighbor must express itself in concrete actions. Think of someone that is irritating to you. Think of someone that is distasteful to you. Think of someone that you don't really love. Think of someone that you may not automatically seek out. And you may have plenty of reasons why you don't love them. But remember this: that person has been loved into existence by God. What matters is not the person's worth to you, but that person's worth to God. You might consider the person 'worthless,' 'useless' and 'not needed.' But the stubborn fact here is that that person has value and worth to God. So, love that person because God loves them. The first commandment is to love God unreservedly, and the second is to love your neighbor as yourself. There is a strict logic at work here. When you really love someone, you tend to love, as well, what they love. What does God love? He loves everything and everyone that he has created. So, if you want to love God, and you find the project hard because God seems so distant, love everyone you come across for the sake of God.

God bless you!

Fr. Marcel E. Okwara, CSsR



**Fellowship Get-together at Brooklyn Center, American Legion
George Morris, Marley Roehrl, Thomas Morgan
& Ken Bueckers**



**Knight of the Month for September
Marley Roehrl**



What would you like your Legacy to be?

As we look at our fellow parishioners and councils, we can't help but notice we are all aging. And knowing the measure of the men who belong to the Knights, I am positive each of you want to leave the world a better place after you leave this world. This probably includes providing financial support to your parishes or councils after you pass. But many of you are reluctant to commit to this support given the possibility you may need these funds to live on or provide for surviving spouses or children.

Whole life policies from the Knights would allow you to commit a donation to your church or favorite charity by naming them as beneficiaries, while leaving you in complete control of the funds should you need them later in life. If circumstances change and you need funds from your policies later in life, you can cash in the policy or borrow against the cash surrender values and leave the balance to your beneficiaries.

If you are in relatively good health and under age 80 you may be insurable at a significant discount to the face value of the policy you are considering. You have the option of making payments or contributing a onetime lump sum to secure the face value of the policy. As examples, a \$10,000 policy for a 70 year old male non-smoker carries a single premium of \$6,713 while the same policy on a 75 year old female would run \$6,817. Your beneficiary will receive the \$10,000 or more death benefit upon your passing without these funds running through your estate.

If you are interested in exploring the options available for providing for your parish, council, or favorite charity, please give me a call today.

If you are looking to make a more immediate impact with your charitable giving, please contact me for details on our Knights of Columbus Charitable Foundation Donor Advised Funds. You can contribute funds to an account in your name, reap the tax benefit from this donation, and have complete control over how these funds are disbursed in the future to your parish or favorite charity.

Vivat Jesus

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Council #6772 Activities

Wednesday, November 1st - All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, November 2nd – All Souls’ Day

Thursday, November 2nd – Council Meeting @ 7:00PM/Rosary at 6:30PM in CSSR Hall

Tuesday, November 7th – Election Day (some areas)

Thursday, November 9th – Feast Day – the Dedication of The Lateran Basilica

Thursday, November 16th – Council Planning Meeting @ 7:00PM

Thursday, November 23rd – Thanksgiving Day – mass at 9:00AM @ St Alphonsus

Thursday, November 30th – Feast Day- St. Andrew the Apostle

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) – thank you St. Al’s parishioners and Brother Knights all who helped packed meals on Saturday September 30th. We packed over 16,400 meals enough food to feed 40 kids for a whole year. Thanks again to everyone who helped.

Coats for Kids Distribution – Our council has rescheduled the distribution of over 300 coats to Friday, November 3rd 13th at 5:00pm in the CSSR Hall. We are in need of 8 men to help with setup, handing out of coats and cleanup. To volunteer, please call Jim Stalberger (H) 763-424-8774 or (c) 612-554-3718.

Remembering Brother Knights: Father Donald Schumaker Council 6772 had 7 Brother Knights die between October 1, 2022 – October 31, 2023:

Howard Heck (Oct – 2022)

Kenneth Kiffmeyer (Feb – 2023)

Raymond Peterson (Mar – 2023)

Daniel Arnevik (May – 2023)

Merlin Roers (June – 2023)

Stephen Buechler (July – 2023)

Frank Noonan (Sept – 2023).

Remember our deceased Brother Knights in your daily prayers during the month of November.

National Eucharist Revival –

To learn more about July 2024 revival go to: www.eucharisticrevival.org

2023 FALL CLASSIC SPECIAL OLYMPICS BOWLING CLASSIC

BOWLERO, Brooklyn Park (Friday – Sunday: November 10,11 & 12)

To register go to – State Competition Special Olympics Minnesota

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of The Eucharist, Pray For Us.

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Sunshine Report

Sympathy cards sent

BK Richard Arnevik– (passing of wife, Jeanette)

DGK Richard Schwieters –

(passing of his Aunt, Charlamaine)

BK Roger Borowicz – (passing of his sister, Rosemary)

Get Well Cards sent:

Judy Kowalczyk

Jeanette Arnevik

And for others we may have missed and need our prayers.

If you know someone who may benefit from a card, please contact:

Jim Stalberger: H #763-424-8774 or email: jstalberger720@yahoo.com

Pope Francis's

Prayer of the month: November

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit

We pray for peace in our homes, communities, country and world.

May we respect the rights of every person, regardless of the color of their skin, faith or the language they speak.

Remember we are God's children.

Our Mission Statement as A Knight of Columbus: *First, as knights we are called to support the Catholic Church and stand behind our priests; second, we are called to protect our families and third; through our charitable works, we help those less fortunate or are in need, WE ARE ABOUT CHANGING LIVES AND SAVING LIVES*