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Chaplain's Column

Father Gzregorz Golyzniak

Dear brother Knights

Once again we are starting another school year. We are working together to promote catholic education especially that we are part of our own St. Peter Catholic School.

Today there are a lot of schools to choose from. In fact, the choices are so many that it can easily confuse any parent or guardian.

Keep in mind that each school has their own set of philosophies that govern how they teach. And, this can have a big impact on the educational, emotional and spiritual development of a child.

In this article, I would like to share to share the top benefits of a Catholic education. I hope that this will make it easier to decide what is right for our children.

Catholic education not only teaches general education, but also balances education with deep spiritual immersion. Catholic education is very active in teaching a child that God is in their life and all around him/her. A child will learn how to see these "footprints of God" in their daily lives. As a child's awareness of God develops, he or she also becomes an instrument of God's grace in the family, community and in the world.

A Catholic education means giving a student the opportunity to learn about the holy scriptures. Furthermore, the learning of the scriptures is governed by underlying faith. Then, the students are encouraged to put into their daily lives the lessons they have learned from the good book. On top of that, a Catholic education teaches a student on how to make use of the scriptures as a tool for guidance and inspiration to get them through during the toughest parts of his/her life.

Catholic education not only focuses on engagement and responsibility in relation to the church, but also to the community as a whole. According to a survey done by a non-Catholic and non-American source, the study suggested that students coming from private school are the least to engage in civic engagement. On the other hand, the study indicated that students from Catholic education ranked highest in terms of participating in community and civic engagement. This could mean highest in terms of charity donations, writing to legislators, volunteering, and voting. Most of these Catholic education graduates are not doing it for themselves (e.g. tax write-off), but rather for a sense justice and responsibility.

Another fundamental of having a Catholic education is the idea of service. Catholic education puts a lot of focus on service, and that is why there are service programs running from kindergarten up to the 12th grade. Some schools even have service programs that may reach to levels of undergraduate and graduate.

Catholic education values in God's word that states, "you are your brother's keeper". Hence, Catholic students are always taught to be sensitive to the needs of others and respond positively in any way they can.

Catholic education puts a lot of emphasis on self-discipline. Students are educated and challenged to make decisions and actions that are considered Christ-like; not only in actions, but also in words. Catholic students are taught on how to gauge their words and actions against the Gospel of love and the Ten Commandments.

Of course, Catholic students are given lessons that will give them a strong moral and ethical foundations to help them make the right decision during situations that are not clearly black and white.

Catholic students are encouraged to be good because to avoid punishment, but for the reason that it's the dignified way to act.

Our civilization has moved from the stone age to an age rich in culture, arts and tradition. Catholic education recognizes the fact that modern society is not just all about surviving, but it's also being cultured.

This is the reason why Catholic education exposed the students to Drama, Literature, Art and Music. Furthermore, all these are governed by the philosophy that these are all divine praises.

During these competitive times, it's easy to fall into the trap of setting goals that are self-serving and empty. Catholic students are taught that academic or monetary excellence is not the ultimate goal. However, what is taught is having goals that are altruistic in nature. Catholic students are taught to set goals that do not only serve themselves but also benefits others. In such a way, they not only improve their lives, but also the lives of the people around them.

Catholic education recognizes the importance of the effects of the environment on a child. This is the reason why Catholic schools make a great deal of effort to make the school environment as "Gun-free zones" or "Drug-free zones" as possible. Furthermore, catholic schools shift the environment to a more "Christlike zone".

In most schools, the teachers see their works as merely a job. They get in, punch in, do what they are paid for and punch out, and nothing more. This rarely happens in a Catholic education.

The Catholic education system puts a high priority on teachers that are passionate about "Chris-centered education". In a Catholic education, it's not uncommon for teachers to go "beyond the call of duty" to help the students in terms of growing their values, skills and knowledge.

Being a minority has its downsides. For one, there is the trouble of fitting in and being recognized as “normal”. Minority kids will usually have some problems when obtaining education from a public school. This is something that rarely happens in a Catholic education system.

One of the fundamental beliefs of Catholic education is the belief that all people are equal, and it’s not race nor financial status that defines one’s value, but rather words and actions. This belief reflects in the school environment. This is one of the reasons why, according to surveys, minority students perform better in a Catholic education compared to a public school education.

Not all education systems are made equal. Each school or educational system has its own principles and philosophies that govern how they teach and develop a child. Having said that, a Catholic education system has been proven in time, surveys and studies to offer advantages compared to other forms of education systems. In fact, the many benefits of a Catholic education mentioned above are just the tip of the iceberg. Please say a prayer once a while for our St. Peter school students and staff. Also thank you for your continuing support toward our school.

With prayer Fr. Gregory

A vulture carrying two dead raccoons boards an airplane. The stewardess looks at him and says, “I’m sorry sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger.”



Saint of the Month

Saint Vincent de Paul

Month of the Holy Eucharist

St. Vincent de Paul was born to a poor peasant family in the French village of Pouy on April 24, 1581. His first formal education was provided by the Franciscans. He did so well, he was hired to tutor the children of a nearby wealthy family. He used the monies he earned teaching to continue his formal studies at the University of Toulouse where he studied theology.

He was ordained in 1600 and remained in Toulouse for a time. In 1605, while on a ship traveling from Marseilles to Narbone, he was captured, brought to Tunis and sold as a slave. Two years later he and his master managed to escape and both returned to France.

St. Vincent went to Avignon and later to Rome to continue his studies. While there he became a chaplain to the Count of Goigny and was placed in charge of distributing money to the deserving poor. He became pastor of a small parish in Clichy for a

short period of time, while also serving as a tutor and spiritual director.

From that point forward he spent his life preaching missions to and providing relief to the poor. He even established hospitals for them. This work became his passion. He later extended his concern and ministry to convicts. The need to evangelize and assist these souls was so great and the demands beyond his own ability to meet that he founded the Ladies of Charity, a lay institute of woman, to help, as well as a religious institute of priests - the Congregation of Priests of the Mission, commonly referred to now as the Vincentians.

This was at a time when there were not many priests in France and what priests there were, were neither well-formed nor faithful to their way of life. Vincent helped reform the clergy and the manner in which they were instructed and prepared for the priesthood. He did this first through the presentation of retreats and later by helping develop a precursor to our modern-day seminaries. At one point his community was directing 53 upper level seminaries. His retreats, open to priests and laymen, were so well attended that it is said he infused a "Christian spirit among more than 20,000 persons in his last 23 years."

The Vincentians remain with us today with nearly 4,000 members in 86 countries. In addition to his order of Vincentian priests, St. Vincent cofounded the Daughters of Charity along with St. Louise de Marillac. There are more than 18,000 Daughters today serving the needs of the poor in 94 countries. He was eighty years old when he died in Paris on September 27, 1660. He had "become the symbol of the successful reform of the French Church". St. Vincent is sometimes referred to as "The Apostle of Charity" and "The Father of the Poor".

His incorrupt heart can be found in the Convent of the Sisters of Charity and his bones have been embedded in a wax effigy of the Saint located at the Church of the Lazarist Mission. Both sites are located in Paris, France.

Two miracles have been attributed to St Vincent - a nun cured of ulcers and a laywoman cured of paralysis. As a result of the first, Pope Benedict XIII beatified him on August 13, 1729. Less than 8 years later (on June 16, 1737) he was canonized by Pope Clement XIII. The Bull of Canonization

recognized Vincent for his charity and reform of the clergy, as well as for his early role in opposing Jansenism.

It has been reported that St. Vincent wrote more than 30,000 letters in his lifetime and that nearly 7,000 had been collected in the 18th century. There are at least five collections of his letters in existence today.

The feast day for St. Vincent, the patron of all charitable societies, is September 27.



Sermonette

Did you ever notice what Moses holds up to bring healing to the suffering Israelites: a bronze serpent mounted on a pole. You may also see something similar hanging outside your doctor's office, called a caduceus. The symbol is to remind us of healing. With Moses, we are to understand that healing comes to those who have faith. With this background, we may come to a new appreciation of Jesus' statement that "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM." Jesus speaks of being lifted up on the cross; we who gaze on him in faith will be healed. He, the I AM, is the same God who spoke to Moses in the desert as the bush burned without being consumed, the same God who fed them with manna in the wilderness, the same one who gives healing to the faithful. Jesus announces that "The one who sent me is with me." He and the Father are one. The psalmist reminds us that "The Lord looked down from his holy height, from heaven he beheld the earth, to hear the groaning of the prisoners, to release those doomed to die." Inspired by these Scriptures, in which we see situations like our own, we will soon pray over our offerings, asking that God, "being moved to

compassion,” may “both pardon our offenses and direct our wavering hearts.”

“Your Insurance Corner”



Ask Eligible Men to Join

Today, I want to address the growth of the Order. Membership growth is the fuel that keeps this great fraternal engine running. All of our charitable works in the council, state, national, and international level are thanks to our hard-working members.

We also recognize that the membership blitz is a tried and true way for councils to increase their numbers. We see these pushes often in March, in celebration of Founder’s Day, and again in October. These drives are successful because brother Knights are more visible than normal, during and after Masses and at special events. We must remember to ask each and every Catholic gentleman to join our ranks for the good of the Church, the community and the Order.

During the rest of the year, we often “forget” to ask men to join our ranks and bring their families into the Knights of Columbus family. You probably know an eligible Catholic man you could ask today. Chances are that the only reason he hasn’t joined already is because no one asked him.

When telling a prospect about the strengths of the Order, don’t forget our greatest fraternal benefit: our insurance program. This is often an interesting selling point to a potential member who is on the fence. Many members come into the Knighthood simply to be able to buy coverage for their family. Soon after, they realize the good our charitable works do for their community and they are proud to be members.

As your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, I look forward to helping us grow in fraternity any way that I can.

I am your field agent, **Kip Gaisford**.

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If I had a dollar for every girl who found me unattractive, they’d eventually find me attractive.



Knights in Action



Tony Triffletti is all smiles as GK Dave McCloy presents him with the Knight of the Month Award.

Jim Taylor accepts the Family of the Month Award from GK Dave McCloy on behalf of his wife Renee.



Panera Bread



Once again, Knights from Council 11514 came through during the month of August and picked up Panera bread in Colorado Springs each Wednesday evening for use at Tri Lakes Cares on Thursdays. When the request was issued for five volunteers, at least 20 members volunteered. The first five to respond and retrieve the bread and pastries are:

Fred Seiter
Tom Bailey
Jim and Cindy Desautel
Tony Trifiletti
Stephen Roy

The bread and pastries are enjoyed by needy families in the Tri Lakes area and that includes young enlisted families residing at the Air Force Academy whose husbands are on deployment trying to stretch dollars on pay that sometimes is below the national poverty level.



Father Golyzniak was not sure whether to make a wish while touching the balloon (above) or while blowing out candles on the cake (below).

Council Picnic



The annual Council picnic was held on Saturday, 12 August at the estate of Alan and Sandy Feldkamp, two most gracious and generous hosts. It also coincided with the birthday of our pastor and Council Chaplain Father Golyzniak.





Diners patiently awaiting their turn until the serving line gets shorter at the Council picnic.





*Grand Knight Dave McCloy presents a check in the amount of \$499 to **Sister Rose Ann Barnum** of the Benet Hill Monastery, the event coordinator for the Barefoot Mile Walk. That event is scheduled for 1000 on Saturday, 08 September at School D-38 Stadium, Lewis-Palmer High School.*

The Barefoot Mile is a program to fight child trafficking and child impoverishment. To register or for information, visit www.thebarefootmile.org.

Fr. Kekeisen Assembly



Sir Knights Ed Paulovich, Dick Peters, Rob Hickman, and Chuck Hardy prepare to raise St. Peter's school flag following the children's Mass on Wednesday, 16 August.



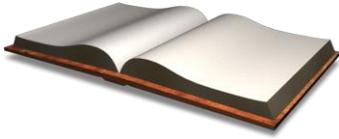
The Star Spangled Banner is sung by students under the direction of SK Dick Peters



Clergy and students stand at attention as the flag is raised

If you know of any Knights, or their families, who should have a Mass said for them, please contact **SK Bob Leise at 303.681.2182.**

When you pray, go to your room, close the door, and pray to your Father, who is unseen. And your Father, who sees what you do in private, will reward you. ~ Matthew 6:6



Word of the Month



From the Catholic Word Book

Thurible: The thurible is a metal container that holds hot coals to which incense is added during special occasions. It has a top with air vents and a long chain so that it can be carried.

Monthly Council Mass

Knights and Families Urged To Attend

The Knights celebrate Mass as a group the first Sunday of each month at the 0800 Mass. The Council also has these Masses said for members or family members who are ill or deceased. The Mass intention on 03 September will be for the repose of the soul of **Bill Bergeron.**

A breakfast or brunch will be planned occasionally and advance notification will be made at council meetings. Remember to sit in the pews reserved and wear your Council nametag and the Order lapel pin.



September Birthdays



A Monthly Feature

Our birthday recipients for the springtime month of September include:

01 Sep – Michael Yasenchak
02 Sep – Frank Gargala
03 Sep – Carlos Arvizu
05 Sep – Joseph Morgan
07 Sep- Bill Maggio
08 Sep- Bob Leise
09 Sep- Charles Bergeron
12 Sep- Lyle Berger
18 Sep- Marcus Sauley
19 Sep- John Borkowski
22 Sep- Mike Abair
25 Sep- George A. Sawyer
26 Sep- John Horvath
30 Sep- Dick Peters

Happy Birthday to all of our brother Knights celebrating birthdays during this autumn month of September in the Rockies.

A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What is prayer?" One of the pupils answered, "That's a message sent to God at night and on Sundays when the rates are lower."

Remember in our prayers:

Rob Hickman, Jim Taylor, Fred Wolfe, Butch Christensen, Father Brownstein, Fred and Melanie Seiter, Earl Depner, Don Manzanares, Jane Rosenhoover, Laura Gomez, and Joan Durbin.

Let us pray for the repose of the souls of our departed brother Knights and families.

Continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Let us pray for our Armed Forces, especially those in the combat zones.

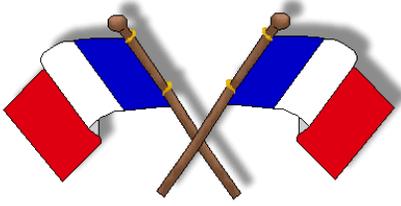




Fifth Sunday Rosary



The Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus has recommended that councils institute a Fifth Sunday Rosary Program for council members, their families and all parishioners. There are five months in the year 2018 with five Sundays, and **Grand Knight Dave McCloy** took it upon himself to start the program at St. Peter's. Each decade of the Rosary is led by a different Knight and the results of the program have seen more and more parishioners joining in after the 0800 Mass. Hopefully that trend will continue.



A poster found in French churches. The translation is:

**By entering this church it may be possible that you hear “the call of God”.
However, it is less possible that He will call you on your mobile.
Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him.
If you want to see Him, send him a text while driving.**

Upcoming Events

- 02 Sep - Council Corporate Communion at 0800
- 03 Sep – Labor Day
- 05 Sep - Council Business Meeting at 1900
- 15 Sep – Spaghetti Supper after 1700 Mass (Team B)
- 19 Sep – Council Social Meeting at 1900
- 20 Sep – Council Officer’s Meeting at 1800
- 20 Sep – Fr. Kekeisen Assembly Meeting at 1900
- 22 Sep – Autumn begins

September History

- 01 Sep 1939- World War II began with the Nazi invasion of Poland.
- 02 Sep 1945- V-J (Victory in Japan) Day celebrated.
- 03 Sep 1976- Viking II landed on Mars
- 04 Sep 1888- George Eastman received a patent for a roll-film camera
- 06 Sep 1995- Cal Ripken broke Lou Gehrig’s consecutive baseball game streak of 2130 games
- 08 Sep 1921- Margaret Gorman was crowned the first Miss America in Atlantic City, New Jersey.
- 09 Sep 1956- Elvis Presley made his first appearance on the “Ed Sullivan Show”
- 10 Sep 1955- “Gunsmoke” premiered on CBS television
- 12 Sep 1922- The House of Bishops of the Episcopal Church voted 36-27 to delete the word *obey* from the marriage service
- 14 Sep 1814- Francis Scott Key wrote the poem “Defense of Ft. McHenry” which was later re-named the “*Star Spangled Banner*”
- 16 Sep 1919- The American Legion was incorporated by Congress
- 17 Sep 1930- Construction began on Hoover Dam, originally called Boulder Dam
- 23 Sep 1947- The transistor was invented
- 30 Sep 1846- Dentist William Morton used the anesthetic ether for the first time on a patient in Boston

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.



These questions were reportedly asked by elementary students:

Dear God: Why did you make people talk foreign languages? It would be easier if everybody could talk English like you and me.

Dear God: How come you have only ten rules and our school has millions?

Dear God: I'm afraid of things at night more than in the day. So if you could keep the sun on longer that would be a good thing.

Dear God: If you made the sun and the moon and the stars you must have had lots of equipment.

Dear God: Instead of letting people die and having to make new ones why don't you just keep the ones you have now?

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Editor's Note: My thanks to all brother Knights who sent Mass intentions, prayers and thoughts following the death of my brother, Bill Bergeron. He was a third degree Knight in the Monsignor Charbonneau Council 258 in Ogdensburg, New York. May his soul, and the souls of all our departed rest in peace.

