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FROM THE SUPREME CHAPLAIN

The Way to Defeat Evil Is With Goodness

From an address given by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori during the Knights of Columbus Mid-Year Meeting in Houston, Nov. 2-4

**Archbishop
William E. Lori**
Supreme Chaplain



We rightly say of ourselves as Knights that we are the strong right arm of the Church. Never has the support of the Knights of Columbus been more important than it is today and I thank you for it.

I thank you for your leadership in the work of creating safe environments, in the work of protecting children, in the work of training, in the work of making our Order a model for what the whole Church ought to be doing to protect children and young people. I thank you for

your prayers, your concern, your support, your friendship that you extend to bishops and priests; for all the ways you support the Church's mission come rain or come shine. The Knights of Columbus is no fair weather friend when the going gets rough. I thank you.

And may we bishops and priests never have the temerity to ask you to defend the indefensible. Rather, may we walk humbly with you humbly with you on the path of discipleship wherever that may lead and whatever it might mean as the future unfolds. And walking with you, may we, your bishops and priests, absorb from you the wisdom you have attained in living your faith, in living the vocation of marriage and family, and in coping with the troubles of life. ...

St. John Paul II taught us that the way to defeat evil is with goodness.

The way to defeat scandal created by clergy who violated sacred trust is by the witness of unblemished lives marked by love of God and neighbor. The way to defeat self-centered clericalism that dug this hole is by open-handed and open-hearted service rooted in faith directed to the poor and needy on the part of the lay faithful. And no one, no one is better able to do this than the Knights of Columbus. Faith in action is the most effective and most enduring way for you and for me, the Knights of Columbus, to be the strong right arm of the Church. ...

I ask you in the week ahead to dedicate some time each day in prayer ... that we might be and become those men of holiness, integrity and humility, men who somehow, some way, resemble St. Jean Vianney and Father McGivney; men who are ready to do whatever is necessary to address this crisis in all of its dimensions for as long as it may take without counting the cost. If so, we can have good and well-founded hope that the Church will emerge as it has for many other crises in the past: purified, stronger and focused on the essential mission that Jesus entrusted to her, the mission of putting our faith into action.



Archbishop Lori preaches to state deputies during Sunday Mass in the Omni Hotel, Houston.

Photo by Rocky Kretzen

Free K of C Membership for Seminarians

The Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce that free membership will now be available to seminarians. By using a promo code to join online, seminarians can begin their membership as Knights.

Invite seminarians in your diocese to join by visiting kofc.org/joinus and entering the code SEM18.

Consecration to the Holy Family Dec. 30

We need your help with consecrating families to the Holy Family on Dec. 30. This could be in conjunction with Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family. Your grand knight and/or family director will be in touch with you concerning this program.

Visit kofc.org/consecration to review the available resources.

Creating a Culture of Life Starts With Your Council

We need to stand up against the threats to life in our world. We meet these threats with prayer and by putting our faith in action. Review our pro-life programs below, and help lead your council and parish in standing up against — and someday defeating — threats against life.

NOVENA FOR LIFE

Through this program, you will lead your council in the spiritual fight to establish a culture of life in our nations. The program centers on a novena for the protection of all human life in our homes, parishes and the wider community. Visit kofc.org/novena.



MARCH FOR LIFE

By participating in the March for Life, Knights and their families give visual testimony to their support for a culture of life.

Help your grand knight by:

- Consider partnering with other priests and parishes in your diocese to charter busses to national and local marches.
- Checking out the printable resources, including brochures and posters, for all life programs are available at kofc.org/life. Also, review the printable guide sheets.



ULTRASOUND INITIATIVE

The Ultrasound Initiative provides a mother the chance to see her developing child and hear her baby's heartbeat.

Since the Ultrasound Initiative launched in 2009, councils have helped place life-saving ultrasound machines in pro-life pregnancy centers around the world. Work with your grand knight to help us by visiting kofc.org/ultrasound.



PREGNANCY CENTER SUPPORT

More than 3,000 pro-life pregnancy centers operate in K of C jurisdictions. This program allows councils to “adopt” one of these centers by providing material, financial and volunteer support. This program is flexible to meet local needs. Help your grand knight by visiting kofc.org/support and clicking on Pregnancy Center Support.



CHRISTIAN REFUGEE RELIEF

Pro-life work isn't limited to helping the unborn. It also includes helping Christians facing genocide, and to encourage solidarity in your local community or parish. Visit kofc.org/refugee for details.



At this year's supreme convention, each state deputy received an icon of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. The icons will travel within each jurisdiction, allowing each council to host the icon. Please work with your grand knight to host a special prayer service at your parish to welcome the icon and raise awareness of persecuted Christians.

SILVER ROSE

Each year, Silver Roses are carried by Knights from Canada to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico. By participating, you and your council can develop a closer relationship with Our Lady of Guadalupe and share her message. Pastors should talk to grand knights to get started. Visit kofc.org/silverrose for details.



MASS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

This program creates an opportunity to welcome those with special needs who might not feel welcome at a parish due to physical and social barriers. Celebrating a Mass for People With Special Needs is a start toward welcoming them and their families to participate in parish life.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The Knights have worked with the Special Olympics since its start in 1968. Chaplains can help continue this important volunteer effort by allowing councils to host a fundraiser at the parish or by encouraging them to volunteer at the local events.



Questions about pro-life programs?

Contact Tyler Lomnitzer, program manager for life-based initiatives, at fraternalmission@kofc.org.



CARRY THE MESSAGE OF FAITH WITH HASTE AND URGENCY

A CHALLENGE AND MESSAGE FROM SUPREME CHAPLAIN ARCHBISHOP LORI

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ... Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

— Gospel for Dec. 23, Lk. 1:39; 41-42

"In great haste." My brother Knights, these three words teach us volumes. Mary set out "in great haste" — and the rest is history. Mary is the first evangelist. With the incredible news of the Annunciation, she wastes no time fulfilling the command to visit her cousin Elizabeth. My brothers, we know that so many things can weigh us down and prevent us from delivering the good news to others with that speed and urgency. The Lord knows our every sorrow, weakness, fear or excuse. And yet he invites us to look to our mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and call upon her intercession. May we be known as her reliable sons who likewise carry the news "in great haste," leaving behind everything that impedes us.

This Month's Challenge

This month, I challenge you to pray at least a decade of the rosary daily. Secondly, we are often in situations in which faith topics come up and we choose to say nothing. This month, I challenge you to engage in those conversations and share what you love about the Catholic faith.

St. Jean Vianney Relic Tour

The major relic of St. Jean Vianney began its tour of the United States where Father Michael J. McGivney prepared for the priesthood.

St. Mary's Spiritual Center & Historic Site, on Paca Street in Baltimore, was the former site of St. Mary's Seminary, which is now located in the city's Roland Park section. On Nov. 10-11, the chapel of the former seminary, where Father McGivney studied for the priesthood, hosted the incorrupt heart relic of another holy priest — St. Jean Vianney, patron of parish priests.

More than 250 area Catholics, a number of them Knights with their families, visited the chapel to venerate the relic, which was displayed in an ornate 17th century French reliquary. Dominican Father Jonathan Kalisch, the Order's director of chaplains and spirituality, celebrated Mass in the chapel on Saturday evening to inaugurate the relic tour.

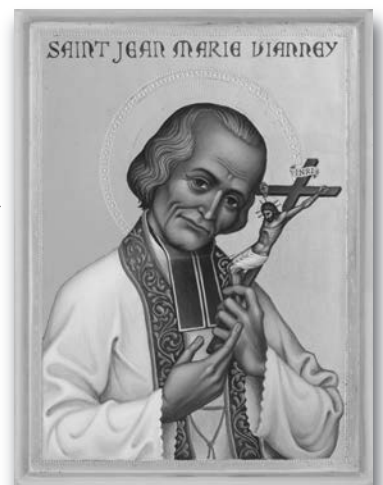
The relic also was offered for veneration at the annual meeting of the U.S. bishops in Baltimore (Nov. 12), the current St. Mary's Seminary (Nov. 13), and Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg (Nov. 16), before moving to New Haven for visits to St. Mary's Church and the Knights of Columbus Museum.

The relic pilgrimage will run through June 2019 and includes stops at cathedrals, churches, chapels and seminaries.

In this time of great need for the Church, St. Jean Vianney's strength of faith and devotion to the care of souls serves as a model for prayer, penance and restoration. The holy Curé of Ars was renowned during his life for his love of people and dedication to the sacraments, often hearing confessions for up to 17 hours a day.

This opportunity to venerate his incorrupt heart — itself a symbol of his sanctity — offers the Church in America a providential opportunity for prayer and penance as we work towards healing and renewal for the sins of the clergy.

An initial schedule for the tour and various resources on St. Jean Vianney are available on kofc.org/vianney. More locations and resources will be added as they become available.



Prayer of St. Jean Vianney

I love you, O my God, and my only desire is to love you until the last breath of my life.

I love you, O my infinitely lovable God, and I would rather die loving you, than live without loving you.

I love you, Lord, and the only grace I ask is to love you eternally.

My God, if my tongue cannot say in every moment that I love you, I want my heart to repeat it to you as often as I draw breath.



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World Youth Day Prayer for Young Adults

In preparation for World Youth Day 2019

God our Father, be with us on our pilgrim journey of faith.
Give us the grace and courage to step forward in faith and hope on the road ahead.

Open our eyes to see your face in all those we encounter.
Open our ears to hear your voice in those who are often ignored.
Open our hearts that we might be faithful disciples of mercy and truth.

Transform us. Empower us to give of ourselves to the poor; to welcome the lost;
to forgive those who hurt us; to comfort those who suffer and are marginalized.

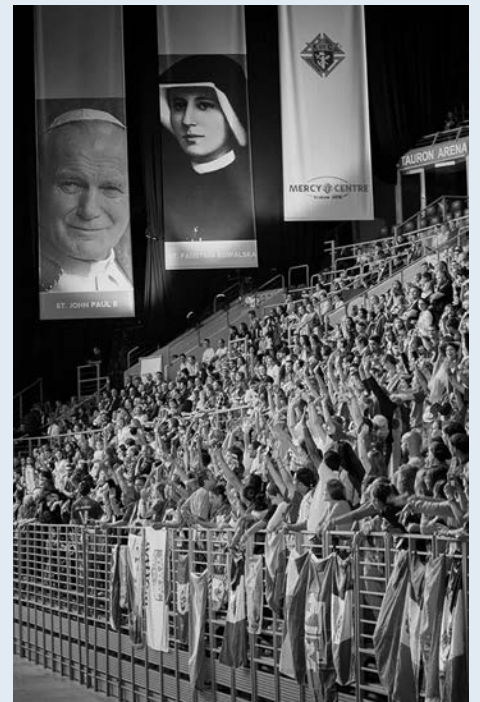
Bless those who travel from the United States of America to Panama,
to join the universal Church for World Youth Day.
Bless, too, those who celebrate stateside, united in faith and joy.

Like the disciples who journeyed up the mountain to witness the Transfiguration,
may this experience be an encounter that strengthens us for our work in the world.

Through the intercession of Mary, the Immaculate Conception, patroness of our nation,
may we be worthy witnesses of our faith, humble representatives of our country,
and inspired missionaries bringing peace, hope and mercy into our communities.

We ask all this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Prayer from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, usccb.org.



World Youth Day pilgrims at the Knights-sponsored Mercy Centre, the site for English-speaking pilgrims in Kraków 2016.

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