



The Navigator

Knights of Columbus - Fourth Degree

Junipero Serra Assembly 0044

September 2012

Siempre Adalento (Always Forward) Fr Serra's Motto

CALENDAR

Blue Mass and Dinner	Sep 17
October Officer's Meeting	Oct 01
Ladies Night Out	Oct 15

BLUE MASS AND DINNER TO HONOR POLICE, FIREFIGHTERS, AND MILITARY

As an expression of our appreciation to our local police, firefighters, and military, we encourage all Knights and their families to join in the annual "Blue Mass" at **6:00 p.m.** on **SEPTEMBER 17**, at St. Raphael's Church followed with a dinner of salad, pork loin ,garlic mashed potatoes, ,string beans and sheet cake. Tickets are **\$15** and may be purchased at the rectory or by contacting SK Bill Fuhrer at 683-4236.

Those in uniform will receive a free meal.

Paul Coyne has called out the Color Guard for the Mass

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NO DINNER MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

LADIES NIGHT OUT IN OCTOBER

On **15th October**, the Ladies Night out will be a **SOCIAL HOUR AT 5:30 P.M.**, **DINNER AT 6 P.M.** WITH A **PRESENTATION** on Blessed Junipero Serra afterwards in the Dining Room of the **OLD MISSION**. Make your **RSVP** to SK Bill Fuhrer at 683-4236 **by 1st October**. Cost will be **\$20.00**.

BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER

The following Sir Knights will celebrate a birthday during the month of September. We will honor them at our November dinner meeting with special recognition, and for those able to attend the meeting, a free dinner.

Giuseppe Arnoldi	7 September
Rev. Richard Kayizzi	8 September
George A. Bourgeois	17 September
Thomas Bauer	22 September
Horace J Schooter	25 September
Carlos C Valenzuela	28 September
William C. Fuhrer	29 September
Daniel P. Knauss	30 September



DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS

4th Degree on NOVEMBER 3 at the Residence Inn by Marriott at River Ridge in Oxnard.

We invite all Knights of the 3rd Degree to become members of the Junipero Serra Assembly. Please contact SK Paul Coyne 967-7880 or Coyn3sb@aol.com for candidates' applications, and tickets to both Ladies luncheon and Banquet.

YEAR OF FAITH

Pope Benedict XVI has announced a Year of Faith. It will begin on 11 October 2012; the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council, and it will end on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King, on 24 November 2013. The fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council provides a good opportunity to help people understand the documents that came out of that council. They need to be read correctly, to be widely known and to be taken to heart as important and normative texts of the Magisterium (Teaching Authority of the Church).

The starting date of 11 October 2012 also marks the twentieth anniversary of the publication of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, a text promulgated by my Predecessor, Blessed John Paul II, with a view to illustrating for all the faithful the power and beauty of the faith. The *Catechism* is an authentic fruit of the Second Vatican Council. The Year of Faith will make a concerted effort to rediscover and study the fundamental content of the faith that is found in the *Catechism*. Here, in fact, we see the wealth of teaching that the Church has received, safeguarded and proposed in her two thousand years of history. From Sacred Scripture, the Fathers of the Church, theological masters to the saints across the centuries, the *Catechism* provides a permanent record of the many ways in which the Church has meditated on the faith and made progress in doctrine to offer certitude to believers in their lives of faith. The beginning of the *Catechism* expounds upon the Creed, the Profession of Faith. The Profession of Faith is followed by an account of sacramental life, in which Christ is present, operative and continues to build his Church. Without the liturgy and the sacraments, the profession of faith would lack value, because it would lack the grace, which supports Christian witness. By the same criterion, the teaching of the *Catechism* on the moral life acquires its full meaning if placed in relationship with faith, liturgy and prayer.

This year will also be a good opportunity to intensify the *celebration* of the faith in the liturgy, especially in the Eucharist, which is "the summit towards which the activity of the Church is directed; ... and also the source from which all its power flows." [Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* 10.]

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

SK Steve Schlesselman, SK Jim Wasil, Bro. Fritz Cahill and his son Tom Cahill, Bro. Ken Riley, SK John Bravo, Judy Klinge, wife of SK Brian Klinge, Terry Pugh, wife of SK Earl Pugh, Denise Swiacki wife of SK Walter Swiacki, Donna Abels wife of SK Jim Abels, Mary Jochum, wife of SK Bernie Jochum, Ray Villa, Anita Pullens and Soccorro Sieckmann, brother-in-law and sisters-in-law to SK Felix Sanchez, Mary Sanchez, sister of SK Felix Sanchez, Sr. Teresa Meza, Sister of SK José Meza, Nancy Herrera, widow of SK Pablo Herrera, Maureen Lacey, widow of SK John Lacey, Patricia Schrader, wife of SK Roy Schrader, Alice Velasco, wife of SK Bruce Velasco, Fr. Dennis Collins of Our Lady of Sorrows and Fr. Tom Ellis.

Pray for our bishops, priests and deacons who are our spiritual leaders in our spiritual community.



This is not the first time that the Church has called to celebrate a Year of Faith. My venerable Predecessor Pope Paul VI announced one in 1967, to commemorate the martyrdom of Saints Peter and Paul on the 19th centenary of their supreme act of witness. He thought of it as a solemn moment for the whole Church to make “an authentic and sincere profession of the same faith”; moreover, he wanted this to be confirmed in a way that was “individual and collective, free and conscious, inward and outward, humble and frank”. [Paul VI, Apostolic Exhortation *Petrum et Paulum Apostolos on the XIX centenary of the martyrdom of Saints Peter and Paul* (22 February 1967)].

During this year of faith, we will need to keep our gaze fixed upon Jesus Christ. Faith shapes the whole of human existence according to the radical new reality of Christ’s resurrection. Faith commits every one of us to become a living sign of the presence of the Risen Lord in the world.

In him, all the anguish and all the longing of the human heart finds fulfillment. The joy of love, the answer to the drama of suffering and pain, the power of forgiveness in the face of an offence received and the victory of life over the emptiness of death all find their fulfillment in the mystery of his Incarnation, in his becoming man, in his sharing our human weakness so as to transform humanity by the power of his resurrection. In him who died and rose again for our salvation, the examples of faith that have marked these two thousand years of our salvation history are brought into the fullness of light. As we retrace the history of our faith, we encounter the unfathomable mystery of the interweaving of holiness and sin. The former highlights faith as the lifelong companion that makes it possible to perceive, ever anew, the marvels that God works for us. The former also recognizes the great contribution that men and women have made to the growth and development of the community through the witness of their lives. The latter must provoke in each person a sincere and continuing work of conversion in order to experience the mercy of the Father, which is held out to everyone. To rediscover the content of the faith that is professed, celebrated, lived and prayed, [John Paul II, Apostolic Constitution *Fidei Depositum* (11 October 1992)] and to reflect on the act of faith, is a task that every believer must make one’s own, especially in the course of this Year. To the extent that one freely cooperates, one’s thoughts, desires and actions are slowly purified and transformed, on a journey that is never completely finished in this life.

Faith constitutes a permanent summons, indelibly written into the human heart, to set out to find the One whom we would not be seeking had he not already set out to meet us. [Saint Augustine, *Confessions*, XIII] To this encounter, faith invites us and it opens us in fullness. Search is an authentic “preamble” to the faith, because it guides people onto the path that leads to the mystery of God. The “door of faith” (*Acts 14:27*) is always open for us, usher us into the life of communion with God and offer an entry into his Church. It is possible to cross that threshold when the word of God is proclaimed and the heart allows itself to be shaped by transforming grace. The heart indicates that the first act by which one comes to faith is God’s gift and the action of grace which acts and transforms the person deep within. Faith makes us fruitful, because it expands our hearts in hope and enables us to bear life-giving witness: indeed, it opens the hearts and minds of those who listen to respond to the Lord’s invitation to adhere to his word and become his disciples. To enter through that door of faith is to set out on a journey that lasts a lifetime. It begins with baptism (cf. *Rom 6:4*), through which we can address God as Father, and it ends with the passage through death to eternal life.

Faith is choosing to stand with the Lord so as to live with him. A vibrant faith is essential for giving one’s own *assent* that is to say for adhering fully with intellect and will to God. Faith opens a door into the fullness of the saving mystery revealed by God. The giving of assent implies that, when we believe, we freely accept the whole mystery of faith, because the guarantor of its truth is God who reveals himself and allows us to know his mystery of love. [First Vatican Ecumenical Council, *Dogmatic Constitution on the Catholic Faith* chap. III; and Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, *Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation* 5] This “standing with him” points towards an understanding of the reasons for believing. Faith, precisely because it is a free act, also demands social responsibility for what one believes.



The Church on the day of Pentecost demonstrates with utter clarity this public dimension of believing and proclaiming one's faith fearlessly to every person. Faith is the gift of the Holy Spirit that makes us fit for mission and strengthens our witness, making it frank and courageous.

We want this Year to arouse in every believer the aspiration to *profess* the faith in fullness and with renewed conviction, with confidence and hope. We make it our prayer that believers' *witness* of life may grow in credibility. What the world is in particular need of today is the credible witness of people enlightened in mind and heart by the word of the Lord, and capable of opening the hearts and minds of many to the desire for God and for true life, life without end. Today as in the past, Christ sends us through the highways of the world to proclaim his Gospel to all the peoples of the earth (cf. *Mt* 28:19).

The Year of Faith will also be a good opportunity to intensify the witness of charity. "Faith working through love" (*Gal* 5:6) becomes a new criterion of understanding and action that changes the whole of one's life (cf. *Rom* 12:2; *Col* 3:9-10; *Eph* 4:20-29; *2 Cor* 5:17). We are not to grow lazy in our faith. Faith grows when it is lived as an experience of love received and when it is expressed as an experience of grace and joy. Through faith, we can recognize the face of the risen Lord in those who ask for our love. "As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (*Mt* 25:40). These words are a warning that must not be forgotten and a perennial invitation to return the love by which he takes care of us. It is faith that enables us to recognize Christ and it is his love that impels us to assist him whenever he becomes our neighbor along the journey of life.

Excerpts from Apostolic Letter *Porta Fidei* (*Door of Faith*) by Pope Benedict XVI for The Year of Faith and rearranged

***INTERCESSION TO APOSTLE OF CALIFORNIA
PADRE JUNIPERO SERRA***

O Lord Jesus Christ, reward the apostolic zeal of Your servant, Padre Junipero Serra, who departing his native Spain, labored for the salvation of souls in Mexico and California. Graciously deign by evident signs and prodigies to glorify him, so that for the exaltation of Your Most Holy Name, he may be elevated to the honors of the altar. Through Padre's intercession kindly grant the special favor, I request.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father



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