



The Navigator

Knights of Columbus - Fourth Degree

Junipero Serra Assembly 0044

January 2013

Siempre Adalento (Always Forward) Fr Serra's Motto

CALENDAR

Clergy Appreciation Dinner	Jan 23
February Officer's Meeting	Feb 04
February Dinner Meeting	Feb 18
Lady's Night	Mar 18

NO DINNER MEETING IN JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER AND JANUARY

CLERGY APPRECIATION DINNER

Clergy Appreciation Dinner meeting will be on **JANUARY 23RD** at **BISHOP DIEGO HIGH SCHOOL** 4000 La Colina Rd with a "SOCIAL HOUR" beginning at **6:00 PM** and **DINNER** will be served **7:00 PM**.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

SK Steve Schlesselman, SK Jim Wasil, Bro. Fritz Cahill and his son Tom Cahill, SK Joseph Connolly (Council 1684& Color Guard), 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, SK Bernie Jochum and his wife Mary, Ray Villa, Anita Pullens and Soccorro Sieckmann, brother-in-law and sisters-in-law to 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, Alice Velasco, wife of SK Bruce Velasco, Christine Placencia, daughter of SK Jack Turney Fr. Dennis Collins of Our Lady of Sorrows and Fr. Tom Ellis.

The following Sir Knights will celebrate a birthday during the month of December and January. We will honor them with a free dinner and recognition at our February Dinner Meeting.

N. Albino Prado	2 Dec
Joseph W. Connolly	8 Dec
Msgr. Stephen N. Downes	8 Dec
David Farebrother	8 Dec
Paul H. Coyne	9 Dec
John I Balster	11 Dec
John W Moynihan Jr	15 Dec
Mell Hueston	23 Dec
John F. Corcoran	24 Dec
Dr. Anthony N. Mendesh	2 Jan
José J Meza	2 Jan
Raymond D Charpentier	3 Jan
Jerry J Nespor	6 Jan
Raymond D. Jarrard	11 Jan
Robert J. Gauthier	12 Jan
Solomon G Sanchez	13 Jan
Donald Aubrey	14 Jan
Richard A Rink	14 Jan
Most Rev Thomas J. Curry	17 Jan
James T. Garland	18 Jan
Richard Martinez	19 Jan
Rev Edward C Nowak	19 Jan
Mark Wietstock	19 Jan
Rev John F Provenza	20 Jan
James A Wasil	24 Jan



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

Year Of Faith

Three branches of the Year of Faith *Knowing, living and sharing our Faith* By Eric Sammons – OUR SUNDAY VISITOR

How does the Year of Faith impact the average pew-sitting Catholic? What should we do to celebrate and participate in this Year of Faith? In **PORTA FIDEI**, Pope Benedict XVI apostolic letter announcing the Year of Faith, he maps out some important principles regarding faith. He writes, “*there exists a profound unity between the act by which we believe and the content to which we give our assent*” (No. 10). In other words, we cannot give our assent to the Catholic faith without some knowledge of that faith. Faith is more than intellectual assent; it includes an intellectual understanding of our faith.

(1) Know our faith

In calling the Year of Faith, Pope Benedict is first and foremost urging Catholics to know their faith. Who is Jesus Christ? What is the Trinity? How many sacraments are there and what do they do? What is the role of Mary in salvation history? In order to have that deep, ongoing encounter with Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church, one must continually grow in knowledge of the Faith.

Our relationship with Christ can be likened to the romantic relationship between a man and a woman. If a man is initially interested in a woman, does he not want to know more and more about her? As they grow closer, is not part of the joy of the relationship the deeper understanding and knowledge of the beloved? Even if the relationship has moved on to years of happy married life, does he not want to continue to learn new things about his wife? Likewise, our knowledge of Christ and his Body, the Church, never ends — it just grows deeper and deeper over time, strengthening our love for them.

The Catechism is a perfect foundation for the building of this knowledge. A beautiful gift to the Church, the Catechism eloquently explains the Catholic faith by weaving the doctrines of the faith with the Scriptures and patristic sources. It serves, along with the Bible, as the first place to start when growing in knowledge of the Catholic faith.

But our knowledge of Christ and his Church is not merely an academic, intellectual knowledge. It is knowledge that leads to action.

(2) Live our faith

St. Paul’s writings are centered on the idea that to follow Christ, we must be “like Christ.” This is the result of that full assent of intellect and will to Christ—we give ourselves so totally to him that we are re-made into his image. We should all have on our lips and in our hearts the words of St. Paul to the Galatians, “*I have been crucified with Christ; yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me*” (Gal 2:19-20).

How do we live our faith in such a way as to allow ourselves to be transformed into images of Christ? First, by recognizing that this transformation is an act of God — a sheer grace. During this Year of Faith, we should redouble our efforts to live a sacramental life — receiving the Eucharist as often as possible and going to confession on a regular basis (at least monthly). The sacraments are the primary means by which we receive grace and are molded into Christ’s likeness.

We also live our faith fully by having a deep prayer life. Most of us struggle to set aside time daily to talk to God, but this is the most important activity of the day. If a husband said he did not have time to talk to his wife on a regular basis, what kind of husband would he be? Likewise, the Christian who has no time to dialogue with God regularly is not a true Christian.

Furthermore, the Catholic tradition has a deep wellspring of devotions from which we can regularly draw. The Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, the Stations of the Cross—these are just a few examples of time-tested methods by which we enter into the mysteries of God and draw closer to him.

Another way we live our faith is through works of charity. The Triune Godhead consists of an eternal self-giving: the Father pours himself out to the Son, the Son returns that self-giving love, and their love is so real and abundant that it forms another person: the Holy Spirit. We are likewise called to pour ourselves out in love for others, modelling our own lives after the eternal life of God.

St. James famously wrote, “*faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead*” (Jas 2:17). Our faith is not a mere intellectual assent. No, it is the means by which we enter into the Christian life — a life lived for Christ and in Christ.

***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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