



The Navigator

Knights of Columbus - Fourth Degree

Junipero Serra Assembly 0044

March 2014

Siempre Adalento (Always Forward) Fr Serra's Motto

CALENDAR

March's Dinner Meeting	17 Mar
April Officer's Meeting	07 Apr
Easter Dinner Meeting	21 Apr
May's Officer Meeting	05 May

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Bishop Curry, Terry Pugh; SK Steve Schlesselman, SK Don Aubrey, SK Larry Torres, SK Felix Sanchez, Bro. Fritz Cahill and his son Tom Cahill, SK Joseph Connolly (Council 1684 & Color Guard), SK Bernie Jochum, SK Al Meckelborg, SK Ken Kuether, Bro. Roy Fong who has Parkinson's Disease, Judy Klinge wife of SK Brian Klinge, Camille Moynihan, widow of SK John Moynihan, Denise Swiacki wife of SK Walter Swiacki, Donna Abels wife of SK Jim Abels, Anita Pullens sisters-in-law to SK Felix Sanchez, Sr. Teresa Meza, Sister of SK José Meza, Joe Vampola, brother of SK Mark Vampola, Nancy Herrera, widow of SK Pablo Herrera, Maureen Lacey, widow of SK John Lacey, Alice Velasco, wife of SK Bruce Velasco, Patricia Schrader, wife of SK Roy Schrader, SK Joe & Ruth Duwel, Daughter of FN Jim Garland Christian Franzen, nephew of SK Dn Wayne, Bro Dan Engler (Council 1684), Fr. Dennis Collins of Our Lady of Sorrows, Fr. Bruce, who is having some medical issues, Fr. James, who is having some medical issues, Fr. David Velasquez of St Joseph who is dealing with many medical issues, Fr. Frank Colburn, Msgr. Jenette of San Roque Church and Fr. Tom Ellis.

DINNER MEETING IN MARCH

We will have our St Patrick's Day Dinner Meeting on **17 MARCH** beginning with a "SOCIAL HOUR" at **6:30 PM** and **DINNER** will be served a little after **7:00 PM**.

BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH

The following Sir Knights will celebrate a birthday during the month of March.

Mansfield H. Turney	1 Mar
Thomas L. Cordeiro	2 Mar
William B Regis	3 Mar
Jack E Ward	5 Mar
Lawrence W Torres	14 Mar
Bruce Garcia	17 Mar
Frederick W Brokaski	25 Mar
William McNamara	26 Mar

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

IRISH BLESSING

May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face, and rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.



CHAPTER TWO UNLESS YOU BELIEVE, YOU WILL NOT UNDERSTAND (CF. IS 7:9) FROM POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL *LIGHT OF FAITH*

Knowledge of the Truth and Love

Can Christian faith provide a service to the common good (the good and the best for everyone as an individual and as a community) with regard to the right way of understanding truth? To answer this question, we need to reflect on the kind of knowledge involved in faith. Here a saying of Saint Paul can help us: “*One believes with the heart*” (Rom 10:10). In the Bible, the heart is the core of the human person, where all his or her different dimensions intersect: body and spirit, interiority and openness to the world and to others, intellect, will and affectivity. If the heart is capable of holding all these dimensions together, it is because it is where we become open to truth and love, where we let them touch us and deeply transform us. Faith transforms the whole person precisely to the extent that he or she becomes open to love. Through this blending of faith and love, we come to see the kind of knowledge, which faith entails its power to convince and its ability to illumine our steps. Faith knows because it is tied to love, because love itself brings enlightenment. Faith’s understanding is born when we receive the immense love of God, which transforms us inwardly and enables us to see reality with new eyes. The explanation of the connection between faith and certainty put forward by the philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein is well known. For Wittgenstein, believing can be compared to the experience of falling in love: it is something subjective, which cannot be proposed as a truth valid for everyone. (Cf. *Vermischte Bemerkungen / Culture and Value*, ed. G.H. von Wright, Oxford, 1991, 32-33; 61-64) Indeed, most people nowadays would not consider love as related in any way to truth. Love is seen as an experience associated with the world of fleeting emotions, no longer with truth. However, is this an adequate description of love? Love cannot be reduced to an ephemeral emotion. True, it engages our affectivity, but in order to open it to the beloved and thus to blaze a trail leading away from self-centeredness and towards another person, in order to build a lasting relationship; love aims at union with the beloved. Here we begin to see how love requires truth. Only to the extent that love is grounded in truth can it endure over time, can it transcend the passing moment and be sufficiently solid to sustain a shared journey. If love is not tied to truth, it falls prey to fickle emotions and cannot stand the test of time. True love, on the other hand, unifies all the elements of our person and becomes a new light pointing the way to a great and fulfilled life. Without truth, love is incapable of establishing a firm bond; it cannot liberate our isolated ego or redeem it from the fleeting moment in order to create life and bear fruit. If love needs truth, truth also needs love. Love and truth are inseparable. Without love, truth becomes cold, impersonal and oppressive for people’s day-to-day lives. The truth we seek, the truth that gives meaning to our journey through life, enlightens us whenever we are touched by love. One who loves realizes that love is an experience of truth, that it opens our eyes to see reality in a new way, in union with the beloved. It is a relational way of viewing the world, which then becomes a form of shared knowledge, vision through the eyes of another and a shared vision of all that exists.



William of Saint-Thierry, in the Middle Ages, follows this tradition when he comments on the verse of the Song of Songs where the lover says to the beloved, “*Your eyes are doves*” (Song 1:15).²¹ The two eyes, says William, are faith-filled reason and love, which then become one in rising to the contemplation of God, when our understanding becomes “*an understanding of enlightened love*”. (Cf. *Expositio super Cantica Canticorum*, XIX, 90: CCL, *Continuatio Mediaevalis* 87, 69.) This discovery of love as a source of knowledge, which is part of the primordial experience of every man and woman, finds authoritative expression in the biblical understanding of faith. In savoring the love by which God chose them and made them a people, Israel came to understand the overall unity of the divine plan. Faith-knowledge, because it is born of God’s covenantal love, is knowledge which lights up a path in history. That is why, in the Bible, truth and fidelity go together: the true God is the God of fidelity who keeps his promises and makes possible, in time, a deeper understanding of his plan. Through the experience of the prophets, in the pain of exile and in the hope of a definitive return to the holy city, Israel came to see that this divine “truth” extended beyond the confines of its own history, to embrace the entire history of the world, beginning with creation. Faith-knowledge sheds light not only on the destiny of one particular people, but also on the entire history of the created world, from its origins to its consummation.

***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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