



The Navigator

Knights of Columbus - Fourth Degree

Junipero Serra Assembly 0044

March 2015

Siempre Adalento (Always Forward) Fr Serra's Motto

CALENDAR

March's Dinner Meeting	16 Mar
April's Officer's Meeting	06 Apr
April's Dinner Meeting	20 Apr
May's Officer's Meeting	04 May

EDITOR'S APOLOGY

Because of health issues, February's Navigator was not written.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Lee Alfano widow of SK Sam Alfano, SK Brian Klinge, Terry Pugh , wife of SK Earl Pugh; SK Larry Torres, SK Bill McNamara, SK Felix Sanchez, Bro. Fritz Cahill and his son Tom Cahill, SK Joseph Connolly (Council 1684 & Color Guard), SK Al Meckelborg, Bro. Roy Fong who has Parkinson's Disease, Camille Moynihan, widow of SK John Moynihan, Carol McLafferty, widow of SK Bill McLafferty, Denise Swiacki wife of SK Walter Swiacki, Donna Abels wife of SK Jim Abels, Cindy Peyton's son who has been deployed for a 3rd tour to Afghanistan, 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, SK Roy Schrader, Patricia Schrader, wife of and David, son of SK Roy Schrader, SK Joe & Ruth Duwel, Daughter of PFN Jim Garland, Christian Franzen, nephew of SK Dn Wayne, Bro Dan Engler (Council 1684), Eileen Pando, widow of SK Joe Pando, Frances Diani, wife of Bro. Frank Diani Fr. Dennis, Collins, 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, and Fr. Tom Ellis, SK Dn Mike Betliskey.

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

DINNER MEETING IN MARCH

We will have our St Patrick's Day Dinner Meeting on **16 MARCH** beginning with a "SOCIAL HOUR" at **6:30 PM** and **DINNER** will be served a little after **7:00 PM**.

BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH

The following Sir Knights will celebrate a birthday during the months of February and March.

Rev Anthony Cacciapuoti	2 Feb
Edward Corral	8 Feb
Joseph R.Darga	11 Feb
Gerald N Liponi	14 Feb
Max F. Keller	18 Feb
Brian Klinge	25 Feb
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

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.



GENERAL PRINCIPLES TO UNDERSTAND BETTER THE SACRAMENTS

Definition of a Sacrament

Word *sacramentum* means sacred oath in secular Roman literature and corresponds to the Greek word *mysterium*, which denotes God revealing Himself. The sacraments are still sometimes referred to as "*mysteries*," especially among Eastern Catholics.

"A sacrament is... an outward sign of inward grace that it bears its image and is its cause." St. Peter Lombard, (**IV SENT., D.I, N.2**), c.1150

A simple definition for a sacrament is a perceivable external sign instituted by Christ that gives grace. In this vein, the bishops in **THE DOGMATIC CONSTITUTION ON THE CHURCH** from Vatican II, viewed the Church as a "Sacrament". "*Since the Church is in Christ like a sacrament or as a sign and instrument both of a very closely knit union with God and of the unity of the whole human race...*"¶1

Three Components to a Sacrament

There are three components to a sacrament. First is the external sacramental sign, such as water, bread, wine, oil, which is a sensibly perceptible sign of sanctifying grace. Secondly, grace freely flows as the Holy Spirit comes into our soul to make us holy by molding us more into Christ-like people, and by deepening our relationship with God. Thirdly, it is instituted by or rooted in Jesus Christ.

Matter and Form of a Sacrament

The matter (external sign) consists of something that is perceptible to the senses, either a physical substance (water, oil) or a perceptible action such as the consent given in Marriage and the audibly expressed contrition of the penitent in Penance.

The form (Latin: formula) refers to the words that are spoken in prayer. For instance, the correct form for Baptism is "*I baptize you in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*" Rather than "*I baptize you in the name of the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sanctifier.*" The Church teaches that if either matter or form is lacking there is no true sacrament.

Validness of a Sacrament

A Sacrament is validly celebrated when bishop, priest, or deacon in good standing with the Church presides over a Sacrament or witnesses a Marriage, except for Baptism celebrated in an extraordinary circumstance. Further, there is the intent to do what is in alignment with Church teaching when celebrating a sacrament.

Sacramental Principle of "Ex Opere Operato" where God works through a Sacrament

This Latin phrase meaning "*by the very nature of the work.*" A technical phrase used by theologians since the 13th century to signify that the sacraments produce grace of themselves, apart and distinct from the grace dependent upon the intention of the person conferring the sacrament; the latter effect is designated by the phrase *ex opere operantis*. The phrase is first found in the writings of Peter of Poitiers (c. 1130-1215). The Catholic teaching behind the Sacramental Principle of *ex opere operato* stresses that Sacraments are not some sort of mechanical operation or magical performance.

"*Ex Opere Operato*" was officially adopted by the Council of Trent and used to signify the objective character of the sacraments as producers of grace in opposition to the subjectivism of the Reformers. According to Trent, therefore, the term *ex opere operatum* signifies that the correct use of the sign instituted by Christ produces the grace irrespectively of the merits of either minister or recipient (*ex opere operantis*). Some believed the celebration of a sacrament by a presider or clergy in a state of mortal sin was invalid, but the true teaching is that the worthiness or unworthiness of the minister does not affect the validity of the sacrament. The sacraments pour out grace by the very nature of their being celebrated properly. However, the intention of conferring the sacrament is required in the minister and the intention of receiving in the recipient, if one were an adult, for a valid and worthy reception of the sacrament. For the council clearly states that the sacraments "*confer Grace on those who do not place an obstacle thereunto.*"

In other words, the reason for *ex opere operato* is to emphasize that God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) is the primary one who objectively freely gives grace through the Sacraments. Though God bestows the grace freely, how grace works in a person to transform one and to unite one to God and each other depends upon one's openness one's disposition to receive that grace in a Sacrament. Therefore, we cannot be tempted to view the Sacraments as mechanical rituals that will sanctify us against our will. We must open ourselves up to God in order to grow in holiness so that we can receive more of the grace contained in the Sacraments.

An Indelible Mark (Character)

Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders because they can be received only once confer what is called an "*indelible mark*" or an "*indelible character*" on the soul of the recipient. This means that the very soul of the recipient has been substantially change forever for example in Baptism one becomes a child of God.



***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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