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JANUARY– FEBRUARY 2021

Financial Secretary's Report

NOTE:

The public Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has been temporarily suspended until further notice from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. This applies to the Hour of Adoration of the Poor Clares of Santa Barbara.

While some parishes hold Saturday and Sunday Masses, these have been held outside. St. Barbara Parish at the Old Mission holds a 9:00AM Mass on cable TV using YOUTUBE. This requires special connection with cable TV.

At present people attending services may not receive bread and wine at communion.

The following dates are tentative and may change or be cancelled. For those serving meals at Transition House:

JANUARY 22	5:30 PM
Prepare Meal at Transition House	
FEBRUARY 26	5:30 PM
Prepare Meal at Transition House	

OTHER NEWS:

For information on poster contest "Keep

Christ in Christmas," Chris Zoltoski has volunteered to manage the program. Brother Mark Weitstock is participating from afar. They completed the framework and have proceeded with the event, contestants competing by grade level and age. Names of winners and their posters can be found on Pages 7-8.

As for Safe Environment Training, it is being discussed. Program Director is Brother Matt Najera and Community Director is Brother Brian Regan.

The Clergy Appreciation event has been discussed; present plan calls for the event being held on Wednesday January 27. Brother Nick Curran suggested keeping it a virtual ZOOM event with each invited pastor explaining what they are doing to actively keep the faith. See Page 2 for more information.

Brother Justin Mack has volunteered to begin soliciting applications for our annual Scholarship program. Volunteers are needed for reviewing submitted essays.

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

I hope everyone is having a Merry Merry Christmas this year and are enjoying the advent season bringing Christ into our lives!!! Anyways how dismiss this year of 2020 has been, we are truly blessed to be living here in Santa Barbara with loving family, friends and knowing there is a better eternal life after this one on Earth! I am truly blessed with all you brothers helping out with the Knights during this COVID year and making my job as a Grand Knight much easier! We still have exciting news coming up with a Virtual Clergy Appreciation Day and will continue to have essay and scholarship winners (see bulletin for these dates). Also please read and observe the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster

winners in the bulletin!! I was quite impressed and delighted of all the students that participated!! I believe there were more participants this year than in the past!

Let's pray that 2021 will be a healthier year!!! Let's pray for families and friends who are going through hardship times with COVID due a recent illness or death in their lives, financial distress or just struggling emotionally with the disease. We as Catholics, as you know, have been through worse conditions and will continue to prosper and flourish because of Christ in our lives!!

May God Bless you all and Vivat Jesus!

Hank Peterson

Grand Knight

CLERGY APPRECIATION EVENT WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27, 2021 TIME 7:00 PM

Because of the pandemic, Council 1684 are hosting a virtual Zoom event on Wednesday, January 27, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. Grand Knight Hank Peterson and Silvia Morgan in Bishop Robert Barron's office are coordinating this event.

Bishop Barron has accepted our invitation to attend. As usual, this appreciation event focuses on priests, deacons and their wives, sisters and brothers of the nine parishes from Carpinteria to Isla Vista.

In advance of the event, our Worthy Grand Knight will notify by email the Knights of Councils 1684 and 5300 the Zoom link and password for joining.

The Bishop and pastors will be asked to summarize how they served their people of faith in such a challenging time. Some faithful have already said they drew closer to God during this time even when they were housebound. It should be a unique, faith-filled event."

God Bless, Deacon Nick Kern

Deacon's Corner:

OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW

Well it was indeed quite a year, 2020, one we will probably not soon forget.

My brothers, as we transition from our Christmas season back to a life of business as close to usual as we can, I hope you all had time to get a bit of rest from the busy-ness of the season preparing for our Lord's birth and his coming into our lives once again.

In my last writing I encouraged us all to continue on our advent journey throughout the year, to constantly prepare for the coming of Christ, not just to forget about the whole premise after Christmas and await the season of Lent.

Jesus promised the apostles in the upper room that he would be with them always, shouldn't we attempt to do the same? As our human nature lends us an opportunity

to wander from the flock, be assured, we will never be abandoned by our God and our savior.

I know getting to Mass has been difficult, but I hope we still continue to stay strong in our faith through prayer.

As we move through what we call "ordinary time", let's not let our faith waiver, and lose our focus until the next liturgical high season comes around.

We are called to fight the good fight, and to finish the race, let's ensure we are fed well, if not with the body and blood of Christ, but at least with the Word, in order to live out God's will throughout the year and our entire lives.

Deacon Randy

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**General Meeting of Council 1684
Minutes for the Council Meeting
Wednesday, December 9, 2020**

Call to Order:

1. Five Officers and members were present on ZOOM when Grand Knight Hank Peterson called the December Council meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. The Grand Knight led the members in an opening prayer.
2. Last month review: The Memorial Mass at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel was a success with Father Lawrence Sayer presiding. Approximately twenty people were in attendance.
- 3) New/Continuing Business:
 - a) With Brother Mark Weitstock participating from afar, the **Keep Christ in Christmas** Poster Contest is being managed by Brother Chris Zoltoski. They are working on the framework and plan to proceed with the event, cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.
 - b) There was a discussion of the required Safe Environment Training, Program Director Brother Matt Najera and Community Director Brother Brian Regan.
 - c) The Clergy Appreciation event was discussed. Brother Nick Curran suggested

that we keep it virtual with a ZOOM event with each invited pastor explaining what they are doing to actively keep the faith. The event is planned for Wednesday, January 27th

- d) The Council has a Liability policy. The question posed is: Should we pay the premium to keep this policy in force while we are basically inactive and without a home? After a discussion, the answer seems to yes.
- e) Brother Justin Mack has volunteered to begin soliciting applications for our annual Scholarship program.
4. Good of the Order:
 - a) Brother Jim Garland: There was a discussion about Saint Juan Diego (Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, also known as Juan Diego (1474–1548), a native of Mexico, is the first Catholic indigenous saint from the Americas. Brother Jim asked for prayers for the Legion of Mary.
 - b) Brother Hank Peterson asked for prayer for Deacon Nick’s hip that is still on the mend.

The meeting closed with Deacon Nick leading in praying Hail-Mary.

Adjourned 7:53 PM


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Mike Engler

EIGHTEEN NEW PRO-LIFE WOMEN IN CONGRESS WILL BE A FORCE FOR THE UNBORN BABIES

Any time a pro-abortion woman gets elected to public office, the news media love to tell us about it. But on November 3, when the voters elected a record 18 (!) new pro-life Congresswomen, the Big Media suddenly got acute laryngitis. That's because they want the American people to think all women are pro-abortion. They don't want us to know a big new wave of pro-life women is about to slam into the anti-lifers in the House of Representatives.

The new pro-life women who are heading to Washington are Stephanie Bice (Oklahoma); Lauren Boebert (Colorado); Kat Cammack (Florida); Michelle Fischbach (Minnesota); Diana Harshbarger (Tennessee); Yvette Herrell (New Mexico); Ashley Hinson (Iowa); Young Kim (California); Nancy Mace (South Carolina); Nicole Malliotakis (New York); Lisa McClain (Michigan); Mary Miller (Illinois); Mariannette Miller-Meeks (Iowa); Maria Elvira Salazar (Florida); Victoria Spartz (Indiana); Michelle Steel (California); Marjorie Taylor Greene (Georgia); and Beth Van Duyne (Texas).

For Congresswoman-Elect Kat Cammack, the right to life is personal. She told Fox News that 32 years ago her mother refused to abort her, even though doctors and family members urged her to. She said that on Capitol Hill she'll protect the unborn babies just as her mother did (LifeNews, December 3, 2020).

The incoming Representative said she'll tell her personal story to Congress and urge pregnant mothers to let their babies live. She also plans to confront legislators who favor the killing of unborn babies.

"We'll classify bacteria on Mars as life, but we won't classify a heartbeat in the womb as life," she explained. "Or if you look at the [Justice Department], if a pregnant woman is murdered, it's a double homicide. But if the woman chooses to terminate that pregnancy, it's not. It's very hypocritical from the government standpoint. As a federal representative coming in, I want to address that hypocrisy in our government."

Let's pray that God gives courage and eloquence to these 18 new pro-life women lawmakers.

Mike Engler
Pro-Life Chairman

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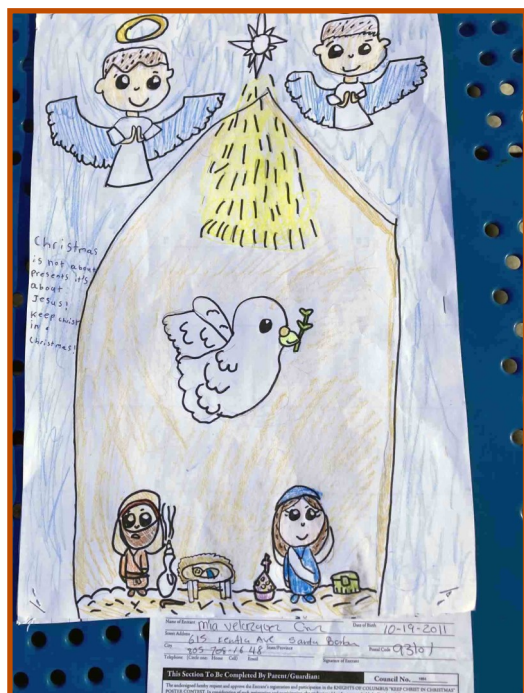
“KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS” POSTER CONTEST DECEMBER 2020

This year there were again six entries for the poster contest “Keep Christ in Christmas,” three each from Notre Dame School and three each from Our Lady of Mount Carmel School. Contestants by grade level and age are K-2 (Age 5-7), grades 3-5 (Age 8-10) and grades 6-8 (Age 11-14). Each contest winner was rewarded a \$50 check. Photos include each poster from each group for each school. Because of the COVID no dinner was held for the contestants and their families.

Notre Dame School



Stephanie Liam (K—2nd)

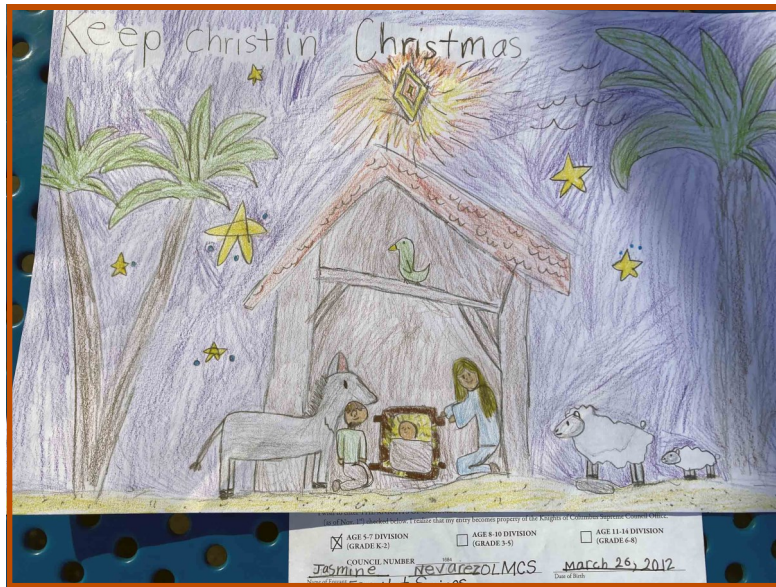


Mia Velazquez Cruz (3rd-5th)

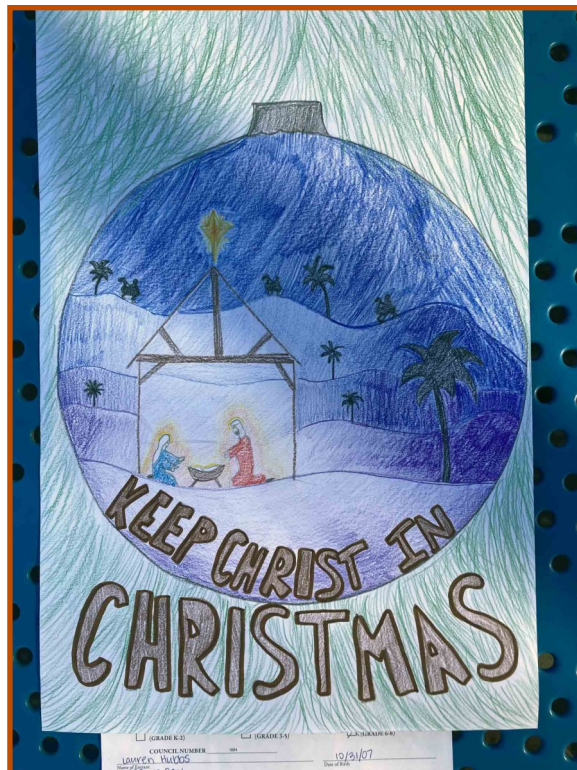


Sophia Liam (6th-8th)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel



Jasmine Nevarez (K-2nd)



Lauren Hubbs (6th-8th)



Juliana Horton (3rd-5th)

United States Conference Catholic Bishops President Calls Blessed McGivney “Model” for Clergy Archbishop Gómez, president of USCCB, and Archbishop Pierre Call on Blessed McGivney’s Intercession During Trying Times

By Andrew Fowler 12/4/2020

Church leaders at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) first ever virtual assembly highlighted Blessed Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, as a “model and intercessor for our own ministries.”

“He was a pastor in a time of moral confusion and social unrest. Just as we are,” said Archbishop José Gómez of Los Angeles, president of the USCCB. “Like us, he was a priest called to minister in a pandemic. In fact, he gave his life during the flu pandemic of 1890, one of more than 1 million who died worldwide.”

Archbishop Gómez, a member of the Knights, spoke extensively about the K of C founder in his presidential address during the assembly, describing Blessed McGivney’s beatification as a “beautiful moment in the history of the American Church.”

Blessed McGivney was officially declared “blessed” by a Vatican decree during a Mass held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Conn. The beatification Mass followed five months after Pope Francis issued a decree on May 27 attributing a miracle to the intercession of Blessed McGivney. The miracle involved the healing of Michael “Mikey” Schackle from fetal hydrops, which causes a fatal accumulation of fluids throughout the body of an unborn child.

Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the U.S., told assembly attendees that Blessed McGivney “understood the challenges” of those communities he served, but was able to “animate the lay apostolate” by founding the Knights of Columbus.

“His authoritative witness shows forth the face of the Samaritan church, unwilling to pass by someone in need but willing to see where compassion is needed and to act,” Archbishop Pierre said. “There is a five-year-old boy who, through Father McGivney’s intercession was cured of fetal hydrops and now who can look forward in hope to the life that lies ahead. May the Blessed Michael McGivney intercede for you in offering to your flocks the witness of hope.”

Archbishop Gómez echoed the apostolic nuncio’s message, adding the historical context in which Blessed McGivney lived as a time of anti-immigrant intolerance, poverty as well as discrimination against Catholics.

“Father McGivney met these injustices by living the Gospel,” he said. “Love was not an abstraction or a cause for him; it was the widow and the orphan, the father with no job; the prisoner on death row. Blessed Michael McGivney knew their faces and knew their names.”

Amid challenges facing the Church, Archbishop Gómez called on the attendees to follow Blessed McGivney’s “courageous example” and “weep now with those who are weeping.”

“This is our mission in this moment. To continue to bring healing and hope to the people of our time,” he continued. “As we go forward, let us ask for the prayers of Blessed Michael McGivney. May he help us to bring people to a new encounter with Jesus Christ. Who loves us and offers his Body and Blood for us.”

Blessed McGivney’s liturgical memorial will be observed annually on Aug. 13, the day between his birth (Aug. 12) and death (Aug. 14).



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