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Installation of Officers- Council 5300 & 1684



Pictured: the new officers of Council 5300 and 1684 being sworn in. Picture by Maria Cabrera

Picture and Article Submissions need to be in by the 20th of the month

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Pray the Rosary

Avon Walk for Breast Cancer



By Mark Vampola, Grand Knight

Brother Knights,

In a couple months my wife Irma will be participating in a long arduous walk, as part of the campaign, "Avon Walk for Breast Cancer". This is a fundraiser for the Avon Foundation, which funds support towards awareness and education, screening and diagnosis, treatment, support, and research for Breast Cancer.

The walk will cover 40 miles here in Santa Barbara (that's a marathon and a half!) spread out over two days in September. This will take a tremendous amount of time, dedication, and energy to complete, all for a cause that will be diagnosed to almost 200,000 women and men in this country this year, and cause about 22% of them to die. Many of us have been touched by this in our lives, either as personally being diagnosed or through close friends and relatives being diagnosed.

At this point she is in training for the walk. This training includes several walks during the week, each covering 6-12 miles.

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Proposed Resolution to be submitted to the Council:

"Resolved, the Knights of Columbus Council 5300 will provide to Fr. Bruce Correio the sum of \$500.00 in recognition of his twenty-five year anniversary of being a priest and his service to the parish of St. Raphael's Church."



Program Director's Report
By Ed Barrier, Deputy Grand Knight

Dear Brother Knights,

I offer a spiritual reflection from Malcom Muggeridge, a famous British journalist who converted to Catholic Church in 1982 through the influence of Mother Teresa:

“God arises because we cannot do anything alone. We are too weak and variable and helpless. Even just to take charge of our own bodies is impossible without outside help. Existence itself becomes impossible without God. To the minute degree that I have been able to lift my head out of the trough round which we humans so furiously and so avidly gather, it has been entirely due to God's help. If this had been lacking (and of course it never is) I should have lived wholly in darkness.”

There are still some open slots on the Fiesta Coke Booth schedule. I'm looking for a few good volunteers on the Saturday shift. Please e-mail or call me. The recent Fiesta Coke Booth schedule is posted on our website: www.kc5300.org. Just click on the Fiesta Coke Booth link on the left. I would also like to draw your attention to the proposed resolution on page one for your consideration. It will be voted on at the next business meeting.

July, 2010

07/02/10	Friday	24-Hour Adoration
07/04/10	Sunday	4 th of July
07/06/10	Tuesday	K of C Officers' Meeting at Conference Room, 8:00 PM
07/11/10	Sunday	Pancake Breakfast after 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses
07/12/10	Monday	K of C 5300 Business Meeting at Parish Hall, 7:30 PM

August, 2010

08/01/10	Sunday	Fiesta Coke Booth setup at El Mercado
08/02/10	Monday	K of C Officers' Meeting at Conference Room, 8:00 PM
08/04/10	Wednesday	Fiesta Coke Booth at El Mercado 10:00 AM-11:00 PM
08/05/10	Thursday	Fiesta Coke Booth at El Mercado 10:00 AM-11:00 PM
08/06/10	Friday	Fiesta Coke Booth at El Mercado 10:00 AM-11:00 PM
08/07/10	Saturday	Fiesta Coke Booth at El Mercado 10:00 AM-11:00 PM
08/08/10	Sunday	Pancake Breakfast after 7:30 and 9:30 AM Masses
08/09/10	Monday	K of C 5300 Business Meeting at Parish Hall, 7:30 PM

September, 2010

09/06/10	Friday	24-Hour Adoration
09/06/10	Monday	Labor Day Picnic
09/07/10	Tuesday	Officers' Meeting at Conference Room 8:00 PM
09/12/10	Sunday	K of C Parish Breakfast from 7:30 AM until 11 AM/Blood Drive at Parish Hall
09/13/10	Monday	K of C 5300 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM at Parish Hall
09/26/10	Sunday	Parish Picnic-Tri-Tip/Beer/Nachos-St. Raphael's School Grounds



Report of the 4th Degree
SK Jack Turney, Faithful Admiral

JULY 4TH PICNIC

The 4th of July picnic will be held at SK Jim Bradbury's house, 4485 Meadowlark Lane, Santa Barbara, starting at about 2:00 pm, or after the Spirit of '76 Parade. Attendees with the last name beginning with "A" to "L" should bring a salad, and those with last names beginning with "M" to "P" should bring appetizers/snacks and those whose last name begins with "R" to "Z" bring a dessert. The main course and drinks will be provided by the Assembly. Plastic knives and forks will also be provided, but it might be a good idea to bring your own silverware and steak knife. If you are planning to attend, please advise SK Jim Bradbury at 698 5431.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The installation of new officers in the Fourth Degree will be held on July 31st at 11:30 am in the Parish Hall at St. Raphael's Church. The ceremony will be conducted by the Worthy Master Glenn Hollenhorst and Worthy Marshall Ernie Bingham. A light lunch will be served afterwards

All officers should arrive 15 minutes early before the ceremony in full tux.

All members are encouraged to attend this important event.

COLOR CORPS NEWS

On July 1st the Color Corps has been requested to participate in a Healing Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church. July 1st is the feast day for Blessed Fr. Junipero Serra, our Assembly's patron. Fr. Paul is hoping for a miracle for the cause of Sainthood for Fr. Serra. The Mass will begin at 7:00pm, members should be there at 6:30pm to assemble.

The Color Corps will be marching in the Spirit of '76 parade on July 4th in Santa Barbara. The parade will begin at 1:00pm, starting from Sola and State streets, ending at Cota and State streets. Color Corps participants will assemble at Our Lady of Sorrows Church as 12:00 and proceed from there to the starting position.

Please advise Color Corps Commander SK Paul Coyne (967-7880) if you plan to participate in any of

these events.

CONDOLENCES

The Junipero Serra Assembly of the 4th Degree would like to extend our condolences to our Faithful Admiral, SK Jacques Benoit and his family over the passing of Jacques' mother on June 16th. The Funeral Mass was held on June 28th at 11:00am at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Montecito.

The Junipero Serra Assembly of the 4th Degree would like to extend our condolences to Bernie Jochum's family on the passing of his daughter Ruth Jochum.

May they rest in peace and let the Perpetual Light shine upon them.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

SK Joe Pando who is in Mission Terrace as of this writing, SK Sam Alfano, SK Bobby Sanchez for his continuing recovery, SK Steve Schlesselmann for his continuing recovery, SK Jim Wasil, SK Val Taylor, Judy Klinge, the wife of SK Brian Klinge, Ray and Lupe Villa, Socorro Sieckmann, brother-in-law and sisters-in-law to SK Felix Sanchez.



Insurance Agent's Report
David Farebrother, Field Agent

Star Council

As we welcome a new fraternal year, we congratulate our new Worthy Grand Knights and all the other dedicated Knights elected and appointed to lead our great councils. The coming year will be full of triumphs and challenges, and I know you'll meet this with the strength and faithfulness of those before you.

I'm sure you have a list of goals and objectives that you intend to accomplish this year, building upon the success of previous years. You have my assurance that I'm eager to help.

Among these many goals is the attainment of the Star Council award – the most prestigious award the Order offers at the council level. While I'm committed to helping on the insurance side, I'm also very glad to help on the membership side as well.

If you know an eligible Catholic man who might be interested in joining the Order as many of us do, he's

probably waiting to be asked. I can help you, either by approaching him myself, or by teaching you some sales skills that you can use to recruit him and other prospects. As always, I'm at your service. Let's get an early start on attaining those goals and objectives that are so critical to the growth of any council.

Call me – let's talk.

Fraternally

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July Birthdays

<u>Knight</u>	<u>B'day</u>
Harold B. Cahill	03-Jul
Dcn. Wayne M. Rascati	03-Jul
Antonio (Tony) D. Aceves	05-Jul
Stanley M. Baran Jr.	05-Jul
Arnold C. Van Wyk	07-Jul
Joseph T. Kovach	08-Jul
Richard W. Temple	09-Jul
Francis C. Arnoult	10-Jul
Tom F. Zanolini	11-Jul
Robert N. Marks	15-Jul
Bernard M. Jochum	17-Jul
Henry H. Cardiel	18-Jul
Mauricio Cuevas	18-Jul
Juan M. Morales	19-Jul
James M. Bonsell	20-Jul
Rev. Tomas A. Elis	22-Jul
Sean P. Connors	23-Jul
Patrick J. Donohoe	24-Jul
Dal Diebold	25-Jul
Andrew R. Wengler	25-Jul
Leonard L. Cruess	28-Jul
James W. Abels	30-Jul



Pictured: Brother Sam Alfano giving a Father's Day Prayer Card to Bob Uradnicek, usher at St. Raphael's Church.

Picture by Stephen Schlesselmann

Mark Philip Vampola Serving as 49th Grand Knight Of KC's Goleta Valley Council 5300

By Joe T. Kovach, KC member since 1996



Pictured: The Vampola family (l to r): Brian, Irma, Jacob, Valerie, Mark.

Mark Philip Vampola becomes the 49th Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, Goleta Valley Council 5300, serving as their leader for the Columbian Year, 2010-11. The 47-year old Knight has been doing the Grand Knight duties since December 2009 when J. William McLafferty took ill and died on January 15, 2010.

Mark was installed as Grand Knight in an installation ceremony on June 23, 2010 in St. Raphael Parish Hall. District Deputy Ernie Guzman performed the impressive rites as all other new officers were installed also. Please see page 12 for the names of the officers and directors selected and appointments to various committees.

Vampola inherits a current membership of Knights according to Financial Secretary Chris Arnoult, who was the 44th Grand Knight in 2003-04.

"I tried to join twice, several years in the past, but was never called back," exclaimed Vampola, who has been a St. Raphael parishioner since 1994. He added, "It was in December 2006 and I knew Chris Arnoult was the one from the Knights that needed to sign off the Cub Scout Charter. So, the evening I went to his house, I cornered him on the subject of joining. He finally relinquished a Form 100 which I signed and gave back to him."

Mark joined the Knights on January 8, 2007, became a 2nd Degree on Feb. 15, 2007, a 3rd Degree on March 4, 2007 and a 4th Degree on November 3, 2007.

The reason Vampola decided to become a KC member was expressed thusly, "I heard about all the good things they do in the community and it seemed to be consistent with the kind of lifestyle I wanted to continue and further pursue on a deeper level."

Mark's recommendations why other men should consider becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus: "Jesus told us to be servants. In serving others, we serve Him. The joy and the smiles I see in folks when they have received help or assistance in a time of need, whether they asked or not, with nothing due in return, it is just a feeling that cannot be matched."

Positions held with Council 5300 have included:

- * Advocate, 2007-08;
- * Chancellor, 2008-09;
- * Deputy Grand Knight, 2009;
- * Acting Grand Knight, Dec. 1, 2009-Jan. 15, 2010;
- * Grand Knight, Jan. 15, 2010 - present.

Two events that stand out as cherished remembrances never to be forgotten were BBQ'ing Tri Trip with Tim Hogan for the 2009 Parish Picnic and in 2007 when he received his 4th Degree in Visalia with Ed Barrier.

Vampola stated, "The best thing about being a KC member is the opportunity to interact with so many folks who practice such selflessness on a regular basis as they assist other folks in need, whatever that need may be." He went on to say, "I have never seen such a great group of folks with a genuinely good heart. The most notable persons that come to mind are Sam Alfano and Jim Bradbury...non-stop kindness and generosity."

Some of his goals he wishes to achieve as the Grand Knight were enumerated thusly. "Every year we get these grand schemes of donating monies to various organizations. At the end of the year, we get ourselves tangled in trying to figure out who should get these funds that we already promised out. I feel we have the duties to support our local Church community, but it keeps boiling down to \$\$\$\$. We (200+ members) can provide a huge assistance to groups that need help other than just \$\$\$\$. Sure, financial assistance helps, but people are the real key to success. I would like to see if we can get most every Knight in the council (that is capable) to assist in some function, through the Knights, to help with some Parish/Council/Community function or activity this year. After all, this is why we're Knights, not so we can just write a \$48 check once a year and say 'I did my part.'"

Vampola also would like to see the KC's undertake a more active role in assisting the Pastor of the Church. He said, "I know we assist and are involved in many of the Parish Ministries, but to assist the Pastor with more of his personal and professional needs."

Asked if he was the first Grand Knight to serve prior to his normal Columbian Year assignment because of the death of J. William McLafferty, Vampola enunciated, "I suspect that I am. I was asked by the Trustees in January if I just wanted to be Grand Knight for the six-month period, then let Deputy Grand Knight Ed Barrier take over as GK in July. I know this is a big job, and it takes 6-9 months to start getting it right. This gives me the opportunity to make all my mistakes (as usual) but then allows more time to serve as a more effective Grand Knight of the Council."

The Vampola family, wife Irma and children Valerie 19, Brian 15 and Jacob 8, have been members of St. Raphael Parish since 1994. Mark and Irma Trujillo met while working together at McDonald's Restaurant at 1221 State St. They were married at Our Lady of Sorrows Church on September 12, 1987.

Born on June 10, 1963 in Torrance, Calif., his parents Alfred (Al) and Karen (Kae) were proud of all their eight children: Joseph, John, Robert, James, Donald, Mark, Elaine and Mary.

His wife Irma was born in Purisima de Bustos, Guanajuato, Mexico on May 15, 1966, one of six

children: Luis, Joel, Jorge, Martha and Kathy.

Mark moved to Goleta/Santa Barbara in 1981 from Torrance to attend UCSB. He had graduated from Calle Mayor Grade School in 1977; South Torrance High School in 1981, attended UCSB until 1983, then returned in 1998 and in 2006 earned a BA Degree in Computer Science from UCSB.

Some of his involvements with parish organizations at St. Raphael include: Parish Council 2007-10, Cub Scout Leader 2001-present, Youth Group as a parent volunteer, St. Raphael School 1994-2015, Girl Scouts, Knights of Columbus.

His response to the best thing about being a parishioner at St. Raphael was, "There are so many active ministries at the Parish and I do enjoy involvement in so many of them. These ministries provide parishioners with a huge circle of friends and acquaintances that are all positive." Mark credits past Associate Pastors and Father Bruce Correio for making an impression on his kids by regularly visiting them in class at St. Raphael School. Having fewer priests at the Church has impacted their visibility and interaction within the school.

Mark's employment history includes Manager at McDonald's 1981-87, restaurant owner of Screwy Louie's 1988-90, Manager again of McDonald's 1991-2004, and Software Engineer at Reson, 2005-present. He pointed out, "The key to my success in my career to date is don't give up. There's always a way, but often isn't what first comes to mind."

Community involvements include: Knights of Columbus, Cub master Pack 105 at St. Raphael, Dos Pueblos Little League, and AYSO Referee Staff. Marks hobbies: soccer referee (150 games/year), Numismatist, Computers (PC building and repair).

Irma's involvements in community and parish besides her motherly responsibilities are DP Little League Volunteer, AVON Walk for Breast Cancer (in training now, for a 40-mile walk this September!).

The family travels have taken them to Dallas every few years, Maui (2006), Mexican cruise (2007), Upper Peninsula in Michigan and mostly hanging out in southern California.

Some other interesting personal items:

- * Favorite food: Doughnuts! I could eat them all day. Wait, I did that once, 3 dozen in fact!;
- * Favorite meal Irma prepares: So much good Mexican food to choose from...Chile Rellenos;

- * Favorite meal I prepare: Tri-Tip;
- * Favorite local restaurant: None, but like most any family Mexican restaurant;
- * Favorite magazine: National Geographic;
- * Favorite movie of all time: "The Right Stuff";
- * Favorite sport to watch live or on TV: Soccer;
- * Favorite sport as a participant: Soccer - I'm a referee;
- * Favorite travel destination: I'd have to say Hawaii;
- * One word to describe me at Church: Peaceful;
- * One word to describe me at KC meetings: Stressed;
- * One word to describe St. Raphael: Home;
- * One word to describe the Knights of Columbus: Generous;
- * Growing up, I always thought I'd be a: Pilot;
- * My parents were right when they told me: That I talk too much;
- * Greatest personal moment as a KC member: Receiving my 4th Degree;
- * Advice to youngsters: Learn how to play, learn how to be happy and never forget those two things;
- * If I had 3 wishes they would be: 1. World Peace: I know, such a cliche, but so much needless suffering is put upon the innocent through the arrogance, greed, and lack of compassion; 2. I wish more folks would stand up for what is right, so as to allow "good" to prosper more; 3). I keep this one just for me.

19 GK's Are Deceased

49 Grand Knights of Council 5300 Since 1961

By Joe T. Kovach, 3rd Degree Knight

The history of the Knights of Columbus, Goleta Valley Council 5300, goes back to 1961 when Walter Daniel Merrigan, Jr., served two years as Grand Knight. Merrigan became a Knight at age 18 in Las Vegas before moving to Santa Barbara and becoming the Grand Knight at age 32. Forty-nine Knights have served as Grand Knights since then with Mark Vampola the current installed leader.

Checking the names of these special Knights brings back many memories especially for the "Senior" current members. Nineteen past Grand Knights are deceased and are denoted below with a "D".

1961-63 - Walter Daniel Merrigan, Jr., (D)
1963-64 - Andrew T. Fitzpatrick (D)
1964-65 - John E. Barends (D)
1965-66 - Paul E. Christiansen;
1966-67 - Charles H. Burke (D)
1967-68 - Paul J. Larsen (D)
1968-69 - Valdez A. Taylor;
1969-70 - Jerry A. Stephens;
1970-71 - Elmer J. Schmitz (D)
1971-72 - William J. Molloy;
1972-73 - Richard H. Hopper (D)
1973-74 - Walter J. Swiacki, Sr.;
1974-75 - Bernard M. Jochum;
1975-76 - Art Pesta (D)
1976-77 - Ralph J. Wengler;
1977-78 - Max F. Keller;
1978-79 - Firmin R. "Dick" Mohr (D)
1979-80 - Bertrand E. Chatel (D)
1980-81 - Stanley L. Nowak (D)
1981-82 - Robert A. Montgomery
1982-83 - Walter D. Dudziak (D)
1983-84 - Donald R. Aubrey;
1984-85 - Lawrence L. Stigney (D)
1985-86 - Pablo Herrera Jr., (D)
1986-87 - Paul H. Coyne;
1987-88 - Richard G. Martinez;
1988-89 - Thomas F. Quinn (D)
1989-90 - Mario G. Bertuzzi (D)
1990-91 - William McNamara;
1991-92 - Kenneth K. Kuether;
1992-93 - Frank H. Mackey (D)
1993-94 - Jesse Ponce;
1994-95 - Ygnacio Ramirez, Jr., (D)
1995-96 - George Fischer;
1996-97 - Francis J. Donohoe;
1997-98 - Tom E. Puerling;
1998-99 - Solomon (Felix) G. Sanchez;
1999-00 - Dale J. Wenzenger;
2000-01 - Frank M. Castelo;
2001-02 - Michael J. Donovan;
2002-03 - Brian F. Klinge;
2003-04 - Richard M. Scholl;
2004-05 - John V. Vogel;
2005-06 - Francis Chris Arnoult;
2006-07 - Stephen J. Schlesselmann;
2007-08 - Francisco G. Cabrera;
2008-09 - Daniel Paul Knauss;
2009-10 - J. William McLafferty (D)
2010-11 - Mark P. Vampola;

Celebration of St. Raphael's Feast Day **To Take Place on Sunday, Sept. 26**

By Ed Leicht

The 2010 celebration of St. Raphael's Feast Day is set for Sunday, September 26. This year two brother Knights have volunteered to be co-chairs of the event: Mr. Glenn Schiferl and Mr. Ed Leicht - both of whom are active members of the Parish and leaders of Boy Scout Troop 105 (chartered by the Knights of Columbus Council 5300).

The chairs held the "kick-off meeting" for the event on Thursday evening, June 24 and announced several changes from the past parish festivals, Fun-a-Rama and picnics -- beginning with the name of the event. The 2010 event will be publicized as the "St. Raphael Parish Festival" to more closely indicate the intention of the celebration; namely the parish's celebration of the feast day of our patron Saint Raphael.

In addition there are over a dozen physical changes to the layout of the Festival including new attractions specifically for young adults, a more stable stage location, a more centralized food area and the launching of a Ministry Fair during the Festival. More details on each of these changes and new events will be revealed in future issues. In the meanwhile, save the date (September 26) and plan to attend the parish celebration.

It was under Father Henry Van Son in June 1972 that the two-day Fun-A-Rama was established as a parish tradition.

Sean McMahan, a 4th grader at St. Raphael School, was the happy sloganeer in a school wide contest. Gino Petrini was co-chairman of the '72 Festival. Over these 38-years Sam Alfano was a key driving force in organizing this fun time event.

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She does this by walking the "long way" home after work some days, or by meeting up with friends to walk together. Additionally, she is working hard to raise a minimum of \$1,800 to support this cause.

I ask that you please take a few minutes, go to our website <http://www.kc5300.org> and click the "Avon Walk for Breast Cancer" link on the right, which will take you directly to her Avon Foundation page. There is a letter there from Irma, more information

on Breast Cancer, and if you are willing, a link to make a tax-deductible donation to assist her in reaching this goal. A little help from a lot of folks can sure make a difference.

Youngest Knight receiving the Cardinal of the Year award



*Pictured: Brother John McLafferty giving an acceptance speech after receiving the Cardinal of the Year award to the crowd with Fr. Tom Elewault, C.J., looking on.
Photo by Ed Barrier*

WHY NO WOMEN'S ORDINATION

By MICHAEL J. TORTOLANI

DURING John Paul II's visit to the United States for World Youth Day, a television reporter interviewed a 14-year-old Catholic girl who was boarding a bus bound for Denver to see the Holy Father. After being asked what she thought of the spiritual leader, the young girl replied, "I think he's really great, but I disagree with his opinion that women can't be priests."

I couldn't help but wonder what sources had influenced this young Catholic to form her views about this papal "opinion." Had she actually read the documents issued by the pastor of the universal Church?

Despite the Pope's injunction that women's ordination is a non-issue for the Church and the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith's recent *responsum ad dubium* reiterating that the Church's teaching is to be definitively held by

Catholics, it remains as one of the constant benchmarks by which feminists measure progress. Let's lay out some of the leading propositions favoring the ordination of women and examine them in the light of Scripture, reason, and official magisterial teachings.

Proposition: *"Those who support women's ordination are acting in the spirit of the Second Vatican Council."*

Contrary to popular belief, Vatican II did not support the cause for ordaining women. While many positive statements about equality and the role of female gifts in the Church were made (especially in *Gaudium et Spes*) no change, explicit or implicit, was made to this effect.

Pope Paul VI (during a May, 1976, consistory in Rome) identified a "polarization" in the Church brought about by individuals who have misinterpreted the message of Vatican II. He called it a cause of "deep sorrow" that some who "mistakenly believing they are continuing along the lines of the Council, have put themselves in a position of preconceived and sometimes irreducible criticism of the Church and her institutions."

Included in the list of mistaken critics are "those who believe themselves authorized to create their own liturgy," "those who minimize the doctrinal teaching in catechetics or distort it according to the preference of the interests, pressures or needs of people," "those who pretend to ignore the living tradition of the Church, from the Fathers to the teachings of the magisterium, and reinterpret the doctrine of the Church, and the gospel itself," and "those who interpret theological life as the organization of a society here below, reducing it indeed to a political action [which confuses] the transcendent message of Christ with ideologies which negate this message."

While Paul VI did not specifically mention ordination in this brief letter, within a matter of months (January 27, 1977) a papally-mandated Vatican declaration was promulgated through the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith; it reaffirmed the tradition of a male-only priesthood (Declaration on the Question of the Admission of Women to the Ministerial Priesthood, 1977).

Proposition: *"The Church has no theological grounds for refusing to ordain women."*

The fact that individual theologians may disagree

with the grounds the Church uses to explain the male-only clergy is another issue altogether. Church arguments are based on the historical events of the Church, the apostolic teachings, a Sacred Tradition which has never acknowledged a valid female ordination, the "maleness" of Christ, and scriptural references from both testaments.

Catholic writer Michael Novak has written a moving and thoughtful article on the Church's need to further clarify and articulate the theology which maintains a male-only priesthood (*First Things*, April 1993, 25-32). He points out that "the theological reasons for the reservation of the Catholic priesthood to males have lain dormant and unarticulated over many centuries," mainly because, like so many theological questions, the doctrine was never challenged.

Novak correctly noted that this issue did not even arise at the Second Vatican Council. Rather, it is the result of recent attitudinal changes in Western culture. The main question, according to Novak, is whether the Church, which at many times in its history was called to be "countercultural," even has the authority to give in to the dominating secular culture on this issue.

Proposition: *"Historically there is evidence of female ordination in the early Church, as seen in the gnostic sects that were discredited by the so-called 'orthodox' groups."*

It is certainly true that some early gnostic (meaning "special knowledge") groups favored a more active role for women. Feminist theologians such as Rosemary Radford Ruether point to these groups and proclaim that they offered women greater status before "patriarchal" orthodoxy discredited the gnostic believers.

But two important points must be noted. First, the questionable beliefs of gnostic groups also included dangerous Christological errors (such as a "Jesus" who never had a physical body. Second, while Ruether points to gnostic texts which seem to support feminist causes, she ignores other gnostic texts which state that "women are not worthy of life" and "must become male" in order to reach heaven (the *Gospel of Thomas*). Overall, the gnostic texts are recognized as a mixed bag of speculative theological teachings and damaging heresies, the latter being rooted out by early Church leaders.

Proposition: *"The apostolic teachings, as well as*

arguments based on the maleness of Christ, are evidence of a culture-bound religious setting almost 2,000 years old. Jesus and his followers were subjects of their culture."

To bind Jesus, the Second Person of the Trinity, with cultural constraints is historically and theologically inept. As the 1977 *Declaration* (nos. 3, 4) points out, Jesus often broke with religious and societal convention: He converses with a Samaritan woman (John 4:27), pardons a woman caught in adultery and indicates that a man is equally guilty in sins of lust (John 8:11), and departs from the "unbreakable" Mosaic law concerning the rights and duties of both sexes in marriage (Mark 10:2-11). Jesus surrounds himself with women in his ministry and even appears first to women after his Resurrection.

Despite these and other examples of breaking with prejudices and discriminations of his own time concerning women, Jesus appoints only males to serve as the twelve apostles in his ministry. This was a freely made decision on Christ's part, as he was not constrained by culture or convention. The *Declaration* (no. 2) recalls Pope Innocent III's thirteenth-century teaching: "Although the Blessed Virgin Mary surpassed in dignity and in excellence all the apostles, nevertheless it was not to her but to them that the Lord entrusted the keys of the kingdom of heaven."

Proposition: *"But scripturally, Paul states in Galatians 3:28 that there is no more distinction 'between Jew and Greek, slave and free, male and female, but all are one in Christ Jesus.'<|/i>*

The Church has consistently interpreted this passage to be an essential truth of the salvation message of Christianity. As the *Declaration* (no. 6) points out, "This passage does not concern ministries: It only affirms the universal calling to divine filiation, which is the same for all." In a similar way, part of the remarkable teaching of Jesus centers around baptism as a sign of covenant for all people. This is in marked contrast to the Jewish custom which it replaced-circumcision of the male, whereby a man's entire family was dedicated to God through a patriarchal show of faith.

Proposition: *"The maleness of Christ is not a necessary component of God's plan of salvation."*

Although some feminist theologians have argued that since Jesus represented all of humanity, he must

have been either sexually androgynous or neuter, orthodox Christology has always maintained that Jesus was "fully human." Furthermore, the prophetic tradition inherited from the Old Testament looks specifically for a male Savior from the house of David ("For to us a child is born, a son is given . . . He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom," Is. 9:6-7).

Scriptural imagery from the Song of Songs to Revelation presents a nuptial theme of bridegroom (Christ) and his bride (the Church). The "bridegroom," according to the New Testament writers, has been revealed as Christ (Eph. 5:23-32). The *Declaration* (no. 5) states that "In the exercise of his ministry of salvation . . . his role must be taken by a man" who is acting "in persona Christi" (in the person of Christ). Christ, the God-man mediator, was prophesied as being male and, in fact, was born, suffered, died, and was raised in male form.

Proposition: *"The concept of revelation is antiquated, and revelation is seen as an 'ongoing' process after Vatican II."*

This is clearly a false notion. The teaching of the First Vatican Council (that revelation ended with the death of the last apostle) was supported by Vatican II. Some modification did take place in *Dei Verbum* (the conciliar declaration on divine revelation), but this stressed the coequal weight of Scripture and Tradition as "a single sacred deposit." The Council also stated that this deposit can only be authentically interpreted only by the teaching office of the Church (the magisterium). While there may be a deepening of understanding about the deposit of revelation, there is no "new" revelation.

Proposition: *"Women are ordained in other Christian churches, so the Catholic Church should do likewise."*

Neither of the two oldest traditions (Roman Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy) permit the ordination of women. Unlike the Protestant churches, these traditions have maintained a total sacramental system in which the theology of ordination is a central part.

Sacramental theology teaches that a grace-giving sacrament instituted by Christ must be carried out the way Christ intended it-this is considered "essential and normative" for the Church.

Most Protestant churches have entirely rejected

the sacramental system of Rome and the Eastern churches and, as a result, have rejected a sacrificing priesthood as well. Instead, they ordain "ministers," a role very different from that of priest. Ministers do not act in the person of Christ and make no claim to do so. Furthermore, not all Protestant churches ordain women.

For example, Evangelical teaching relies heavily on Paul's letter to Timothy concerning instructions on worship ("I do not permit a woman to have teaching authority over a man" [1 Tim. 2:1]). By the way, this passage is not presented by the Vatican as a "proof" against ordaining women.

Proposition: *"The Christian concepts of justice, equality, and dignity apply to men and women and therefore support the idea of females in the priesthood."*

Justice and equality are not identical. Justice is "giving a person his due" and can be taken either negatively (punishment) or positively (reward). While all persons must be treated "justly," they need not be treated "equally"-if for no other reason than because each has different potential and capabilities.

As a teacher I cannot give a student who has an average grade of 65 percent the same "A" for a course that I would give a student who has an average of 95 percent. Both students get what they deserve (justice) but not the same grade (equality). For his part God shows favor to certain individuals (Jacob, Mary, John "the beloved disciple") in ways that are beyond the understanding of creatures.

In terms of male and female identities, the *Declaration* (no. 5) stresses the different gifts, talents, and contributions of the two sexes. Beyond the obvious physical differences, men and women are seen as different but complementary expressions of the one human nature. The equality affirmed at Vatican II in *Gaudium et Spes* and Pope John Paul II's 1988 apostolic letter *Mulieris Dignitatem* (*On the Dignity and Vocation of Women*) denies the premise that men and women are interchangeable in every aspect of their existence. Instead, Christian equality is based on the "equality of dignity" of both sexes.

In preserving the uniqueness of the sexes (an idea which is increasingly rare and "politically incorrect" in today's social climate), the introduction to the *Declaration* supports a view of equality that will "secure the building up of a world that is not leveled

out and uniform but harmonious and unified, if men and women contribute to it their own resources and dynamism."

The Vatican document points to the differences between the sexes as being much deeper than differences of ethnicity or race (which are not factors in ordination). Sexual differences go beyond those of mere biology and represent the primary division of characteristics between human beings.

Proposition: *"If a woman feels 'called,' she should have a right to be ordained a priest. This is the only way that women can gain entrance to the hierarchy of the Church."*

The Church has consistently taught that not everyone who feels "called" to a vocation in the priesthood must be ordained (*Declaration*, no. 6). It is within the Church's authority to discern the veracity of a calling. There is no inherent "right" to ordination. There is no "due." Thus there is no justice denied. Biblically speaking, Christ "called to him those he wanted" (Mark 3:13). Following the Ascension, it was the Church that received the duty of authenticating and validating vocations to the priesthood. Even the great apostle Paul, who received a special revelation and direct calling from Jesus, had to have that calling verified by the leaders of the Church.

A "calling" to ministerial service should not confuse the specific sacramental priesthood (acting vicariously for Christ on earth) with the "royal priesthood" incumbent on all the baptized who must serve and glorify God (1 Pet. 2:9). It is this second type of priesthood which can and must be carried out by all Christians according to their abilities.

If becoming a priest is seen primarily as an entrance into hierarchical power, then the words of the *Declaration* (no. 6) have an even more solemn warning: "The priestly office cannot become the goal of social advancement; no merely human progress of society or of the individual can of itself give access to it; it is of another order."

The issue of service to Christ and the issue of governance are two separate items. It has been stated often enough that the Church is not a democracy. Doctrine, truth, and revelation are not voted upon as one would vote on a local school tax. "It must not be forgotten," states the *Declaration* (no. 6), "that the priesthood does not form part of the rights of the individual, but stems from the economy of the

mystery of Christ and the church."

Proposition: *"Catholics sincerely interested in women's rights should support women's ordination."*

There are two approaches to feminist concerns for the Catholic. One way is to look at the secular world's views on feminist concerns and then try to impose these ideals on the Church—even if this requires opposing legitimate episcopal authority. This position is exemplified by a statement made in 1992 by Ruth Fitzpatrick of the Women's Ordination Conference. When the U. S. Bishops issued "Called to be One in Christ" (affirming John Paul II's position of a male-only clergy as a "tradition which witnesses to the mind of Christ and is therefore normative") Fitzpatrick responded strongly.

"This is unacceptable," Fitzpatrick said. "Women are called by God to minister fully in the Roman Catholic Church. If they [the bishops] can't say that, they should say nothing." In other words, if the Pope and the bishops don't agree with Fitzpatrick's views, then the pastors of the Church should make no pronouncements at all on the matter.

Pope Paul's 1976 letter on polarizing elements in the Church warned about the type of ecclesio-political mentality fostered by Fitzpatrick. The Holy Father had written: "Such Christians are not very numerous, it is true, but they make much noise, believing too easily that they are in a position to interpret the needs of the entire Christian people or the irreversible direction of history."

The second way of looking at feminist concerns for the Catholic is to be inspired by the magisterium of the Church and reflect on what being a woman means in the light of Church teaching. As Mary Ellen Bork stated at the Wethersfield Institute's conference on "The Catholic Woman" (1990), "[Feminists] present Catholic women with a serious challenge: to seek a more profound understanding of Catholic teaching on women and articulate it well to a culture vastly confused about women's roles. By reflecting on the faith view of women expressed in sacred Scripture, papal documents, and in our own lives, we will persuade women of our day that there is a better way."

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PHOTO GALLERY

June 2nd 2010- Bishop Garcia Diego High School Baccalaureate Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church

June 5th 2010- Bishop Garcia Diego High School Graduation at Santa Barbara Courthouse



The Color Corps going into Our Lady of Sorrows Church preparing to march at Bishop High's Baccalaureate Mass.



Corp Commander Paul Coyne with a fellow SK and Mirtha Donovan.



Bishop High Class of 2010 processing into the church.



The Color Corps lined up inside the SB Courthouse with the BDGHS Class of 2010 close behind.



SKs Al Meckelborg and Jose Meza stand at attention.



SK Ed Barrier in the rear with his fellow Knights right in front of him.

Photos by: Ed Barrier/Jose Meza

PHOTO GALLERY

June 12th 2010- SK Larry Stigney's Funeral- St. Raphael's Church



The Color Corps in front of St. Raphael's Church (left to right) SKs Jose Meza, Ed Barrier, Patrick Donohoe, Raphael Cardenas, Ed Page, Mike Donovan, Corp Commander Paul Coyne, Jim Abels, Tom Puerling, Hal Thompson, Carlos Valenzuela, Larry Torres, Francisco Cabrera.



The Color Corps awaiting the casket of SK Larry Stigney.



SK Larry Stigney's casket being put inside the hearse with the Color Corps, swords drawn.



The Color Corps standing at attention awaiting the casket being brought inside the church.

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PHOTO GALLERY

June 23rd, 2010 – Joint Installation of Officers Council 5300 and 1684- St. Raphael's Parish Hall



The officers of both 5300 and 1684 getting sworn in by DD Ernie Guzman (not pictured)



The Trustees of both 5300 and 1684 being installed.



Prepared food for post installation activities.



Council 5300 (left to right), Brother Rapahel Cardenas (Inside Guard), Joe Darga (Treasurer), Felix Sanchez (standing in for Patrick Donohoe -Advocate), Tim Hogan(Chancellor), Ed Barrier, DGK, GK Mark Vampola (5300). GK Bruce Garcia (1684).

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