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Brother Sir Knights Moving Forward in Faith, Patriotism, and Brotherhood

Sir Knights,

As I am preparing to serve as your incoming Faithful Navigator, I do so with a grateful heart, a humble spirit, and a renewed sense of purpose. It is an honor to walk alongside men who have chosen to live the highest principle of our Order: patriotism rooted in faith, service, and love of country.

The Fourth Degree reminds us that our call as Catholic gentlemen does not end at the doors of the church. We are called to bring Christ into our families, our parishes, our communities, and our nation. We are called to stand for truth with charity, to serve with courage, and to witness publicly that faith and faithful citizenship belong together.

Our Assembly has a proud tradition of brotherhood, prayer, patriotism, and visible service. Whether through honor guard participation, support for veterans, care for our clergy, service to our parish, or encouragement of one another, each Sir Knight has a role to play. No act of service is too small when it is offered for the glory of God and the good of His people.

In the year ahead, I hope we will strengthen our Assembly by focusing on three simple commitments: deepen our faith, renew our fraternity, and make our patriotic service more visible and meaningful. We can do this by praying together, showing up for one another, inviting eligible brothers to join us, supporting our parish and priests, and finding new ways to serve those who have served our country.

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Which "R" ya filled with: Relief - or Regret?



In the movie Kill Bill: Vol. 2, Bill asks Elle Driver that question. My term as Faithful Navigator ends at the end of the month, and – since I'm an introspective person – I find myself asking that question.

The answer is of course "Both". I'm a little relieved we made it through the year intact. I'm *more* than a little relieved my workload will go down a bit, and I'll have one less set of distractions that keep me from spending more time with my family. But I find the "R" I feel most is Regret.

I don't regret what we've done. We've all accomplished a lot this year. From an administrative perspective I think we've got a better handle on our finances going forward, especially in the area of tracking what we raise that goes to the specific programs we run. Personally, I'm less concerned about a program losing money or coming out ahead – I'm more concerned that we know how the program's funding is going to go so we can make an informed decision. It's entirely appropriate to decide to move forward on an important or impactful program even though we know the fund raising portion is going to come short – as long as we know that in advance.

I believe we've got a better handle on what programs we want to run, the process for running them is better understood by more than a handful of people, and we'll both learn more and improve our programs in the coming years. As the programs become better understood they will be easier to plan and execute.

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I ask each of you to consider how your gifts can help move our Assembly forward. Some may lead committees. Some may recruit. Some may serve quietly behind the scenes. Some may encourage a brother who has been absent. Some may simply be present at a meeting, a Mass, a funeral, or a community event. Presence matters. Brotherhood matters. Faithful service matters.

Let us remember that we do not serve alone. Guided by our Catholic faith and strengthened by the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, we can continue to be a strong and faithful witness in our parish and community. May we always be known as men who love God, honor our country, support our Church, and stand beside our brothers.

Thank you for the trust you have placed in me. I look forward to serving with you, learning from you, and working together for the good of our Assembly. With God's help, and with the dedication of every Sir Knight, the year ahead can be one of renewed purpose, stronger fellowship, and faithful action.

Vivat Jesus!

Robert J. Barnard
Faithful Navigator Assembly 3410

I'm proud of where we are with our Color Corps. The Color Corps is made of two parts – the Honor Guard (the men that carry the swords) and the Color Guard (the men that carry and guard the flags). With the implementation of our Uniform Assistance Fund, we've been able to grow our Honor Guard. I know Fr. Henry is now a fan of our Honor Guard – so much so that he's asked us to stand up a Color Guard. We will have a small Color Guard at all 6 masses at St. Lawrence the weekend of July 4th, with an Honor Guard at the 10:00 am Sunday mass, to help with the parish's USA 250 celebration. This will be the first time we've done something like this, and while it doesn't mean we'll have a full-fledged Color Guard, it's a BIG step in that direction.

The regret is I feel I could have done more to get us to this point faster. We don't want to take on more than we can handle, but I think we can handle another program. I have NO idea what that might be, but as we find our stride we can start having that conversation. Expanding the Honor Guard and establishing a robust Color Guard is a very exciting prospect, and I wish we could have made more progress this year. And perhaps my biggest regret is not being able to do more to expand our membership. To be clear we met our growth goal and earned our Star Award, and that in and of itself is an achievement! But I'm a big believer in what we do, and I'd like to get more men involved.

So, like Elle Drive, my greatest "R" is regret (for very different reasons – watch the movie). But the good news is as far as I know nobody's going to kill me with a venomous snake, and I'll be able to help you and our leaders with their goals in the years to come.

Vivat Jesus

SK Tony Annarelli, PFN



June: A Month to Walk with Mary

Brother Sir Knights of St. Michael the Archangel Assembly 3410, as we enter June here in Snellville, the Church keeps Our Lady close before us through devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. These two hearts remind us that true Fourth Degree service begins with love of Christ, honor for His Mother, and a willingness to make our faith visible in the parish and community.

Mary's heart was wholly given to God. Her humility, courage, and trust teach us how to serve without seeking attention for ourselves. Whether standing with the Honor Guard, carrying the colors, supporting clergy, serving veterans, or encouraging a brother, our purpose is the same: to give honor to God and witness to Christ with charity and conviction.

As our Assembly prepares to serve at St. Lawrence during the July 4 weekend and the parish's USA 250 celebration, Mary can help us deepen our patriotic witness. Catholic patriotism is gratitude for our country, respect for those who sacrificed, and a commitment to human dignity, religious freedom, and the common good.

This month, let us renew our devotion to the Rosary and ask Our Lady to form us into men after the Heart of Christ—faithful husbands, fathers, brothers, parishioners, citizens, and Sir Knights whose service to St. Lawrence and our community is rooted in prayer, humility, and love.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us.

Vivat Jesus!

Bishop Barron sounds alarm over growing influence of socialism, communism in US politics

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Bishop Robert Barron, bishop of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester in Minnesota, about what he describes as the growing influence of politicians in the United States who identify with extreme socialism or communism. Barron argues that this trend is not merely a normal partisan shift between liberals and conservatives, but a deeper challenge to the principles he believes undergird the country.

A major focus of Barron's concern is the relationship between communism and religion. He says communism is fundamentally hostile to religious faith because religion places human institutions—government, economics, education, communication, and culture—under the authority and judgment of God. In his view, this limits the state's ability to control society completely.

Barron cites Karl Marx's belief that religion must be criticized and dismantled before political and economic revolution can succeed. He references Marx's idea that religion is the "opium of the masses," meaning that faith supposedly keeps suffering people passive by offering comfort, hope, and belief in divine providence rather than encouraging revolution against economic exploitation.

The bishop argues that this hostility to religion has appeared repeatedly in history. He points to communist or socialist regimes such as China, Russia, Cuba, Nicaragua, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Venezuela as examples where religious freedom has been restricted or suppressed. Because of this, Barron urges believers not to become complacent about the rise of such political ideologies in American public life.

The article also includes a response from **Kelsey Reinhardt**, president and CEO of CatholicVote, who supports Barron's warning. Reinhardt says CatholicVote will actively oppose candidates who promote socialism or communism, describing those ideologies as destructive to souls, families, and nations. ([Bishop Barron sounds alarm over growing influence of socialism, communism in US politics | Zeale](#))

Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul: A Call to Renew Our Mission

Pope Leo XIV marked the **Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul** by urging Catholics to embrace Christ's mission with courage and unity. He reminded the faithful that the feast "recalls the original bond" uniting the Church worldwide and that the apostles' martyrdom reveals "the depth of God's love" for humanity. Pope Leo said their witness "is like a seal upon the New Testament," adding that "the blood they shed in this city revealed that Peter and Paul proclaimed the Gospel with 'distinctive voices,' and their differences are presented as 'good

news" for the Church. Their witness shows that Christian unity is built through service, reconciliation, and shared mission—not uniformity. They were not adversaries among the apostles but became a symbol of unity through the Holy Spirit, Pope Leo emphasized: God entrusts His mission to "imperfect but forgiven sinners" whose lives allow His grace to shine. Christ continues to reach "centers and peripheries" through those who respond to His call: *Follow me!*

The Pope also blessed the **pallium** for new metropolitan archbishops, including four from the United States. Archbishop James Golka of Denver described the shepherd's role as keeping the flock together—even laying down one's life for them. "The shepherd is one who keeps the flock together, will do anything, including lay down his life for the salvation, 'I would do that in spades for the people of the Archdiocese of Denver. I've come to love them in a short time."

Pope Leo encouraged all Christians to imitate Peter's commitment to unity and Paul's tireless proclamation of the Gospel, becoming "builders of unity" attentive to the needs of others. ([Pope Leo XIV: Peter and Paul show the path to Christian unity](#))

Champion Shrine to Honor American Saints for America's 250th

The **National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion** in Champion, Wisconsin, will mark the nation's 250th anniversary with a special **Catholic Saints of America exhibit**, held **July 1–9, 2026**. The shrine, known as the site of the only approved Marian apparition in the United States, is using the occasion of America's semiquincentennial to invite Catholics to look at the nation's history through the witness of holiness. The exhibit will highlight **76 American saints, blesseds, venerables, and servants of God**, a number chosen to recall the year 1776 and the birth of the United States.

Throughout the nine-day celebration, pilgrims will be able to attend daily Mass, hear catechetical presentations, venerate relics, and learn from representatives connected with many canonization causes. The event will feature holy men and women whose lives show the many ways sanctity has taken root on American soil, including missionaries, priests, religious sisters, martyrs, converts, lay witnesses, and those who served the poor, the sick, immigrants, Native peoples, military personnel, and families.

A special Mass on **July 5** will honor **Servant of God Adele Brice**, the young Belgian immigrant who reported seeing the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1859 near present-day Champion. Her mission was simple and urgent: teach the children what they needed to know for salvation. That message remains timely for Catholic families today,

especially as the Church seeks to hand on the faith clearly, joyfully, and courageously to the next generation.

The shrine also invites Catholics nationwide to join a **Novena for Our Nation**, beginning July 1, praying for families, civic leaders, religious liberty, unity, holiness, and renewal across the land. For Sir Knights, this is a fitting reminder that patriotic service is not merely ceremonial. It is a public witness that love of country must be rooted in love of God, respect for human dignity, and commitment to the common good.

Shrine rector **Fr. Tony Stephens** hopes the celebration will help Catholics recognize that **holiness is possible in today's America**. The lives of the saints remind us that God raises up witnesses in every age and place. As America observes its 250th anniversary, this exhibit calls the faithful not only to remember the past, but also to ask how each of us can become a stronger witness to Christ in our homes, parishes, communities, and nation.



The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild promotes the cause for sainthood of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, who was beatified on Oct. 31, 2020. Members of the Guild, and anyone devoted to Father McGivney, can play an active role in the cause by praying for his intercession in times of need, especially in cases of serious illness, and reporting to the Guild any favors received.

Membership in the Guild is free and open to anyone who is devoted to Father McGivney and wishes to invoke his intercession and assist in his sainthood cause through prayer. Members receive a quarterly newsletter and are remembered in a weekly Mass offered for their intentions.

Catholic men who wish to live out the vision and mission of Father McGivney are invited to [join the Knights of Columbus](#) and become part of a network of charity, unity and fraternity that serves local parishes and communities.

Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882 in New Haven, Conn., and died at the age of 38 in 1890. His cause for sainthood was opened in 1997, and his heroic virtue was recognized by the Vatican in March 2008, when he was declared a Venerable Servant of God by Pope Benedict XVI.

On May 26, 2020, Father McGivney took another step toward sainthood when Pope Francis approved the promulgation of a decree recognizing a [miracle attributed to his intercession](#). With the approval of this miracle, he

was beatified on Oct. 31, 2020, with the title of Blessed.

Another miracle through his intercession is needed for him to be canonized as a saint.

Those devoted to Father McGivney are encouraged to recite regularly the [prayer for his canonization](#), which is available online and on a special prayer card. You may [Report Favors](#) through this website or by email or regular mail at the addresses listed below.

To request a third-class relic or to order devotional items, click on the [order form link](#). Print out the form, fill it out and mail it to the Father McGivney Guild.

The Guild has more than 180,000 members, and you are encouraged to join by filling out and submitting the [online form](#). Please assist in the cause of Father McGivney by spreading the word about this holy and blessed priest.

For more information or to request a prayer card:

Address:

Father McGivney Guild
1 Columbus Plaza
New Haven, CT 06510

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203-752-4087

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Church Bulletin Bloopers

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
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Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
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Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.
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For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
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Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
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Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
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At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

