



The Knight's Shield



St. Paul of Tarsus - Knight's of Columbus Council #11689

November, 2023

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

Volume 28

A Word from Grand Knight Vince Ursini

November is upon us and the mad rush to the end of the year has already started in earnest. October had no less than (11) programs ! It started out with the Canal Road fall clean up headed up by Greg Csernai. They did a very noticeable job of cleaning up the road way as I travel that stretch of Canal daily. Thanks to the (10) gentlemen that came out to support !

Tom Pardo our church director, lead the Rosary rally under the canopy (as it was raining all day). And at the same time Ken and Christine Krause supported the Diaconate luncheon with my wife Andrea and I. It was a well-attended event and until you participate you really don't realize the valuable training that is going on.

The Women of Faith partnered with our Council to conduct the Baby bottle drive to benefit Gianna House and Abigale ministries as we continue our support of unwed mothers and pregnancy centers. Great work by our Treasurer Ray in support and looking forward to the report of finances from this worthwhile drive as the bottles keep filtering in.

11689 Council also supported Challenger Baseball Halloween activities in the social hall. Actually, there were K of C councils from St Thecla and Mt Clements in addition to our own. In addition, The Arc of Macomb and Glenn Peters elementary were in attendance as were several other organizations (12 in all). That was a special event as mentally challenged adults and children alike had a wonderful time. The Halloween outfits were really fun and the smiles and laughs coming from the children infectious. It was a terrific event lead by our program director Dan Steele and his wife Rosanne.

Thanks for allowing us to participate in this special event.

Texas Hold'em event just recently concluded at Cicerelli's with a contingent of our Knights supporting 4 days of charity poker. Mike Hartel and team are to be congratulated as it is one of the largest financial raising programs in our calendar year. Proceeds will go to support our many charitable programs.

Also, our very own Trunk Or Treat event kicked off with significantly more "trunks" than last year and roughly 100 children filling the north parking lot. It's so great to be able to conduct a fun filled event safely within our church grounds for the parents to take their kids. Hot dogs, games, costume contests and of course sweet treats all combine to round out the experience. Makes me proud to see how our Council turns up to enjoy the fellowship of the children of the parish.

Thanks Brothers. Looking forward to your support of the MCREST program in November and the Rescue mission hosting over the next few weeks.

God bless our Council and God Bless the Knights of Columbus

Vivat Jesus !
Vincent Ursini



Just One Time

Throughout history it is evident that no one person can do everything all the time. However, one person can make a resounding difference at any one time.

The success of any organization is based on the collective ability of its members who support each other at different times.

When you can be at a function, **just one time**, and I can't, **you make a difference**.

When you can carry the jug during the MI drive, **just one time**, and I can't, **you make a difference** in charity for so many people.

When you show up for the road clean-up, **just one time**, and I can't, **you make a difference** in adding to the beauty and well-being of our community.

When you help in any capacity, at the pancake breakfast or fish fry, **just one time**, and I can't, **you make a difference** in promoting charity in our community.

When you attend a meeting and have a kind word or suggestion for another brother, **just one time**, and I can't, **you make a difference** in the fraternity and unity of our council.

When you see a huge warm, happy smile on a child after you give them a coat, **just one time**, and I can't, **you make a charitable difference** in their young lives that lasts forever.

When you fill one of the positions on the degree team, **just one time**, and I can't, **you make a difference** in supporting our council's unity.

When you recruit a new member to our council, **just one time**, and I can't, **you make a difference** in the unity and longevity of our council and create long-lasting friendships.

When you supervise a game or pass out candy at a Trunk or Treat function, **just one time**, and I can't, **you make a difference** by providing a unique and fun experience to so many kids in our community.

When you support the MCREST program at our neighboring church, **just one time**, and I can't, **you make a difference** in charity in our community by providing your time to many homeless people.

When you help collect donations for the annual baby bottle drive, **just one time**, and I can't, **you make an incredible difference** to so many young struggling mothers. When you volunteer to help at the ice cream social, **just one time**, and I can't, **you make a difference** by putting a little sweetness into someone's day.

When you attend our corporate communion mass, **just one time**, and I can't, **you make a difference** in showing support for our church and our council.

On any given day, working together, collectively, we can do many things that support our church, community, council, and each other. **Together we can make a difference, only because each one of us can make a difference JUST ONE TIME.**

**BE THE DIFFERENCE
"JUST ONE TIME"**

24 hours a year to change lives.

Corporate Communion Masses



**November 26, 2023
11:30 am Mass**

Monthly Prayer Intention



Intention for the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



Halloween Trunk or Treat



Halloween Trunk or Treat





Challenger Baseball





Challenger Baseball

Baby Bottle Drive



A Prayer For Our Country

O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.

Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life.
AMEN

Motions Passed

Motions passed at the October Meeting:

- ⇒ Vet's Returning Home \$1,000.00 (previously approved & delivered)
- ⇒ Cross Catholic Outreach program (under further study)

Knight of the Month and Family of the Month

The **Knight of the Month** is selected by the Board of Officers, as a Knight who exemplifies in his daily life the principles of Catholic Life, and is instrumental to the success of our Council, Church and Community.

The Knight of the Month for October: **Michael Win-
iarski**

The **Family of the Month** is selected by the Board of Officers as a Family who exemplifies the principles of the Catholic Family Life and who contributes to the success of our Council, Church and Community.

The Family of the Month for October: **"Ms Carol
Golec Family."** In recognition of their outstanding service to the Parish.

The Apostles Creed

I, *your name*, Believe in, MY 22

1. God
2. The Father Almighty
3. Creator of Heaven and Earth
4. And in Jesus Christ
5. His only Son, Our Lord
6. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
7. Born of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8. Suffered under Pontus Pilate
9. Was Crucified
10. Died
11. And was buried
12. He descended into Hell
13. And on the third day He rose again
14. He ascended into Heaven
15. And is seated at the right hand of the Father
16. From where He will come again to judge the living and the dead
17. I believe in the Holy Spirit
18. The Holy Catholic Church
19. The communion of Saints
20. The forgiveness of sins
21. The resurrection of the dead
22. And life everlasting

AMEN!!!!!!

Vets Returning Home



Vets Returning Home will open a Resale store by June 1, 2022. They will accept clean clothing of all kinds (including children's clothing), furniture, housewares, kitchenware, bathroom accessories and large appliances. Appliance donations will be reviewed for need.

The Resale Store is located at 29523 Gratiot in Roseville about a mile north of their office location. Their telephone number is 586-285-5606, and their office location is 17955 E Eleven Mile (on the corner of Gratiot next to COSTCO).

Thanks,

Phil Kwasny

The Lighter Side



At a marriage seminar, the priest asked Giuseppe to take a few minutes to share some insight into how he had managed to stay married to the same women for nearly 50 years. Giuseppe replied "Wella, I've tried to treat her nicea, spenda da money on her, but besta of all is, I tooka her to Italy for the 25th anniversary !"

The priest responded, "Giuseppe, you are an amazing inspiration to all the husbands here. Please tell us what you are planning for your wife for your 50th anniversary."

Giuseppe proudly replied, "I gonna go picka her up."

E-Mail Communications



Brothers:

One of the methods we use to communicate various events for the Knights is an e-mail list. As coordinator for the list, I want to ask any of you that haven't been receiving these messages to send me an e-mail from your home account. This will give me the correct and current e-mail for you, and I will keep you on the list.

Fraternally,

George Loewen

gjl047@gmail.com

Community Director, Knights of Columbus

Knight's Clothing



If you are in need of Knights of Columbus clothing, please contact me at 586-871-8450...or see me at the meeting.

Prices are as follows and are subject to change due to the fluctuating market. When the order is placed, I can confirm the cost.

- T-Shirts — Royal Blue printed with logo \$14
- Short sleeve polo in black or gray w/logo and name embroidered \$30
- Long sleeve polo in black or gray w/logo and name embroidered \$30
- Sweatshirts in black or gray w/logo \$30
- Stocking hats black w/logo (one size fits all) \$15
- Baseball caps black w/logo S-XL \$25

*T-shirts must be ordered at least 12 at a time. I am currently putting an order together, so if you are interested call me.

If you had ordered any items recently and did not receive them, please contact me and I will reorder them for you. There are currently no orders at the supplier.

Joe Phillips
586-871-8450

**You can do anything...
Just not everything.
But do something!**

Top 10 Facts to Know About Long-Term Care Planning

November is National Long-Term Care Awareness Month, an event recognized by Congress and a number of States. To mark the occasion, here are 10 interesting facts shared by the American Association for Long-Term Care Insurance.

1. Americans are living longer, in large part due to advances in medical care and public health. Life expectancy in the US for those reaching 65 was 20 years on average in 2019,
2. By 2030, one in five residents in the US will be age 65 or older.
3. The number of people in need of long-term support services (LTSS) in the United States is already at 14 million and expected to grow to 27 million by 2050.
4. Average out-of-pocket costs are \$140,000 for those individuals who utilized paid long-term support services (LTSS). Roughly 17 % will spend over \$100,000 on LTSS. Almost 9% will spend over \$250,000 on LTSS.
5. By 2040, the total prevalence of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias in the US is expected to approximately double from 7.2 million to nearly 13 million, with 8.5 million women and 4.5 million men expected to develop dementia.
6. For those requiring high levels of LTSS, individuals and families pay 55% of long-term care costs out of pocket.
7. Currently, the majority of older single-person households are female. Women comprised 74 % of solo households age 80 and over.
8. Some 7.5 million Americans have some form of long-term care insurance. Two thirds of all new individual long-term care insurance claims pay for care needed by women.
9. The long-term care insurance industry paid out \$11 billion in benefits to some 310,000 individuals with insurance protection in 2019. The number will increase each year as the current number of policyholders grow older and, as a result, are more likely to begin their claim.
10. 69.5% of new claims start after the policyholder reached age 80. If you live a long life, you are very likely to need long-term care. You'll be very glad you have a policy to pay benefits.

<https://www.aaltci.org/about/long-term-care-awareness-month-2020.php>

That's where I can help. Vivat Jesus!

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Protecting God's Children

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish (Emmet)
Saturday, November 40, 2023
9:00 am

St Clement of Rome Parish (Romeo)
Sunday, November 5, 2023
8:00 am

Holy Redeemer Parish (Detroit)
Monday, November 13, 2023
6:00 pm

NOTE: Please check to see if you've been assigned a module on Protecting God's Children and Vulnerable Adults as evidence of completion will be needed to participate in future events.

Also, background checks will be occurring annually. Please fill out your authorization forms and return to the church office.

Quick Notes

If you move or have a change in phone number, please notify Financial Secretary, George Sakorafos at 586-610-3576.

Please visit our sick and shut-in Brothers. If you are unable to visit, please send a card with a note. It will be very much appreciated.



Calendar of Events

Nov:

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| 05 | 10:00 am | Memorial Mass – Sacred Heart Seminary |
| 09 | 6:30 pm Meal | General Membership Meeting |
| | 7:30 meeting | |
| 12-18 | | MCREST program dates, sign up sheets for times |
| 13 | 6:30 pm | Rescue Mission Hosting |
| 14 | 25-26 | Christmas Meat Sales (all Masses) |
| 19 | After All Masses | Coffee & Donuts supported by the Knights |
| 26 | 11:30 am Mass | Corporate Communion |
| 30 | 7:00 pm | Council planning meeting |



Happy Birthday!!



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| Rev Joseph Hund | November 1 |
| Janet Loewen | November 1 |
| Michael McKinnon | November 1 |
| Scott Ignatowski | November 3 |
| Paula Tusset | November 4 |
| Bruce Arnold | November 5 |
| Deacon Marc Rybinski | November 6 |
| Norman Pfaff | November 10 |
| Leonard Sokolowski | November 11 |
| Salvatore Ales | November 11 |
| William Hill | November 11 |
| Alan Giroux | November 12 |
| Timothy Treloar | November 13 |
| Christine Krause | November 18 |
| Larry Bukowski | November 21 |
| James Cosgrove | November 23 |
| Stephen Szypa | November 23 |
| George Mejaly | November 24 |
| Mike Kramer | November 27 |
| Patricia Labadie | November 28 |
| Anthony Guido | November 29 |

If you'd like to see your birthday posted, please send an e-mail to Chris Gapczynski at spotknights11689@gmail.com, or call at 586-263-5942.

Happy Anniversary!!



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| Daniel & Catherine Finn | November 9 |
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For the Good of the Order



**Please keep the Knights,
Relatives or Acquaintances of
Knights below in your prayers.**

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| Carol Alexander | Patricia Labadie |
| Kevin Bondra | John Lechene |
| The Brown Family | Katie Lechene |
| SK Frank Burda | Peggy Lewis |
| Al Burian | BK Chuck Loewen |
| Susan Burian | Patricia Loewen |
| Eric Burns | Leanne Mackay |
| Betsy Carl | Ronald McGraw |
| Connie Colosimo | BK John Minicuci |
| BK Ralph Colosimo | Patty Morgan |
| Sherri Czarny | Mary R Olejniczak |
| SK Ted Czarny | Fr Dale Orlik |
| Micheal Denomme | Ed Peoples |
| Claudia Dombrowski | Judy Perreau |
| Kelly Ellis | BK Geno Pirrami |
| Rochelle Everhart | Justin Pletsch |
| Cathy Gapczynski | Ilene Porto |
| Chris Gapczynski | Esther Robidou |
| Greg Gapczynski | Kurt Scharapimski |
| SK Angelo Garavaglia | Kristin Shaver |
| Janet Gennani | Joanne Smail |
| BK Ken Gonko | Patricia Stonehouse |
| Christopher Hageman | PGK Karl Sziisz |
| Jill Hageman | William Szypa |
| Brandon Hale | Gary Tarbuck |
| Sandy Harbert | Jim Tarbuck |
| Barb Hickner | Laura Thomson |
| Katie Hickner | Bob Williams |
| BK Mike Hoste | Lynn Williams |
| Beth Hund | Deacon Ed Wilson |
| Sue Hund | BK Dave Wisneski |
| Joseph Kook | Cathy Wisniewski |
| SK Art Krygowski | Barney Young |
| Janice Krygowski | |
| Mark Kwasny | |
| David Kwasny | |

**Our State Motto
for 2022/2023**

“Faith and Family First”

Please Remember our Beloved Deceased Brother Knights



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| Carl A. Owen | March 5, 1997 | Thomas Hayes | September 9, 2018 |
| Frank C. Kava | October 3, 1998 | Anthony Valentine | September 16, 2018 |
| Chester E. Raszkowski | August 8, 2000 | Lawrence Novak | November 19, 2018 |
| Robert A Post | August 1, 2001 | Joseph Roehrig | January 8, 2019 |
| Martin W. Rosenau | September 24, 2001 | Joseph Marheineke | January 10, 2019 |
| Julius T. Abraham | October 8, 2001 | Giuseppe Riera | January 21, 2019 |
| Clemente Truden | December 7, 2001 | Clarence Gajewski | February 3, 2019 |
| Walter W. Kawka | December 25, 2002 | Paul Ross | May 25, 2019 |
| James P. Koss | May 4, 2003 | George Trapp II | July 14, 2019 |
| Dominic Morello | March 12, 2005 | Neil Norat | November 25, 2019 |
| John P. Banas | April 16, 2005 | Ben Candela | December 27, 2019 |
| Catan W. Bernardo | June 13, 2006 | Robert C. (Chuck) Lomasney | May 15, 2020 |
| Robert W. Majkowski | June 28, 2006 | Alton Obrecht | August 17, 2020 |
| Alfonso Carvajal | March 11, 2007 | Joseph Hopersberger | August 19, 2020 |
| Brian R. McGinnis | October 24, 2007 | Leon Eggers | November 18, 2020 |
| Arthur J. Hug | January 17, 2008 | Guido Fracassa | January 19, 2021 |
| James Bischoff | February 11, 2008 | Ronald Serefino | November 22, 2021 |
| Russell J. Licovoli | April 2, 2008 | Donald Szlezzyngier | March 10, 2022 |
| Donald Lynch | May 1, 2008 | George Francis | March 19, 2022 |
| Joseph Anthonucci | November 18, 2008 | Natalino DiFalco | April 21, 2022 |
| John Billotti | May 20, 2009 | Henry Leflere | December 11, 2022 |
| Morris Demetsenare | July 9, 2009 | Joseph Kish | December 13, 2022 |
| Conrad Leder | September 5, 2009 | Raymond Ignatowski | February 12, 2023 |
| Joseph T. Frontera | September 7, 2009 | Jim Hubbard | July 30, 2023 |
| Gary Golec | April 4, 2010 | Vito Guzzardo | September 13, 2023 |
| Walter Baumgart | August 15, 2010 | | |
| Robert Serafino | January 16, 2012 | | |
| Guy Serafino | March 7, 2012 | | |
| Thomas Saura | April 3, 2012 | | |
| Frank Gaal | January 12, 2012 | | |
| William Carron | July 8, 2012 | | |
| Gregory Kropidlowski | May 11, 2014 | | |
| Vincent McInnes | August 16, 2014 | | |
| Joseph Ricard | September 22, 2014 | | |
| Albert Johnson | January 22, 2015 | | |
| Joseph Godell | February 5, 2015 | | |
| Raymond Dawson | February 25, 2015 | | |
| Michael J. Francis | February 28, 2015 | | |
| Donald Duff | July 30, 2015 | | |
| Harold Patterson | October 20, 2015 | | |
| William Galbraith | November 22, 2015 | | |
| Donald Badowski | March 16, 2016 | | |
| Fr. Louis Grandpre | February 20, 2016 | | |
| John Marotta | March 26, 2016 | | |
| Ralph Labadie | March 27, 2016 | | |
| Reginald Topolewski | June 28, 2016 | | |
| James Kaza | September 26, 2016 | | |
| John Russo | March 15, 2017 | | |
| Ed Marcinkowski | August 30, 2017 | | |
| Ross Vizzaccerro | September 6, 2017 | | |
| Joseph Bono | September 28, 2017 | | |
| Bruno Belline | January 28, 2018 | | |
| James Lisuzzo | February 1, 2018 | | |
| Harry Motta | February 26, 2018 | | |
| Carl R. Maron | May 9, 2018 | | |
| Ken Dombrowski | June 8, 2018 | | |
| William F. Gowland | August 31, 2018 | | |

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We realize that when illness strikes, it may be difficult to attend our meetings. Please let any member know if another Brother Knight or his family should be added to our prayer list at each meeting.

To place articles in the newsletter contact:

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Articles for the December newsletter must be submitted by no later than

November 22, 2023.

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Anyone who wishes to receive their newsletter via the Internet instead of by regular mail should contact Chris Gapczynski at 586-263-5942 or at spotknights11689@gmail.com. Doing so would save our Council a great deal of money for printing and postage.



**KNIGHTS
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Knights of Columbus District 124

**Men's Day of Prayer & Reflection
at the Capuchin Retreat Center**

62460 Mt. Vernon Rd., Washington, MI 48094

Saturday, November 18, 2023

Fr. Julius Milton & Fr. Vito Martinez



- 9:00 AM – Registration and Arrival with Continental Breakfast (coffee, tea, pastries)
- 9:30 AM – Welcome & Conference #1
- 10:30 AM – Small group discussion with a coffee break
- 11:00 AM – Larger group sharing & Conference #2
- 12:00 Noon – Lunch
- 1:00 PM – Conference #3
- 2:00 PM – Confession and Fellowship
- 4:00 PM – Mass & Eucharistic Celebration
- 5:00 PM – Departure

RSVP by

Nov 9, 2023

Cost: \$75.00 per person

All proceeds go to the Capuchin Retreat Center

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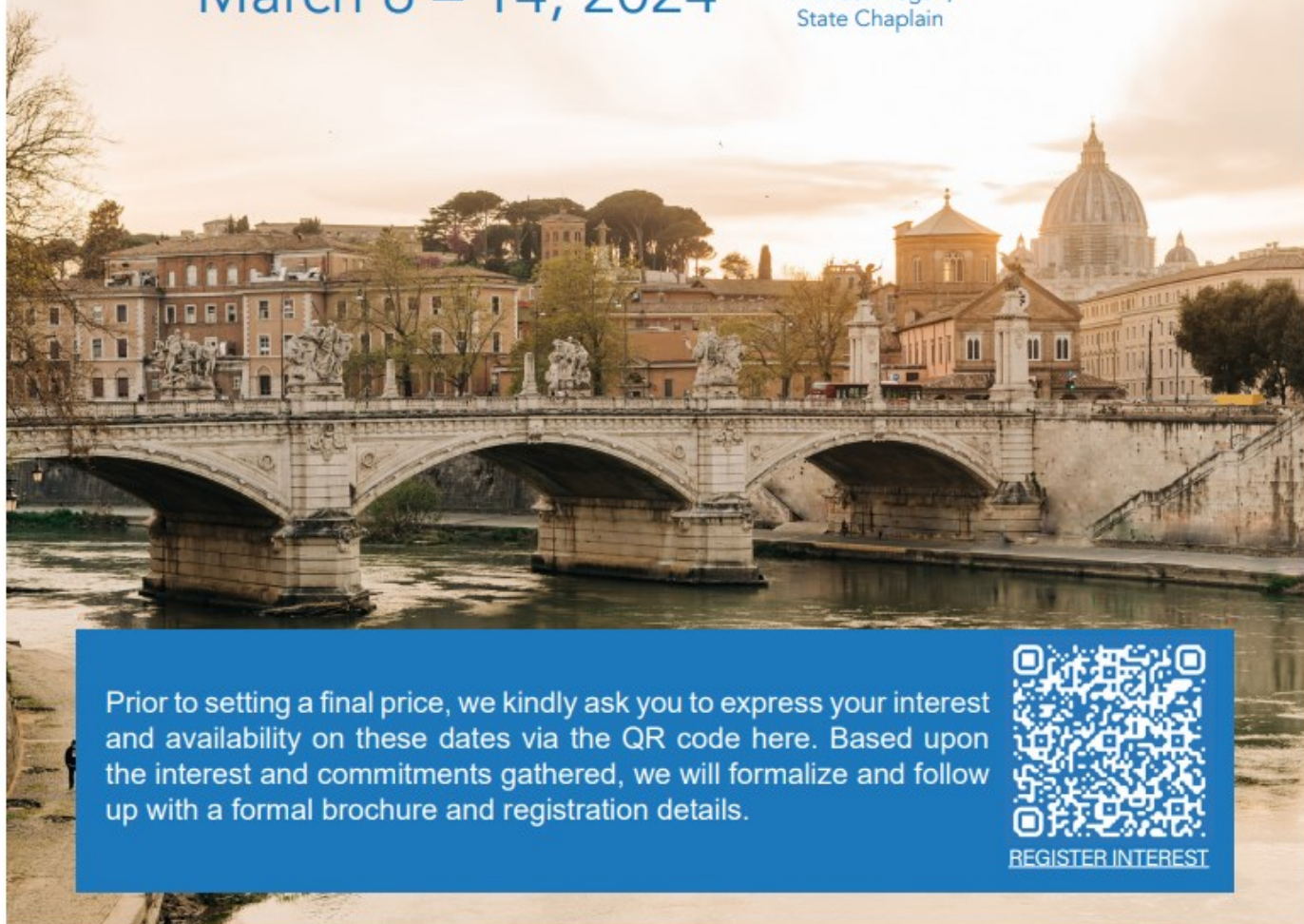
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State Chaplain's Lenten Pilgrimage

March 6 – 14, 2024



Fr. Aidan Logan,
State Chaplain



Prior to setting a final price, we kindly ask you to express your interest and availability on these dates via the QR code here. Based upon the interest and commitments gathered, we will formalize and follow up with a formal brochure and registration details.



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Itinerary

PRE-NIGHT: TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH | DETROIT MEETING

Optional hotel night near the Detroit airport. Long-term parking services can be arranged.

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH | DEPART FOR ITALY

Pending flight schedule, celebrate a send-off Mass near the Detroit Airport (possibly St. Mary's in Wayne) with the Knights of Columbus. Then, transfer to the Detroit Metropolitan Airport for your overnight flight(s) to Rome, Italy.

DAY 2: THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH | ARRIVE IN ROME 🍷

Benvenuti a Roma! After baggage claim, meet your Italian Tour Manager in the Arrivals Hall. Board a private motorcoach and depart for the Vatican neighborhood to check-in to your hotel. Celebrate a Welcome Mass at the Basilica of St. Lawrence Outside the Walls. Finally, enjoy a traditional Italian dinner hosted by the State Deputy! Return to your hotel for overnight

DAY 3: FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH | SCAVI | ST. PETER'S BASILICA | SWISS GUARDS ☕

Celebrate an early morning Station Church Mass at the Basilica of Saint Lawrence in Lucina. Return to the hotel for breakfast. The group will then take part in the Scavi tour - the ancient Roman excavations below the Basilica of St. Peter's culminating at the tomb of St. Peter (pending availability). Tour the beautiful St. Peter's Basilica with Fr. Logan. Then, spend the afternoon around the Vatican taking lunch on the Borgo Pio, where many religious items can be purchased for the Papal blessing on Sunda. Finally, take a special tour of the Swiss Guard Barracks and learn about the oldest and smallest military unit in service to the Holy Father. The remainder of the evening is free for you to explore. Overnight in Rome.

DAY 4: SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH | DAY TRIP TO CASTEL GONDOLFO ☕ 🍷

Celebrate an early morning Station Church Mass at the Church of Santa Susanna. Return to the hotel for breakfast before departing on a day trip to explore the splendid papal summer residence of Castel Gandolfo. Upon arrival, enjoy a beautiful lunch at Pagnanelli's before touring through the residence, Papal Gardens, and private Vatican Farm at Castel Gandolfo. Return to Rome for an evening on your own. Overnight in Rome.

DAY 5: SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH | ANGELUS WITH THE HOLY FATHER | PNAC ☕ 🍷

After Mass, join Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square to pray the Angelus and to receive a Papal Blessing. After lunch on your own, transfer by motorcoach to the Pontifical North American College located on the Janiculum Hill. Meet with some of the American priests and seminarians studying in Rome and join them for evening prayer in their Chapel. Enjoy a beautiful cityscape of Rome and the Vatican from their rooftop. Return to Vatican area for dinner and overnight.

DAY 6: MONDAY, MARCH 11TH | ST. JOHN LATERAN BASILICA | HOLY STAIRS | ST. MARY MAJOR BASILICA ☕

Celebrate an early morning Station Church Mass at the Basilica of Santi Quattro Coronati. Then, visit the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the Cathedral of Rome, as well as the Holy Stairs, which were brought to Rome by St. Helen. Finally, visit the first Basilica dedicated to the Blessed Mother, St. Mary Major. Spend time in prayer before returning to your hotel for a free evening and overnight in Rome.

DAY 7: TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH | WALKING TOUR OF ROME | CATACOMBS | AFTER-HOURS VATICAN MUSEUMS ☕ 🍷

Celebrate an early morning Station Church Mass at the Basilica of San Lorenzo in Damaso. Then, take a walking tour of Rome to explore Piazza Navona, the Pantheon, and the Trevi Fountain. This afternoon, enjoy a special lunch at Cecilia Metella. Continue onto St. Callixtus Catacombs, which once contained the tombs of several popes from the 2nd to 4th centuries. This evening, experience a special after-hours tour of the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel, where you will view some of the most inspiring works of art, including Michelangelo's magnificent fresco of the Last Judgment.

DAY 8: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH | ST. PAUL OUTSIDE THE WALL BASILICA | SAN CLEMENTE BASILICA | HEART OF ROME WITH FR. LOGAN | FAREWELL DINNER ☕ 🍷

Celebrate an early morning Station Church Mass at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Wall, the resting place of the Apostle to the Gentiles. Then, make a visit to the Basilica of San Clemente to see the three-levels of the Church, corresponding to a major era of Roman history. Continue on a walk through Ancient Rome to view the Colosseum and Roman Forum with Fr. Logan. This evening, celebrate the conclusion of our pilgrimage with a Farewell Dinner hosted by the State Chaplain.

DAY 9: THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH | RETURN TO USA ☕

Check out of the hotel and depart for the Rome airport for your return flight home to Michigan

☕ = CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST | 🍷 = LUNCH | 🍷 = DINNER

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