

# INVOCATION

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KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS



Mother of Our Redeem  
Church

**Supporting Families  
Devistated by  
Hurricane Ian**





# Delivering Aid to Families



**O**n October fourth hurricane Ian hit the West of Florida towns and cities were devastated by the winds and surge waters of the storm. Families lost their homes, their lives, virtually everything. Lives were lost, people left homeless, no food, no water, no power, no communications, and no shelter. These people in one day lost everything.

The Knights of Columbus of Mother of Our Redeemer Church, Council 17477 began a project requesting donations of nonperishable food, water, blankets, toiletries and paper goods on October 6 after all the Saturday and Sunday masses, during the week Monday thru Friday we accepted donations from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. We also collected from the parents dropping their children off at our school in the mornings.

The request for donations from our church community was met with overwhelming success as we filled our truck to capacity. On October 23 after the 8:00 AM mass we left the church to deliver the donations to the Church in Fort Myers, church Jesus Obrero, The Worker Church, we

were met by a very vibrant and large festival for the churches ABCD drive. We parked the truck to unload, and we were greeted by fellow Knights of Columbus and Emmaus Brothers to help us, the unloading was completed in little time. The men then gave us lunch and drink, the company and food were great. This parish was vibrant joyful and thankful for our donations. We met with the priest, and he shared with us some of the history of the church. We took several pictures of the inside of the church and us with the priest.

This truly was a heartfelt project both collecting of the donations as well the delivery to these people in need.

I want to give credit to one of Knights of Columbus who started this project and was there every step of the way, Knight Salavador Sastres, a man of faith and caring. To every man who faithfully gave his time and energy to this worthy cause. It showed the meaning of being a Knight to everyone.

# A Time To Be Thankful

*By State Deputy Rob Urrutia*

**W**ell, if Ian was not bad enough here comes Nicole. If Nicole hits the coast of Florida, I am praying that the effects of the storm are a lot less devastating than Ian.

Once again, I want to thank all those brother Knights who helped coordinate the relief efforts down in southwest Florida. From Dr. Stephen, Brian Lawandus, Steve McPhillips, Greg Sutter, Jim Stevens, and John Shelton. These guys did a great job in making sure we had eyes on the ground and assisted all our brother Knights. While I know many brother Knights had some damage due to Ian, I want to bring a few to mind, with District Deputy Ben Farnsworth who had to move places as his place was under water to Charities Director Rich Dahn who watched his truck turn into a submarine. Yet, these and many other brothers with similar stories of no power or no internet or damaged homes still worked together to make sure our neighbors were all taken care of. This makes me proud to be a member of the Knights that our faith and brotherhood helped us prevail.

We have been given some tough times these past few years but it's times like these that not only do we work together fraternally but work

together spiritually to get through these. As we approach Thanksgiving let us give Thanks to those Family members who are no longer with us or are too far away to be with us this Thanksgiving. Let's be Thankful that we have food on the table and our families are enjoying a wonderful day. Do not forget those parishioners or a neighbor that might be alone this Thanksgiving and ask them to join you and your families. We leave no neighbor behind and that includes asking them to join you for the Thanksgiving feast. If they can't make it over, make them a plate of Thanksgiving cheer so that they don't feel alone. Ask a potential gentleman to become a Knight. Asked them to pray with you this Holiday season.

From my family to yours may you all have a blessed Thanksgiving!



*State Deputy  
Robert Urrutia*

## Are You A Member?

**T**he Blessed Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney.

The Guild distributes informational materials about him, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics.

Guild members receive regular updates on the progress of Blessed Michael J. McGivney's



cause for canonization and are invited to participate in promoting devotion to this Servant of God. Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join the Guild.

The Blessed Michael J. McGivney Guild Newsletter is published bimonthly except July - August, and is

sent free to Guild members.

To join the Guild, register online at: <http://www.fathermcgivney.org/> †

# Death and New Life

*By State Chaplain Very Rev. Bob Kantor*

“These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress, they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.” - Rev 7:14

**E**nduring trials and coming out better for them is a common experience in life. Doing so with faith is a formula for eternal life. The month of November is a time when we remember our beloved dead. At the same time our liturgical year is drawing to a close, and scripture readings at Mass concentrate more on the end times and finishing life's race well, as St. Paul would say.

The experience of a catastrophic hurricane claiming lives and affecting a large swath of our state reminds us that life is fragile, and we really don't know the day or the hour. The deaths of some of our beloved Knights or their spouses or family members over the fraternal year can shake up our lives. In the end, if we welcome God into the process, our focus turns from self-reliance and the illusion that we are in control, to things eternal and trust in God.

All Saints Day and All Souls Day at the start of this month are a perfect remedy to radical self-reliance and myopic focus only on the here and now. We are only the latest of a long line of believers. Some, the Saints, are held up by the Church as shining examples of virtue and we can turn to them for help. Prayers of intercession connect us to the Church Triumphant.

Some of our prayers this month should concentrate on those who have gone before us and can use our help in the grand plan of salvation. What a magnificent position God has put us in to be able to help someone attain heaven. Individual Knights and Councils through Corporate Communions and Memorial Masses can

be a participant in this divine process. Connected to the Church Suffering, we have another bond to recognize and strengthen.

For us in what is sometimes referred to as Church Militant on earth, we fight the good fight to remain faithful, work for the common good, use our gifts and talents for others, and demonstrate a generosity of spirit to which all Knights are called. We persevere through difficulties and practice virtue. Recognizing that we are part of something bigger than ourselves, and that we have a God who accompanies us in every hardship, is the call of every Knight and follower of Jesus. May God grant eternal rest and peace to our dearly departed and give comfort and strength to those of us who remain to stay faithful to the end! Vivat Jesus!



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Very Rev. Bob Kantor*

**D**id you know that the State of Florida Council has a YouTube Channel? Well, we do! This is a place where we can put in videos of the all the great things that we do as Knights in the State of Florida.

During the State Convention we took video interviews of some of the Dignitaries that honored us with their presence. You can

see the videos by [CLICKING HERE](#)

Please be sure to subscribe to the channel so you will be notified when new videos are added. If you have any videos that you would like to add that shows your Council doing good works please email Jim Clark, Broadcast Media Relations and Production Director at [jclark1@gmail.com](mailto:jclark1@gmail.com).



# Defend Us In Battle

*By Former State Chaplain Reverend Salvatore Pignato*

**W**hen we look at the world today, we see chaos, disrespect for life and the collapse of the worlds and our personal moral compass. Sounds like a real lost situation. But we, as a human species, are a very resilient and hopeful people. To repair ourselves, we must review again our origins as a human species and the purpose of our creation.

Let's start with the material of our creation. The basic material of our existence is in the sentence "Let us make man in our own image". We all know that sentence is a declaration by God in the Book of Genesis showing His love for humanity as the Creator. The rejection of this reality is the basis of the world's chaos and the human crisis of a loss of a moral compass.

We now must ask what is that moral compass that has been rejected. For that search for a moral compass, we go to the Old Testament again. God gave to His people Israel the Ten Commandments brought down from Mount Sinai by the hands of Moses. These Commandments have been rejected by a majority of governments and a substantial number of the people of God. To make things worse, those same people of God have rejected the command of Jesus to love God and others as themselves.

The corrosion of morality and ethics can be summarized in a rejection of who created us, whose Laws we follow and a rejection of Jesus as our mentor regarding living as a loving community of people. Law, morality, and respect for others have been replaced with situational ethics and "my body, my choice".

We are in a battle between good and evil, but

we are a resilient and hopeful people. The purpose of our lives is to become holy and in today's contemporary world, to effect change. Change is our ministry, and that ministry comes when we say enough is enough and work toward teaching others to come back to God and His Commandments. It is to become active in the venues that offer us the opportunity to effect change. Our lives and our living Jesus Christ on



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our sleeve and preaching Jesus with our mouths are the greatest witness to change and changing the hearts of people.

We must become defenders of the rights of the people and the "freedom" that God gave us. We have a great mentor to follow regarding defending our rights as people of God. It is Saint Michael the Archangel. On November eighth, the Eastern Church celebrated the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel. Therefore, let us place our hope in Saint Michael, ask for his assistance in bringing the world

back to God, one person at a time. Let us fortify our resilience to effect change in our ministry by uniting ourselves to the strength of Saint Michael. Most of all, let each of us pray to Saint Michael, every day, his special prayer that begins with the words, Saint Michael, "Defend us in battle".

# Baby Feet Car Magnets

**F**ather Downey Knights of Columbus Council #4934 from New Smyrna Beach held a Baby Feet car magnet giveaway the weekend of October 22-23 at Sacred Heart Church in New Smyrna Beach and St. Gerard Mission in Edgewater.

This project was a collaborative effort of many Brother Knights of Council #4934 and ladies of the parish, who stepped-up to help collect donations for LIFENET. This was our council's way to help the Pro-Life organizations and individuals working together to attain equal rights for babies in the womb.

With donations all accounted for, the Baby Feet car magnet give away raised \$925 for LIFENET of Montclair, New Jersey. LIFENET's sole purpose is to achieve equal rights for babies in the womb through education, advocacy and networking with Pro-Life organizations and pregnancy resources centers. LIFENET provides the Baby Feet car magnets free of charge to any Pro-Life organization wanting to help get this symbol out to many so it becomes recognizable by the average citizen. LIFENET's only request is to receive the donations collected during the Baby Feet car magnet giveaway.

The two churches of the Sacred Heart Parish are only the second parish in Florida to organize and give away Baby Feet car magnets. The first Parish to partake in this give away was St. Helen's in Vero Beach. Speaking with their office manager,



they were very successful and look forward to doing this again next year.

Any Council or Assembly reading this article can gather all the information needed to sponsor a Baby Feet car magnet give away by contacting Christine Flaherty, Executive Director of LIFENET at [lifeneteducation.org](http://lifeneteducation.org) or call (973) 497-4500.

SK John Gawdun III, Chairman of the Council #4934 Baby Feet Car Magnet giveaway, can be contacted at [trottinghorse@outlook.com](mailto:trottinghorse@outlook.com) or (386) 316-8093.

**C**ouncil 11281 in Naples FL held a Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Drive during the month of October. About 45 Knights and volunteers helped to raise over \$15,000 to support Pro Life organizations in the Naples area. Combined with other generous donations, Council 11281 is funding an Ultrasound Machine for Community Pregnancy Clinics, Inc. A portion of the proceeds will also be donated to several pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes under the Knights of Columbus ASAP Program. The Baby Bottle Drive was a fun way to encourage donations, while drawing attention to the Culture of Life at St. John the Evangelist parish in Naples.





# Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

*By Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori*

“By your perseverance you will secure your lives.” (Gospel for Nov. 13, Lk 21:19)

**I**n this Gospel reading, Jesus speaks about the trials and persecution believers will face. We may suffer for our belief in Christ, but we will be saved if we persevere. Suffering is an inevitable part of the human condition. We see it in the faces of the poor, the afflicted and those in need all around us. May we seek to remain faithful to Christ, whatever suffering we encounter in life, and may we seek to alleviate the suffering of others.

## **Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:**

This month, I challenge you to fast (defined as eating no more than one full meal and two smaller meals that don't equal a full meal) one day a week and offer up this sacrifice to grow in perseverance. Second, I challenge you to help with the Food for Families or Coats for Kids Faith in Action program.

## **Questions for Reflection:**

Do you suffer well? How do you act and treat others when you are suffering? Have you ever met someone who had suffered greatly and been inspired by how they handled it?

# Señor de Los Milagros Mass

**S**ir Knights from Flagler Assembly 2810 and the Regional Color Corps led the procession for the annual Mass for El Señor de Los Milagros (The Lord of the Miracles) at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Palm Coast on Sunday, Oct. 16.

This Peruvian celebration continues a tradition dating back to 1655, when a wall containing image of Christ survived a major earthquake in Lima. The icon is celebrated annually with one of the largest processions in the world.

The tradition continued in Palm Coast, where parishioners dressed in authentic Peruvian



costumes danced and sang outside the church for the hour preceding the Mass and followed the Knights in the opening procession.

# A Sacred Heart Centerpiece



**F**ather Downey Council 4934 enjoyed a strong response from the Sacred Heart Catholic Church community when the St. Joseph Icon was displayed in the parish sanctuary from Oct. 25-31.

Thursday's 8 a.m. Mass was dedicated to the Knights of Columbus and the St. Joseph Icon that is making its rounds throughout the State. Pastor Father John Tizio celebrated the Mass, assisted by Council 4934 Chaplain Father Aldrin Nunes and Deacon Lou Bartos.

The Parish recently received a statue of St. Joseph, and used the Mass with the Icon to dedicate the statue for permanent display in the sanctuary.

The Icon was also prominently displayed at all Masses during the Oct. 29-30 weekend, with many of the more than 600 parishioners taking time to reflect and pray with the icon after the Masses.

. "It was a wonderful experience, and everyone was thankful to the Knights for making it available to the Church," said Grand Knight Art Klobucar.

This is part of the order's pilgrim icon prayer program, continuing a tradition in which every few years a new icon is selected to inspire the

Knights and their communities. Copies of the icon are distributed to each of the KofC's more than 75 jurisdictions, and travel from council to council. Councils will use the icon as centerpieces for prayer services.

The program began in 1979 with Our Lady of Guadalupe. Since then, more than 175,000 prayer services have been held with about 22 million participants. This particular icon was made by Elizabeth Bergeron and based on a drawing by Alexandre Sobolev, of St. Joseph holding the child Jesus from St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal, Canada. KofC Supreme Knight presented a copy of the icon to Pope Francis last October.

Copies of the icon are making their way through the State of Florida, a journey that will conclude next August at the KofC Supreme Convention in Orlando.





# Council Holds Vocations Dinner

**S**aturday, October 20th was a special night for the Knights of Columbus St. John Council 11281, and the parishioners of Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Naples Florida. The Council honored Pastor Rev. Fr. Tom Zalewski and raised funds to assist the religious and the Seminarians of the Diocese of Venice.

The Annual Vocation's Fundraiser helps Council 11281 support Seminarians, as they progress through their journey towards Ordination. Grand Knight Paul Curti noted "The word 'vocation' means a "call" and it presumes someone calling and someone called. As Catholics, of course, we identify "the caller" as God himself.

Pastor Tom Zalewski was extremely honored to be recognized for this event – which is very close to his heart. "In our faith, we believe that God has a plan for each of us and that God calls us, invites us to consider that plan and, hopefully, accept His call.

Different from merely a job, a "vocation" is all-encompassing, requiring a free and willing response and total commitment to the One who calls and to what is asked of us in that call." Grand Knight Curti presented Fr. Tom with a gold chalice and paten set as a thank you for what he has meant to our parish, our community, and the Knights of Columbus.



In addition to ticket and refreshment sales, the event featured live and silent auctions, donations, and gifts, to make this event the Council's the largest fundraiser yet.

We are all aware of the critical need for more priests so that our Catholic faith can grow and thrive. In response to this need, the dinner fundraiser has raised over \$280,000.00 for vocations since its inception 19 years ago.

The Council expressed its deep appreciation to its members, their families, and the Parish community for their support.



# Port Orange Hosts Duck Derby

The Duck Derby started off as a challenge six years ago by KofC official Lorenzo Rodriguez for councils to come up with new ideas to raise funds and promote membership. Tim Mell, Deputy Grand Knight and Program Director for Council 8086, Our Lady of Hope in Port Orange, responded by holding the first Duck Derby, raising more than \$10,000 in sponsorships and donations to benefit the many KofC charities.

Council 8086 held its sixth annual Duck Derby on Oct. 30, setting records by selling 1,965 ducks and raising more than \$17,000. Mell, now a Council 8086 Trustee and Florida State Knight of the Year for 2021-22, continues to oversee the program, working with Grand Knight Roger Packard for the three-time Division Three Council of the Year.

The Derby is a highlight of the annual Port Orange Community Days. After 1,965 plastic ducks were “liberated” on the City Center Lake, Knights using a paddle boat and kayak “rescued” four of them. Andree Ann Roch of Montreal was the owner of the first-place duck, and won \$1,000. Second place, worth \$500, went to Erik Hays of Jacksonville. Colt Briston of Jacksonville was third, winning \$200, with Our Lady of Hope Parishioner Jane McKenzie of Port Orange winning \$100 for fourth.

Proceeds will benefit the many Knights of



Columbus charities supported by Council 8086, including the Coats for Kids, Vocations, Global Wheelchair Mission, Habitat for Humanity, Pregnancy Crisis Center and Community Youth programs.





# A Successful Right to Life Rally



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Council 13300 held a “Right to Life” rally on October 2 as part of its continuing effort to publicly show support for the Sanctity of Life.

Several Knights, spouses, and parishioners gathered on Route 301 in front of the Wildwood City Hall in Wildwood for the event, lining the street with signs to “Choose Life,” stating clearly that Abortion Kills.

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly consistently states that the urgency of the threat to a culture of life cannot be misunderstood. Respect for the dignity of life demands a commitment to human rights across a broad spectrum. St. John Paul II stated in 1995, that as followers of Christ, “Catholics must be committed to the defense of life in all its stages and in every condition.”

The Council’s efforts did not go unnoticed, as many gave us honks and thumbs up. One passerby turned around 4 times to come back in protest to what we were doing. We very peacefully waved and prayed for her understanding. We

know she got the message!

As part of our afternoon event, all attendees participated in the Blessed Holy Rosary, with each of the Glorious decades being led by a different Brother Knight; including Life Co-Director Gerry Haggerty, Grand Knight Bill Wirtz, Deputy Grand Knight Mike Lepore, Life Co-Director Ken Edwards, and Sir Knight Bill Comber. As a whole, we accomplished our goal to encourage others to choose life through our public support of the pro-life cause.



# Honor Flight of West Central Florida

The Knights of Columbus Fr. Gerard Powers Assembly 2882 recently donated \$1,000 at ceremonies welcoming back the September 20th Honor Flight to Washington D.C. Members of Assembly 2882 Knights of Columbus, led by Faithful Navigator Mason Stevenson cheered and greeted the returning veterans at the St. Petersburg/Clearwater Airport.

After the welcoming ceremony Mason Stevenson presented a check for \$1,000 to Beverly Frey, President of the Honor Flight West Central Florida Board of Directors. In accepting the donation, Ms. Fry stated, "Your donation will allow us to continue our mission: taking America's Veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit the Memorials created to honor their service to our country." Mason Stevenson noted, "Our Veterans deserve recognition and a sincere thank you for their service and sacrifice and our Assembly 2882 is honored to be able to contribute to this important event."



Since its first flight in May 2011, Honor Flight of West Central Florida has flown 43 missions with 3,164 Veterans on flights to Washington, D.C. at no cost to the Veteran. They currently have over 600 Veterans on the waiting list and more are added each day. For more information, please go to their website: [HONORFLIGHTWCF.ORG](http://HONORFLIGHTWCF.ORG).

Worthy Knights of Columbus I haven't heard from any councils this year on doing our Coats for Kids Program. I know it has been tough on a lot of us with prices going up but, we need to try and help children that need coats with weather change.

I know that a lot of councils pitched in with the destruction down south. I have spoken to a few stores Targets, Belks, Walmart and all said that each store will help of you ask them. Just go into the store, ask for the manager, present them with a letter telling them what your council is doing and ask them for help.

I hope that I will hear from as many councils as possible to help the children in need.

I Thank You in Advance. Make us PROUD KNIGHTS!!

You can e-mail me my contact information is below. Let me hear from my fellow Grand Knights.

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# Color Corps Honors Veterans



**O**n September 17, the Southeast Florida Honor Flight honored Brother Knights from Region 6. The Southeast Florida Honor Flight is a 100% volunteer organization based in Stuart, FL and dedicated to honoring veterans. They utilize Palm Beach International Airport for each of their four Honor Flights per year.

They proudly serve veterans in Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Glades, and Okeechobee counties. And participate in the day long trip to Washington, DC to visit the memorials dedicated to those who have served our country in past conflicts.

Florida State VAVS Director Angel Luis Rodriguez Rivera and District Deputy 62 Michael

Ankrom were among the seventy-five honorees. A compliment of council members attended the “Welcome Home.” Included in that amount were 14 Color Corps. This included a Color Guard. Joining this contingent were the State Treasurer, S/K Michael Gizewski, and the State Warden, Joseph Coicou.

All the honorees on the trip also received a special gift from Palm Beach County Region 6, an embroidered patriotic Christmas ornament made for them by Tina Sodan, wife of State Life Director, Bill Sodan.

After exiting the aircraft, the honorees met an Honor Guard and drum and pipes band from the Palm Beach Sheriff’s Department who accompanied them.

**T**he Knights of Columbus Scared Heart Council 8012 held our 6th Annual Golf Outing for Special Needs Children in our area of Sumter and Marian County. We had 100 golfers with some great gifts for each and over a dozen Country Clubs donated Rounds of golf as prizes. Bill Bryan Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram gave us a car for Hole in One.

Players ate after the round and there were so many prizes to give out.

We did not get a main sponsor this year, but we still made over \$5,000.

As Chairman of outing for 6th time, I wish to thank all the people that supported us.



# Knights Support Birthline/Lifeline

Council #12376 of Royal Palm Beach, Florida answered the call. Grand Knight Ken Ida and Financial Secretary Jose Calas presented a check for \$1000 to the Birthline - Lifeline Pregnancy Care Program for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Palm Beach on October 18, 2022. The council received a visit at its home parish Our Lady Queen of the Apostles from the new Care Program mobile ultrasound for its parishioners to tour first-hand.

Ms. Kenda Peterson who serves as the Mobile Operations Director for Birthline/Lifeline and has been an active presenter who visits Knights functions explaining what their care centers do throughout the diocese.

The center promotes a comprehensive sanctity of life program by offering pregnancy care services at all its locations which are free to all who qualify. Services that include pregnancy tests, limited obstetrical ultrasounds, on-going support, education classes, referrals to other community resources, material assistance for mothers and babies and adoption information.

Ms. Peterson noted, that through this support of Knights councils, their center can continue provide necessities like; counseling and certain medical care for women who need pregnancy services.

The center in Palm Beach County alone, as served two thousand clients including over five



hundred expectant parents were to their babies in the womb via ultrasound.

Supreme will issue a \$100 grant to that same center for every \$500 donation from a Knights Council. Grand Knight Ken Ida and Financial Secretary Jose Calas look forward to providing additional support for Palm Beach County's for those women that are in need. And appeal to Knights Councils to keep this program going strong promoting life across the country!

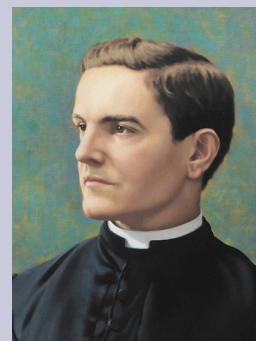
## Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael J. McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor.

Through the example of His life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling His commandment of charity and building up His Body which is the Church.

Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue His work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Blessed Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will.

Through His intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.





# Hurricane Relief Cookout



In response to the Relief Efforts for Hurricane Ian members from across the area met at Jesus the Worker Church. Our Worthy State Deputy Robert Urrutia and State Marketing and Brands Director Ed Sleyzak joined in cooking and serving over 1000 hamburgers and hotdogs to the members after Mass.

The members of the Parish were very appreciative of the work we did and the food. We had several families thanking us as they were served.

It was a very humbling experience to help feed the parish members who suffered losses from the Hurricane. The needs are many as a lot of them have lost their homes as well as are out of jobs since the storm destroyed the places that they worked at.

We want to thank RA Ed Sedillo, DD Jeff Vespo, and Brother John Shelton for all their work to help those most in need after this disaster.

The work that we have been doing shows the Principle of Charity which the Knights of

Columbus was founded on.

If you are able to volunteer and can find the time to help, reach out to DD51 Dr. Steve Wyer, or John Shelton to find out when and where you can assist. Also, if you have not donated to the Hurricane relief fund you can still do by going to [www.floridakofc.org](http://www.floridakofc.org) and click the Donate button on the top right-hand corner. Then just use the drop-down box to find the Hurricane Ian fund.





# Motorcycle Medley Faith In Action



Council 8086 of Port Orange, Florida joined forces with Knights on Bikes Florida to bring the components of the KofC Faith in Action program to life in the first Faith in Action Medley in October.

In addition to a Rosary decade, each stop included a component of Faith in Action's four components: Faith, Family, Community and Life, with a total of \$2,500 in contributions.

The ride originated at Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church in Port Orange, with a Eucharistic Adoration service and blessing of the bikes by Our Lady of Hope pastor Father Matt Mello. The Knights made a \$500 to the Volusia County F.A.I.T.H. interfaith direct-action ministry, which is chaired by Father Matt. Sir Knight Mike Godbout then led the opening decade of the

Rosary, which would be continued at each of the stops along with way.

The first stop was at the OLOH Food Pantry, with a \$500 donation to satisfy a requirement of Food For Families (Family). Next was the Basilica of St. Paul in Daytona Beach, with a \$500 donation to Outreach Human Trafficking ((Life). Bikers, followed by Knights driving cars, next stopped at St. Brendan the Navigator in Ormond Beach, with a \$500 donation to the Knights' Mobil Disabilities (Wheelchair) Fund (Community). Following a scenic ride along the famed 34-mile Loop, the journey ended at the River Grill for lunch in Ormond Beach – highlighted by the final decade of the Rosary and a \$500 donation to Florida Knights on Bikes earmarked for Vocations (Faith).



Bikers from St. Augustine to Miami were among the 29 participants at the inaugural event.

“Council 8086 did a terrific job – this event involved a huge amount of planning, and it went off without a hitch,” said Bob Knapik, Florida Knights on Bikes Florida Chairman for the Orlando Diocese. “We couldn’t have asked for a better day. It was very impressive They donated a lot of money to great causes.”

Following lunch, the Knights were free to enjoy the many annual Biketoberfest activities in the Daytona Beach area for the remainder of the day.

Roger Packard is the Council 8086 Grand Knight, with Tim Mell the Program Director, Deputy Grand Knight Dr. Ernie Jackson was the Medley originator and Dave Vaden the point of contact and Council 8086 Knights of Bikes chairman.



## Fostering Vocations

**B**ishop Gregory Parkes speaks about the importance of fostering vocations in our parishes and provides an overview of the St. Andrew’s dinner for vocations, which was held on October 24th, 2022. These comments are taken from an interview that aired on Spirit FM 90.5.

November 2, 2022 | We had a great turnout at the St. Andrew’s dinner. It’s an opportunity to invite primarily High School and college-age young men to a dinner with me, their bishop. It’s set up to be very informal. We pray together and have dinner together. Then, several of our priests will usually give a vocation story witness. They’ll talk about their own call to the priesthood, and we have a question-and-answer session. Then we end with a blessing. At the most recent dinner, we had 27 men there to learn more about priesthood. All of those aren’t necessarily discerning and they’re not going to necessarily become priests, but at least

they’re open to the possibility and that’s always a good thing.

If you see or observe a young man who is serving in ministry, maybe just say, “Have you ever thought about priesthood as a vocation?” There’s no harm in asking. Just asking the question can be an affirmation to that young man. Maybe he thought about it, but maybe he didn’t think that others could see him in that vocation. So, it’s an affirmation to him, that maybe this is what God is calling him to do.

It’s God who does the inviting, ultimately, to be a priest. It is an invitation from God but God doesn’t force us. He invites us to pursue that vocation. If we do, I believe it will lead to personal happiness and fulfillment in our lives. But we must do our part as well. God puts the seed there but if we don’t nurture it, don’t water it, don’t care for it, it’s not going to grow. That’s where the encouragement comes in. That’s where our prayer for vocations

comes in and actively seeking and looking for young men who might be priests one day.

More information: You are invited to promote and pray for vocations during National Vocations Awareness Week, November 6-12, 2022. During this time, the Catholic Church invites all to reflect on vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these vocations.

To learn more, [click here](#).

### Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

## Knights On Bikes



**B**y now or at some point you, as a Knight, will have heard about the Silver Rose and its transporters, The Knights on Bikes, who are also Knights of Columbus. The Silver Rose has a rich history that goes back to December 12th 1960 when a young man & Colombian Squire in council 2312 of Monterrey Mexico came up with the idea and wanted to commemorate Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses at Our Lady of Guadalupe in 1523, the Church of the apparition of Our Blessed Mother.

The young men of Council 2312 in 1960 originally utilized a living red rose given them through transport as a traveling gift. Of course

any natural rose will eventually deteriorate over time...subsequent roses were soon after traveling throughout North America made of bronze and then finally Silver. The first commemorative rose was a natural rose blessed by Bishop John C. Cody of London England it was then flown to New York where it was received by Grand Knight Joseph Thomasen and given to Supreme Knight Luke E. Hart. Mr. Hart shepherded the rose to Dallas Texas...then to Laredo Texas, through Sabinas Hidalgo by foot and to Cienega de Flores and on to the Basilica in Monterray Mexico and the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th, 1960.

Today there are 8 silver roses that travel through



North America and all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Canada and Mexico. After 1961 the Silver Rose program was adopted by the Knights of Columbus in Texas and Mexico. Later, The Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, in 2001 expanded the Silver Rose program and designated the program to become a continual program for the Knights of Columbus representing Life. The Silver Rose honors the sanctity of our Knights of Columbus Brotherhood and the sanctity of Human Life. "One Life, One Rose", said Carl Anderson. As we turn to the Blessed Mother in prayer to protect the sanctity of life, we also reaffirm our commitment to "Human Life" as Knights of Columbus.

The Knights on Bikes, who are all Knights of Columbus coincidentally started in 2005 in Ft. Worth Texas. Sir Knight Ray Medina the Founder of Knights on Bikes is from Texas and several others including Willie Davidson and Ray Galindo wanted to promote motorcycle safety through the Knights of Columbus. Today Knights on Bikes can be found throughout The United States, Canada, Mexico and the Philippines. Knights on Bikes are fellow Knights of Columbus who love riding motorcycles. Frequently, I refer to our Knights on Bikes as, "The Knights who prefer Riding over Golf". The Knights on Bikes of Florida are further blessed because the Archbishop

of Miami, Bishop Thomas Wenski is a highly enthusiastic Harley Davidson rider. In addition the Archbishop is also the Global Chaplain of Knights on Bikes while managing the Archdiocese of Miami.

Over the years The Knights on Bikes have had charge of the Silver Rose and safely securing and transporting the Silver Rose throughout North America. We in turn produce a schedule in accordance with the requests of the Diocese throughout Florida. Each rose is honored often by color guard and formal procession, Eucharistic Adoration or in some cases like Ave Maria Parish in Florida a 24 hour rosary and prayer vigil.

Attached herein is a schedule example for July/August 2022 of the myriad churches that scheduled and requested the Silver Rose in Florida overseen by Stephen Bell the President of Knights on Bikes in Florida. Each Diocese in Florida has a Diocese Chairman for Knights on Bikes. if you or your Council have an interest next year 2023 in requesting the Silver Rose scheduling starts on or about June 1st. Please visit our Knights Website [www.KonBFL.com](http://www.KonBFL.com) if you or a friend who's a Knight have an interest in becoming a Knight on Bikes candidate. "In God We Trust and Ride" is our motto....Blessings in the meantime.



# INVOCATION

## Knights of Columbus Florida State Council Newsletter How To Write an Article

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**INVOCATION reports on local council activities throughout the entire State of Florida**

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  - Who are the key players/Knights?
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Through our witness and deeds attract Catholic men to our Order.

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