



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS®**

Catholic Mens Fraternal Organization

Charity.Unity.Fraternity.Patriotism

A look at some of what we do at Prince of Peace Catholic Church & School

****We ask the men to bring their ideas and needs and unite with us today**

Pray the Rosary

Provide Bibles to Religious Ed and School children

Member of the Guild of St. Thomas Aquinas - Adoration chapel - the midnight hours

In solidarity with Priests at Prince of Peace Catholic Church & School

Assist with Religious Ed Program by teaching 7th grade

Sunday outdoor activities with our Brothers, their families and Parish Family

Youth sports - soccer and basketball competitions

Advent Night and Christmas Card sales

With our parish family and SVDP, delivery over 70 turkey meals to the community Thanksgiving morning

Host an annual craft fair with over 60 vendors

Provide support to RCIA

Support of Fraternus

Support to local seminarians

Pray for vocations, protect our Priests

Culture of Life: 40 days for life. Support to elderly parishioners. **Baptisms** - provide rose, angel pin and St. Joseph coin to families, and thank them for choosing life.

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

Each month, Archbishop William Lori – Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus – selects a brief passage from the Gospel reading of one of the Sunday Masses of the upcoming month. Archbishop Lori shares a brief reflection on the passage and issues a challenge for men to live for the upcoming month.

The next month, men undertaking the challenge as a group gather and share their experiences living the challenge. By taking up the *Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge*, men take direct, concrete action to grow in their faith and help their brothers do so as well.

This Month's Challenge

September

“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?” (Gospel for Sept. 8, Lk 14:27-28)

In more than four decades as a priest and bishop, I've been involved with building a number of new churches and schools. We often start by “dreaming big.” Then reality hits: What are we willing to spend? Jesus is asking each of us a similar question about our life of faith. In our lifelong journey to become saints, are we regularly sitting down to consider the cost and fully prepare ourselves to pay it? My brothers, above all other things, may we always prepare to carry our crosses and give our entire lives to Christ.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: This month, I challenge you to learn more about the life of one of the martyrs and how he or she was prepared to pay any price to follow Christ. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Into the Breach program or read *Into the Breach* on your own with a particular eye toward how we can best prepare to carry our crosses.

Questions for Reflection:

What cross is Christ asking you to carry in your life? Are you willingly taking up the cross and seeking to follow Christ or trying to avoid the cross? In what concrete ways can you imitate the martyrs' total commitment to Christ?

Holy Hour: The Best Time You Will Spend on Earth



The chivalric character of the Knights of Columbus and the Church's long tradition of spiritual combat resonate with men today – especially as threats from the world and the devil are so keenly felt.

Eucharistic adoration in the form of a regularly scheduled Holy Hour is a simple, direct, and meaningful way to address these needs. It is familiar to many, easy to organize, and something everyone can participate in together regardless of age, vocation, stage of life or membership status.

Councils can organize their Holy Hours in a variety of ways and incorporate aspects such as: perpetual adoration, the sacrament of reconciliation, prayer for particular intentions and more.

MESSAGE OF POPE JOHN PAUL II TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Wednesday, 7 August 1985

Dear Friends,

I welcome this opportunity to send greetings in the peace of Christ to the Knights of Columbus gathered for the annual Assembly of the Supreme Council. To think of you, the Knights of Columbus, prompts in me grateful sentiments for your constant loyalty to the Church and for your numerous programs of charity and fraternal service. I think with deep appreciation of the significant contribution you are making to the upkeep and improvement of the Basilica of Saint Peter's in Rome. And I know too of your dedicated involvement in your local Churches and parishes, and of all your untiring efforts on behalf of evangelization, family life, the handicapped and the unborn.

I am speaking to you in order to assure you of my encouragement and prayers. I urge you to persevere in doing good works and to remain steadfast in the Catholic faith which has been handed on to you by the Church. A passage from Saint John expresses my sentiments well when he writes: "My reason for having written you is not that you do not know the truth but that you do . . . Let what you heard from the beginning remain in your hearts. If what you heard from the beginning does remain in your hearts, then you in turn will remain in the Son and in the Father" . Perseverance is a special grace from the Lord, one of vital importance for our pilgrimage of faith. Keep on believing what you have been taught, "remain rooted in the teaching of Christ" , and continue to build up the Church in love. And then, as Saint John says, "in truth and love, . . . we shall have grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son" (1 Io. 2, 21. 24). To all of you and your families I send my Apostolic Blessing.

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A LEGACY OF FAITH & SERVICE

Founded by a young parish priest, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, now on the path to sainthood, the Knights of Columbus has helped strengthen men, their families, their parishes, the faith and their communities since 1882.

Vivat Jesus!