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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN...

My friends in the Knights of Columbus:

Every day, I read the Irish newspapers on line. Last week, I was reading a very interesting article in the *Irish Times*. It began by telling us that some psychologists are beginning to identify a new disorder- cell phone addiction. Apparently, it seems to be impossible for some people to go shopping, drive a car, and have a cup of coffee or even take a leisurely walk unless they are talking on their cell phones. Two lines specifically caught my eye in the article: you are living in 2008 if you check your messages before you shower in the morning. I would suppose that also applies to checking your email! I reflected on this and realized if we would talk to God in prayer with the same consistency as we talk on our cell phones, we would be fulfilling the command to pray always and often.

To pray always means to me that we live in a spirit of prayer, which is not difficult at all. Thousands of events happen each day to remind us of God. We can thank Him, tell Him we are sorry for failures, and also seek His guidance and strength to face our daily challenges. Prayers such as this keep us in touch with our loving Creator. In the midst of a definite cell phone mania, I suggest that you turn your phone off for a few minutes and retire to a quiet place where the silence will help to get a good connection to God and hear his voice. Your messages will be waiting for you when you are finished!

I wish all my friends in the

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Bellevue Council #1400
Memorial Mass & Meeting
Friday,
December 12, 2008

Three Rivers Mass
April 19, 2009
10:00 AM
St. Mary's Church at the Point



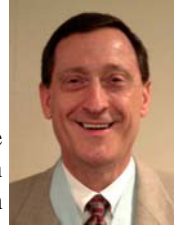
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DON'T FORGET THAT CHRISTMAS (Birth of Christ) AND NEW YEAR'S DAY (Solemnity of Mary) ARE HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION!

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...

My Brother Knights:



Now that the long campaign season and general election are over, the media is engrossed with the word "transition". The news is consumed with the transition from the outgoing presidential administration to the newly elected administration.

We Pittsburgh Chapter Knights are also in a sort of "transition". Our transition is mostly a seasonal transition of memorial Masses for our departed Brother Knights and Thanksgiving Day activities of November to the December preparations for the celebration of the arrival of the Christ child.

As part of a longtime tradition in the Pittsburgh Chapter, there will be
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PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MEETING
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2008
AT BELLEVUE
COUNCIL #1400

**PITTSBURGH CHAPTER
MEETINGS
FIRST TUESDAY OF
EACH MONTH!
7:30 PM**

DIRECTIONS TO:

**Bellevue Council #1400
From North of Pittsburgh via
Route 28:**

- ◆ Take the **State Hwy 28 S** ramp to **Pittsburgh**
- ◆ Merge onto **PA-28 S**
- ◆ Follow signs to **I-279 S** using the new access ramp to **I-279 S**
- ◆ Take exit **7B** for **State Hwy 65 N** toward **Ohio River Blvd**
- ◆ Merge onto **PA-65 N**
- ◆ Continue on **US-19 N**
- ◆ Continue on **PA-65 N** for 2.5 miles
- ◆ Turn **right** at **Grant Ave**
- ◆ Turn **left** at **Lincoln Ave**
- ◆ Destination will be on the right in about 0.4 mi

**From South of Pittsburgh via
Interstate 279 N and I-79 N:**

- ◆ If on **I-79 N**, take exit **59A** to merge onto **I-279 N** toward **Pittsburgh**
- ◆ Slight **left** at **PA-65 N** (signs for **US-19 N/Ohio River Blvd/PA-65 N**)
- ◆ Continue on **US-19 N**
- ◆ Continue on **PA-65 N**
- ◆ Turn **right** at **Grant Ave**
- ◆ Turn **left** at **Lincoln Ave**
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**ARE YOU READING SOMEONE
ELSE'S COPY OF THE
PITTSBURGH KNIGHT?
WANT YOUR OWN?**

Please send your e-mail address to Mike Conroy at patnmike5@comcast.net if you want to be placed on the Pittsburgh Chapter mailing list.

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Knights of Columbus a blessed and enjoyable Thanksgiving and Christmas and do not forget the less fortunate in our society.

God bless you all.

Fr. Naos

DID YOU KNOW?????

Forty years ago, the very first Special Olympics was held in Chicago, and the Knights of Columbus was there to help from the very first day. Joining with Knight Sargent Shriver and his wife Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the Order helped spread Special Olympics throughout the United States and world with both financial and volunteer support.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

**December Meeting
Bellevue
Council #1400
Friday,
December 12, 2008**

**January 6, 2009
Verona
Penn Allegheny
Council #4242
Verona, PA**

**February 3
St. Francis of Assisi
Council #2555**

**March 3
Queen of Peace
Council #5367**

April – Open

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a memorial Mass on Friday on December 12 to honor our departed Brother Knights. Once again, Bellevue council # 1400 will be our gracious host. For those who have not yet made reservations, I encourage you to call Russ Redshaw (412-766-0219) and finalize your plans. We hope to have a good turnout for the Mass and dinner.

As we move toward December and all the activities surrounding the Christmas season, let us not forget that the season is about Christ. As Catholics let's emphasize and support our theme of *Keep Christ in Christmas* - KCIC. If you purchased a KCIC magnet, place it on your vehicle and remind others of "The Reason for the season".

Lastly, all of the Chapter officers join with me in wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally,

**Joseph S. Yourish, PSD
Chapter President**

**CHECK THEM OUT!!!
PITTSBURGH CHAPTER
COUNCILS WITH
WEBSITES**

Bellevue Council #1400
<http://www.kofc1400.com/>

T.P. Conroy Council #2602
<http://www.freewebs.com/kofc2602/>

Pittsburgh/ East End Council #3530
<http://www.kofc.us/3530/>

Pius XII Council #4925
<http://www.angelfire.com/planet/knights4925/>

**Duquesne University Holy Ghost
Council #10812**
<http://www.koc.duq.edu/>

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson on the 2008 Election

The election of **Barack Obama** represents an important moment in American history. Although much has been done to eradicate racial enmity in America since the days when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led the civil rights movement four decades ago, Senator Obama's election represents a decisive affirmation of our national commitment to racial equality.

Having had the privilege of serving on the United States Commission on Civil Rights, I believe that we cannot understate the importance of the election in this regard.

America will face many urgent problems during the years to come, and we must work together to come up with solutions.

It is also said that we may face challenges from abroad during the early months of the new administration. No potential foe should ever doubt that we will stand together as a nation in the face of such a challenge.

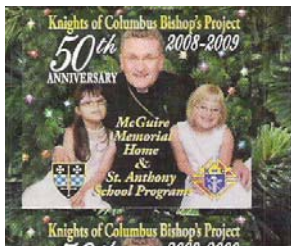
We join with the Catholic Bishops of the United States in extending our congratulations to the president-elect and offer our prayers that God will grant him strength and wisdom during the years to come.

We are grateful that citizens of California, Florida and Arizona voted to approve state constitutional amendments recognizing marriage as between one man and one woman. Marriage is the institution that provides the optimal environment for having and raising children, and clear majorities, in every one of the 30 states where this question has been put to the voters, have decided to preserve this understanding in their constitutions.



The Knights of Columbus Bishop's Project for Exceptional Children

Adapted by Tom McGinnis from the History and Organization of the Project by Earl J. Price.



In September 1960, the newly appointed Bishop of Pittsburgh, the Most Reverend John J. Wright, commissioned the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Knights of Columbus to embark on a program to help children with mental retardation, especially the children of the St. Anthony's School for Exceptional Children. The following year, at the further urging of Bishop Wright, participation in the program was extended to all Knights of Columbus in the diocese, including Knights from the Beaver Valley Councils and the unaffiliated councils in Butler, Lawrence, Washington and Greene counties.

In 1964 the McGuire Memorial Hospital was added to the diocesan facilities for children with mental handicaps and became from then on associated with the Bishop's Project. In 1970 the Most Reverend Vincent M. Leonard succeeded Bishop Wright as Ordinary of the Pittsburgh Diocese and elected to continue the Project, as did those bishops who have, in turn, succeeded him, the Most Reverend Anthony J. Bevilacqua and the Most Reverend Donald W. Wuerl.

The Project is chartered as a non-profit corporation in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to *"contribute to and assist in the support of the Program of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, for physically and mentally handicapped children."* The Project is operated by the Knights of Columbus in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, under the supervision of an Advisory Board which approves committees, programs, and expenditures.

Helping people with developmental disabilities is a primary charitable service and fundraising project for Knights order-wide. In April 2003, the Bishop's Project was among several such efforts highlighted in an article of *Columbia* magazine, the Knights of Columbus monthly.

In November, all members of the council in the Pittsburgh Chapter received a packet with Christmas Seals (see above). Please urge your members to use the enclosed postage-paid envelope to return their donation to this annual project so that your council gets proper credit!



MONEY MATTERS



New Plan Provides Financial Security

The Knights of Columbus offers a "New Member Annuity" which provides financial protection and security during this period of uncertainty in the nation's economy. Highlights of the new plan include:

- For as little as \$100 each, you and your wife can open an annuity for retirement savings;
- The principle is guaranteed by the Knights of Columbus;
- The Board of Director sets the interest rate for this plan, but at no time will it drop 3 percent. All interest credited in the U.S. is **tax deferred**;
- You may add deposits to your annuity at any time;
- Everybody can use additional funds during their retirement;
- Participants will be listed as "insured members" to help our local council attain "Star Council" status;
- There are no management fees or hidden expenses. Annuities eliminate the need for probate.

If you have been a member for over a year, you also can participate in our annuity program.

The insurance agency would like to help our brother Knights to manage costs and reduce the financial threats they face....and they do it as a non-profit fraternal Order...because Father McGivney said so.

Contact your field agent or general agent today to learn more about the many programs that may help your financial future.



BISHOP'S PROJECT – SOME "OTHER" THINGS TO CONSIDER

by Eric C Johnson FDD – State Membership Director

The Bishop's Project Council Activities Committee handles the council activities that do not pertain to a Tootsie Roll Drive or a Penny Collection. This is the "**other**" column on the Monthly Report.

Here are a couple of the "**other**" things that councils can do to be counted towards their goal:

50/50 drawings at a council meeting. Half to the winner, half to the Project.

Pancake Breakfast, or some special dinner where the proceeds go to the Project.

Any activity that you do besides a Tootsie Roll or Penny collection that benefits the project.

The first principle of our order is CHARITY, and we have been charged by the Bishop of the Pittsburgh Diocese for the last 50 years to put this principle in action. The Knights must do the best that we can to raise as much money as possible for the special children at McGuire Home and the St. Anthony Schools Program.

Remember that I am always available to assist your council when you want to begin that special project.