



Serving Holy Family Parish in Sechelt & St. Mary's Parish in Gibsons

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KNIGHTLIFE

Grand Knight's Report

Fellow Knights, I want to extend my thanks to all of you who submitted your hours to me, it makes my job much easier. You may be surprised at how many hours are put in by our council in a one year period. By the time I finished compiling everyone's hours into each category, it came to 8090 volunteer hours, and believe it or not, because not everyone submitted their hours we are probably low in our estimate.

Here are some facts that you may not be aware of. If you are doing volunteer work for another group or organization, you can also submit those hours to the council for our use. For example, Dan Tsuji coaches a girls volleyball team & Shiloh Gregorchuk is an officer in army cadets, They both can use all the hours they volunteer in those activities towards their Knights of Columbus volunteer work. So as you can see, it is a benefit to both the groups they are involved in.

So try to start keeping track of your hours monthly on the computer, if you could put them in a few categories, that would be a great help when it comes time to fill out the form again next year. You could put your hours under church, community & council. What do you do in the parish or community: usher, choir, maintenance, reader, counting the collections, sitting in the mall for charity appeal? Do you coach a team for your kids? Do you do other community work? You would be surprised how much you probably do but don't think of it as volunteer hours. Visiting the sick, driving the elderly around or delivering things for the shut-ins are volunteer activities.

There are many hours you can add to our list to help build up our council's contribution, so I ask that you try to keep track of your hours and get them into us when the time comes to submit the next form.

Yours in Christ,
Tom Gregorchuck, GK

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for 2010-2011

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Coming Events

- Jan. 22 Exec. & General meeting in Gibsons
- Feb. 9 Exec. meeting in Sechelt
- Feb. 9 - 14 Marian Hour (See church bulletin)
- Feb. 12th Charter Night St. Mary's
- Feb. 23 Genral meeting in Sechelt

Pro-Life - Report

The next Pro-Life meeting will be January 18th, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family. This will be a dinner meeting so please bring something to share.

First Degree

Our up and coming degree team has met for the first time and are planning to have run-throughs at St. Mary's where we plan to have our First Degrees. It is hoped that the team will be inspected and ready for a degree in late February or March as we have several candidates waiting.

**Form #100
Belongs in
All of These Places**

- Briefcase
- In Your Pocket
- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!



**SIGN UP A
NEW MEMBER
TODAY!**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Men's Breakfast & Discussion

The next meeting will be February 5 at St.Mary's Hall at 8:30 a.m. For info contact Br. Keith at 604-886-4738.

Membership Dues

What is your status? Our Financial Secretary is in need of your dues ASAP as they are now past due!!

**Membership
Dues
were
due
January 1st**

Pennies for Heaven

This is our annual fundraiser for the training of our seminarians. Each year all councils get involved in this

event to help pay for the education of our priests. If you haven't been collecting pennies and other loose change please put a container on your dresser for the purpose. We will be calling for these collections in March and April to have them ready for delivery to the State Convention where they are distributed to the bishops for training seminarians.



Stamps & Eye Glasses

This is another event that all councils are called to participate in and to encourage in their parishes. The stamps should be trimmed so that about one inch of envelope is left around it. These are then sorted and counted according to country of origin for selling to collectors.

The eye glasses are checked over and recycled in the Third World. It's your chance to give sight to those in need at no cost to you.

Our Lady of Charity Prayer Program

The current Marian Prayer Program in honor of Our Lady of Charity began Orderwide on September 8, the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This program features an image of Our Lady of Charity, the patroness of Cuba.

Our Lady of Charity has special significance to the Knights of Columbus, given the Order's first principle of Charity, which was also the theme of Pope Benedict XVI's first encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est*. Therefore, although the Virgin of Charity has her origins in Cuba, devotion to her is altogether appropriate for Knights of Columbus everywhere. As a sign of spiritual solidarity with Pope Benedict XVI, the Holy Father and his intentions will be remembered during the prayer services.

The Marian Icon of Our Lady of Charity will arrive for our council on February 9th and be with us until February 14th. This is the Marian Icon that has been travelling to KofC councils since September 8th and will continue into the summer. We will be planning Marian Hour programs for both St. Mary's and Holy Family during the 6 days the Icon is with us. The Marian Hour programs will be announced in your church bulletin. Please make an effort to participate in this Spiritual outreach.

Humour

A pastor asks his flock, "What would you like people to say when you're in your casket?"

One congregant says, "I'd like them to say I helped people."

Another says, "I'd like them to say I was a fine family man."

A third reponds, "I'd like them to say, "Look! I think he's moving!" (Reader's Digest, May, 2009)

The burial service for the elderly woman climaxed with a massive clap of thunder, followed by a bolt of lightning, accompanied by even more thunder.

"Well," said her husband to the shaken pastor when all the commotion ended, "She's there." (Reader's Digest, Nov., 2010)

Basketball Free Throw.

The Free Throw has been held at West Sechelt Elementary with two participants and at Gibsons Elementary with three participants. We are now waiting for the next competition dates from State.



Charter Night

Charter night is planned for Feb. 12/11 at St. Mary's Hall. Please contact Tom @ 604-885-3124 if you plan to participate in this year's celebration of our Charter. You'll sbe treated to a dinner, an address by Archbishop

Millar, and fellowship with brother Knights and their wives.

FAMILY of the MONTH

Our family of the month for January is Brother Shiloh Gregorchuck. Brother Shiloh has been the basketball free-throw chairman for a number of years now. He is also highly involved in Army Cadets in Gibsons. All four of their children are servers at Mass and have been involved in the production of the Easter plays at St. Mary's. Congratulation to Br. Shiloh and Denise!



PATRICK B. CRAINE



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ROME, Italy, January 14, 2011 (LifeSiteNews.com) - Venerable John Paul II (1920-2005), a beloved model and leader to many in the pro-life and pro-family movement, is to be beatified on May 1st, the Vatican announced Friday.

The announcement comes after the miraculous healing of a French nun was confirmed Tuesday by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. Sr. Marie Simon Pierre Normand, a religious of the 'Institut des Petites Soeurs des Maternites Catholiques' who had suffered from Parkinson's disease, was determined to have made a scientifically inexplicable recovery, which has been attributed by the Vatican to the late pope's intercession.

The beatification decree, issued by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, describes John Paul II's pontificate as "an eloquent and

clear sign, not only for Catholics, but also for world public opinion, for people of all colour and creed.”

The late Pope, who died April 2, 2005 after the third longest pontificate in Church history, was revered for his role in the collapse of the Soviet Union, his defense of theological orthodoxy, his painstaking efforts to implement an authentic interpretation of the Second Vatican Council, and his many theological contributions, particularly through pioneering what is known as the theology of the body.

Yet he is perhaps most known for his ardent promotion of the “culture of life,” a term he popularized through his 1995 encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*. That encyclical not only included unequivocal condemnations of such evils as abortion, euthanasia, and artificial reproduction, but girded pro-life advocates with a meditation on the spiritual and philosophical underpinnings of the “culture of death”. The Pope laid the groundwork for a truly Christian response to the attacks against life in modern society, centered on the fundamental dignity of the human person.

He was clear, for example, on the urgency of combating the “contraceptive mentality” as part of the pro-life effort. “Despite their differences of nature and moral gravity, contraception and abortion are often closely connected, as fruits of the same tree,” he observed. “The life which could result from a sexual encounter thus becomes an enemy to be avoided at all costs, and abortion becomes the only possible decisive response to failed contraception.”

The beatification rite will be celebrated by Pope Benedict on May 1st, the Second Sunday of Easter, which John Paul II declared Divine Mercy Sunday. As did John Paul II with Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, Pope Benedict dispensed with the usual five-year waiting period after a person’s death before the cause could be opened.

The late Pope was named Venerable by Pope Benedict on December 19, 2009, after he was determined to have exercised

heroic virtue.

According to today’s decree of beatification, “The world’s reaction to his lifestyle, to the development of his apostolic mission, to the way he bore his suffering, to the decision to continue his Petrine mission to the end as willed by divine Providence, and finally, the reaction to his death, the popularity of the acclamation ‘Saint right now!’ which someone made on the day of his funeral, all this has its solid foundation in the experience of having met with the person who was the Pope.”

“The faithful have felt, have experienced that he is ‘God’s man’, who really sees the concrete steps and the mechanisms of contemporary world ‘in God’, in God’s perspective, with the eyes of a mystic who looks up to God only,” it adds.

We Prayer for:

- Our Holy Father, our Archbishop Michael and our priests,
- Our wives and our families,
- Sonny Dampiere,
- Jim Middleton,
- Gerry Gillis,
- Travis McDonough

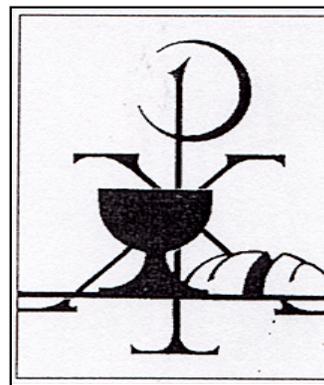
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For the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbour. 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 servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will Through his intercession, grant the favour I now present (*here make your request*). Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

I am the Bread of Life



Our Father Hail Mary Glory be to the Father