

WHISPERS OF FAITH

MAY 2020



Dear Sisters,

As we move forward to the month of May, I hope that you and your loved ones are staying well. I pray each night that scientists are getting closer to a vaccine for the virus. I thought with this alone time I would have conquered the mess in the attic, clothes in the closet and the kitchen junk drawers. I have instead spent much time reflecting. I hope that you have taken time for yourself, realize all your blessings, see how blessed you are.

I am not sure when our next meeting will be, but we will not be meeting on Monday, May 4th. I will not jeopardize a sister's health and that of her family for a meeting. Sadly, I do not see us having a May crowning, or a Western Chapter meeting, in which we would have been the hostess.

State is still going forward with plans for the June 26-28 convention. So please continue packing the backpacks and toiletry bags and keep pulling those tabs off the cans.

I am happy to say, "THANKS" to Kathy Schaffren, our Applebee's fundraiser chairwoman for her outstanding job of raising, over eleven hundred dollars. After we paid for the tickets, we made over seven hundred dollars for our treasury. A BIG THANK YOU to all who sold tickets, served at the breakfast, and enjoyed the pancakes. I have been thanking God for having our Applebee's fundraiser early this year. Our other fundraisers, at Bella Italia, and Villa Capri cancelled as the coronavirus caused everyone to shutter in place. Eventually things will return, and I will be in touch with those restaurants. Remember they would appreciate your business, now, more than ever.

I close with a prayer I found on the internet, written by Kerry Weber.

Stay well, stay positive in thoughts, and we will get through this together.

God Bless you,

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A Prayer Amid an Epidemic

By Kerry Weber

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness". At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers, and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist, and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us.

AMEN

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Wow, an unusual Columbian Year interrupted by the pandemic is rapidly coming to closure. Unfortunately, numerous programs and events were either cancelled or postponed. Mass, Adoration of the Eucharist and other Religious services have gone virtual. As restrictions for gathering in public are gradually reduced we should look forward to the May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary, installation of the new Bishop of Paterson, Fr. Kevin Sweeney and ordination of Council 7784 Brother Rev. Mr. Jayke Parinias.

As we approach the end of May and Memorial Day, please be sure to spend some prayerful time in remembering our Military who made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure the freedom we enjoy today. Pay special tribute to our veterans and perhaps lend a helping hand to a disabled veteran. Simply, make a difference in paying respect to our service men and women.

I extend my thanks and appreciation to my Brothers and Sisters for their support and assistance during my first term as Grand Knight. It has been quite a life experience for me.

I wish to complete my term with this thought from St. Francis de Sales----“Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself. Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections, but instantly set about remedying them, every day begin the task anew.”

Fraternally,

Jim Mc Donald, Grand Knight

Council Events

(All postponed or pending
Pandemic Restrictions)

- ✓ April 25/26 Delta Church Drive-----cancelled
- ✓ April 29 Wives Appreciation Brunch -----postponed
- ✓ May 1/2 Candy Drive-----cancelled
- ✓ June 4th Officers Meeting-----
--pending
- ✓ June 6h Council Picnic-----
pending
- ✓ June 11th Council Meeting----
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- ✓ June 13th Candy Drive
Walmart-----pending

