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**Chaplain
Father Paul Sparklin**

Several years ago, Daniel Berrigan wrote a book entitled Ten Commandments for the Long Haul. It offered advice on how to sustain us until Christ returns. Here, with the help of various authors, I, too, offer a few commandments designed to help us during the long haul:

1) Be grateful...never look a gift universe in the mouth!

To be a saint is nothing less than to be warmed and vitalized by gratitude. We owe it to our Creator to appreciate things, to be as happy as we can. Pay for a lovely moment by enjoying it. Resist pessimism and false guilt. Add this section to the Lord's Prayer: "Give us today our daily bread, and help us to enjoy it without guilt." Keep God central in all.

2) Don't be naive about God...S/He will settle for not less than everything!

Distrust all talk about the consolation of religion. Religion puts a belt around you and takes you to where you would rather not be. Get used to virtue; it gives you a constant reminder of what you have missed out on. Know that God will settle for not less than everything. Demands from God always

seem unreasonable. Learn to wrestle with God; you can win, by losing.

3) Walk forward when possible...when impossible, try to get one foot in front of the next!

Expect long periods of darkness and confusion. Take to wonder. Take consolation in the fact that Jesus cried, saints sinned, Peter betrayed. See what you see, it's enough to walk by. Be stubborn as a mule; the only thing that shatters dreams is compromise. Let ordinary life be enough. Start over often.

4) Pray...that God will hang on to you!

Distrust Gallup polls. Trust prayer. Prayer is an enlargement. Be willing to die a little to be with God. He is dying to be with us. Let your heart, as Henri Nouwen puts it, become the place where the tears of God and the tears of God's children merge and become the tears of hope.

5) Love...if a life is large enough for love it is large enough!

Create a space for love in your life. Accept that nothing can be loved too much, though all things can be loved in the wrong way. Make love your eye. Say to those you love: "You, at least, shall not die!" Know that there are only two potential tragedies to life: Not to love and not to tell those whom we love that we love them.

6) Accept what you are...fear not – you are inadequate!

Be just sufficiently fallible to be human. If you are weak, alone, without confidence and without answers...say so, then listen. Accept the torture of a life that is inadequate. Understand your own brand

of martyrdom. If you die for a good reason, it's something you can live with!

7) Don't mummify...let go, so as not to be pushed!

Accept daily deaths. Do not hold on to life as a possession. Possessiveness kills enjoyment. Let go of life gracefully. The greatest strength of life is the power to resign it. Death-corruption-resurrection, that's the true rhythm. Keep in mind that it is difficult to distinguish a moment of dying from a moment of birth.

8) Refuse to take things seriously...call yourself a fool regularly!

Laugh and play and give yourself over to silliness; these are (as C.S. Lewis pointed out) a disgusting and direct insult to the realism, dignity and austerity of hell. Don't confuse sneering with laughter. Keep in mind that it is easy to be heavy; hard to be light.

9) Stay with the folks...you are on a group outing!

Do not journey alone. Be "born again" more fully into community. Accept that there are strings attached. To go anywhere in life we have to take along the family, the church, the country and the human race. Don't be seduced by the false lure of absolute freedom. Learn obedience to community... it humbles, deflates the ego, puts you into purgatory and then into heaven.

10) Don't be afraid to go soft...redemption lies in tears!

Resist the macho impulse; the person who will not have a softening of the heart will eventually have a softening of the brain. As G.K. Chesterton put it: "The swiftest things are the softest things. A bird is active because a bird is soft. A stone is helpless because a stone is hard. The stone by its nature goes downward, because hardness is weakness. A bird can of its nature go upwards; fragility is force." Know that there are two kinds of darkness one can enter: the fearful darkness of paranoia, which brings sadness, and the fetal darkness of conversion, which brings life.

—Fr . Paul

THANK YOU LORD FOR ALL YOUR GRACES AND BLESSING



Grand Knight's Report Matt Warehime

You walk up to someone and shake their hand or wave as you hurry by. You see them often and they are a fixture. It could be a friend, coworker, a buddy, a son, a grandchild, a brother knight or any person that we come in contact with. We race on by and sometimes pass on a greeting. We race about for there is always tomorrow.

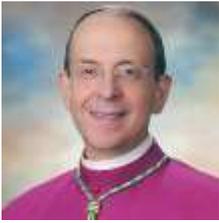
This past month, for us all there was a solemn reminder, for there was to be no tomorrow for a close friend and Brother knight Jerry Markey. He was an energetic man with a big handshake and an even bigger heart. He loved his friends, family, the Knights of Columbus and of course baseball. From day one Jerry always remembered who I was and he wanted to know how my wife and children were doing he was always interested and showed that he cared about me as a brother knight.

No one expected him to be called home while he was with us. As brother knights who are in the YORK club arrived for their weekly gathering, which Jerry rarely missed, they saw an empty chair where Jerry always would sit.

We all need to remind ourselves that none of us, nor anyone in our realm of family and friends, know when our lord will call us home. So here is my challenge to you, brother knights. Take time, slow down, and maybe even smell the sweet morning air. Compliment a coworker, friend or brother knight. Ask questions share, care, reward, give help, hold a hand and say a kind word. Do not worry about your mortality. Consider life without someone that you know and have worked or played with for years. Go give them a hug and treat each encounter as a final one. Time Flies, Remember Death.

To honor my friend and brother Jerry Markey he will be the September 2019 Knight of the month.

Tempest Fugit, Memento Mori



Supreme Chaplain

[ARCHBISHOP LORI'S HOMILY: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL MASS](#)

[August 12, 2019](#)

We are truly blessed as members of the family of the Knights of Columbus to be united in Christ with one another and with those who have gone before us.

[ARCHBISHOP LORI'S ADDRESS TO 137TH SUPREME CONVENTION OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS](#)

[August 9, 2019](#)

As the largest fraternal order in the world and the largest lay Catholic organization, we can have a lot of influence on our society, on the culture at large, on our politicians, and on those who write and speak divisively.



Deputy Grand Knight's Report Chris Keplinger

Thank you all again in advance for responding to my request to embrace this community of men serving those less fortunate while building lasting relationships together and throughout the community.



Pro-Life (Culture of Life) Committee Chairman Rob Van Rite, PGK, PFN

The Council did well at the State Convention when it came time to announce the winner among Division A contenders for the pro-life prize. Winning the award was not as gratifying as the thanks and well wishes received from the recipients of our pro-life endeavors. As averse to political activism as I am, I could not fail to recognize that the environment is the most favorable that it has even been with the pro-life President and Vice-President of the United States solidly in the pro-life corner.

Let us dedicate our rosaries this summer to the pro-life cause and ask Our Lady, patroness of the Knights, to intercede for us to melt the hearts of those opposed to the most basic of rights: the right to life. Please make time in this new fraternal year to attend the First Friday Mass observances at the Hall, and to pray your rosaries for life every day. Thanks be to God!
Vivat Jesus!

Post Scriptum: We now have a new ally in heaven. During his earthly life he was a true man of God and much devoted to Our Blessed Mother. MSgr Parry eulogized Jerry Markey as a man who attended daily Mass and said his rosary with daily regularity. We would do well to follow his example, R.I.P.



**Calendar of Sacred Heart Council Activities
And Upcoming Events**
www.kofc2577.org

**Mass Times for Local Catholic Churches in
Sacred Heart Council**
www.kofc2577.org/masses.htm

Bingo

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The first month of four teams is going well. The number of people helping has increased. We would love to have more volunteers. We have room for more people on every team. The jobs can be selling signups, working in the kitchen, or working on the floor.

If you would like to help at Bingo, the schedule for September is as follows:

- September 3: Team 4, Kevin Carroll
- September 10: Team 1, Bill Cartney
- September 17: Team 2, Jack O'Malley
- September 24: Team 3, Mike Mitchell
- October 1: Team 4, Kevin Carroll

If you want to help, just show up on a Tuesday evening. Or if you would rather contact someone, you can reach me at 240-997-0402 or joemassi@comcast.net.

Sick or Recovering Brothers

- Roger Jamison
- Bruno "Rocky" Seppi
- Bill Sheehan, HLM, PGK
- George Vincent

Sick or Recovering Relatives

- Joyce Edgington, Wife of Dennis Edgington
- Regina Smigielski, Widow of Frank Smigielski
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- Sean Mihaly, Son of Steve Mihaly, HLM
- Martha Seppi, Wife of Bruno Seppi, HLM and
Mother of Bruno "Rocky" Seppi
- Lorraine Sotack, Wife of Steve Sotack
- Kitty Vaughan, Widow of Dudley Vaughn

**We ask that these Brothers and Relatives be kept
in your prayers.**

**If you know of a Brother Knight or his family
who is sick or recently deceased,
Please e-mail Webmaster kofc 2577
so that we may include them in our prayers.**

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Fourth Degree News
St. John Neumann Assembly #1763
Bill Sapero FN, PGK

I want to thank all who attended the St. John Neumann Assembly's Installation of officers on Sunday, August 18 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. Followed immediately with a luncheon at Boswell Hall. A special Thank you to Monsignor Jeff Burrell for celebrating the Mass. Thank you to SK Don Tallmadge, PCP, PGK, PFN, FDD for being our Master of Ceremony. He did a fantastic job. Thanks for all you do for the Knights. I would also like to give kudos to Romeo Paternoster and Buddy Dumais for helping to put out the food, setting up and clean up. A special thank you to Mr. Good Humor Man, Jack Carey for organizing and maintaining the ice cream sundae bar.

Our next 4th Degree Exemplification will held on October 19, 2019 at St. Francis Xavier Church, Bailey Hall, 2800 Pennsylvania Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20020. The honoree is the Most Reverend Roy E. Campbell, Jr., Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, Archdiocese of Washington. The event includes the Exemplification of the Fourth/Patriotic Degree at 11:00 AM, and a lunch immediately following. There will be no lady's activity at this event; this is a Knights only event. Lunch will follow the Exemplification, approximately 1:30 PM. Cost for lunch is \$30 per person.



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Please Pray for Those Serving US Today



Michael McGivney PRAYER FOR CANONIZATION

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Micael 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 msy continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father 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.

Fraternal Benefits Report

Since its addition to the Order's product portfolio in 2000, long-term care insurance has provided the Order with an excellent opportunity to further serve Knights and their families. And every Knights of Columbus long-term care policy comes with an added value. That added value is in the form of a service called "Provider Pathway," a program offering access to a network of long-term care providers at discounted rates. The network covers: home health care, personal emergency response systems, adult day care, assisted living, skilled nursing facilities and durable medical equipment.



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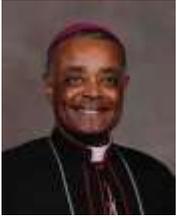
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***"The Nation Which Forgets Its Defenders Will Be Itself Forgotten."* - Calvin Coolidge**



Archbishop Wilton Gregory

Archbishop Gregory urges an end to divisive, disrespectful speech

Appeared in Aug 26, 2019 issue of *The Catholic Standard*

In my brief time in Washington, I have been doing a lot of listening and learning. I have promised to try to preach the Gospel, tell the truth and attempt to heal wounds in the body of Christ and our broader community. I have stressed that I am a pastor and fellow disciple of Jesus, not a political leader.

There are, however, sometimes, when a pastor and a disciple of Jesus is called to speak out to defend the dignity of all God's children.

I fear that recent public comments by our President and others and the responses they have generated, have deepened divisions and diminished our national life. In particular, I join my brother Archbishop William Lori in sadness and deep regret for the ways our Maryland neighbors in Baltimore have been denigrated in recent public attacks.

Our faith teaches us that respect for people of every race, religion, gender, ethnicity and background are requirements of fundamental human dignity and basic decency. This include newcomers to our country, people who have differing political views and people who may be different from us. Comments which dismiss, demean or demonize any of God's children are destructive of the common good and a denial of our national pledge of "liberty and justice for all."

What can we do about this kind of rhetoric or divisions?

I have recently met with leaders of the Knights of Columbus and many lay ecclesial movements in the Archdiocese. We discussed what we can do together to advance our Gospel mission. I encouraged them and their members to seek to promote respect for all, the common good and

humble dialogue in a time of growing and destructive divisions. This request builds on the good work and outstanding service of the Knights and these exemplary lay movements in our family of faith and our Washington community. I asked their help in lifting up and defending the dignity of every person, promoting respect, civility and principled discussion of what unites us and where we may differ. We all need to reject racism, disrespect or brutality in speech and action.

I believe the recent pastoral letter of the U.S. bishops on racism, "Open Wide Our Hearts" which points out that racism occurs when we ignore "the fundamental truth that, because all humans share a common origin, they are all brothers and sisters, all equally made in the image of God, when this truth is ignored, the consequence is prejudice and fear of the other, and—all too often—hatred."

I want to share this appeal with all of the faithful of this local Church and with our neighbors in this community we share. We must all take responsibility to reject language that ridicules, condemns, or vilifies another person because of their race, religion, gender, age, culture or ethnic background. Such discourse has no place on the lips of those who confess Christ or who claim to be civilized members of society. Speech that vilifies or denigrates another is a violation of the humanity of the speaker and those to whom it is directed – and deprives each of us of our God-given dignity. We must reclaim, reshape and refocus the national conversation on how we protect and promote the lives and dignity of all, especially, the least of these." (*Matthew 25*)

What is your hope for what can come out of all this?

As an American, a Christian, a Catholic pastor, I pray that our President, other national leaders and all Americans will do all we can to respect the dignity of all God's children and nothing to further divide our nation. The growing plague of offense and disrespect in speech and actions must end.

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The four Degrees (principles) of the Knights...

There are four Degrees of membership in the Knights of Columbus.

Each of the four Degrees is designed to correspond and demonstrate one of the four principles of the Order: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Each Degree has its own installation ceremony at which the core principle of the Degree is conferred upon the Knights seeking advancement in their local Council.

1st Degree (Exemplification): Charity is the **first core principle**

2nd Degree (Admission): Unity is the **second core principle**

3rd Degree (Formation): Fraternity is the **third core principle**

4th Degree (Knighthood): Patriotism is the **fourth core principle**

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