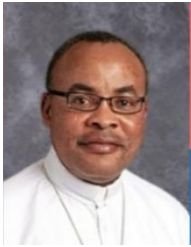




Knights Corner

FATHER SCHUMAKER COUNCIL NO. 6772 ST. ALPHONSUS PARISH
BROOKLYN CENTER, MN 55429 February 2024

Chaplain's Message: Fr. Marcel E. Okwara, CSsR



Dear Brother Knight,

I believe each one of us wants to be a good person. We want to be people of love. But how can we actually do that? How can we become persons of love? In the words of Dorothy Day, everything that a baptized person does everyday should be related to the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. What is she getting at? And why are these Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy so important? They so concretize what love is about. They make love real. St. Thomas Aquinas said that love is to will the good of the other as other. But his definition is somewhat abstract. What does it mean to will the good of the other? For Dorothy Day, it means the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy; it is the works of love, an outreach of love to those who are suffering in some way. This is the Christian life in concrete terms. As religious people, we can sometimes lose ourselves in abstractions. We can sometimes speak in high abstractions. But if we make the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy part of our everyday life, we make love a concrete and real reality.

Let's focus on the Corporal Works of Mercy. What are they? They are:

1. To feed the hungry,
2. To give drink to the thirsty and clothe the naked
3. To shelter the homeless
4. To visit the sick
5. To visit the imprisoned
6. To bury the dead
7. To give alms to the poor.

These are basic and very concrete things we can do. Yes, we want government agencies to provide these services, but the Lord wants us to do these things. Don't wait for someone else to do them, you do them. The poor, Jesus says, you will always have with you (Mark 14:7). There are hungry people near you. Feed them. Make their life better. Put a smile on their faces. When you order a meal for yourself, order for two. Give one plate to the poor. If you are aiming to be a person of love, if you want to know if you are a person of love, use these seven Corporal Works of Mercy as a litmus test to measure your love for the other. If you say you are a person of love, show the world precisely how you are doing it. Talk is cheap. If you truly love others, these Corporal Works of Mercy will definitely show up in your life. They are a very good way to ground your Christian life.

God bless you!

Fr. Marcel E. Okwara, CSsR



Picture of: Principal, Kari Staples receiving a check from our council for the Scholarship Fund. Presenter: is Brother Knight Roger Borowicz



***Brother Knights & Families
Insurance Check-Up for 2024***

Where did 2023 go? It seems like it was summer yesterday and Easter was last week. I hope you and your family had a great finish to 2023. Now, the first quarter of 2024 is flying by.

Hopefully, you've established a few goals for this year. I've learned a great tip regarding resolutions. First, write them down. It's not too late if you haven't already done this. Commit your goals to paper and post it someplace you will see it often. Writing down a goal is the first step towards achieving it. It may not make sense at first, but I'm sure you have heard stories of the success this simple task can bring. Whether your goal is to exercise more, give more to charity, read more or watch less television, you're more likely to accomplish it if you write it down.

Second, resolve to have an expert look at your finances. I recommend that you have a team of experts help you, and I would love to be the first you sit with. Let's schedule some time to meet together, and I, your professional Knights of Columbus insurance agent, will provide an "insurance check-up" (at no cost!) that will evaluate any gaps in your family's life insurance protection. Now might be the perfect time to fill those gaps, not later. Keep in mind that unlike many other products, you don't just need money to obtain life insurance; you also need good health, and no one knows when your health could change.

Did I mention my check-up is free of charge? When was the last time you received something for free that could provide value to you and your family for generations? Call me today.

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Council #6772 Activities

2/1/24	Thursday	Membership meeting in CSSR Hall @ 7PM (rosary @ 6:30PM)
2/2/24	Friday	The Presentation of the Lord
2/6/24	Tuesday	St. Paul Maki & Companions
2/11/24	Sunday	World Day of the Sick
2/14/24	Wednesday	Ash Wednesday (fast & abstinence)
2/14/24	Wednesday	Valentine's Day
2/15/24	Thursday	Planning meeting @ 7PM in CSSR Hall
2/19/24	Monday	Presidents' Day
2/22/24	Thursday	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

NEXT BLOOD DRIVE – Monday, March 18th (1:00pm – 6pm); St. Alphonsus Catholic Church/CSSR Hall; recruit a friend/neighbor to donate blood. Questions or to schedule an appointment time, call Kenny Bueckers at (763) 245-8895. Give the gift of life!

Membership Dues – Our Financial Secretary John Vella is sending out the 2nd notice for 2024 dues. If you have not paid your dues, please pay soon. Mailing costs the council money. To contact John Vella call or text him at (612) 396-5325.

Upcoming Council Activities-

Council Breakfast – Sunday March 10th – CSSR Hall – Volunteers Needed

Men's Retreat – Saturday March 16th – Church & CSSR Hall – Please watch for Email & upcoming bulletins for more details.

Theme: ***Grow and Share our Faith***

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Sunshine Report

Sympathy cards sent

Family of Lucille Arndt

Family of PGK Richard Alberico

Bk Frank Barry – passing of his wife, Julie

Get Well Cards sent:

Bk Paul Althoff and his wife, Jan

Amele Djondo, wife of IA Ben Djondo

And for others we may have missed and need our prayers.

If you know someone who may benefit from a card, please contact:

Jim Stalberger: H #763-424-8774 or email: jstalberger720@yahoo.com

Pope Francis's

Prayer of the month: February

For the Terminally ill – We pray that those with terminal illness and their families that they receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Come Holy Spirit! Come and bless brother knights and their families this Lenten season to grow their faith and increase their love in Jesus's presence in the Holy Eucharist. Come Holy Spirit! Come.

Our Mission Statement as A Knight of Columbus: *First, as knights we are called to support the Catholic Church and stand behind our priests; second, we are called to protect our families and third; through our charitable works, we help those less fortunate or are in need, WE ARE ABOUT CHANGING LIVES AND SAVING LIVES*