



# The Encyclical



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## FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

My Brother Sir Knights:

We are nearing the end of our fraternal year, and our task of selecting those who will assume the leadership roles in our assembly has begun. The elections will take place during the May assembly meeting at Msgr. William Delaney Council.



Do not forget our annual Flag Laying program at Long Island National Cemetery at Pinelawn (details below)

The October Exemplification will be here before you know it. Seek new members and help our assembly grow.

Fraternally Yours In Christ,  
*S.K. Charles L. DiPrima*

## Assembly Almanac

5/20 Pilgrimage to Our Lady of the Island Shrine, Eastport  
5/23 Assembly Meeting, Msgr. Delaney Council  
5/26 Flag Laying ceremony, Long Island National Cemetery, Pinelawn  
5/28 Memorial Day parade, TBA  
6/13 Executive Meeting, Catholic War Veterans Hall, Bethpage  
6/25 Honor Guard Drill, Our Lady of Loretto Parish Center, Hempstead  
6/27 Assembly Meeting, Catholic War Veterans Hall, Bethpage (sponsored by Rev. Michael J. Hartigan Council)

Support Pope John XXIII Assembly!

## Captain's Compass

Our next Assembly meeting will be on Wednesday May 23rd 8:00 pm, at Msgr. William A. Delaney Council, 110 Merritt Road, Farmingdale, NY.

Directions:

Take Hempstead Turnpike east until you see a train trestle between Bethpage and Farmingdale. There's an intersection there. That's Merritt Road. Take it South 1 1/2 blocks. You'll see the Council on the right, just North of the Farmingdale Library.

From the South, take Southern State Parkway to Exit 30 North, which is Broadway. Broadway will take you right into Boundary Avenue. Broadway will turn into Merritt Road (bends left). After about 1/2 mile, look for the large Farmingdale Library on the left. The Council Hall is immediately north of the library on the left. It is 1 1/2 blocks South of Hempstead Turnpike.

*Ed McKee PGK Faithful Captain*

As the sun was rising that Saturday morning over Long Island National Cemetery in Pinelawn, many were already scurrying about laying flags on the graves of those who gave their lives so we Americans can live in freedom. Boy Scouts, Knights of Columbus, various other groups were doing their share.

One youngster stood out: He was about 11, maybe 12 years old, dressed in full U.S. Marine Corps Regalia, going from grave to grave, pausing to stop at the graves of Congressional Medal of Honor winners, where he would salute and give a quiet recitation.

At sunrise, the Pope John XXIII Assembly members in attendance had a short prayer ceremony, and had their picture taken with the youngster. At the end of the brief ceremony, the lad turned to PFN Keith Wilson and asked, "are you a veteran, sir?"

"No, I am not," Wilson replied. The youngster then turned to PFN Bill Kimmig and PFN Walter Skinner and asked, "are you veterans?", They both replied, "yes." The young man extended his hand and said, "I want to thank you for my freedom." Skinner remarked afterwards, "I'm gonna remember that for the rest of my life."

Join Pope John XXIII Assembly for our 12th Annual Flag Laying Ceremony Saturday, May 26th, at 5:30 a.m. at Long Island National Cemetery, Pinelawn. After the flag laying, there'll be a short prayer service, followed by breakfast at Delaney Council.

Sir Knights, do your part to thank a veteran for your freedom.

For more information, contact PFN Keith Wilson, (516) 694-6007 or (516) 796-0448

## RESPECT LIFE

*(Respectfully Submitted Ed Mc Kee, Faithful Captain,  
Pro-Life Chairman)*

These embryonic human beings are alive, now, and involved in a terrible dilemma utterly beyond their control. They are human, innocent and helpless, and therefore deserving of love and the protection of the state. They are dependent on civilization but civilization is perhaps even more dependent on them, as we consider their fate. In considering their fate, we are determining our own. Perhaps this is the real precipice on which we stand: the notion (again) that certain human beings can be considered so insignificant as to be unworthy of love and protection solely on the basis of their size and stage of development. That we are even considering this question of human medical experimentation is already the result of the disastrous turn we took with Roe v Wade, the ruling that a developing (but fully human) child's life was less important than a woman's convenience or difficult circumstances, circumstances that could vastly improved with simple love and acceptance, offered and received with good outcome for all, including the child. The question at stake...strike at the very foundation of civilized society. The choice is between justice and truth, where love and civility are safe to flourish, or a descent into chaos, barbarism, anarchy, tyranny and death.

...Did you know that life begins at the moment of conception?

...Did you know that a human embryo is not "potential life" it is "human life that has potential"

There is room for everyone in the pro-life movement. No one can do everything, but everyone can do something.

## Nominations 2007

The following Sir Knights have been nominated for the following offices for the coming Columbian year:

Faithful Navigator: SK Ed McKee PGK  
Faithful Captain: SK Kevin Finnegan PGK  
Faithful Pilot: SK Tom Liddy  
Faithful Admiral SK Charlie DiPrima DGK  
Faithful Comptroller: Norbert Wengler PGK  
Faithful Purser: SK Wayne Sturges PFN PGK  
Faithful Scribe: SK Winston Delpesh PGK  
Faithful Inner Sentinel: SK Richard Fox GK  
Faithful Outer Sentinel: SK Jim Morrongoello  
Faithful 3-year Trustee: SK Ron Brindle PFN GK

Nominations and elections will take place at the May Assembly meeting at Msgr. Delaney Council. Any interested Sir Knight may run for any of the above offices-after he speaks with Nominations Committee Chairman PFN Jim Cunningham.

The Assembly would like to thank the following businesses for their donations toward our Patriotic Ball:

R. Stutzman & Son Funeral Home  
200 Hillside Avenue  
New Hyde Park, NY

New Hyde Park Funeral Home  
506 Lakeville Road  
New Hyde Park, NY

Majors Steak House  
284 East Meadow Avenue  
East Meadow, NY

Balloons n more  
192 Merritts Road  
Farmingdale, NY

## Faithfully Speaking

I was chatting with Winston Delpesh at a recent council function. He was describing his past week. "We had wakes three straight nights, and on Sunday we had two Masses on the same day. I feel like I'm living in my suit." And the months of May and June are often the busiest months of the Honor Guardsmen's year between Masses and parades. The Guardsman like what they do, they just wish there were more Sir Knights to join them, especially with the warmer weather finally here. If you have the time, they have the gear. It's a great way to serve the Assembly, and you get to visit different parishes and meet great people. (and anyone who wants the guard for non-wakes MUST give 30 days written notice to FN Charlie DiPrima or Commander PFN Jim Cunningham)

And by the way if you have news (and photos) of Assembly doings, please send it to me at the contacts listed below.

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## Happy Birthday to our Sir Knights!

11836 DR. ANTHONY J. BATTISTA  
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O0584 GEORGE E. BOZIWICK  
02852 ERIC K. BREMER  
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03488 EDMUND BRZOZOWSKI  
06911 RICHARD F. CALLAGHAN  
05983 SALVATORE J. CALLORI PGK  
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03488 VINCENT R. CELENTANO  
04422 DANIEL J. CIARAMELLA  
01241 JAMES F. COONEY JR  
11836 GREGORY C. COOPER  
11254 REV. THOMAS J. COUGHLIN  
02622 JAMES J. CUNNINGHAM PGK PFN  
05033 JOSEPH M. DALSSASS  
05983 AMERICO V. DE PIERRO  
04422 THOMAS J. DONOVAN, PGK FDD  
11588 LAWRENCE N. DOYLE  
05033 ANTHONY J. FAGA  
05033 RICHARD V. FILASKI  
03488 REV. EDWARD C. FITZPATRICK  
05033 JOHN FORMICA  
02852 FRANK J. GAETANI  
03488 BASIL A. GALLIER  
02852 BRUCE K. GARBER  
11836 ROBERT J. GUIDA  
02852 DAVID S. HAMPSON  
02852 CHESTER G. HARMAN  
05983 MSGR. THOMAS J. HARTMAN  
06911 ARTHUR A. HILLMAN  
04422 JOSEPH C. INCANDELA  
11588 JERRY J. JUSTIC  
02622 GEORGE J. LATAILLE  
05033 FRANK A. LIVOTI  
02852 RAYMOND T. MC CAFFREY  
03488 HERMAN K. MC GEE  
02852 THOMAS J. MC GOWAN, PGK  
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02852 ROBERT T. MOTTOLA  
02852 ANTHONY J. MUSSO  
06911 THOMAS E. O'BRIEN  
02345 PATRICK PALLISCO, PGK FDD  
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02622 WILLIAM E. POLLARA  
11254 JOSEPH D. RICE  
05033 CHRISTOPHER T. ROACH  
5033 MILES J. ROMANO  
05033 VINCENT A. ROMANO  
03488 WALTER M. ROSENTHAL PGK  
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02345 EDWARD L. SERAFIN  
05983 THOMAS SICO, JR

O6062 HENRY N. STAMM  
02852 WILLIAM J. THOMPSON  
06911 WILLIAM J. TRAVIS, PGK  
O3581 JOHN J. TRUZZOLINO JR  
02345 PATRICK J. TWEEDY

05983 JOHN J. UPTON  
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6911 JAMES P. WALL, PGK  
02852 JOHN ZASO

**May 1966:** Meeting at Pope Pius XII Council. Due to Knights war against smut, one publisher retaliated by calling its magazine Sir Knight.

**May 1967:** Meeting at Alfred E. Smith Council. 22 Guardsmen from Pope John XXIII Assembly attended Ascension Day service at Riverside Church in Manhattan. Honor guard roster included 11 Sir Knights from Powell Council and 6 from Holy Innocents Council.

**May 1968:** Meeting at New Hyde Park Council. 57 applications for June's Fourth Degree Exemplification.

**May 1974:** Meeting at Floral Park Council. Faithful Navigator Martin Laraia gave permission for Sir Knights to wear swords and baldrics at Memorial Day Parade.

**May 1977:** Meeting at Pope Pius XII Council. Color Corps to wear white jackets from May 30 through the summer. Due to death of FN John Baynes, Faithful Admiral and Trustees were nominated to repeat their terms.

**May 1978:** Meeting at Pope Pius XII Council. Honor Guard squad leaders William Slattery and Vincent Ferrer promoted to full Lieutenant.

**May 1980:** Meeting at Alfred E. Smith Council. Faithful Friar Rev. Tom Hartman spoke on thanatology, which is the study of death and dying. Host GK Wes Aldag presented a Color Corps outfit from the widow of SK Otto Wehrenberg.

**May 1985:** Meeting held at Rev. Hartigan Council. M. Peregrine Squires Circle held a mock Squires meeting for Assembly.

**May 1986:** Meeting held at Alfred E. Smith Council. Almost 200 attended Spring dance.

**May 1987:** Meeting held at Floral Park Council. 50-50 club had 215 participants.

**May 1988:** Meeting at Floral Park Council. Assembly members urged to protest euthanasia legislation. New by-laws accepted, ready for approval by Supreme.

**May 1990:** Meeting held at Floral Park Council. Master William Henne presented award to Assembly for most new Sir Knights at Exemplification. Honor Guardsman Bob Baillie promoted to Lieutenant.

**May 1993:** Meeting at our Lady of the Island council. Requests for the Honor guard for parades will only be accepted from Master Emil Antonucci until the guard can get at least 10 Guardsmen who are able to march. Assembly had 800 members.

**May 1995:** Meeting at Our Lady of the Island Council. PFN John Gregory was again a Faithful Navigator for assembly in North Carolina.

**May 1997:** Meeting held at Powell Council. Singer Al Barbarino sang songs at meeting. Rosary was said by those in attendance. Assembly had Flag Laying Ceremony at Long Island National Cemetery in Pinelawn.

**May 1999:** Faithful Comptroller Bert Wengler published a history of the Assembly. Meeting held at St. Thomas the Apostle Council, SK Bob Tredger awarded Sir Knight of the Month.

**May 2001:** Meeting held at St. Thomas the Apostle Council. April's Spring exemplification netted the Assembly 34 new Sir Knights.

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## 50-50 drawing

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It's easy to join. All we need is your name, and a check for \$24. And if you're already in, you'll be getting your renewal form in the mail.

**Remember you have to be in it to win it!**

50/50 Club  
c/o Richard Fox  
143-25 257th Street  
Rosedale, New York 11422

## Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori

Phil Kehl, Honor Guard Lieutenant 1988-1999  
Russ Ticcone, New Hyde Park Council  
Philip Adams, New Hyde Park Council

All the men and women serving in  
the Middle East.  
May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Sir Knights, if we missed any names, could you kindly submit  
them to me? Thank you!  
*-Mike Dragonetti*

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**It's loaded with Assembly items.**

**And if you have items that can't wait until the next Encyclical, send them to SK Brian Ennis at the Assembly website!**