



The Encyclical



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FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE

My Brother Sir Knights:

Recently most of us have received a letter from our Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, outlining the need to preserve the non-profit tax exemption status that the Knights of Columbus and other fraternal benefit societies have. To clarify any misunderstanding, this has nothing to do with any separation of Church and State regulations. It is another attempt by the Congressional Joint Committee on Taxation to increase taxes.

Specifically they are trying to eliminate the 501 (c) (8) tax exemption for fraternal benefit societies. When writing to your Senator(s) and Congressional Representatives mention that the Knights of Columbus donated more than 135 million dollars and volunteered 63 million hours to charities last year! Repealing our tax exemption may tend to discourage such activity.

Senator Charles Schumer is a member of the Senate Finance Committee. Please support our concerns by writing to:

Senator Charles Schumer
Suite 17-02
757 Third Avenue
New York, New York 10017

Also regarding charities; You may still send checks payable to NYS K of C Charities Inc. to assist hurricane victims. Mail to Anthony L. Preziosi, State Deputy, at 73 Shore Drive South, Copiague Harbor, New York 11726. Write Hurricane Victims in the memo. All donations are tax deductible and will go directly to aid these victims.

Remember our meetings are always on the fourth Wednesday of each month starting at 8 p.m.. This months meeting is at Floral Park Council on October 26th. Refer to the Captain's Compass for directions.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

SK Ronald P. Brindle
Faithful Navigator

CAPTAIN'S COMPASS

Our next Assembly meeting will be on Wednesday October 26th at 8:00 pm, at Floral Park Council.

From the South, take Southern State Parkway to exit 13 (Linden Blvd.), go straight for two lights to Elmont Road. Make a right onto Elmont Road and take it about two miles. At the fork in the road, go left, crossing Hempstead Turnpike. Elmont Road becomes Plainfield Avenue. Cross Tulip Avenue in Floral Park, and keep going until you reach Woodbine. Go left on Woodbine to Tyson Avenue. Make a right on Tyson Avenue, and the council is two blocks up on your right. Park on the street.

From the East, take Jericho Turnpike West to Floral Park Look for Citibank on your right; Tyson Avenue is directly across from it. Make a left onto Tyson, and go two blocks, and the council is on the left. Park on the street.

SK Charles DiPrima
Faithful Captain

ASSEMBLY ALMANAC

- October 24th: Honor Guard Drill
- October 26th: Assembly Meeting, Floral Park
- November 9th: Assembly Executive Meeting
- November 23rd: Assembly Meeting, St. Therese the Little Flower Council, Valley Stream
- December 14th: Assembly Executive Meeting

Executive meetings are on the second Wednesday of every month at 8:00 pm at Our Lady of the Island Council, Massapequa Park.

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Any member wishing to donate money for hurricane victims, make checks payable to NYS K of C Charities Inc.. Write Hurricane Katrina Relief in memo. Please send to Anthony L. Preziosi, State Deputy, at 73 Shore Drive South, Copaug Harbor, N.Y. 11726. Donations are tax deductible, all monies will go directly to aid these victims.

PLAN AHEAD . . .

Membership cards are now available for the 2005-2006 Columbian year. Just twenty dollars will pay your dues, and get you "next year's" card. So while you're reading this, why not submit your dues to your Fourth Degree chairman. He'll save you time by submitting them and get you your membership card. Or if you want to cut out the middleman, mail them yourself to Faithful Comptroller Bert Wengler. This way, you don't have to wait on line at meetings, and you have it done before the holiday season starts.

Make your check payable to **Pope John XXIII Assembly**
And mail to:

**POPE JOHN XXIII ASSEMBLY
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

C/o Norbert Wengler
30 Ninth Avenue
Farmingdale, NY 11735

KEEP IN TOUCH!

If you have Internet access, you can keep abreast on the doings of your favorite Fourth Degree Assembly. Simply log into the following council websites:

New Hyde Park Council (hosted by Honor Guardsman and webmaster Brian Ennis):

<http://kofc2852.org/>

Click on the Fourth Degree link atop the page.

Robert W. Powell Council:

<http://www.koc3488.com> and click on "Going Fourth"

If any other council in the Assembly covers Pope John XXIII Assembly, let us know and we'll list them here.

FAITHFULLY SPEAKING

It's an honor to once again be your Encyclical editor. I'd like to say a big thank-you to Jim Cunningham for running the paper the past five years. It's a big job keeping the 800 plus members informed, but one I enjoy. I hope to be throwing in a few specials here and there.

As we did in the past, I'd like to get you involved, too. If you have Assembly news you'd like to share, kindly get it to me at the contacts listed below. I'd also like to shoot for a deadline at the Executive meeting, which is the second Wednesday of the month. While I'd prefer them coming to me at the contacts below, if you see me at one of the functions or Honor Guard turnouts, I'll take them there as well. I'd even be happy to put in a plug for your council event if space permits!

Send your articles to:
496 Greengrove Avenue
Uniondale, NY 11553-2131
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powellcouncil@koc3488.com

Mike Dragonetti

ASSEMBLY BUDGET APPROVED

At the September meeting at St. Anne's Parish Center (hosted by Msgr John Siedenschwang Council), Pope John XXIII Assembly voted unanimously to approve its budget for the 2005-2006 Columbian Year.

HALLOWEEN DANCE

Our friends at St. Therese the Little Flower Council are sponsoring a Halloween Dance on Saturday, October 29th. They do this every year for charity, and it's a fun time for a great cause, so if you're looking for a Knight out, and you're in the area, why not support fellow Sir Knights. \$30.00 per person pre-paid. Contact Honor Guardsman Richie Fox at St. Therese (516) 285-9600.

RIGHT TO LIFE

Ed McKee, Faithful Pilot Pro-Life Chairman

GOOD NEWS

Governor Pataki vetoed the Emergency Contraception bill on 8/4/05. Action: Thank him. Also send a copy of the letter to your State Senator and Assembly Member.)

Sample Message:

Thank you for your decision to veto the Emergency Contraception Bill and for the statement that you "desire to protect the health and safety of our youngest and most vulnerable women". In your remaining years as Governor we urge you to protect these women by requiring parental involvement in a minor's decision; by requiring women considering an abortion be given counseling, the right to informed consent and information about available alternatives to the procedure; and that our state follow the federal government's lead of restricting the taxpayer funding except in very limited circumstances.

Considering the total lack of restrictions on abortion and abortion funding in NYS, it is not surprising that our state has a higher rate of abortion than any other state: As you know 34 states require parental involvement in a minor's abortion decision; most states have "informed consent", New York has one of only four state legislatures that choose to spend taxpayer dollars for any and all Medicaid abortions, costing taxpayers more than \$45 million a year.

Please use your position to ensure that policy-making decisions are guided by concern for the "health and safety of our youngest and most vulnerable women" rather than the out-of-the-mainstream ideology of the radical fringe of the abortion rights movement. Please reply.

Contact Information:

Gov. George Pataki
State Capitol, Albany, NY 12224
Ph 518-474-8390 FAX 518-474-1513

DO NOT DONATE TO UNICEF

**United Nations
International Children's
Emergency Fund.**

UNICEF is no friend of life and has fooled many good people into collecting for their projects. The Health and Science page of *Life News*, October, 2001, documented UNICEF's involvement in antilife activity and the millions of U.S. taxpayer dollars annually given to UNICEF programs. For a copy of the *Life News* article send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: LICL-UNICEF-a Halloween Trick, P.O. Box 223, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779.

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VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

Election day is around the corner. Know your candidates, who is for the protection of life and who is for the destruction of life, know their voting records, then vote Pro-Life on election day. Protect God's commandment, Thou Shalt Not Kill.

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TEMPUS FUGIT, MEMENTO MORI

ENNIO CERDELLI Pope Pius XII #4422

ANTHONY MARCIANO Delaney #5983

STEVEN PISCIOTTA Delaney #5983

CHARLES WILLIS Twelve Apostles #5001

All the men and women serving in the Middle East.

And deceased victims of recent hurricanes.

May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Sir Knights, if I missed any names, could you kindly submit them to me? And going forward, if a Sir Knight passes away, could you also submit the name, so I can list it here? Thank you!
-Mike Dragonetti

50-50 DRAWING

September's winner – John Giacinto

October's winner – you??

Could be, if you're in the 50-50 club! Every meeting we give away money to one lucky winner. The more players we get, the higher that monthly prize will go!

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 Dario Rossi, PGK PFN FDD

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