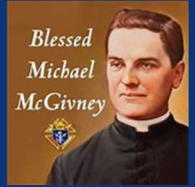




Knights Page



Prince of Peace Council 8791 Ormond Beach, Florida

October 2024



Grand Knight Message – SK Michael Abbott

Hello Brother Knights! We are having a great start to our Fraternal Year! UNITY & FRATERNITY! We will have another busy month in October. Council 8791 will hold a Columbus Day Breakfast on Sunday, October 20. As we honor the namesake of our Order, the Breakfast will provide us with an opportunity to recruit new Knights to our Council. Anyone who inquires about joining the Knights of Columbus will receive a free breakfast, and anyone who joins our Council, in addition to the breakfast, will receive a Council shirt and free membership for the first year. So how can you help? By looking around you at Mass, and asking or accompanying a potential member to our information table, where we will have other Knights to welcome and provide additional information on our Order and Council. This is a perfect opportunity for EVERYBODY to invite a future Knight of Columbus to membership in our Council. It's a WIN-WIN situation.

We are gearing up for our 40th Anniversary Celebration Dinner on November 15. Start planning now to be there. Please mark the date on your calendar as we hope to have most of our Knights join us. There is more information below. We are also excited that our Council Website is up and running. Please go to kofc8791.org. We will put a lot of information there for you and others who may be interested in what we do or may be interested in joining the Knights of Columbus and our Council. We appreciate your input and support to make our website the best it can be.

Finally, at our September Council Meeting, it was my privilege to accept the Columbian Award on behalf of our Council for our accomplishments during the last Fraternal Year.

Thank you to all Knights for the work you do for Council 8791! God Bless!



District Deputy SK Chuck Armstrong presenting the Columbian Award to GK Michael Abbott, who accepted on behalf of Prince of Peace Council 8791.



Spiritual Advisor Message – SK Deacon Bruce Gesinski

October is Respect Life Month



The bishops of the United States have set aside October of every year as Respect Life Month in which we look at the dignity of human life. We live in a period of history in which human life is under attack. Pope John Paul II referred to a great spiritual battle that is taking place between the culture of life and the culture of death. He called us to be a people who build up a civilization of love and life – a civilization that is rooted in Christ Himself, the very revelation of the love of the Father.

Psalm 139 says, “Oh Lord, you formed my inmost being. You knit me in my mother’s womb. I praise you, so wonderfully you made me . . . how precious are your designs.” We must honor life from conception to natural death. The life issues that are non-negotiable actions in the Catholic Church are: Abortion, Euthanasia, Embryonic Stem Cell Research, Human Cloning, and Marriage other than that of one man to one woman, and Artificial Birth Control.

I was once asked why Catholic priests and deacons always preach about these particular topics whenever they preach about the sanctity of life. Why don’t we ever preach about spouse abuse or child abuse and neglect or any other life issues? One answer to that question is that these teachings are core teachings of the Catholic Church. These are teachings that do not change, that will not change, that have been the same for over 2000 years, since Jesus walked the earth. I believe that no one thinks that spouse abuse or child abuse or neglect is okay. However, there are many Christians and some Catholics who are either on the fence or on the wrong side of the fence on some of the issues I’ve just mentioned.

As Catholics, we have to accept all of the teachings of the Catholic Church. We can’t be “Cafeteria Catholics.” We can’t just accept those things we like and set aside those we don’t. St. Paul tells us, “I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me.”

Pope Benedict said, “As far as the Catholic Church is concerned, the principal focus of her interventions in the public arena is the protection and promotion of the dignity of the person, and she is thereby consciously drawing particular attention to principles which are not negotiable. Among these the following emerge today:

- protection of life in all its stages, from the first moment of conception until natural death.
- recognition and promotion of the natural structure of the family - as a union between a man and a woman based on marriage - and its defense from attempts to make it juridical equivalent to radically different forms of union which in reality harm it and contribute to its destabilization, obscuring its particular character and its irreplaceable social role.
- protection of the right of parents to educate their children.

These principles are not truths of faith, even though they receive further light and confirmation from faith; they are inscribed in human nature itself and therefore they are common to all humanity....”

As Catholics, we have a huge responsibility coming up in November. We are required by faith to research the candidates running for office – federal, state, and local. We don’t have the luxury to vote along party lines. We cannot just read the flyers we get in the mail. We must do what we can to find out how the candidates really think and how they will represent us. We, as Catholics, have a responsibility to vote for those candidates who most closely uphold the teachings of the Catholic Church. We must review proposed amendments as well and see how they fit our beliefs. We have a duty and a responsibility to use our power, the power of our vote, to promote the teachings of the Catholic Church and to uphold the dignity of all human life.



District Deputy Message – SK Charles Armstrong

Greetings from the Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, and the State Deputy, Rick Hughes. In follow-up to last month's Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus, I want to recommend for everyone to listen to the speech of Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly. It is very informative about our Order and mission, and there are some important updates that are valuable to hear. Please go to: <https://www.kofc.org/en/events/supreme-convention/2024/index.html>. Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly reminded the Knights that in these challenging times, the Order's mission matters more than ever. "The days of easy faith are over," he said. Today's Knights must have "the zeal of Father McGivney," he continued, "to build the next generation of Catholic men by growing the organization and forming Catholic men in faith and virtue, so they're prepared to serve as missionary disciples." And he applauded their historic progress in the past year. The Knights of Columbus now has more than 2.1 million members worldwide, and last year alone, more than 92,000 men joined the Knights of Columbus, one of its best years of growth in a century. I encourage your Council in its efforts to invite Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus.

I have received feedback that the discussion by Jim Booritch at the last Council Meeting was helpful. Please reach out to him directly if you need more information about Knights of Columbus insurance or investment products. He may be reached at james.booritch@kofc.org. I have also requested your Council Officers to schedule a benefits talk on Social Security and Medicare at one of your upcoming Council Meetings. The presenter will be coming to inform you on the programs and recent and upcoming changes, not to sell a service. This will be of interest to all Knights.

It was my pleasure to make a presentation to Council 8791 for its achievements last Fraternal year, earning the Columbian Award from the Supreme Council. Congratulations on earning this award. Thank you for all that you do as Knights of Columbus.



Lecturer Message – SK Michael Ernst

The Three Transcendentals: Truth, Goodness, and Beauty

A transcendental is something that exists beyond the time-space-matter continuum. In philosophy, these terms seek to describe the nature of reality.

It was the ancient Greek philosopher Plato that first believed the good, the true and the beautiful were celestial and inseparable ideas. He argued in favor of the objectivity of such values. Christians have embraced these ideals knowing that they are rooted in the very nature of God. But, we are presently living in a time in which relativism guides much of man's thinking about what it even means to be human. And this, unfortunately, has carried over into education. One might ask, how can you educate a new generation if it is not interacting with the concepts of the transcendentals?

Apologist Paul Kreeft says that man will never be satisfied and will never set a limit on how much truth, goodness and beauty we can get. He reminds us that God gave us an intellect to seek the truth. He gave us the will to choose the good. And He gave us emotions and imagination to pursue beauty. Since man is not perfect, these three things are not necessarily integrated very well into our soul - which is why man lost paradise. Achieving union - the regaining of paradise - is one of life's greatest tasks.

Robert Browning has said, “a man’s reach must exceed his grasp, or what’s a heaven for? If our goals and dreams were easily attainable, the true essence of heaven, the thrill of pursuit and achievement, would be lost. It is in the striving, the reaching, and the growth that we find fulfillment and make the most of our time on this earth. In understanding the wisdom behind this quote, we can unlock the doors to a life filled with purpose, growth, and discovery. When we pursue truth, goodness, and beauty in this life and in this world we are seeking the majesty of the Lord.

With regard to education, separation of church and state has been a cornerstone of democratic societies, aiming to uphold religious freedom and prevent the establishment of a state-sponsored religion. As a result, curricula are designed to reflect a broad spectrum of knowledge that is not tied to any specific religious doctrine, fostering an environment of intellectual openness and tolerance. Educational reform has led to increased secularization. Today, all it takes is a young mind to listen to a genius like Steven Hawkins say, “It’s my view that the simplest explanation is that there is no God. No one created the universe and no one directs our fate.” This quote comes from his last book “Brief Answers to the Big Questions” that was published in 2018.

A lot of people are skeptical about whether or not we have a soul. The journal Nature (1998) reports that 94.5% of scientists do not believe in God. Despite this truth, I think the good news is that there are people who are still soul searching.

Recently, near death experiences have gotten a lot of attention. The movie, Heaven Is for Real (2014), is about a young boy who told his parents he had visited heaven while he was having emergency surgery. This movie made 91 million dollars. The book sold over 10 million copies and spent 206 weeks on the New York Times best-seller list. What cannot be denied here is that near death experiences are real. Physicians are documenting them in major medical journals like the Lancet. In medical journals, we can read about patients describing out of body experiences as well as exact details about events that occurred when they were clinically dead. In this state of being, they describe the transcendentals - indescribable beauty and love, the perfect destination and not wanting to leave. A minority recount visits to hell-like regions, encounters with demonic beings or terrifying voids. Medical science has been trying to unravel this mystery for many years; but, there is still no explanation.

So, if God is perfect truth, goodness (love) and beauty, then God is present to us when we are aware of imperfections in any of these transcendentals, we must conclude that we are transcendent. If we are transcendent, then we must have a soul that can exist beyond our body at death.

PRAYER FOR FREEDOM
"MY UNBELIEF"

Compassionate and Gracious God, I have been plagued with feelings of doubt lately. At night, when I read, when I watch the news, I can feel the doubt rising inside me. Even as I feel my belief wavering and faith faltering, I pray, Lord, that You would bind my doubt and cast it into the sea. Give me the freedom of a faithful heart. A heart that longs to spend its days worshiping You and not worrying about the troubles of this world. I believe, help my unbelief. In Jesus' name, I pray, Amen.

ConnectUs

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Matt 4:19
Vocations are Everybody’s Business. Pray for Vocations!





Knights of Columbus Supreme Council Update



The 10th National Eucharistic Congress was held in Indianapolis from July 17 to 21, as Catholics from around the country packed the Indiana Convention Center, Lucas Oil Stadium, and adjacent sites for liturgies, talks, performances, and exhibits focused on the Eucharist as the source of the Catholic faith. It was a profound moment for the whole Church in the United

States as our Catholic family united in prayer. More than 60,000 Catholics gathered in Indianapolis for this generational event, and countless more across the nation joined us via livestream. Registrants came from all 50 states, with more than 1,000 priests and 200 bishops and cardinals present. It began with quiet adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Bishop Andrew Cozzens of Minnesota processed into the opening ceremony with the Eucharist, illumined by a spotlight in a darkened stadium. He placed the monstrance on the altar and, with the crowd of over 50,000, knelt in silent prayer for 20 minutes before praying aloud: “We are here for you, Lord. We’re in awe before the gift of your life for us and for the world. Lord, we wanted to give you the first words of our National Eucharistic Congress. So, let’s just take a moment of silence, and in our hearts, let’s tell the Lord how grateful we are that he is here.” The prayer set the purpose for the Congress.

On July 20 in downtown Indianapolis, the Eucharist, held in a four-foot-tall monstrance, was carried in procession from the Indiana Convention Center to the Indiana War Memorial for prayer and adoration. An estimated 60,000 Catholics participated in the procession, kneeling along the route as the Eucharist passed and then joining the procession. Among them were many Knights of Columbus and their families, including an honor guard of 60 Fourth Degree Knights who marched just behind the monstrance. The one-mile procession was a high point of the Congress, the pinnacle of the National Eucharistic Revival, a three-year initiative of the U.S. bishops which began in 2022, with the Knights of Columbus serving as a major sponsor.

Prince of Peace Catholic Church was represented by a couple who discussed the National Eucharistic Congress at our Fifth Saturday Rosary on August 31. They described what an amazing and fulfilling experience it was to be among so many Catholics for the purpose of reflecting and worshipping on the power of the Blessed Sacrament, the Eucharist, which we believe to be Jesus Christ in body, blood, soul, and divinity. Every event was fulfilling to them in their faith. We were grateful for them sharing their profound experience with us.



Catholics fill downtown Indianapolis July 20 for a Eucharistic procession.

More than 50,000 listen to a keynote talk at the Eucharistic Congress.



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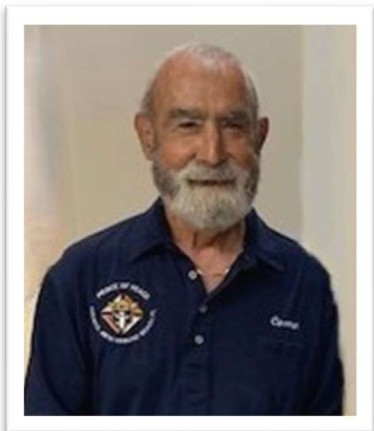


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Knight of the Month



BK J.C. "Cosmo" Phillips

Congratulations to BK J.C. "Cosmo" Phillips, our Knight of the Month for September. A Knight since 2007, Cosmo is a steadfast member of our Breakfasts, Coffee and Donuts, and Lenten Fish Dinner teams, and he serves at the Food Pantry every Monday and other days as able. He is always dependable. We are grateful to him for his service and representation of the Knights of Columbus.

The Knight of the Month recognizes a Brother Knight who exemplifies the core principles of our Order, and models and lives Christian virtues in service to our Council and our Parish.



Family of the Month

Congratulations to BK Edwin and Marie Baden, our Family of the Month for September. Ed has been a Knight with our Council since 2007. He also serves as a Lector. Marie is the head of the RCIA Program, where both she and Ed serve as Coordinators. Marie and Ed also are Ministers to the Sick, bringing the Eucharist to the faithful in nursing homes.

The Knights of Columbus promotes and supports the development of strong and vibrant families. The Family of the Month recognizes a parish family that models Christian family values and lives them every day.



BK Edwin and Marie Baden receiving the Family of the Month Award from Father Justin Vakko, Pastor.



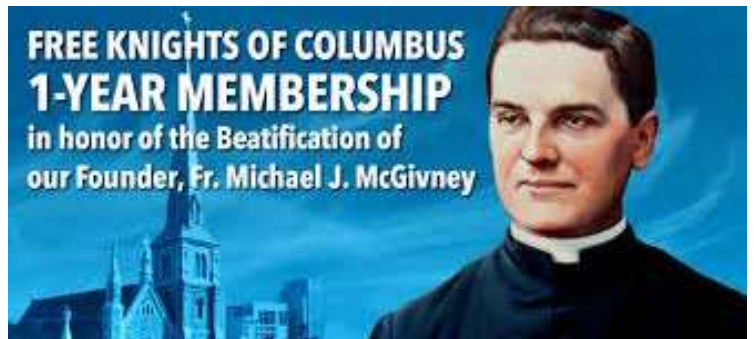
Welcome New Knights; Recruit New Knights



We welcomed a new member to our Council at our September meeting. SK Everett Evans transferred to our Council from a Council in Auburndale, Florida. He took a moment to introduce himself to everyone. The Knights expressed their welcome to SK Everett Evans. Trustee SK Bill Whelan reported that another Knight has just completed his Exemplification and will be seeking membership at our next meeting.

We want to invite all Catholic men in our Parish to join Prince of Peace Council 8791. Please look around you at Mass and consider extending an invitation. We have a Knights table with information after each Mass on Sundays in the Parish Hall. You may also send their name to our Chancellor, BK Ron Nowviskie, at rnowviskie@cfl.rr.com or they may join the Knights of Columbus online by visiting kofc.org/joinus. Please also encourage them to see our Council Website at kofc8791.org for an abundance of information about our Council and the Knights of Columbus. We also are planning a membership drive the weekend of October 20. More information is below.

Our next Breakfast is on October 20, in recognition of Columbus Day. We will concurrently conduct a membership drive that weekend, promoting our Council at all masses to encourage men of the Parish to join the Knights of Columbus. We will have an information table with Knights ready to answer questions and we hope to have the opportunity to speak at all masses. You may be asked to help. More to come at our October Council Meeting.



If you have any recommendations for our membership drive or are willing to assist in our recruiting, please contact our Chancellor, BR Ron Nowviskie, at rnowvixsie@cfl.rr.com.



Faith

PGK SK Eugene Nelson, Faith Director

Fifth Saturday Rosary.

The Council began supporting the Fifth Saturday Rosary on August 31, following the Saturday 4:00 pm Mass. There were 17 parishioners in attendance, including 10 Knights. SK Harold Bennett led us in prayer. After the Rosary, two parishioners who represented our Parish at the National Eucharistic Conference in Indianapolis discussed the many events and its powerful expression of our faith. The next Fifth Saturday Rosary is November 30. Please consider joining us.

First Friday Mass and Adoration.

The Council joined in the Parish's First Friday Mass and Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on September 6. Mass was held at 5:30 pm, followed by Friday Evening Holy Hour with Adoration beginning at 6:00 pm. The Holy Hour with Adoration was filled with prayers and music. There were around 75 parishioners, including 8 Knights. This Faith activity is held the first Friday of every month. The next First Friday is October 4. Please consider joining us.

Additional Faith programs will include a retreat day to the Carmelite Monastery, the RSVP Seminarian Support Program, Corporate Communion, and the "Icon of the Sacred Heart," which will be touring Florida. More to follow. Please speak with PGK SK Gene Nelson, Faith Director, for further information on Faith Program activities.

We want to recognize and thank PGK SK Gene and Joan Nelson for their donation of the beautiful new landscaping and statue in this prominent island at the entrance to the Education and Administration Building.



New statue and landscaping thanks to PGK SK Gene and Joan Nelson.



Family

SK Harold Bennett, Family Director

Family of the Month.

The Family of the Month recognizes a parish family that models Christian family values and lives them every day. For September, we recognized the family of BK Edwin and Marie Baden. Father Justin presented the award to them at the 4:00 pm Mass on September 7. Ed is a Knight and a Lector, and both he and Marie are active in the RCIA program. Knights are encouraged to send suggestions of a family for the monthly award to SK Harold Bennett.

Additional Family programs will include Consecration to the Holy Family at Christmas; Food for Families, which will be funded in our budget; and the Good Friday Family Promotion with Sister Rose. More information will be coming. We will also be planning a Knight's family social function. Please speak with SK Harold Bennett, Family Director, for further information on Family Program activities.



Community

SK Jay Young, Community Director

Blood Drives.

Our last Blood Drive on Sunday, September 29 was successful. We collected 16 pints, exceeding One Blood's goal of 12 pints and our Council's monthly goal of 14 pints. The next Blood Drive is Sunday, November 24. Please give blood if you can or ask a family member or friend to donate if they can. Our goal for this Fraternal Year is 90 pints. If you have any questions about your eligibility to give blood, please come to the One Blood Bus during the Blood Drive and they will discuss this with you.

Habitat for Humanity.

The next workday is Wednesday, October 16 (the third Wednesday of the month is our Council workday each month.) We contributed 26.3 hours in July, 23.2 hours in August, and 35.8 hours in September. For the Fraternal Year, we are currently well above track toward our goal of 200 hours, or about 17 hours per month. If you are interested in joining our Habitat Team or have any questions, please contact Mark Leary at learymm4@gmail.com.



(L-R) Habitat for Humanity Wednesday Weekday Warriors Jeff, John, and PGK SK Jay Young take a much-needed break from doing roof truss fascia work on a house at 739 Alabama St. in Daytona Beach. Not pictured, Habitat Chairman Mark Leary, who was taking the photos.



Trustee SK Russell Benett does some punch list item work on the baseboards at a house at 761 Alabama St. in Daytona Beach, which will be completed and dedicated on October 1.

Social Services, Food Pantry, and Like New Shop.

SK Jay Young advised that the monthly report for Social Services is pending for last month. He noted that we experienced an 30% increase in income generated by the Like New Shop. That is good, and we are doing so with fewer volunteers. We need more men and women volunteers at this time. Men primarily assist with accepting donations. At the Food Pantry, we have distributed more than 10,000 bags of food so far this year. Just remarkable. Please contact SK Jay Young for more information.

Coats for Kids.

SK Bill Whelan reported that we will be supporting Coats for Kids for the students at Westside Elementary in Daytona Beach. We will be ordering the coats package.

Veterans Nursing Home.

SK Bob Simcoe advised that we had good participation at the Veterans' Nursing Home on September 5. Attending from our Council or Assembly were FN SK Jay Young, SK Russell Benett, DD SK Chuck Armstrong, SK Michael Orris, and FDD SK Bob Simcoe. We play BINGO and enjoy the company of our veterans the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 am for about one hour at the facility at 1920 Mason Ave., Daytona Beach. Our next visit is scheduled for Thursday, October 3. Please consider joining us.

Breakfasts; Coffee and Donuts.

BK Ron Nowwiskie reported that Council 8791 will sponsor several Breakfasts throughout the coming year. We held our first Breakfast on Sunday, September 8 from 8:00 to 11:00 (Celebrating Start of Religious Education Classes). We served a total of 129 breakfasts, with 89 tickets sold and 40 free breakfasts. The families were most appreciative, as was Sister Rose. Thank you to all the Knights, 21 in total, who helped on our Serving and Kitchen Teams. Our next Breakfast is on Sunday, October 20 (Columbus Day Breakfast).

Garden Club.

The Knights support the new Garden Club. It meets the third Saturday of each month, from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm. The next Garden Club day is October 19. Please join us.

Please speak with SK Jay Young, Community Director, for further information on Community Program activities.



Life

SK Angelo Salvo, Life Director

March for Life.

Prince of Peace Council 8791 will be supporting the Parish's annual March for Life on the afternoon of Sunday, October 6. We will gather with our fellow parishioners at the corner of Granada Blvd. and Williamson Blvd., Ormond Beach, on the Walmart side of the street from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Please join us if you are able.

Special Olympics.

We continue to support the Special Olympics throughout this Fraternal Year. Please consider participating when you can. There are upcoming events needing assistance. August 1 through September 30 is Top Golf giving Season, with Top Golf hosting events at all locations and making donations of their event proceeds. On October 5, there is an area golf tournament in Jacksonville. Knights assist with scorekeeping and related needs. The Special Olympics has also asked for our help in fund raising. Please contact SK Angelo Salvo for more information on how you can support the events.

Citizens with Disabilities Campaign.

We want to have an active Citizens with Disabilities Campaign, also known as the "Tootsie Roll Drive." We continue to seek a Chairman for this year. If you are interested, please contact SK Angelo Salvo at angelosalvo@hotmail.com.

Pregnancy Crisis Center.

There will be opportunities to participate in sidewalk counseling outside the Pregnancy Crisis Center. We will also support the ASAP "Aid to Support After Pregnancy" Program. More to come.

Pro-Life Discussion on Amendment 4.

Florida Ballot Amendment 4 (Abortion Access) is opposed by the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops. On Saturday, September 14, after the 4:00 pm Mass, our Parish conducted a Prayer Service with Adoration in the Church, followed by a Pro-Life discussion in the Parish Hall. It was well attended. Dr. Rebecca Peck, a local physician and parishioner, was the Guest Speaker and provided much compelling information to share. Father Justin also provided some faithful comments to consider as Catholics. Please see the information below on the event and Amendment and be sure to vote.

Please speak with SK Angelo Salvo, Life Director, for further information on Life Program activities.



40th Anniversary Celebration Dinner



Knights of Columbus Prince of Peace Council 8791 celebrates 40 years as a Council this Fraternal Year. We will have an evening 40th Anniversary Celebration Dinner on Friday, November 15, at the Palmetto Club, 1000 S. Beach Street, Daytona Beach. We look forward to spending this time together to celebrate the accomplishments of our Council. We hope you will join us.

The Knights will have a Social with appetizers and drinks beginning at 5:30 pm, followed by Dinner at 6:30 pm. The Anniversary Program will begin at 7:30 pm.

All Council 8791 Knights are invited, and Invitations were sent out by email. The cost is \$25.00 per person/\$50.00 per couple. Please RSVP by completing the RSVP form and mailing or hand delivering it to the Church Office with your payment; or by emailing SK Greg Scull at scull@att.net or SK Harold Bennett at hlbenn@yahoo.com with your name and number attending, and mailing or hand delivering your payment to the Church Office. See the Invitation and information below for more detail. All payments must be by check and received in advance. We will provide paper Invitations to Knights who may not have email. Please contact SK Greg Scull, Event Chairman, with any questions at scull@att.net.

You're Invited

**Knights of Columbus
Prince of Peace Council 8791
40th Anniversary Celebration Dinner**

You are invited to join us in an evening celebration
of the 40th Anniversary of the Knights of Columbus, Prince of Peace Council 8791.

When: Friday, November 15, 2024
Time: 5:30 pm for Social (with appetizers and cash bar)
6:30 pm for Dinner
7:30 pm for Anniversary Program
Where: Palmetto Club, 1000 S. Beach Street, Daytona Beach

Dinner choices are Prime Rib, Chicken, or Fish, and includes one drink ticket
Cash Bar
DJ with music
\$25.00 per person/\$50.00 per couple
Tables of 8 can be sponsored for an additional \$75.00, and you can assign seating for your table
All payments must be received in advance



Council Website Launched; Joins “Knights Page”

We are pleased to announce that our website for the Knights of Columbus, Prince of Peace Council 8791 has been launched and is active. Please visit kofc8791.org and take a look. From the homepage, you may use the index at the top to click through to the other pages and links. The website is focused on both internal and external communication, serving as a resource for us and for anyone to learn more about the Knights of Columbus and our Council. We hope the website will be a valued source of Council information, providing useful updates about Council programs, activities, and members. We also hope that the website provides another means to support our recruitment of new Knights.

We are just getting started. We will continue to add information, photos, and more to the website over time. It will always be a work-in-progress as we generate new items for posting. Your comments are welcome. We encourage you to let us know what more you would like to see included, and to submit information, photos, and ideas for the website through knightsofcolumbus8791@gmail.com.

Thank you for your comments of support and appreciation of our Council Newsletter “Knights Page,” which we restarted last month. It may take a few issues for the Newsletter to fully take shape, but we expect that it will be a valued source of Council information, providing useful updates and messages about Council programs, events, and members. This Newsletter is for you, so we encourage you to submit information, articles, and photos and let us know what information you would like to see. Information for “Knights Page” may be submitted through the Council email at knightsofcolumbus8791@gmail.com by the fourth Tuesday of the month, two weeks after our monthly Council meeting. Any Knight may submit information. The Newsletter will be distributed on the first Tuesday of each month to all Knights by email. “Knights Page” is also available every day on our website.

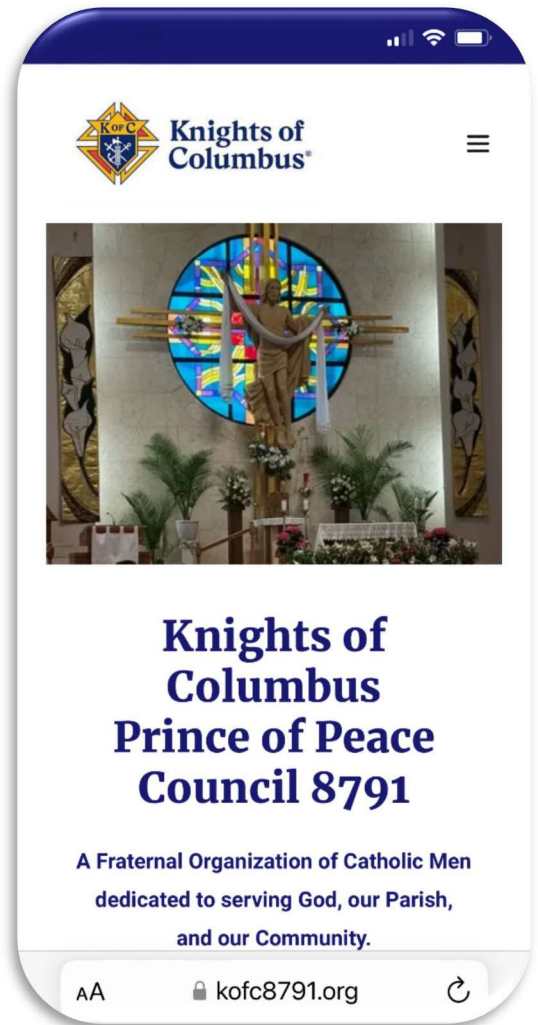
SK Dan Medved, Recorder, serves as our Newsletter editor and Website webmaster. Please contact him on any matters for the Newsletter or Website through the Council email above.



Assembly 2901 Fourth Degree Update

Assembly 2901 (Prince of Peace and St. Brendan) held its second meeting of the year in September. We continue to look for men to join the Assembly and its Color Corps. For the Color Corps, the Assembly can assist with the cost of the uniform. We currently only have 3 Color Corps members from our Council. More are needed. We had a big call out for the Color Corps for September 11 ceremonies.

SK Jay Young, Faithful Navigator for the Assembly, reiterated that we need more Knights from our Council to join the Assembly. The Assembly will be more active this year. Please consider joining the Assembly. Please contact SK Jay Young at jyoung9508@cfl.rr.com if you are interested in becoming a Fourth Degree Knight and joining Assembly 2901.





Ministry Highlight of the Month: Ministry of Hospitality (Ushers)

By Edward (Eddie) Bodigheimer



“Share with God’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.” *Romans 12:13.*

The Ministry of Hospitality (Ushers) is the oldest lay ministry in the Catholic Church. The ushers of today have descended from a long line of people of God who have gone before them. During the time of Christ, the doorkeepers of the temple numbered in the hundreds and were the forerunners of today’s ushers. As an usher, your role goes beyond logistics - it’s about creating a space where the congregation can connect deeply with God. A church should honor weekend services as sacred gatherings where God’s people come to worship, hear His Word and experience His presence. Ushers play a critical role in supporting this spiritual environment by maintaining order and meeting the needs of both the congregation and the pastor. Their quiet service ensures that the focus remains on worship and that any distractions are minimized before they impact the experience.

Church ushers serve with an extraordinary welcome by providing a warm and safe atmosphere to usher in God’s presence. Ushering provides an opportunity for you to give God’s best. If you think ushering is simply taking someone to their seat and collecting the offering, you may need to broaden your thoughts. At many Masses, ushers set the tone for welcoming. Ushers provide the friendly smiles, warm greetings and communication that demonstrate Christian love from the moment guests appear on the church’s doorsteps. The primary duties and responsibilities of ushers include greeting and welcoming parishioners as they enter the church, to assist individuals especially the handicapped to find seats, taking up the collection and wishing everyone a good day at the conclusion of the Eucharistic celebration.

The Head Usher for Prince of Peace Catholic Church is BK Edward (Eddie) Bodigheimer. He has served as an usher at our Parish for approximately 20 years, the last 3 years as the Head Usher. The primary responsibility of the Head Usher is providing leadership and organization for the usher teams, to ensure that there are enough ushers at all the Masses, especially the scheduling of ushers for Christmas, Holy Week, and Easter, to recruit and train new ushers as needed, and to ensure that the process for the offertory collection meets the diocese standards.

At each Mass, we have a Lead Usher: SK Roger Lanoue for the 4:00 pm Mass; David Fox for the 7:30 am Mass; BK Eddie Bodigheimer for the 9:00 am Mass; and SK Joe Di Blasi for the 11:00 am Mass. We thank them for their service.



The Ministry of Hospitality has been one of the long-standing ministries led by our Council. It is visible, tangible outreach of the Knights to our parishioners and to visitors to Prince of Peace Catholic Church. At this time, we are in need of ushers, especially at the 11:00 am Mass. Requirements for this role include the ability to pass fingerprinting and background screening.

If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please contact BK Eddie Bodigheimer at bogypi@aol.com.

BK Edward (Eddie) Bodigheimer, Head Usher



Event Highlight of the Month: Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas and the Unborn

On Saturday, September 14, and Sunday, September 15, in support of our Prayer Service for Life, the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe was at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, as part of her tour of Florida and the United States from Mexico City. The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe helps bring conversions to build a culture of life and civilization of love, as God intended. Father Justin Vakko, Pastor, shared that Dr. Rebecca Peck was instrumental in bringing the Missionary Image to our Parish.



The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Father Justin Vakko, Pastor, presiding at the Prayer Service and Adoration.

On the American continent, Marian devotion is frequently centered around the figure of our Blessed Mother as she appeared in December of 1531 to the native American Saint Juan Diego at Tepeyac Hill in the area of modern-day Mexico City. Our Blessed Mother actually appeared four times to Saint Juan Diego and once to his dying elderly uncle, Juan Bernardino. The fourth appearance to Saint Juan Diego was the most wonderful. A brief account of the apparitions will help to appreciate better God the Father's purpose in sending the Blessed Mother to the American continent at Tepeyac Hill and the important meaning of devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The first apparition took place on December 9, which at that time was the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception in the Spanish Empire, of which Mexico was then a part. Our Blessed Mother appeared to Saint Juan Diego, an older native American who had recently lost his dear wife. Juan Diego himself died in 1548, seventeen years after the apparitions, at the age of 74. On May 6, 1990, Pope Saint John Paul II, during his second pilgrimage as Pope to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, declared Juan Diego blessed. Pope Saint John Paul II later canonized Juan Diego on July 31, 2002.



Event Highlight of the Month: Prayer Service, Adoration, and Pro-Life Discussion

On Saturday, September 14, immediately after the 4:00 pm Mass, our Parish held a Prayer Service with Adoration followed by a Pro-Life discussion. Dr. Rebecca Peck was the Guest Speaker for the discussion on the Amendment 4 and its impact. The Knights of Columbus supported the event and a concurrent dinner reception by providing the dessert. About 20 Knights were in attendance for the Prayer Services, Adoration and Pro-Life Discussion. More information on Amendment 4 is provided below. The Amendment is on the ballot on November 5.

Dr. Peck reviewed and discussed the language of the ballot amendment. She noted its brevity and lack of definitions. This leads to the concern that there would be misapplication of what is meant by “viability,” or “patient’s health,” or “healthcare providers.” The ambiguities can eliminate the protection of the unborn and potentially further risk the health of the mother. Throughout the discussion, parishioners asked questions. Many offered their perspectives. Even more shared their own personal stories. It was a moving and informative discussion. For more information on Amendment 4, please see the summary page below.



Dr. Rebecca A. Peck, MD



Father Justin Vakko, Pastor

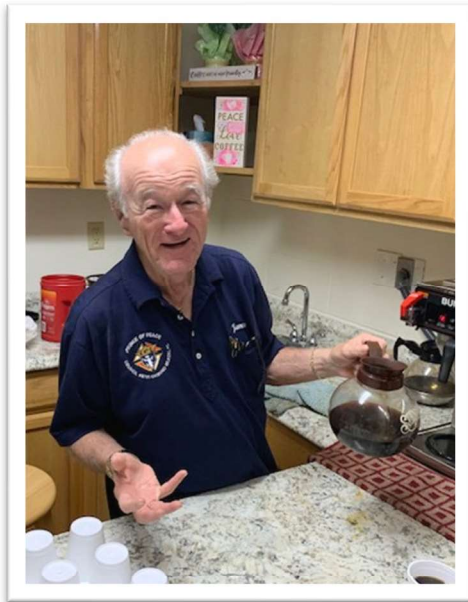




Event Highlight of the Month: Religious Education Kickoff Breakfast

On Sunday, September 8, the Knights of Columbus began our Breakfasts for the parish with the Religious Education Kickoff Breakfast. We served 34 presale, 55 walkups and about 40 free Religious Education parents and children, for a total of 129 parishioners. The Breakfast coincided with Religious Education Parent Orientation and "Meet your Teacher Day." The families really enjoyed the Breakfast and were most appreciative. Some families came over for just doughnuts. It was a great FAITH event, and Sister Rose was very happy for the meal and fellowship provided by our Council.

We had a great turnout of Brother Knights who worked the event, a total of 21. John Peters, Jack Erthal, Roger Lanoue, Jim Burns, Sonny Nocita, Matt Crouner, Ron Laino, Dave Peterson, JC Phillips, Mo Laffin, Jay Young, Rob Littleton, Mike Worley, Bart Teracino, Marty Librizzi, Gary Konopka, Ron Nowvskie, Tom Welter, Angelo Salvo, John Van Buren, and Eddie Bodigheimer. It was a great fraternal effort. Thanks to all of you for making it a successful Breakfast.



Jim Burns at the Coffee Station.



J.C. Cosmo Phillips and Mo Laffin on the Serving Line.



Jack Erthal at the Donut Station.



Ron Laino and David Peterson on the Serving Line.



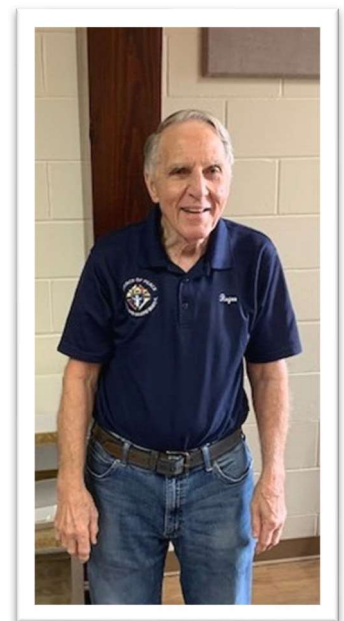
Kitchen Team: Jay Young, Rob Littleton, Mike Worley, Bart Teracino.



John Peters handling the Tickets.



Sonny Nocita and Matthew Crowner on the Serving Line.



Roger Lanoue in the Dining Room.



Upcoming Activities: March for Life; Memorial 5K Run; Golf Benefit for Carmelite Monastery



March for Life demonstrates our commitment as Catholics and as Knights of Columbus to the right and protection of life. Please join us if you are able.

Prince of Peace Council 8791 will be supporting the Parish's annual March for Life on the afternoon of Sunday, October 6. We will gather with our fellow parishioners at the corner of Granada Blvd. and Williamson Blvd., Ormond Beach, on the Walmart side of the street from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm. You may bring your own sign or signs will be provided. This annual



Prince of Peace Council 8791 will be supporting the second annual Grace Weite Memorial 5K Fun Run. The Run is on Saturday, November 9, from 8:00 am to 11:00 am at 1500 Center Ave., Holly Hill. There is a \$30.00 participation fee. This Run is in honor and loving memory of Grace Weite, an esteemed teacher at Holly Hill School, who passed away two years ago at 27 years of age. Grace's grandparents are Betty and Jim Weite. Both are very active in our Parish. SK Jim Weite is a founding member of Council 8791. Are you a runner or someone who can cheer on others or make a donation? Please consider supporting the Run if you are able. More information on the Memorial 5K Run may be found at: runsignup.com/Race/Donate/FL/HollyHill/GraceWeiteMemorial5kRunattheHill.



Knights of Columbus Council 11961, at St. Mary Mother of God Catholic Church in Korona, is sponsoring a Golf Benefit for the St. Joseph Carmelite Monastery building fund. The Golf Benefit will be held at Halifax Plantation Golf Club, 3400 Clubhouse Dr., Ormond Beach, on Wednesday, October 23, beginning at 11:30 am. For more information or registration, please visit: carmelite.perfectgolfevent.com.



Calendar of Upcoming Activities

October 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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November 2024						
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- October 3 – Veteran’s Nursing Home, 10:00 am (1920 Mason Ave., Daytona Beach)
- October 4 – First Friday Mass and Holy Hour with Adoration, 5:30 pm (Church)
- October 6 – March for Life, 2:00 pm (Corner of Granada Blvd. and Williamson Blvd, on Walmart side)
- October 8 – Officers Meeting, 6:00 pm (Room adjacent to Father McGivney Room)
- October 8 – Council Meeting, 7:00 pm (Father McGivney Room)
- October 14 – Columbus Day
- October 16 – Habitat for Humanity Council Workday, 7:00 am (Location TBD)
- October 19 – Garden Club, 7:30 am (Church Parking Lot)
- October 20 – Breakfast, 7:30 am to 11:00 am (Parish Hall); Prince of Peace Council 8791 Membership Drive
- October 23 – Golf Benefit for Carmelite Monastery (Halifax Plantation, 3400 Clubhouse Dr., Ormond Beach)
- November 1 – All Saints Day; First Friday Mass and Holy Hour with Adoration, 5:30 pm (Church)
- November 2 – All Souls Day
- November 5 – Election Day
- November 7 – Veteran’s Nursing Home, 10:00 am (1920 Mason Ave., Daytona Beach)
- November 9 – Grace Weite Memorial 5K Fun Run, 8:00 am (1500 Center Ave., Holly Hill)
- November 12 – Officers Meeting, 6:00 pm (Room adjacent to Father McGivney Room)
- November 12 – Council Meeting, 7:00 pm (Father McGivney Room)
- November 15 – 40th Anniversary Celebration Dinner, 5:30 pm (Palmetto Club, 1000 S. Beach St., Daytona Beach)
- November 20 – Habitat for Humanity Council Workday, 7:00 am (Location TBD)
- November 23 – Garden Club, 7:30 am (Church Parking Lot)
- November 24 – Blood Drive, 8:00 am (One Blood Bus, Church Parking Lot)
- November 28 – Thanksgiving
- November 30 – Fifth Saturday Rosary, 5:00 pm (Church Chapel)



Birthdays for October

- James McCormick– October 2
- Ronald Piasecki – October 5
- Richard Murphy – October 6
- Bart Teracino – October 10
- Daniel Medved – October 12
- Roy Rearden – October 13
- Joseph DiBlasi – October 15
- John Gribben – October 15
- Daniel Wolf – October 20



- Andrew York – October 22
- Matthew Crouner– October 23
- Angelo Salvo – October 24
- Daniel Zoekler – October 24
- John McCarthy – October 25
- Jerry Maroor – October 27
- Michael Orris – October 28
- Harold Bower – October 29
- Stephen Gesinski – October 29



Anniversaries for October

Happy Anniversary to all Brother Knights celebrating a Wedding Anniversary in October.



Chancellor BK Ronald Nowviskie and Betty Nowviskie, with Father Justin Vakko, Pastor.

Happy Anniversary to Betty and Ronald Nowviskie, who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary at the 11:00 am Mass on September 15. Betty and Ron, who have been parishioners at Prince of Peace Catholic Church for 54 years, presented the Gifts at Offertory as Father Fred Ruse presided. The Knights recognize and congratulate Betty and Ron for their enduring example of faith and love.



The Parish and Council 8791 held a special recognition of Connie and Gerald Abend, who celebrated their 69th Wedding Anniversary at Coffee & Donuts in the Parish Hall following the 7:30 am Mass on Sunday, September 1. Connie and Gerry are regular coffee & doughnut patrons every Sunday morning. We wish them many more blessings.



Connie and Gerald Abend, with Father Justin Vakko, Pastor.

Congratulations to all Brother Knights Celebrating their Annual Anniversary as Knights of Columbus in October and especially our Brother Knights with 25 Years of Service or more:

Rev. Fr. William Neumann (49 years)
Donald Coleman (47 years)
Michael Orris (45 years)
Lawrence Lemoncello (40 years)

James Ostrowski (32 years)
Ronald Nowviskie (29 years)
Thomas Mignardi (28 years)
Thomas Kruse (26 years)

Thank you





Knights Intentions

We pray for our Brother Knights and their families:

For those walking in a new life with the Lord:

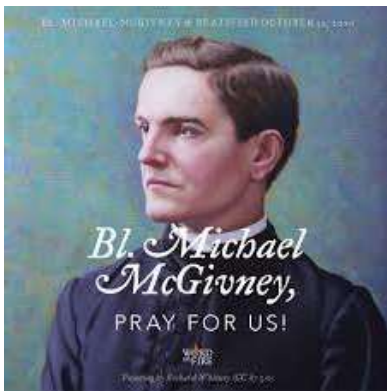
- + Brother SK Angelo Del Buono
- + Carole Burns, wife of Brother SK Jim Burns

For those needing healing or a prayer of special intention:

- SK Jim Morris
- SK John McCarthy
- SK Jack Toia
- BK Eugene Allen
- BK Frank DeVito
- SK Jim Peabody
- SK Bob Simcoe
- Nancy Simcoe, daughter of SK Bob Simcoe
- Marilyn Fulweber, wife of BK Joe Fulweber



If you would like to add someone to Knights Intentions for our prayers, please send an email with their name and prayer request to knightsofcolumbus8791@gmail.com.



Prayer for the Healing

Almighty God, look with mercy and kindness on our Brother Knights and their family members who are sick, especially those listed here. Grant them good health. Send your holy Angels to watch over them. Protect them and keep them safe from lasting injury or harm. May the life-giving grace of Your Divine Son relieve their suffering and bring them to a full recovery. Embrace them with Your constant love, and with the power of Christ's healing presence, may Your bountiful goodness be their source of comfort, strength and joy. Amen.

Prayer for the Faithful Departed

O Loving Father, source of all life, please accompany Your servants, listed here, from this earth to the Kingdom of Heaven for the peace, rest and eternal life that You have prepared for us. Forgive any sins that have been committed, and welcome these souls into the joyful embrace of Your never-ending love. Amen.

Prayer for Those in Need of Prayers

Father, we pray for all those who are in need of prayers and wish to remain anonymous, for those who have no one to pray for them, and for expectant mothers and their unborn children. Strengthen them to face each day with courage, faith and hope, knowing that You are with them. Amen.



Knights gather with Mary Del Buono for a reception following the Mass of Christian Burial for our Brother Knight, SK Angelo Del Buono.



Father Justin Vakko, Pastor, joins members of the Knights of Columbus Color Corps who served as an honor guard for the Mass of Christian Burial for our Brother Knight, SK Angelo Del Buono. Some members of the Color Corps who were present are not pictured.



The Knights of Columbus Color Corps was present for the Mass of Remembrance for Carole Burns, wife of SK Jim Burns.



First Friday Mass and Adoration of the Eucharist



Our Council supports First Friday Mass and Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament as a regular Faith activity. Adoration is an opportunity to pray and worship Jesus in the Eucharist, which we believe is His body, blood, soul and divinity. Knights are encouraged to attend Mass beginning at 5:30 pm, followed by Holy Hour with Adoration at 6:00 pm in the Church on the first Friday of every month. The upcoming dates are: October 4, November 1, December 6, January 3, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, and June 6. Please wear your blue Council shirt. Please consider joining us.




Florida Ballot Amendment 4

An Amendment has been placed on the Florida Ballot for the November 2024 Election that seeks to erase pro-life protections by inserting language into the Florida Constitution prohibiting regulation of abortion. The Amendment would allow late-term abortions, including when the baby is capable of feeling pain, and would eliminate laws requiring parental consent and safety protocols for women. The Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops is working hard to oppose this amendment and urges all Floridians to vote "NO" on Amendment 4.


The Bishops Statement says that "We urge all Floridians of goodwill to stand against the legalization of late-term abortion and oppose the abortion amendment. In doing so, we will not only protect the weakest, most innocent, and defenseless of human life among us but also countless women throughout the state from the harms of abortion." The Statement continues, "Human life is sacred. The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision of society. Direct attacks on innocent persons are never morally acceptable, at any stage or in any condition. In our state, human life is repeatedly being destroyed by abortion. Over 84,000 vulnerable and voiceless children were aborted in Florida in 2023. This matter concerning the respect for human dignity and the fundamental value of human life is of grave importance to both our Church and our state. The threat of abortion remains our pre-eminent public policy priority."

For more information from the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops, please visit: <https://www.flaccb.org/abortion-amendment>.



PRAY TO
PROTECT
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Vote No
on Amendment 4



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Prayer to Defeat Florida's
Abortion Amendment

Ever-living God, you give life and desire a future for all your children. Take hold of our nation, state, and community and awaken in every heart awe for the gift of life. Send your Spirit to strengthen us with wisdom and fortitude as we defend mothers and children in Florida from laws that disregard their health and safety.

Mary and Joseph trusted in you and welcomed Jesus into our broken world. God Almighty, we ask their intercession to protect the preborn and their mothers, and to guide all parents in raising their children. May they help us build a civilization of love by upholding the sacredness of life and accompanying pregnant women in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Family,
pray for us!

St. Joseph, Protector of the Unborn,
pray for us!



FLORIDA'S PRO-ABORTION AMENDMENT EXPLAINED

Why Floridians Should Vote NO on Amendment 4

Titled "Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion," Amendment 4 would enshrine **UNREGULATED ABORTION** in our state constitution, making Florida one of the **MOST PRO-ABORTION** states in the nation. The amendment language is **MISLEADING**, and its proposed outcomes are **DANGEROUS**.

WHAT IT SAYS

BALLOT SUMMARY

No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion

before viability

or when necessary to protect the patient's health,

as determined by the patient's healthcare provider.

This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion.

WHAT IT DOES

PUTS WOMEN AT RISK

Amendment 4 would jeopardize existing laws and prohibit new ones that voters on both sides of the abortion issue support, including health and safety laws that protect women.

ALLOWS SECOND AND THIRD TRIMESTER ABORTIONS

Though not defined in the amendment, "viability" is defined in Florida law as the stage of development when the life of a fetus is sustainable outside the womb (Ch. 390.011(15)), generally accepted to be 22-24 weeks of pregnancy, or about 6 months.

CREATES A BROAD "HEALTH" LOOPHOLE

"Patient's health" is not defined in the amendment, allowing post-viability, extremely late-term abortions for treatable, temporary health concerns. Emotional health would justify an abortion when a child could survive outside the womb.

WEAKENS MEDICAL DOCTOR REQUIREMENT

"Healthcare providers" – not just physicians – could determine if an abortion is "necessary" to protect the mother's "health." Even some employees of abortion clinics, such as nurses and counselors, could approve late-term abortions.

ELIMINATES PARENTAL CONSENT

While preserving parental *notification* in our state constitution (Article X, Section 22), the amendment would invalidate the current law that requires parental *consent* for a minor to have an abortion (Ch. 390.0114(5)), making abortion the only medical decision for which parents have no say.



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