



PATAPSCO KNIGHT

Supreme Chaplain's Message

IN THE SPIRIT of the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., is extraordinary. It is not only peaceful but also full of hope and joy. It is forward-looking as it seeks to create a culture of life and love. And while it draws people of all ages, the crowd tends to be young, including many millennials and young families. Standing in the crowd, you feel as though you're at a version of World Youth Day — filled with the conviction that human life is God's precious gift and that each person, from the moment of conception, is endowed by the Creator with inviolable dignity and, indeed, "a right to life."

When I attend the March for Life each January, I invariably catch a cold, but it's worth it. I come home with a renewed determination to resist what Pope Francis calls "the throwaway culture" and to foster genuine love and respect for human life, especially when it is defenseless.

I often ask myself what draws so many people to this event. What makes them travel great distances, spend sleepless nights on buses, and stand for hours on cold, soggy ground? Is it merely a political movement, or is it something more? The answer, I think, is that the Lord is at work in the minds and hearts of these good people and many more like them. The word for it has to be "conversion" — the Lord is converting minds and hearts to the Gospel of Life. And I would further offer that this process of conversion takes place within us on three levels — intellectual, moral and religious.

We commonly think of conversion solely as a religious experience, such as coming to faith in Christ or converting to Catholicism. Yet conversion has other meanings as well. In general, it is a change of direction in our lives that takes us beyond ourselves, beyond our limited point of view, beyond our purely personal interests — or, as Pope Francis would say, beyond our comfort zone. It is a shift that leads us to strive to be better, more authentic versions of ourselves.

Conversion is thus a common human experience. And as noted above, it often occurs on three levels in our lives. Let's look at all three to understand more deeply the ways in which people can be converted to the truth and beauty of the Gospel of Life.

First, intellectual conversion begins when we start asking questions and challenging assumptions. We begin to wonder whether what we had assumed to be true is in fact true. We question the rhetoric and hype that we hear and see.

Many people who once considered themselves avidly "pro-choice" arrived at a point in their lives when they started asking questions about arguments for abortion, leading them to ultimately change their minds. At a certain point, they took seriously the philosophical arguments and scientific evidence



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Supreme Chaplain

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advanced in favor of the humanity of the unborn child. For others, the breakthrough experience came when they actually saw an unborn child via an ultrasound machine. Indeed, this is the case for many as a result of the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative.

A change of mind often leads to a change in one’s actions, to moral conversion — to a different way of understanding, judging and acting. As a rule, people see themselves as reasonable and conscientious. When individuals take that view of themselves seriously, they may arrive at a point when they become uncomfortable making decisions and acting solely on the basis of what they think is in their best interest. They start thinking not only about their own problems, comfort or convenience. They start asking about what really matters, what is really important in life. In other words, they become concerned about virtues and values.

When people become convinced of the value of human life, they may be led to make difficult choices. Their newfound support for the cause of life may alienate friends and colleagues. A woman experiencing a difficult pregnancy may find the courage to bring her child to term in spite of her family’s opposition.

Even as individuals undergo intellectual and moral conversion, something deeper may be going on in the depths of their being — namely, a genuine religious conversion. After all, once life is understood as a precious gift, many are struck by the thought that God loves what he has made. From there, it is a short step to thank the Creator for the gift of life and, in so doing, to fall in love with him.

We are prompted to believe in, trust and worship the living God, thanking him for creating each person in his image; thanking him for sending his Son to assume and redeem our humanity; thanking him for calling us to friendship with himself.

Thus, intellectual convictions and moral choices in favor of life become surrounded by God’s grace and love. This experience transforms us deeply and fills our pro-life advocacy with genuine love of God and neighbor. We then become not only advocates for life but also witnesses to the God of love who created and redeemed us.

This, I think, explains the joy I experience each year when I take part in the March for Life. I hope you’ll experience that same joy!

January Events

Wednesday, January 10

Holy Family Icon Veneration 7:00 pm
Council Business Meeting 8:00 pm

Thursday, January 11

Beaumont Board Meeting 7:30 pm

Baltimore Chapter of Grand Knights
Father Burggraff Council #6021, 4110 1/2 Pine Hill Rd., Perry Hall 21128

Saturday, January 20

Free Throw Championship 1:00 pm
St. Mark School, Catonsville, MD

Wednesday, January 24

Officer Meeting 8:00 pm

Thursday, January 25

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Assembly Meeting
Stafford Hall, Catonsville, MD

Chaplain’s Message

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Brother Knights and Lovely Ladies,
Jesus is coming! Prepare the way of the Lord!

For this month’s reflection, I’d like to share you the monthly prayer from Catholic Relief Services, of which I am a Global Fellow.

Part of it based on the writings of St. Bernard of Clairvaux, a doctor of the Church, which says:

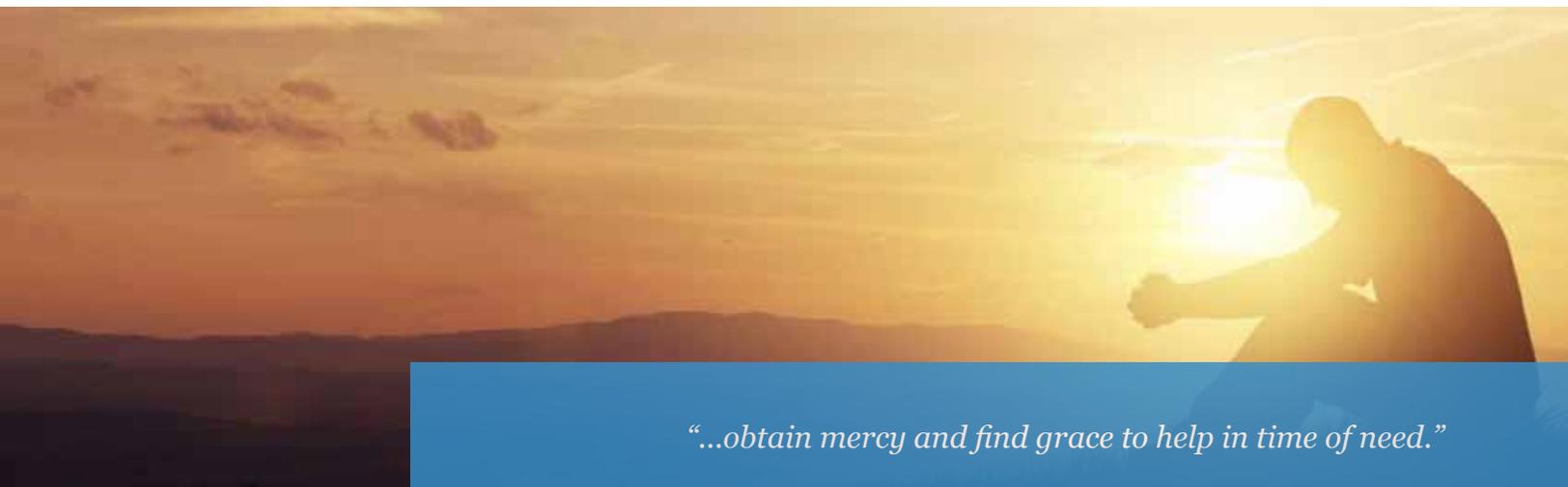
“We know that there are three comings of the Lord. The third lies between the other two. It is invisible, while the other two are visible.”

Lord of Our Longing,
We speak of your coming
Born of woman in the flesh, into time:
A time of violence and oppression
Of confusion and despair
In a period of antiquity.
And we speak of your coming again
Clothed in glory, crowned a king
At the end of days

In some unknown future.
But I am a child of the light
And even in this season of prayer and waiting
I know of a third coming:
Of you born anew each day into the human heart.
Not in some epoch of the past
Or prophecy of the future.
But in the here and now
Even as I call out to you.
In cries and whispers
In song and in tears
We speak your name and you are near
The embodiment of God’s love and mercy
Born into the cradle within us.
Growing in us and walking among us, even in the darkest places.
Be born anew, Lord!
Today and all days!
Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus, come!

Amen

May all of you have a safe, prayerful, and fruitful Advent and Christmas season. Take time to pray and spend time alone with Our Lord amid all of the hustle and bustle of the season. Experience the true reason for the season!



“...obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

Grand Knight’s Message

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Happy New Year to my brothers and their families. In your new year resolutions, have you included any that center around your faith? Reading, studying God’s word, praying more, attending more masses, arriving to masses earlier, witnessing more etc. If not, it is not too late to set one for the year. As you debate this extra Godly commitment, may you keep in mind how He has instructed us to come confidently to him with our requests. As it says in His word, Hebrews 4:16, “Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” With this bold approach to Him, you know He expects to provide for us.

Thank you for all you have done in the past month and continue to do for the future. I know our Council can’t be as great and worthwhile without your input and service. For those that want to do

more, please contact me or any of our Officers and inquire where we need help. There is much to do and we are blessed to have such a large council to spread the burdens across many.

Vivat Jesus!





Deputy Grand Knight's Message / Program Director's Report

Deputy Grand Knight John Journell

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Brothers,
I hope that everybody had a good Christmas and New Year's while braving the recent heat wave. There is much to be thankful for, and so much to look forward to. We are now in a new Calendar Year as we march forward to the 2019 Columbian Year, which just happens to include the 100th anniversary of our Council. This is really a very exciting time for our council. A Centennial Committee has been established – and any council member is free to join...it is not a closed group and one of our most recent brothers is a member providing valuable input – that is planning the Centennial Celebration Year, which will be Calendar Year 2019, starting with a Mass next year in January. We will be putting out notices as soon possible ahead of time as we know the dates so that you can schedule them in your personal calendar with, hopefully, no last minute surprises after you have already committed to something else.

Please provide any suggestions/recommendations to PGK Michael Doetzer, or PGK Ed Cogswell. It is incredible what has been dug up, so to speak, on our Council's history and you will be amazed at how historically significant our Council has been to both the Knights of Columbus and to the greater Catonsville community - and to Maryland. This is a great council you belong too, with deep roots that reach almost to the founding of the Knights of Columbus themselves. No member is too new, no member is too inactive, and no member is too old to participate in this historic phase of our Council's history and I know you will not want to be left out, and trust me, you won't.

The reports for the 2nd reporting period were submitted and we are now in the 3rd reporting period. This reporting period is important since we will be scrubbing the reports hard in order to polish them for the May Maryland State Convention in Ocean City. I ask all Activity Chairmen to get their reports in to me as soon as possible after their even...no later than two weeks would be ideal. Do your best, but do not worry about perfection. Just get them in so that we can start polishing them early. And please do not take offense as all reports get scrubbed. But the longer the lead time we have, the better we can polish them up for the judging committee.

May you all have a very happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus!





Brothers and Friends:

As we prepare to celebrate the instituting of Patapsco Council, we continue our search for Council Memorabilia.

Some of you have come forward with interesting things and let us tell you some of what we have found. The original minutes of when the Council was instituted survive and we see discussion of choosing the name of the Council.

The plans for the additions to the Council Home in the 1970s have been located. Awards and reports have been found to include many from the 1930s.

But our search continues for other materials and we hope you search around and send along a little note of what you may have.

PGK Ed Cogswell

Our Council's Centennial Celebrations committee meets each month. Please consider joining this committee and be a part of making this historic accomplishment great in our community. For more information, please contact Financial Secretary PGK Mike Doetzer at 443-695-8508.

Liberalism vs. Leftism

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Both liberalism and conservatism are rooted in the Judeo-Christian tradition. In the mid 60's I was proud to be part of the liberal Civil Rights movement. I stood with Dr. Martin Luther King and 200,000 like-minded people at The Washington Monument. Our numbers helped forge the historic Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Leftism, also called progressivism, is not part of our national tradition. It is rooted in Marxism. Its most pronounced feature is that it seeks to divide rather

than to unite. It seeks to provoke the class struggle. The most recent example is the NFL players strike. It has generated anger, sponsor cancellations, threats of boycott, but no answers. It is unlikely that it would ever generate answers because the defiant kneel downs are out of place at a sporting event.

The progressive movement (leftism) does not want to be linked to Marxism. So they try to claim to be part of our liberal movement. They are not. As new movements are forged ask yourself if their ultimate goal is unity or division. If division is their goal it is unlikely they are connected with either wing of our Judeo-Christian heritage.



Degree Team News

Brothers,
The degree team will be on the floor on the 17th of this month ! Guys, we need more members to join our fine team, we just gotta get more support to continue in our 18th year !

We also need to get busy and recruit many more members, we just gotta !

I know many of you care about the Knights and the council, but our backs are getting pushed to the wall, come on get going !

Many Thanks,

Tony Viscardi

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Knights Out Inn Specials

*January 5
Pork Chops*

*January 12
Seafood Platter*

*January 19
Fried Chicken*

*January 26
Liver & Onions*

*February 2
Chicken Pot Pies*

In addition to our specials, we serve a regular menu of crab cakes, chicken tenders, shrimp salad, fried shrimp, cheese steak subs, and rib eye steaks. All meals are served with delicious sides and salads.

Please come and join us for a great evening of fraternity and family fun.

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Seeking a Chancellor

Patapsco Council is seeking a Chancellor. The duties are:

- 1) Advising the Council members of rosaries for the deceased
- 2) Managing the RSVP program for vocations.
- 3) Acting as third in line for the Grand Knight

If you are willing to serve the Council in this role, please contact Grand Knight Bernie Wrisk at bwriskgk1960@gmail.com.

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Free Throw Championship

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Patapsco Council, Catonsville, MD



Saturday, January 20th, 2018

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.*

**Prizes
for all
boys &
girls.**

**Boys and
Girls ages
9 -14* may
enter.
*Age as of
1/1/2018.**

**Winners for
Boys and
Girls in
each age
group!**



**Contest will be
held in the St
Mark "old" Gym
under church.**

**Each contestant
gets 3 warm up
shots and 15
free throws!**

Winners will advance to the District Level Free Throw Championship on January 27th.
At same location from 1 - 3:00pm.

(*participants may arrive *any time* between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. and are free to
leave when they are finished their free throw shots)

Questions? Please contact Paul Buckley at 703-859-5194 or Scott Fridley at 410-
428-4946. In case of inclement weather the make up date for Jan 20 is Jan 27

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State Deputy's Report

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My Brothers All,
In November, we honored those members and their Ladies who went to their eternal reward during the last year. Many thanks to all those who helped with the planning and execution of our Annual Memorial Mass.

On December 5, 2017, The State Officers along with Archbishop Lori handed out Coats for Kids at Saint Peter Claver Church in Baltimore City. This annual event gives us the chance to reach out to the peripheries and make sure those that might not have a winter coat to receive a new one. This year many Councils participated in Coats for Kids throughout the State. All three Chapters helped with this very

worthwhile program. As soon as all the figures are in we will present them to you.

Now is the time to start to pull together all the numbers for your Council's Annual Fraternal Survey. This is where you show the Charitable Outreach efforts of your council for the last year. It is important that all councils submit this report. You will be reminded by the State, Your District Deputy and your Grand Knight to get those numbers in.

The Supreme Convention in August is not that far away. The Committee has been hard at work getting everything ready to showcase Baltimore at this year's convention. Volunteers are needed to help

before and during the convention. Please contact Jack Giacalone to sign up.

I look forward to seeing all of the Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights at the Mid term Meeting on January 6, at Columbus Gardens. This will be a day of new and exciting information, as it pertains to our Order. Make you plans now to attend.

Even though it is winter, our goals must still be in the forefront. Remember our mantra. It is not I, it is we; it is one goal, and it is our goal; and that is for this to be our best year ever.

Vivat Jesus – We are Advocates of the Lord.



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We believe in the power of prayer! Please join us in praying for the following people:

Mary Lou Young

The George Keys family

Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our Order. Keep us true to our pledge, to extend the kingship of thy divine son on earth. Through Thine intercession, win for us the grace, ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues that should characterize those especially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware that as your Knights, we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our Order appreciated. Accept, O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion, of Thy Servants, the Knights of Columbus.

If you have any prayer intentions for someone in your family, please contact DGK John Journell to get the person's name included in our prayers. You may also fill out a prayer request form on our Council website.



Supreme Council News

THE TEACHINGS OF HUMANAE VITAE AND ADVANCEMENTS IN THE SCIENCE OF FERTILITY CAN HELP US BUILD A CULTURE OF LIFE

by *Supreme Knight*
Carl A. Anderson

AS WE PREPARE to observe the 45th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision, another anniversary comes to mind. July will mark 50 years since Blessed Pope Paul VI's 1968 encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, on the regulation of birth.

The legacies of both are related to extraordinary scientific advances that opened up new technological means to control the transmission of human life.

When the Supreme Court revisited *Roe* in the 1992 *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* decision, the 5-4 majority argued that *Roe* could not be overturned because, for two decades, people had made choices about their lives and intimate relationships "in reliance on the availability of abortion in the event that contraception should fail."

Pope Paul had a very different response to such challenges — one that has been described as

"Christian personalism." In *Humanae Vitae*, he wrote this about married love: "Husband and wife become in a way one heart and one soul, and together attain their human fulfillment. It is a love that is total. ... Whoever really loves his partner loves not only for what he receives, but loves that partner for the partner's sake" (9).

Humanae Vitae proclaims that each person is worthy to be loved and respected for his own sake and possesses a dignity that is inviolable. This proclamation is more necessary today than ever as scientific experiments in areas such as artificial intelligence, robotics and genetic manipulation push past boundaries of even the most imaginative science fiction writers.

Pope Francis, in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, wrote this: "The acceptance of our bodies as God's gift is vital for welcoming and accepting the entire world as a gift from the Father and our common home, whereas thinking that we enjoy absolute power over our own bodies turns, often subtly, into thinking that we enjoy absolute power over creation" (155).

Science and technology will confront us with new questions about what it means to be human. And the answers will be increasingly difficult as the

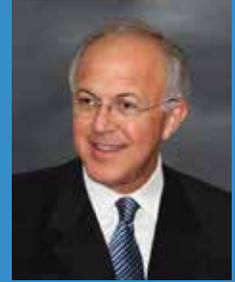
line between reality and virtual reality is blurred.

Today, as in 1968, *Humanae Vitae* is an important part of the Church's response. Unfortunately, some will use the occasion of the anniversary to reignite old controversies, but this approach will miss its enduring value.

St. John Paul II promoted *Humanae Vitae*, though he thought that further explanation was needed for its teachings to gain wider acceptance. That is one reason why he developed a "theology of the body," and why he devoted so much time to it.

But already in 1968, natural family planning advocates such as my friends Drs. John and Evelyn Billings welcomed *Humanae Vitae* and supported its teaching with a natural method of fertility management now known as the Billings Ovulation Method.

Just last year, the European Union certified a new mobile app that uses an algorithm developed by a Nobel Prizewinning physicist to measure a woman's body temperature to accurately predict ovulation. According to one English news source, the app, known as *Natural Cycles*, "could spell the end for hormonal and intrusive birth control measures."



Such a result would come not a moment too soon. The World Health Organization has classified estrogen-progestogen oral contraceptives as Group 1 carcinogens. That means they are known to be carcinogenic for women, increasing their risk of liver, cervical and breast cancer.

Natural family planning methods encourage women to better understand the delicate natural processes of their bodies. They encourage better communication and respect between husbands and wives.

Perhaps this new "science" of the body will enable a new generation of Catholic spouses to live an authentic theology of the body in their marriages and will help the world rediscover the dignity of human life and love.

Vivat Jesus!

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LOYOLA RETREAT HOUSE

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The Piscataway Indians once roamed the majestic shoreline here. A drop from the ledge beyond the cupola may be higher than some sky scrapers. I've seen silver winged eagles just beyond my reach and frightened deer careening through a 200 acre forest. But it's not for the natural splendor we have come.

Sometimes God speaks with a still small voice. At Loyola Retreat House on the mouth of the Potomac this happens often. Everyone is asked to be silent after the first meal. It's hard to hear God speak when someone else is speaking.

The Retreat is whatever you want it to be. Our Jesuit instructors are always creative but never exceed Catholic boundaries. Attend every spiritual talk if you choose or spend the weekend alone in your room. As long as you show up for Sunday Mass, it's up to you.

For a registration form, email Tim McCarthy at worthywarden7@gmail.com or call him at 443-610-7584.

The retreat will take place February 23-25, 2018.





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Pre-Convention Activities

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