

SANTA MARIA

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Grand Knight's Corner

**HAPPY 70th ANNIVERSARY on OCTOBER 29
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FAIRBORN COUNCIL 3724**

I am very proud and honored to be your Grand Knight and Brother during this 70th Anniversary milestone year. Fairborn Council 3724 has had a tremendous history and has made so many amazing achievements over the past 70 years. One only needs to walk down our hallway of our walls of honors to get a clear picture of our Council's accomplishments and achievements over the past 70 years.

There is the Star Council Award which recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance, programming, and overall operations. Earning a Star Award is the marker of a high performing Knights of Columbus Council and the goal to which our Council strives. There is the Colombian Award which recognizes excellence in our Council's programming and charitable outreach in Faith, Family, Community, and Life categories. There is the Father McGivney Award which recognizes excellence in our Council's membership growth. There is the Founders' Award which recognizes excellence in the promotion of our insurance and fraternal benefits.

Our hallway walls of honors reflect these awards and many other awards too numerous to mention, thus showing we are committed to our core values of excellence, integrity, professionalism and respect. Our meeting room, as well, is covered with plaques and awards our Brother Knights have earned over these past 70 years, Knight of the Month, Family of the Month, Knight of the Year, Family of the Year and others.

Our Past Grand Knights' pictures are displayed in honor of their leadership and dedication to our Council. Sixty-three pictures of our Past Grand Knights are displayed on the wall. Some served more than one term. Seeing this group of outstanding men, moves me to follow their leadership and to thrive to be the best leader I possible can. From day one of our Council's beginning in 1953 to now, our 70th year, these men have led our Council with precision and expertise, as reflected in our awards, achievements and a long, successful history, and they made our Council what it is today.



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Grand Knight's Column (cont.)

Happy 70th Anniversary, Brothers! Thank you for making our Council what it is today and working together in the future to continue our Council's outstanding legacy. Hope to see you at our Council's 70th Anniversary Celebration Cookout with families on Thursday, October 12th, 5:00 - 7:00 pm, at our Council's Hall. A Rosary will be prayed at 7:00 pm and our Business Meeting will be held at 7:30 pm.

Vivat Jesus, Don

Family of the Month for September 2023 is PGK Steve Wal, his wife, Pat, and their three sons, Brother Knights Cory, Jeremy and Andrew. The Wal family outstandingly ran our Council's Memorial Golf Outing again this year, where they honored thirty-one Brother Knights who used the game of golf to foster unity and brotherhood. In addition, Pat and sons provide transportation for Steve, our Worthy Advocate and Lounge Manager. This is a one hour drive, round trip, from their home to the Council's Hall. As Lounge Manager, Steve cooks, cleans, tends bar, shops for snacks, food and beverages, sets up and tears down for events and goes out of his way to make sure his Brother Knights and their guests have a great time. The family also assists Steve with events. Thank you and Congratulations to the Wal Family, The Family of the Month for September 2023!

Knight of the Month for September 2023 is PGK Frank P. Carchedi. Frank has been in the Knights of Columbus Council 3724 for 53 years! He is a 4th Degree Knight, was Grand Knight twice, a former District Deputy, five time recipient of The Knight of the Year Award, a ten time recipient of The Knight of the Month Award, a three time recipient of The Family of the Month Award. Under my term as Grand Knight, Frank has participated in every event and activity, without question. 4th of July Parade and Picnic, Mary, Help of Christians Festival, Fairborn Sweet Corn Festival, BINGO, including work on BINGO counters, Server at Mass and Funerals, Memorial Golf Outing, Wright State University's Welcome Back Picnic at WSU's Catholic Campus Ministry, Key Member of our Council's Kitchen Crew, Council's Home Corporation monthly Work Parties and Tuesday morning weekly Work Parties. Frank attends every Business meeting and you can find him in the Lounge every Thursday night socializing with his Brother Knights. Thank you and Congratulations PGK Frank P. Carchedi, The Knight of the Month for September 2023!!



PRAY THE ROSARY AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN,
PLEASE COME EARLY TO THE BUSINESS
MEETING (7 PM) AND PRAY THE ROSARY WITH
YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS.





Father Alex Biryomumeisho

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Thank you for your prayers during my retreat last week! Welcome to October, the month of the Rosary. I like to call it “The Gospel on a string,” because we meditate on Jesus in the Gospels. Moreover, the Rosary is an excellent way to participate in the 54-day novena for Ohio. I invite you to pray the Rosary with your family. Begin small with just one decade, if you need to, and grow it from there. Today is Respect Life Sunday. Hopefully, this year, it has special meaning for all of us as we mobilize the faithful to vote NO on Issue 1. By the way, early voting begins Oct. 11. The protection of innocent human life in Ohio is in our hands. Since it is a proposal to change the constitution, put to a vote of the people, every one of us over the age of 18 is now a de facto legislator. We will choose if parents can fulfill their vocations of guiding their children or if a stranger, who could bring grave harm, will do it. Will the innocent unborn get to have a birthday or not? In the past, we could assume the people we elected to make laws and execute them would do so to the best of their ability. When they failed, it was their sin. This time, we cannot blame the people in office for failing. It’s on us. Sometimes we use the Confiteor at the beginning of Mass. We ask forgiveness for what we have done and what we have failed to do. This is the occasional reminder of the reality of the sin of omission. Hopefully we all agree that voting for death instead of life on Nov. 7 would be a moral evil. But now we even have the opportunity to notice the sin of omitting the good of saving life. In the past we might have avoided voting because we discerned the candidates were all bums. But this time it is directly up to us. In my estimation, as pastor of souls, not acting on a clear opportunity to limit evil would be a sin of omission. Beyond that, we can prayerfully discern the level to which we will be active in giving a voice to the voiceless. Everyone deserves a birthday. Vote No on Issue 1. Because of all this, I invite you to join me 2-3 p.m. today for Life Chain in front of the abortion facility at E. Stroop and Vineyard in a vigil of quiet prayer. I also invite you to join me at Ohio’s March for Life this Friday. Our group will celebrate Mass at 7 a.m. at St. Luke and then bus our way to the state capital for the March. Thanks again for your prayers. Be assured of my daily prayers for you.

God Bless, Fr. Bedel

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S CORNER

The Fraternal Year's Membership Drive for Mary, Help of Christians is now in the history books! Please welcome dad and son combo, Zigmunt (Ziggy) Koslowski III and Zigmunt Koslowski IV, as well as Stephen Kosey, who transferred to our Council from the WSU Council. We now have three new and fully exemplified brothers toward our membership goal of 14. We still have one new member who has not yet completed the CUF exemplification. Brother (and you know who you are), if you are reading this, it's time to "get on the stick!" We need you!

Thanks to all the brothers--especially FA Rob Hernandez who was at both Masses--who gave up their precious time to help with the drive. I also wish to give a big "thank you" to Father Michael Halloran and Father Patrick Blenman for their comments from the pulpit, and to Administrative Assistant, Julie Sewell, who really went all-out this year to help make our drive a success! The extra displays and the flyer Julie placed in the bulletin—which was totally unsolicited—were all eye-catching.

The next Membership Drive will be at Our Lady Queen of Peace (WPAFB Chapel) the weekend of 7 and 8 October. Please pray for the success of that drive!

Don't forget to add Join Us | Knights of Columbus (kofc.org) as an app to your cell phone. It's a lot easier to sign someone up and get information to him immediately. Remember, all online member applications with the Promo Code RHERNANDEZ (the code from our K of C Insurance Representative) will receive twelve months of online membership free. You can also use the promo code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY.

Name Tags: GOOD NEWS! If you are one who has a hard time remembering to wear your name tag at the monthly business meetings, take heart! We now have a magnetic dry erase board for you to leave your name tag after the meeting and then pick it up at the next meeting. The board will be prominently displayed on a tripod in the hallway close to Council Chambers. You'll never have to "worry" about being fully dressed again! Of course, if you need a new Council 3724 and/or Fourth Degree name tag, see me, Brother Mark Dues, or Brother Herb Edwards at the next business meeting. The cost per tag is \$5.00.

This Month's Personal Goal: I will familiarize myself with the steps for completing an online application to become a Knight of Columbus.

Here is the link to the step-by-step process (CTRL + Click on the link). [1a871a1a-64bb-4f8f-8a30-840e4651b85a.pdf \(constantcontact.com\)](https://www.constantcontact.com/1a871a1a-64bb-4f8f-8a30-840e4651b85a.pdf)



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OCTOBER TIDBITS

October's full moon, called the Hunter's Moon, appears on October 28. It is believed that this name originates from the fact that it was a signal for hunters to prepare for the upcoming cold winter by going hunting.

The October flowers are the Marigolds and the Cosmos. Marigolds, known for their bright colors and strong odor, is a shortening of "Mary's gold." It is said to have been named for the Virgin Mary. The Marigolds have been linked to optimism and prosperity, cheer and joy, love and strong emotions, wealth and success. The Cosmos bloom in a number of colors, from orange, red, and yellow to pink, purple, and white. The Cosmos is a symbol of order and balance, peace and innocence. They represent luck and have many medicinal purposes.

The October birthstones are the Opal and the Tourmaline. Most Opals are valued for their shifting colors in rainbow hues – a phenomenon known as "play-of-color." This dramatic play-of-color has inspired writers to compare it to fireworks, galaxies and volcanoes. Tourmaline is the newer October birthstone. The name means "stone with mixed colors," because it often has multiple colors in one stone.

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7. "Our Lady of the Rosary, you entrusted this holy prayer to Saint Dominic, and through him to the world. You are always attentive to the prayers of the Rosary and never fail to pour forth God's grace in response. Please pray for me, that I will more deeply comprehend the power of the Rosary and will never fail in my duty to pray it every day. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen"

Happy Birthday to Our Brother Knights Born in October!

Luke Champagne	Patrick Schuman	Calvin Smith Jr	Matthew Peter Weeks
Paul F Herchenbach	John Regino Erbacher	David H Gothard	Richard Lach
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PGK Francis J Minnick	Donald Ward	Thomas E Wilkins	Riley L Mason
John M Corcoran	PGK John A Wolfe	Luke Downing	Herbert H Edwards
Andrew S Wal			

Home Corporation

Keep an eye out for activity alerts around the last week of the month for HC work parties. Come out and help, no experience necessary and training is provided. Many hands make light the work. The Home Corp raffle which is HCs only fundraiser is underway, Tickets are \$10 ea, and there are 3 prizes per month, \$40, \$25, and \$10. Only 200 tickets were printed. Tickets will be drawn every 3rd Thursday until May. Each ticket drawn goes back in the barrel for subsequent draws. See HC President PGK Frank Minnick to purchase a ticket.

2023 Football Frenzy

My brother knights, Wow what a year!!! To date 3724 has sold 188 tickets which puts us in the neighborhood of \$1,600.00 for a rebate and exceeds the 100% per capital credit mark. Thank you all for your support. The Football Frenzy involves the last 10 weeks of games played this season – games that will be played between late October through December/January. Donation is \$20.00 per ticket. The turn in deadline for the full season of games is Nov 2, 2023. Late turn in will be allowed up to Dec 31, 2023, however any tickets turned in after Nov 2 only count for the remaining games and are not retroactive. Tickets can be picked up and turned in at the council hall any Thursday night. Please make checks payable to: **K of C 3724**

Tickets can also be mailed to: Gene Erbacher, PGK
1442 Wedgewood Dr.
Fairborn, OH. 45324

Return of the Family Rosary Rally

The Dayton Area Family Rosary Rally, sponsored by Roses for Mary, the Dayton Area Knights of Columbus and your Council, will return on Sunday October 28th from 2:00-3:30. This year it will be held at Emmanuel Catholic Church. We encourage all attendees to bring their families to join together as we pray the Holy Rosary. During the Rosary Rally everyone will lay their “intention” roses at the foot of the Blessed Mother statue. If you’ve never experienced this event before, please consider taking this opportunity to attend. The event is free.

As Father Patrick Peyton said, “The Family that Prays together - Stays Together.”

Parish Breakfast

Our October breakfast will be held on Sunday, October 8. We will start serving in the Parish Center Cafeteria at 9:30 am and will continue until 11:00 am. We will be featuring our same popular menus of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, hash browns, toast, omelets made to order, biscuits and gravy. You’ll get all this for \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 10. Come and join your fellow Knights and Parishioners for some good food and even better company!

K of C / MHC Blood Drive

Mark your calendars and sign up to give blood in the Parish Center on Saturday, November 11 from 9 AM to 12:30 PM. You can sign up on the Community Blood Center web site or call them at 937-461-3220. It is quick and easy. Please consider giving the gift of life! Did you know the Community Blood Center or CBC is now called Solvita? Sol means “Sun” - a bright new day, a light at the end of the tunnel, and the promise of tomorrow through the gift of donation. Vita meaning “Life” - the focus of our overall purpose – creating, extending, and enhancing lives.

Novena for Life

Council 3724's Novena for Life Program concluded on September 18. The kick off on September 9th was held at our Nationally recognized Mary Shrine after the 4:00 pm Mass and was lead by Fairborn Council 3724 and Daughters of Isabella, Marian Circle 911. There were 10 brother knights, and their families along with 6 Daughters and 15 members of the parish in attendance, praying the Rosary for Life. 8 brother knights and their families signed the commitment sheet to pray the Novena prayer during the 9 days of the program. Thank you for your support in this valuable program.

70th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COOKOUT WITH FAMILIES

Our very own Knights of Columbus Council 3724 will celebrate its 70th Anniversary this month (1953-2023) with a Cookout for our families on Thursday, October 12, 5:00-7:00 p.m. in our Council's Hall. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, sides, drinks and all the fixings will be provided. And, there will be something special for dessert! You won't want to miss our 70th Anniversary Celebration! Afterwards, we'll pray the Rosary at 7:00 pm followed by our Business Meeting at 7:30 pm.

On Monday, October 30, at Mary, Help of Christians Church, the 9:00 am Mass will be dedicated to our Knights of Columbus Council 3724 in honor of our 70th Anniversary on October 29. Please join us at the 9:00 am Mass on Monday, October 30, as we pray together in honor of our Council's 70th Anniversary.

CORPORATE COMMUNION

October is a month with a fifth Sunday so there will be a Corporate Communion at Our Lady Queen of Peace on the last Saturday, October 28th, 4:30 pm for Rosary followed by 5:00 pm Mass and at Mary, Help of Christians on the last Sunday, October 29, 8:00 am for Rosary followed by 8:30 am Mass.

Mary Help of Christians / Knights of Columbus Men of Faith Fellowship

Needing encouragement or an opportunity to share with other men of faith – men of like mind and heart? Our Men of Faith fellowship meets twice monthly to do just that! Join us at St Francis Hall from 8 – 9 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month. Come at 7:30 a.m. for bagels and fair-trade coffee. We then gather to sing, pray, read and discuss Sunday scripture readings from 8-9 a.m. Come join us! You will be affirmed and encouraged in your walk with our Lord Jesus Christ and be blessed by fellowship with other ‘Men of Faith’.

Financial Advisory Board Fraternal Year 2023-2024

Grand Knight: Don Shepherd
Deputy Grand Knight: Tom Pitstick
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Council Treasurer: Larry DeWitt
Home Corp President: PGK Frank Minnick
Home Corp Treasurer: PGK Herman Karhoff
1 Year Member At Large: Steve Glass
2 Year Member At Large: PGK Gene Erbacher

The next FAB meeting will be on November 30, 2023 at 6:30PM.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FATHER ALEX AND SEMINARIAN NAM MAC

At the September 14th business meeting, brother Knights signed birthday cards for our past seminarian, Father Alex, and our current seminarian, Nam Mac. Father Alex’s birthday was September 30th, and Nam’s birthday is October 8th. A group of Brother Knights will meet Father Alex on Friday, September 29th at a restaurant in Cincinnati to celebrate his birthday.

LECTURER SESSION

On Thursday September 28th, Bro Knight Herb Edwards gave a talk on the Statue of the Infant Jesus of Prague and its importance to our shared faith. The talk was well attended by Herb’s brother knights many of whom brought their families to listen. If you missed the talk you missed a gem but here is a small summary.

The Infant Jesus Of Prague

“The more you honor Me, the more I will bless you”

Special devotion to the Divine Child originated with the Carmelites in the city of Prague, Bohemia, in the beginning of the seventeenth century. Princess Polyxenia of Lobkowitz had received as a wedding gift from her mother a statue of the Divine Child, previously brought from Spain. It was a small statue, just nineteen inches tall, made of wood, wax, and cloth. It represented the infant Jesus dressed in royal robes and wearing a king’s crown.

After the death of her husband, the princess devoted herself to works of charity and was particularly helpful to the Carmelites in Prague. In 1628, when the Carmelite Monastery had been reduced to poverty, owing to the ravages of war, the princess gave her precious statue to the Carmelites, saying, “I give you what I prize most highly in the world; honor and respect the Child Jesus and you shall never be in want.” Her gift was placed in the Carmelite oratory. The words of the princess proved prophetic, for as long as the Carmelites kept up their devotion to the Divine Infant of Prague, everything prospered with them.

The Carmelites were later forced to flee from the city, and in the confusion of the war, they were unable to take with them their miraculous statue. The invaders seized it and threw it into a pile of rubbish. In 1635, peace came to Prague and the Carmelites returned. One of them, Father Cyril, who had previously received great spiritual help through his devotion to the Infant of Prague, sought the statue and found it amidst the rubbish.

Overjoyed, he again placed the statue in the oratory. Father Cyril knelt in prayer before the small statue. Gazing upon the simple statue of the Child Jesus, he contemplated the most marvelous even in the history of the world, the Incarnation. He was filled with awe and wonder as he prayed to the God who became a child because of his love for us. Suddenly, the statue spoke to him. Father Cyril was stunned as he heard these words of promise:

HAVE MERCY ON ME AND I WILL HAVE MERCY ON YOU.
GIVE ME HANDS AND I WILL GIVE YOU PEACE.
THE MORE YOU HONOR ME, THE MORE I WILL BLESS YOU

Startled by these words, Father Cyril examined the statue, and upon drawing aside the mantle covering it, he found that both hands of the statue were broken off. The hands were later restored to the statue through the generosity of a devotee of the Divine Child. St. Therese, the Little Flower, was also a most fervent venerator. For more than three centuries, this promise has inspired a worldwide devotion to the Miraculous Infant Jesus of Prague. The original statue is still preserved in the church of St. Mary of Victory in Prague. Today, replicas and models of the small statue are honored in every part of the world. The list of blessings attributed by devotees of the Infant Jesus is endless: health restored, financial problems solved, gifts of peace of mind and soul, and innumerable healings, both physical and spiritual. God has been astonishingly generous in blessing those who have been devoted to his Infant Son.



FAIRBORN COUNCIL 3724 COMMUNITY IMPACTS

Fairborn Council 3724 once again supported and participated in the annual Family and Youth Initiatives (FYI) Harvesting Hope fundraiser event on September 21. Almost 100 community leaders, residents and K of C members helped raise over \$15,000 for the FYI Mission, "Empowering Families/Providing Hope". FYI has numerous programs offered in 7 counties (Clark, Champaign, Greene, Logan, Madison, Montgomery & Shelby), used to enable families and youth to make better choices, and to help create communities of endless opportunities. The beautiful king size quilt, created by and donated by Brother Percy Gros' daughter, Kim Gros, was won by Jim Tipton. Fairborn Council and FYI leadership once again extends the appreciation and thanks to the Knights for making the FYI Harvesting Hope event a huge success.

FALL REVERSE RAFFLE

Your Knights of Columbus Council's annual Fall Reverse Raffle will be on October 21st. Doors open at 5:00. The first ticket out will be at 6:00. Tickets are \$40 which covers 2 adults admission, heavy hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks and a chance to win prizes. A cash bar will be available. No one under the age of 18 is permitted to attend. The first ticket drawn wins \$100, last ticket drawn wins \$2250. Additional prizes will be awarded throughout the drawing. You need not be present to win. For tickets call PGK Frank Minnick @ 937-522-0866 or email FMINN@aol.com or any of our members PGK Jim McCoy @ 937-879-3570 or any of our members. You can also purchase tickets by mail. Just send a check for \$40 per ticket to us and we will send your stub back to you. You can send it to:

K of C 3724 Reverse Raffle
Attn Frank Minnick
934 N Maple Avenue
Fairborn, Ohio 45324

Please Make Checks payable to: Fairborn K of C 3724

St. Michael the Archangel:

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

October Events

October 1	Blessing of the Animals	October 4	K of C Bingo
October 5	Trustees Meeting	October 7&8	OLQP Membership Drive
October 8	K of C Breakfast	October 9	K of C 4th Degree Meeting
October 11	K of C Bingo	October 12	K of C Business Meeting
October 12	K of C 70th Anniversary Fam Cookout	October 18	K of C Bingo
October 19	Home Corp Meeting	October 21	Reverse Raffle
October 25	K of C Bingo	October 26	Lecturer Mtg. or 1st Degree
October 28	Home Corp Work Party	October 28	Family Rosary Rally
October 28	Corporate Communion at OLQP		
October 29	Corporate Communion at MHC		
October 29	Council's 70th Anniversary		
October 30	Mass Intention at MHC for Council's 70th Anniversary		

INSURANCE CORNER

Four parts of retirement: Phase Two



In a previous article, I discussed protection and how Knights of Columbus products can provide it for you and your wife in your retirement years. The next phase of retirement is accumulation of cash. Those life insurance policies you purchased, if they are permanent plans, carry a savings element that helps with accumulation of wealth. Another good option is a Knights of Columbus retirement plan or annuity with a guaranteed interest rate. After basic protection, you spend your working life preparing not to work, for the day the paychecks stop. Factor in here also your pensions, government benefits and other savings you've acquired over the years. Some experts will tell you that you should prepare for retirement with a plan that calls for 70% of the income you had pre-retirement.

Consider this: what are you giving up that translates to 30% of your income? You still have to eat, you will travel more (going to see the grandchildren), taxes need to be paid, and on and on. Be careful of that 70% arbitrary rule. You might need 80% or even 90%. I can help you build a plan to reach your goals. Give me a call.

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HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Health and Healing requests are entered into the council's prayer book prior to the business meeting. If you can't make a meeting and have a name you wish to include in the Santa Maria prayer intentions, please call the council hall and leave a message or send an email to Santamaria @3724kofc.org

Rest of the Souls:

PGK John Whytal, Cathy Latham

Health and Healing:

PGK Jim McCoy, PGK Russell Milliron, PGK Frank Carchedi, PGK Herman & Martha Karhoff, GK Don and Teri Shepherd, Charlie Lumppp, John Martin, Dave Banazak, John Young, Bob Goecke, Ray and Regina Daley, Pat Schuman, Brenda Whytal, Rose Yosick, Linda Gruden, Lisa Caldwell, Emily Caldwell, Kim Sees, Joe and Paul Koegle, Rosalie Sloat, Cathy Rigel, Mary Dewitt, Mary Alice Paxson, Kathy Thomson, Cathy Lumppp, Steve Paulsen, Alicia DeWitt, Paul David Avery, Jr., Charles Zeller, Jason Hake, Maureen Edwards, Jon Edwards, Ponzi Swett, Marilyn Dues, Kim & Anna Gros, Pat Riegle, Betty Destout, Harley Paxson, Anna Lou Nava, Jordan Clemment, Kathy Justice, Lucy Ragazine (sister of Fr. Ambrose), Alicia DeWitt and children of recent migrant influx to the area.

PRAYER FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

Lord, look upon me with eyes of mercy, may Your healing hand rest upon me, may Your lifegiving powers flow into every cell of my body and into the depths of my soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness and strength for service in Your Kingdom. Amen.



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August 12, 2023

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On November 7, 2023, Ohioans will have the opportunity to demonstrate how our state views the sacredness of life and the dignity of women. On the November ballot will be a proposed amendment (deceptively named “The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety”) to the Ohio Constitution that would enshrine the “right” to take the lives of innocent children in the womb while harming women and families in the process.

An expectant mother of any age can face many challenges, including lack of support from the father, financial strains, concerns about her own health and that of her child, and pressures from family and friends. Every woman, regardless of circumstances, should be able to depend upon a community of support. That is why Catholic social service agencies, in collaboration with many other faith-based and secular organizations, assist pregnant women in need with material resources and personal accompaniment, both during pregnancy and after their child is born.

By contrast, the proposed amendment does none of that. If enacted, it would amend the Constitution of Ohio to effectively:

- **Put women at risk.** This amendment would enable elimination of some of the most basic, fundamental safety regulations on abortion clinics, including the current requirement for an abortion to be performed by a licensed physician.
- **Threaten parental rights.** The vague language in the amendment opens the door to anyone under 18 having an abortion, or even beginning cross-sex hormone treatment, without parental consent or notification.
- **Allow abortion through 9 months of pregnancy.** The amendment provides caveats such that a healthy, fully-formed infant in the womb who otherwise could be delivered with no issues would still be a candidate for a surgical dismemberment abortion.

We must reject this extraordinary and dangerous attempt to radically reshape Ohio through a constitutional amendment that does nothing to aid women or promote life.

The amendment’s supporters will claim that its passage is necessary to preserve medical treatment for women who experience miscarriages or ectopic pregnancies. This is not true. No Ohio laws – or the laws of any U.S. state, for that matter – prevent such treatment. Hospitals, including Catholic hospitals, and physicians have always provided comprehensive miscarriage care, and will continue to do so regardless of the outcome of this vote.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH

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Some may insist that the Catholic Church should not be involved in politics. However, the defense of life and care for women compels our participation in this critical moral issue. As Catholics, we are morally obliged to uphold the dignity of life of all vulnerable humans – immigrants, the poor, preborn children. We cannot remain silent on a direct ballot question like the one in November. The Church must not remain on the sidelines when confronted with such a clear threat to human life and dignity and the primacy of the family.

Ohio does not need a constitutional amendment that only perpetuates violence and a culture of death. I urge Catholics and all people of goodwill to pray earnestly for the defeat of this extreme amendment; to educate yourselves and your family and friends about the dangers of the proposed amendment; and to vote NO on November 7. Beyond that, we must continue our commitment to caring for women, children and families.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of our Lord and Savior, and St. Joseph, protector of the family, intercede for Ohio and its families in the weeks ahead.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr
Archbishop of Cincinnati

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November Preview

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| Trustees Meeting | Business Meeting |
| 4th Degree Meeting | Home Corporation Meeting |
| HC Work Party | FAB Meeting |
| PGK Meeting | Bingo |
| K of C Breakfast | Christmas Bazaar |
| Breakfast for Christmas Bazaar | Blood Drive |
| Memorial Mass | Thanksgiving |

BUSINESS MEETING ATTENDANCE

The 2nd Thursday on each month, we pray the Rosary at 7:00 pm which is followed by our business Meeting. Please attend, stay after the meeting and socialize with your brother knights. Every Thurs there's a Pot-of-Gold drawing. Entry fee is 50 cents and you are required to sign your name in "The Book". At 10:00 pm on the meeting night and at 9:30 pm on the other Thursdays there's a random drawing from our membership pool. The name of the winner drawn wins the Pot-of-Gold if they completed the entry requirements.



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PGK Frank Carchedi



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