



July 2017

NEWS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. LOUIS COUNCIL 3335



Two knights lead the procession from St. Mary's School to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption in Marietta to honor Mary at the Solemn Mass and Reconsecration of the Diocese of Steubenville to her Immaculate Heart. Bishop Jeffrey Monforton presided. It was all so beautiful. This joyful reconsecration happened to coincide with the centennial celebration of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in which she asked that the Pope in union with the bishops of the world consecrate Russia and the world to her Immaculate Heart. It was very disappointing that so few 4th Degree Knights responded to process in regalia on such a momentous occasion.....only an old man and a newly minted 4th degree. Behind us was an enthusiastic group from the Carrollton Council with their banner. We joked: "We're part of Mary's Army.....old, but still tough". Our grand knight DJ Stapleton was there with his two boys and holding Baby Filomena while taking these pictures. Also participating were our brother knights Mike Stapleton and John-Paul Sebastian. Not letting anything keep him down, Fr. Tom was there to concelebrate the Mass with the Bishop. It was such a privilege for us to participate. When the Diocese of Steubenville was first organized in 1946, Bishop John Mussio presided at the first consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our thanks to brother knight Joseph Schmidt and Sister Mary Brigid Callan for organizing the procession.

The Prayer of Reconsecration of the Diocese of Steubenville to the Immaculate Heart of Mary reads:
"Most Holy Virgin Mary, tender Mother, to fulfill the desires of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we consecrate the Diocese of Steubenville and ourselves to your Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart, O Queen of the Most Holy

Rosary, and we recommend to you all the people of our country and all the world. Please accept our consecration, dearest Mother, and use us as you wish to accomplish your designs in the world. O Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary and Queen of the world, rule over us, together with the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ, our King. Save us from the spreading flood of modern paganism; kindle in our hearts, homes, parishes, communities, and Diocese the love of purity, the practice of a virtuous life, an ardent zeal for souls, and a desire to pray the Rosary more faithfully. We come with confidence to you, O Throne of Grace and Mother of Fair Love. In flame us with the same Divine Fire which has inflamed your own Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart. Make our hearts, homes, parishes, and this Diocese your shrine, and through us, make the Heart of Jesus, together with your rule, triumph in every heart and home.” *This beautiful prayer was led by Bishop Jeffrey Monforton at the end of the Mass as the large congregation participated.*

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY?

Suppose you would ask God in Eternity: “If I did not marry my wife, would I have been better off?” In many, if not most cases, the Lord would say that you would have been worse off, perhaps beyond your imagination. So count your blessings; thank God for your wife; and consider her His gift to you. Things will be more clear after you die. Over the course of your courtship and marriage, she has been your greatest joy and sometimes your greatest cross. So she’s often difficult, eccentric, stubborn, argumentative, sarcastic, impatient (you would tax the patience of the Pope), hard to get along with (as though you’re easy to put up with), wants her way, bossy, naggy, etc. and you wonder how you married that woman. She could correctly say much the same and more about you. So be understanding and offer up every little or big irritation for the conversion of sinners as Mary asked us to do 100 years ago in Fatima. In that way your dear wife will make you a saint. When she makes a litany of your sins, ask for forgiveness, work on your faults, pray for her, ask her to offer you up and you’ll both become saints little by little. Then you’ll discover her many virtues. Marriage is all about mutual sanctification if we make the effort. She may be your vehicle to Heaven, especially through her prayers and sacrificial love. Then you’ll be eternally grateful to her.

Activities and Announcements for the Month of July

- 1. Eucharistic Adoration - Sunday July 2 after the 10 am Mass.** The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude with Vespers and Benediction at 4 pm. You will often feel the Lord’s presence while experiencing peace, consolation, and warmth. *It would be great to have a Knights of Columbus Honor Guard there. Brother Knight, if you come for adoration, please kneel/sit in the front row on the left for as long as you desire, be it only 15 minutes. You don’t have to be in regalia. Former Grand Knight Bruce Davison usually occupies the first row on the right for most of the time, including the all-nighters. You can do spiritual reading; converse with the Lord; and share your innermost thoughts and concerns with Him to obtain healing and strength to keep going. *The recommended community prayer intention for July is for the preservation of religious freedom in our Country and the world. The next Eucharistic Adoration is on Sunday August 6,**
- 2. K of C Breakfast Award Brunch - Sunday July 9 after the 10 am Mass.** It will be great fellowship and delicious food with a lot of love added to it to strengthen our parish community. Bring your family and friends. There is no charge, but voluntary donations are accepted to benefit the Rewiring Project of our church. *We need your help* to setup and prepare the food at 7 am or later, wash dishes, and clean up afterwards. Help to build parish community with your presence.
- 3. Monthly Business Dinner Meeting - Monday July 24 at 6:30 pm with Rosary at 5:45 pm.** We have great fellowship at dinner and the input of every knight is most valuable at the meeting as we make decisions regarding future activities. Our Council is as strong as each knight makes it. We cannot be an effective Council without the Lord’s help and guidance. *The next 4th Monday of the month Dinner Meeting will be on Monday August 19.*
- 4. Knights of Columbus Fifth Sunday Mass – Sunday July 30 at 10 am.** The 4th Degree knights will process in full regalia and make the Mass more beautiful and impressive than it already is. The knights will do it all; Fr. Tom is also a knight. We will all *meet in the back of the church at 9:45 am.*