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Pope's Monthly Intentions (April)

General

That even in difficult and complex situations of present-day society, Christians may never tire of proclaiming with their lives Christ's resurrection, the source of hope and peace.

Mission

That future priests in young Churches may be ever more seriously formed culturally and spiritually in order to evangelize their respective countries and the whole world.

GK's Column



March is in the books and we have just finished one of our busiest months. In the past month we held our Anniversary Dinner in honor of the councils 20th year, we held another successful Garage to Attic Sale and the council coordinated activities to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. These are enough activities for a quarter let alone one month. These events would not have been possible with out the dedication of DGK Bob McCaffrey, who managed both the Anniversary Dinner and the GAS, and PGK Dick Jasinski who ran the Divine Mercy Sunday activities. Thanks guys for your continued support.

In April we will hold our 3 on 3 Family Basketball Tournament on Saturday April 5 at Our Lady of

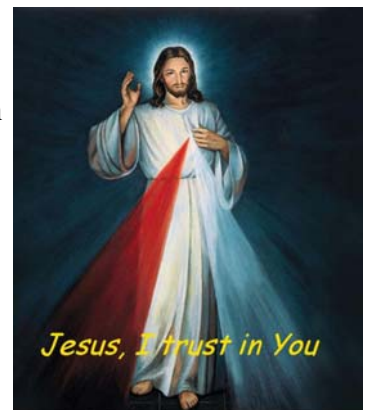
Mercy. Chairman John Li is looking for volunteers to help as referees. Also on April 5th we will hold a memorial service in honor of Ruth Langley, a long-time friend of the council and the founder of CROP. The service is being organized by Joe Doane and will be held at St. Raphael.

The big activity for April is our membership blitz. We will host an information booth at Our Lady of Mercy on Sunday April 13th, and do coffee and donuts at St. Raphael on Sunday April 20th. All candidates generated from these 2 events will be invited to our Open House on Tuesday April 22. We will hold a First Degree on April 24. Volunteers are needed for all of these events. We want to present the dynamic and active nature of our council. New members are particularly encouraged to participate. You are encouraged to invite your eligible fiends to these events. Volunteers should coordinate with Chancellor Joe Doane.

I hope all of you had a blessed Easter and I look forward to working with you all during the last quarter of the fraternal year. One last item. For Family of the Month for February the council selected the Shaffer family in recognition of our work as Grand Knight and First Lady. Margaret and I would like to thank all of you for the honor and for the privilege of serving such a wonderful council.

Vivat Jesus

Bill Shaffer
Grand Knight



Jesus, I trust in You

**"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."
(2 Corinthians 12:9)**

Nominations sought for GAS distributions

Now that the Garage to Attic Sale is complete we need to determine which charities will receive awards. All those who participated in the GAS are encouraged to send in nominations to GAS chairman DGK Bob McCaffrey. Each nomination should include a description of the work done by the charity, a proposed funding amount and complete contact info for each charity (to include the name of the person at the charity to be invited and a complete mailing address). Nominations are due to Bob by April 30th. The awardees will be decided upon during the Executive Board meeting in May (Tuesday May 6 @ 7:30 pm). All are welcome to attend and participate in the process. The awards are scheduled to be given out at a GAS Awards Reception to be held in the Trumpet Room on June 26th.

Gabriel Network

On April 24th The Gabriel Network will host its second annual Benefit Gala Dinner. This year fellow Knight "Mac" McCaffrey (Sacred Heart Council # 2577) and his wife Mary Ann will be honored among others for their foundational support of The Gabriel Network Housing program. Also honored will be **Metanoia Films** - producers of last Fall's breakthrough pro-life Movie, *Bella* - which found invaluable promotional support from the Knights of Columbus. **Jennifer O'Neill** - Actress, long-time *Cover-Girl* model, and pro-life women's advocate will be featured as guest speaker.

Come celebrate the marvelous work God has done with this organization to alleviate the need for abortion in our community: **Thursday, April 24** at the Ten Oaks Ballroom - 5000 Signal Bell Lane in Clarksville, MD - beginning with hors d'oeuvres at 7:00 PM.

Reservations are \$150 per person.

For more information, call **301-262-9011**
or email **GalaDinner@GabrielNetwork.org**

Fraternal Benefits

Remember your teacher's good advice? *"Always start each project with an outline. It will give you the right direction."* Experience tells us that the same idea works when it comes to getting ahead on the job - or in planning for individual or family security. But, in the latter kind of planning, your outline cannot be completed alone.

Rely on the trained advice of your Knights of Columbus Insurance Agent and the Order's long and practical experience in the life insurance business to help you prepare your plans for the years ahead. I will be happy to help you chart and build a sound economic future. Better yet, I'll do it with an

individual insurance plan keyed to your own needs and goals.

This sort of professional counsel is available at absolutely no obligation...just through a telephone call to me for an appointment. Today, when programming is essential to effective use of the do-everything computer, it is equally so to the fulfillment of our own dreams and hopes for our families. Life insurance programming is a service you should have... and one that I provide.

Call me today. I want to hear from you.

Fraternally,
Rick Morin, FICF, CSA
301.384.7627

Papal Visit to DC

The Knights are sponsoring the US papal visit Web Site:

www.uspapaltrip.org

The official site from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops is:

www.uspapalvisit.org

One good way to prepare for the visit, is to read one of the many documents written by the Holy Father. A study guide for his second encyclical *Spe Salvi* can be found at **www.adw.org/papalvisit/spesalvi.asp**

The encyclical can be downloaded from our Web Site

www.geocities.com/materdei9774/Spesalvi.doc

Ruth Langley Memorial Invitation

The Friends and Family of Annie R. Langley, of Rockville, invite those who knew her to a Memorial Service, Saturday, April 5th, 2008, from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM at The Upper Room, St. Raphael's Church, 1513 Dunster Road, Rockville, Maryland.

Ruth died as a result of complications of a heart condition on Dec. 14, 2007 at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring. She was 82 years old; and was active beyond her years until recent poor health slowed her down.

Mrs. Langley earned a degree in business planning and was an ordained Presbyterian minister. She ran her own non-profit organization, Pooling Resources of People (PROP), Inc. She was the recipient of

many awards over the years, getting recognition from Montgomery County, the City of Rockville and the religious community.

Mater Dei Council is especially grateful to Ruth for the many years and great labor she exerted in making the Annual Garage-to-Attic Sale a total donation experience. PROP removed the "leftovers" from each sale, and distributed them to those in need.

Come celebrate the life of Ruth Langley with remembrances, prayer, and conviviality (light refreshments will be served).

RSVP to Joe Doane 301-983-1578 or to Ruth's son, George C. Langley 301-279-7366.

Pictures from District 18 Free Throw Championship

On Friday February 29 at The Heights School, District 18 conducted its 2008 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition. Monsignor Wells Council accounted for four winners:

Paul Stubin - age 10

Nicholas Noell - age 11

Malik Terry-Wiggins - age 12

Kelly Amann - girls, age 12.

Joe Kelly, from Mater Dei Council won the boys 13 age group. Many thanks to Tom Luxner and Dave Minarich of Mater Dei and Bill Taylor of Monsignor Wells for their assistance. The Maryland State Finals are scheduled for Sunday, March 16 at School of the Incarnation in Gambrills, Md.

Vivat Jesus

John Li, Youth Program



Apostleship of the Sea

At the 28 February Mater Dei Council social meeting many of us were treated a stimulating talk and slide show by the very interesting Msgr. John L FitzGerald, who a retired as U.S. Navy Chaplain (served for 29 years and retired as a Captain) from the Archdiocese of Baltimore, and was appointed in 2003 as the director of the Catholic Chaplaincy of the Apostleship of the Sea (AOS) for the Port of Baltimore. A couple of men from religious orders who also serve as part-time chaplains, along with several lay volunteers, including many Knights of Columbus, who speak one or more languages, who serve hundreds of seafarers who come into port for a few days at a time. Monsignor boards the ships in port, invites the seafarers of all faiths, including Muslims, or no faith to the Apostleship of the Sea Seafarers Center in Baltimore, and busses them in the five large donated vans to the Center.

The Port of Baltimore is the forth busiest port in the United States. Monsignor said, "So many

of these merchant sailors are away from their native land for the first time." "They need intercession when there are problems with work, pay, medical care or other emergencies."

Many of the seafarers come from countries with Catholic populations such as the Philippines, Poland and Caribbean countries. He noted that 70 percent of the seafarers are from the Philippines, so a key function of the Center is to provide the sacraments of reconciliation and baptism, celebration of Mass, and other consoling. Monsignor is proficient in many languages, so he celebrates Mass in English, German, Italian, Spanish and French. Many non-Catholics also come to the Center and learn often learn for the first time good things about Catholics. The 65-year old Monsignor, who holds a doctorate in professional psychology and a doctorate in human behavior and leadership, noted, "We sow grains of trust and good will toward Muslims, Hindus, Eastern Orthodox and other faith groups."

The Center provides com-

puters, telephones, phone cards, video games, a place to hang out, information on activities in Baltimore, some free tickets to ball games, soccer games, etc., transportation to places, and lots more.

Interestingly, Pope John Paul II, met with several Catholic chaplains of the Apostleship of the Sea around 2002 at the Vatican and ordered that all bishops around the world with ports in their archdioceses and dioceses to establish and support the AOS in their jurisdictions. In the United States there are 10 AOS Catholic Stella Maris Mariners and Chaplaincies, and another 42 AOS chaplaincies.

Even though Monsignor lives off part of his military retirement and donates the rest to the Apostolate and Archdiocese, donations are very much needed for the Apostolate of the Sea, as are volunteers. He can be contacted in Baltimore, Maryland, at 410-889-0351. Several KofC councils in the Baltimore district support the Center, but the need is great.

Vivat Jesus

Lawrence Boesch, Lecturer

Jesus to St Faustina

On the lukewarm and the indifferent: *"These souls cause Me more suffering than any others; it was from such souls that My soul felt the most revulsion in the Garden of Olives. It was on their account that I said: 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass Me by.' The last hope of salvation for them is to flee to My Mercy."*

"Act in such a way that all those who come in contact with you will go away joyful. Sow happiness about you because you have received much from God; give, then generously to others. They should take leave of you with their hearts filled with joy, even if they have no more than touched the hem of your garment. Keep well in mind the words I am telling you right now" (55).

"I have opened My Heart as a living fountain of mercy. Let all souls draw life from it. Let them approach this sea of mercy with great trust. Sinners will attain justification, and the just will be strengthened in goodness" (1520).

"...Both the sinner and the righteous person have need of My mercy. Conversion, as well as perseverance, is a grace of My mercy" (1577).

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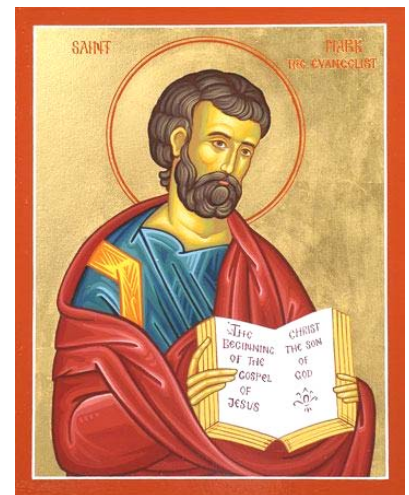
Notices

- **3 on 3 Family Basketball Tournament 4/5 8-30am – 3:00pm @ Our Lady of Mercy.** Families are needed to play and volunteers needed to help out. Contact John Li to sign-up 301-424-2713 or jli@fbw.com.
- **April is our Membership Blitz.** We will be hosting an info table at Our Lady of Mercy on 4/13, Coffee and Donuts at St. Raphael on 4/20, an Open House on 4/22 and a First Degree on 4/24. We need your help in recruiting. Bring you friends to these events!
- **Our next Poker Night is 5/22.** Plan on coming!
- **All articles for the next month issue must be received by the editor on the 27 by 7am.**

Schedule of Events: April - May 2008

Tue Apr 1 Executive Meeting, 7:30pm, DCC
Sat Apr 5 Annie Langley, 2pm, Upper Room
Sat Apr 5 Basket, 8:30am, Lady of Mercy
Thu Apr 10 Business Meeting, 8pm, DCC
Sun Apr 13 Info Table, Lady of Mercy
Sun Apr 20 Coffee and Donuts, 8am-1pm
Tue Apr 22 Open House, 7:30pm, DCC
Thu Apr 24 Gabriel Network, 7pm, (page 2)
Thu Apr 24 First Degree, 7:30pm, DCC

Tue May 6 Executive Meeting, 7:30pm, DCC
Thu May 8 Business Meeting, 8pm, DCC
Sun May 20 Coffee and Donuts, 8am-1pm
Thu May 22 Poker Night, 8pm, DCC



St. Mark the evangelist,
Feast on April 25th

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