



NEWSLETTER



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NEWS

There will be a fallout at Holy Rosary in Frenstat on Fri. Oct. 10 for Confirmation @ 6:00 pm. We need to be there at 5:30 pm. St. Mary's Church will be holding their first Festival, on Sunday, October 19. There will be the usual lunches, auctions, games, entertainment, etc. Bring your family for a day of food and entertainment.

Our next meeting will be in Rockdale, on Oct. 13, starting at 7:00 PM. We will be discussing our involvement in the Exemplification, so we need as many members at this meeting as possible.

We will fallout at the exemplification in Rockdale on Oct. 25th, at the 3:00 PM Mass.

Our Assembly #2587 will be hosting the Fall Exemplification for our district, on October 25, 2014. Registration will start on Friday, Oct. 24, at 6:00 PM, at the Day's Inn in Rockdale. It will resume again at 8:00 AM at the KC Hall. We need all the volunteers we can get to help put this event on. Bring your Tux and Regalia to wear to the Mass at 3:00 PM. This Mass will meet the Sunday Obligation. We will need help with the decorating, hall set-up, and other miscellaneous things during the day. The event will end with a banquet starting at 5:00 PM, so plan to come early, and stay late to assist in whatever way you can.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

October is always a good month. The weather starts to get a little cooler, the days are a little shorter, and the grass doesn't need to be mowed quite so often. Sometimes we even get a couple of minutes to relax and enjoy ourselves before rushing into the Holiday season. This would be a good time to get into the habit of saying the Rosary on a daily basis.

October 7th is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, and October is the month of each year that is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The feast was introduced by Pope St. Pius V (1504-1572) in the year 1571 to commemorate the miraculous victory of the Christian forces in the Battle of Lepanto on October 7, 1571. The pope attributed more to the "arms" of the Rosary than the power of cannons and the valor of the soldiers who fought there.

I bet most of us could use a little help in helping us in the battles of our daily lives. It might be a good way to thank the Blessed Virgin Mary, for all the help she gets us through her intercessions.

All Catholic gift shops have those "Ring Rosaries" that fit real good in one of those cubby holes in the dash of your pick-up. Instead of reaching for that dial on the radio when you get in your truck, you could reach for that Rosary instead. Most of the music on that radio these days is not worth listening to anyway. You might actually get to like the silence and relaxation that praying the rosary provides. Just don't fall asleep while driving, or you might meet Her in person.

2014 RESPECT LIFE MONTH STATEMENT

OCTOBER 2014

My dear friends in Christ:

Pope Francis has captivated the world with his humility, warmth and compassion for each person. Vivid accounts of his tenderness for “the least of these”—the elderly, the imprisoned, those with disfiguring disabilities, the unborn, and many more—seize our attention. Why?

At the heart of each of these interactions is a truth which resonates in our hearts, revealing to us something essential to understanding ourselves and our purpose.

We are loved.

In his 2013 Day for Life Greeting, Pope Francis conveyed that “even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.” We see Pope Francis living out the truth of these words in his actions.

We want to be part of a society that makes affirmation and protection of human rights its primary objective and its boast. Yet to women faced with an unexpected pregnancy, abortion is often presented as their only “choice.” A large percentage of children pre-diagnosed as having Down syndrome are never given the chance to live outside their mothers’ wombs. Elderly members of our families fear they will become burdensome and seek physician assisted suicide. We see these and many more of our brothers and sisters pushed to the periphery.

These tragedies go directly against respect for life, and they represent a direct threat to the entire culture of human rights. Rather than societies of “people living together,” our cities risk becoming societies of people who are marginalized, uprooted and oppressed.

What can be done to prevent this? We must draw close to Jesus in prayer and in the sacraments. We must ask the Lord for the grace to see ourselves and others as he sees us—as masterpieces of his creation. When God created each of us, he did so with precision and purpose, and he looks on each of us with love that cannot be outdone in intensity or tenderness. We must look at ourselves and at others in light of this truth and treat all people with the reverence and respect which is due.

The Church’s antidote to an individualism which threatens the respect for human dignity is community and solidarity. Are we moved by the suffering of those without shelter? Do we seek to alleviate the fear, confusion and panic that women facing unexpected pregnancies may be experiencing? Do our hearts ache for elderly patients in nursing homes who feel abandoned and unwanted, having no one to visit them?

Our mission is to show each person the love of Christ. As uniquely created individuals, we each have unique gifts which we are called to use to share Christ’s love. We are continually given opportunities to do so in our interactions with the cashier at the grocery store, our spouses, children, friends and even the people we encounter in traffic. Each of these moments is valuable beyond our realization. We may never know how much a simple gesture of compassion may affect someone’s life.

As the 2014 Respect Life Program begins, let us take a moment to reflect on the theme, “Each of Us is a Masterpiece of God’s Creation,” and how this truth affects both our understanding of ourselves and others and the way we live. Pastoral and educational resources of the program can be found at www.usccb.org/respectlife.

Although we set aside October to particularly pray for respect for all human life, let us never cease this urgent work. I’m grateful to the many parishes and schools nationwide which participate in the program during October, Respect Life Month, and throughout the year.

Love and justice must motivate each of us to work for a transformation of our own hearts so that we can transform the world around us. This is the message of Pope Francis. May the Risen Lord put the Gospel of joy in our hearts so that we may bear witness to the greatest love story ever told.

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