



NEWSLETTER



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 ALL SAINTS DAY	2 ALL SOULS DAY	3	4	5	6
7	8 MEETING CALDWELL 7:00 P.M.	9	10	11 VETERANS DAY	12	13
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21 CHRIST THE KING FALLOUT CALDWELL	22	23	24	25 THANKSGIVING DAY	26	27
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YOUR 2011 DUES ARE NOW DUE. YOU CAN BRING THEM TO THE MEETING, OR MAIL THEM TO MARTIN ELMAN AT THE ADDRESS LOCATED IN THE TOP RIGHT CORNER OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

THE K.J.T. SOCIETY #12 IS AGAIN SPONSORING A FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT THE CLERGY RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE DIOCESE OF AUSTIN. THE DANCE WILL BE ON JANUARY 22, 2011. HAMBURGERS WILL BE SERVED STARTING AT 6:00 PM, AND THE DANCE WILL BE FROM 7 TO 11, WITH MUSIC BY THE RED RAVENS.

THE NEXT MEETING IS IN CALDWELL, WITH THE FOOD LINE OPENING AT 7:00 P.M. SHARP.

OUR NEXT FALLOUT WILL BE ON NOV. 21, IN HONOR OF THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING, AT ST. MARY'S. WE WILL MEET AT 9:30 A.M.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

WELL, WE SURVIVED OUR TRIP TO BOSTON. WE DID GET BY TO SEE THE K OF C MUSEUM IN NEW HAVEN CONN. IT IS AN INTERESTING LOOK AT THE KC'S STARTING FROM BEFORE THEY BECAME AN ORGANIZATION, UP THROUGH TODAY, HIGHLIGHTING THINGS THAT HAPPENED, AND THE GOOD THE KS'S HAVE DONE. THERE IS NOW AN EXHIBIT ON THE LIFE AND WORKS OF MOTHER THRESA, WHICH IS ANOTHER VERY INFORMATIVE STORY OF HOW SHE HAS WORKED WITH THE POOREST PEOPLE OF THE WORLD.

WE ALSO MADE ANOTHER VISIT TO THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, IN WASHINGTON, D.C. IT IS AMAZING TO ME, THE NUMBER OF CATHOLICS THAT DO NOT KNOW THAT THIS CHURCH EXISTS. IT IS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL CHURCHES IN THE UNITED STATES. IT WAS STARTED IN 1920 AND WAS DELAYED FROM 1926 TO 1954, AND WAS COMPLETED IN 1959. THE BELL TOWER WAS BUILT AND DONATED BY THE KNIGHTS, AND THE RENOVATION OF THE INCARNATION DOME, WHICH WAS RECENTLY COMPLETED, WAS ALSO FUNDED BY THE KNIGHTS. IT HAS OVER 20 ALTARS, BUILT TO HONOR MARY UNDER HER DIFFERENT TITLES. EVERYTHING IS DONE IN MOSIAC, SO YOU CAN SEE WHY IT TOOK SO LONG TO BUILD. IT IS LOCATED AT THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA, AND IS WORTH YOUR VISIT IF YOU ARE EVER ANYWHERE NEAR WASHINGTON, D.C.

KNOXVILLE, TN (Catholic Online) - Father Frank Pavone recently offered Mass at our parish, and my wife and I had the great pleasure to meet him. Fr. Pavone is well known as the director of Priests for Life, an international organization representing a family of ministries for the clergy and laity within the pro-life movement. You might recall seeing him in the news. He was the priest who stood by Terri Schiavo and her parents as they fought for their daughter's life.

I would like to share some of the comments Father made in his homily. I have listed a total of seven. Of course, these comments merely reflect my understanding of what he said. I would also like to contrast these comments with a couple examples from an article that is referred to as a "classic in the abortion debate." I believe that this little exercise will reveal something important about the respective movements that Father and the author of the article represent.

1. The first point in Father's homily that caught my attention was when he said that the idea of freedom of choice is false. Based on his experience, the women who have had an abortion do not generally feel a sense of freedom; they feel trapped--pressured by their circumstances or by the people in their lives. I understand that when people cause this pressure, it is often so intense that it amounts to coercion. It is against the law in the state of Tennessee for anyone to coerce a woman into having an abortion. It should be against the law in every state and every country.

2. People who support abortion often accuse those who are pro life of not caring about the mother. Fr. Pavone made it very clear that this is not true. He said at Priests for Life, they love both the mother and the unborn child, and the father too. I believe this is true of most people in the pro-life movement as well. The Priests for Life website lists many ministries and agencies that offer various kinds of help to mothers. Fr. Pavone mentioned two well established programs that back up his claim about loving the mother--Rachel's Vineyard and Option Line.

3. Rachel's Vineyard offers weekend retreats for post-abortive healing. Anyone suffering directly or indirectly as a result of abortion is welcome. This includes fathers, siblings, grandparents, and friends, as well as post-abortive mothers. The retreats are primarily offered throughout the United States and Canada. Option Line is a free, 24/7 consultation service for pregnant women. They are available via phone or the Internet. According to their website, they can connect you with one of approximately 1800 pregnancy centers where you can get testing and answers to all your questions.

4. Father also noted that many people say abortion is morally wrong and they are personally against it, but others have the right to get one. Then he showed us that this thinking is not realistic or consistent with the way we treat other moral acts. For instance, we would never hear these people say that they are personally against stealing or murder, but others have the right to steal or commit murder. Societies do not normally let people engage in behaviors they consider morally wrong. Yet, for all practical purposes, I believe this is the path that modern Western societies have taken.

5. Perhaps one reason why our society is so tolerant of abortion is due to our perception of our bodies. Father made a powerful distinction between two such perceptions. One is based on the idea that our bodies are for us alone, that we control them. But Father pointed out that this idea eventually leads to the idea that we can kill. Thus, promiscuity has led to abortion. Once society accepts abortion, it can accept other reasons to kill. For instance, I understand that forced euthanasia is already being practiced in some countries. The second perception is based on the idea that we have bodies so we can give them or use them for the sake of others. This idea, he said, gives life. The distinction between these two different perceptions is beautifully depicted in a music video by Dana. The title of the video is "This Is My Body." It is about 6 1/2 minutes long. Father suggested the idea to her, and I believe she created a real work of art.

6. Father also told us that more human beings die from abortion than any other illness or natural disaster. He also gave us some sobering statistics: Approximately 4000 die from abortion in the U.S. every day, and 50 million die from abortion in the world every year. As a result, he said, one of the concerns today is that we will not get the healthcare we need. Then he recalled an experience he had during Terri Schiavo's final days. After the court ordered her death, he was visiting her, and he noticed that a vase of flowers had been placed in her room. The vase was filled with water; yet, according to the court order, Terri was not permitted to have a single drop of water.

7. In light of the apparent direction healthcare is heading in our country, Father informed us that Priests for Life offered a document called a "Will To Live." In the event that you become unable to make your own healthcare decisions, this will serves to express your desire to be treated according to the norms of your faith. This idea reminded me that when we are the weakest and most vulnerable and we have to go to a hospital, we no longer know if we will be treated like children of God or treated like soulless products of evolution.

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