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Thanks to all who contributed in any way to our annual Turkey Shoot. Things went very well, and for the first time, all 20 shooting positions were sold out before the shoot began. The day was beautiful, the food was delicious, and everything went very smoothly. Our thanks again for Josiah and Beverly for hosting this successful event.

Our next meeting will be in Rockdale on April 10, starting at 7:00 PM.

Looking for something with the Knights emblem on it? Visit www.knightsgear.com to see what they have. This is a new website where you can buy a variety of things for your home, car, or as a present for someone.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Please pray for the confirmation of Judge Gorsuch. A better man could not be found for the position on the Supreme Court, and it is a shame that a few senators and the media are doing their best to keep this from happening.

Well, we just had us a real good turkey shoot. All the raffle tickets were sold by the day of the shoot, all the shooting slots were sold before the shoot began, all the food was consumed, and a good time was had by all. Our thanks to Bernie Ofczarzak for donating the silver dollars that were given away, to Elroy Peters for donating a case of shells for the shoot, and to Jeff Dudensing for donating his gift card back to our 4th degree. If you run across any of these people, add your thanks to them for their support. We thank also, our own 4th Knights, some who made monetary donations, and the others who donated their time and talent to make this one of the best shoots we have had.

Looks like times may be getting a little rougher for Planned Parenthood these days. With a pretty large portion of their government funding being re-directed, it will be harder and harder for them to continue to operate. It's good to have the government on our side for a change.

God's Gift of Forgiveness

A Pastoral Exhortation on the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

"Peace be with you!" With these words, the Risen Lord greeted his frightened Apostles in the Upper Room on the day of his Resurrection. They were troubled, anxious, and fearful—much like each one of us at some point in our lives. Christ repeated the words, "Peace be with you." But then he added, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them" (Jn 20:19-23).

What an extraordinary gift! The Risen Lord was proclaiming that all the suffering he had just endured was in order to make available the gifts of salvation and forgiveness. He wanted the Apostles to receive these gifts. He wanted them to become apostles of this forgiveness to others.

In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him. In this sacrament, he prepares us to receive him free from serious sin, with a lively faith, earnest hope, and sacrificial love in the Eucharist. The Church sees confession as so important that she requires that every Catholic go at least once a year.¹ The Church also encourages frequent confession in order to grow closer to Christ Jesus and his Body, the Church. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, we seek forgiveness and repentance, let go of patterns of sin, grow in the life of virtue, and witness to a joyful conversion. Since the graces of the sacrament are so similar to the purpose of the New Evangelization, Pope Benedict XVI has said, "The New Evangelization . . . begins in the confessional!"²

We bishops and priests are eager to help you if you experience difficulty, hesitation, or uncertainty about approaching the Lord in this sacrament. If you have not received this healing sacrament in a long time, we are ready to welcome you. We, whom Christ has ordained to minister this forgiveness in his name, are also approaching this sacrament, as both penitents and ministers, throughout our lives and at this special moment of grace during Lent. We want to offer ourselves to you as forgiven sinners seeking to serve in the Lord's name.

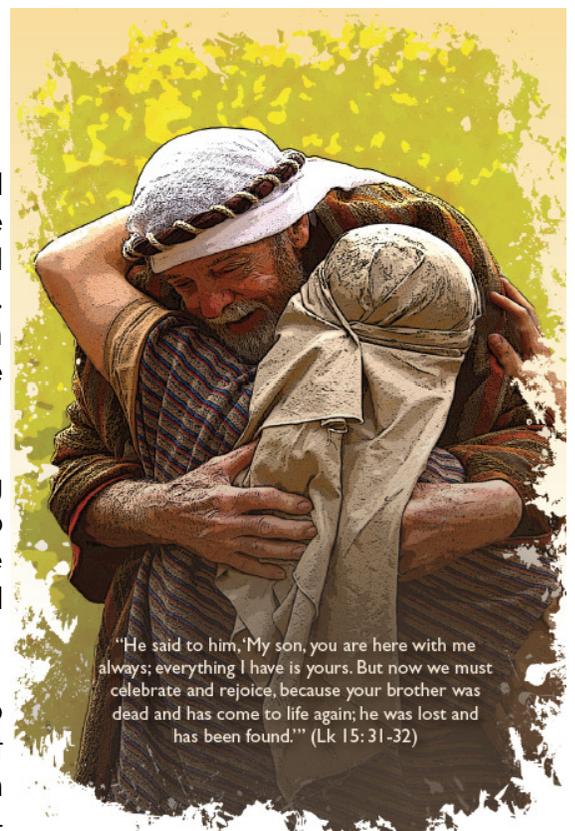
During Lent—in addition to the various penitential services during which individual confession takes place—we bishops and priests will be making ourselves available often for the individual celebration of this sacrament. We pray that through the work of the Holy Spirit, all Catholics—clergy and laity—will respond to the call of the New Evangelization to encounter Christ in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of his forgiveness!

¹ *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 1457-1458.

² Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Annual Course on the Internal Forum

Organized by the Apostolic Penitentiary, www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/speeches/2012/march/documents/hf_ben-xvi_spe_20120309_penitenzieria-apostolica_en.html.

From USCCB website



"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'" (Lk 15:31-32)

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