



NEWSLETTER



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8	9 MEETING ROCKDALE 7:00 PM	10	11	12	13	14 SAINT VALENTINE'S DAY
15	16 PRESIDENTS DAY	17	18 ASH WEDNESDAY	19	20	21
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Thanks to everyone who helped with the fundraiser for the Hope Pregnancy Center in Rockdale on Sunday, Jan. 25.

The Caldwell KC Council 6366, will be having their annual festival on Sunday, March 1, at the SPJST Hall on Hgy 36 South in Caldwell. There will be plenty to eat and drink, and other things to do, so bring your family and friends, and be ready to enjoy some good food and entertainment.

We will be having our Renewal of Obligations at our next meeting in Rockdale on Feb. 9. Wear your Tuxedo and Social Baldric, and bring your wife. Dinner will be served at 7:00 PM. There will be a program for the Ladies in attendance while we do our renewal.

There will be no fallout in February due to scheduling conflicts. Hopefully, we can resume these in March.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Monday, February 2, 2015 and in parishes on the weekend of February 7-8, 2015. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

I found the above announcement while I was looking for an article for the back side of this newsletter, and since this is the year dedicated to the Consecrated Life, thought it might be a reminder to us to re-view our views of the consecrated life.

I think too often we view our priests, especially our parish priests as just another member of our parish, instead of their real presence as the Shepherd of the Church of which we are a member. As such, we should be mindful of our obligation to pray for and support their work in our parishes. There are times when we put our own interests ahead of the interests of the priests, and therefore also the interests of the parish. This division is never good for the parish, and goes against our principles as Knights of Columbus. Not long ago, the Knights had a whole year dedicated to being "In Solidarity with the Priests". Sometimes we tend to forget that as pastor, our priest has the final say in the doings of our parishes, and it is our responsibility as Knights to support them in their endeavors. We might be of better service to our parishes, if we spent more time praying for our priests, instead of dwelling on our own interests. Maybe during this time of lent, we can pray for enlightenment for ourselves and our brother Knights, that we may appreciate and respect the position and the work they do in our parishes. Remember, he might be the one giving you the last rites.

Racing Toward a Culture of Life

By Mary Prentis

Runners build up endurance to race in a marathon, and Olympic athletes train endlessly to compete in the Olympic Games. A great deal of hard work and perseverance is needed to achieve smaller goals that eventually lead to success in larger goals—such as winning the marathon or earning a gold medal.

Each year, on or near January 22, pro-life supporters gather in remembrance of a court decision that has affected countless lives for the past 42 years. Last week hundreds of thousands of pro-life advocates flocked to our nation's capital, banding together in our effort to protect life at all stages. Like the runners and Olympians who achieve milestones during their training, the crowds and their enthusiasm are inspirational and encouraging. Yet although the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* has passed this year, our legwork is not complete and is as crucial as ever.

As pro-life advocates, we have not finished training for our race. We need to continue moving forward with love in our hearts and the desire to make a significant impact. The tide is turning as the millennial generation is emerging as the “pro-life generation.” We all have a responsibility to defend and protect all human life, from conception to natural death—how exciting to see this reflected in our youth!

Yet the pro-life position is often misunderstood as neither showing compassion to mothers nor caring about the children after they are born. This is unfortunate. The pro-life leaders with whom I have interacted are incredibly warm-hearted, genuine individuals who truly value the sacredness of all human life at every stage. Those who see a lack of compassion from pro-lifers may not be aware of the many resources and compassionate care available to women facing unplanned pregnancies.

If you are not familiar with the work of crisis pregnancy centers, I strongly urge you to visit one. These centers exist to provide warm and caring environments for mothers and families who find themselves with an unexpected pregnancy. They provide supplies such as diapers, clothing, formula, furniture, and basically anything that new families need and may not be able to afford. Many centers offer parenting classes and life skills that benefit not only the new mother but the family unit as a whole. Many crisis pregnancy centers also work alongside health centers, offering free ultrasounds and other necessary medical assistance. The majority of centers rely solely on volunteers and donations, so if you are looking for ways to help the pro-life mission, please consider contacting your local center or your diocesan respect life representative.

Let us keep defending the beautiful gift that is life and always remember the graces with which God has provided us: our own lives and the ability and desire to continue fighting the good fight. Let us keep training for our race, lifting our voices together, and never give up until life in all its forms is respected and protected.

Mary Prentis is a staff assistant for the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. For more information on the bishops' pro-life activities, please visit www.usccb.org/prolife.

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