

Happy birthday to our Bro. Knights celebrating their birthdays in April:

Sean Bishop
Rosaire Tremblay
Terry DeAbreu

Richard Hall
David Lorette

Tim Bilyk
Joseph Milne
Carlo Hoj

March for Life, May 8, 2008, Victoria, B.C.

Under the sponsorship of our State Council, Pro Life BC, and Campaign Life Coalition BC, the 1st Annual **Western Canada March for Life** is planned for May 8, 2008 in Victoria. The event will begin with Mass at St. Andrew's Cathedral at 11:00 am (a Protestant service at the same time is still being arranged), the march from Centennial Square to the Legislature begins at 1:00 pm and a rally at the Legislature at 2:00 pm with various entertainment and speakers, including our Worthy State Deputy, Bro. **B. Dan O'Hara**. Both our State Council and our bishop, **Bishop Richard Gagnon**, have enthusiastically endorsed this event. It is very important that we as Knights, don't just talk the talk, but now, also walk the walk! We urge you all to take this opportunity and stand up and be counted! Plans for this event will be discussed at our April & May meetings, especially, shared transportation, travelling times, etc. In the meantime, please go to our web-site at <http://members.shaw.ca/kc3842> for a complete and detailed brochure outlining the events, naming some of the speakers, etc. **Please note** that we have permission from the copyright holder to freely copy, print out and distribute this brochure.

(For all members regularly receiving the bulletin via email, this brochure will be sent as an attachment to this issue)

Thank you!

A big 'thank you' to all Brother Knights, and indeed the parishioners of St. Peter's Parish, for the tremendous support they showed us at our special pancake breakfast last month in support of "**The Little Schools of Fr. Bohnen**" (Haiti). Through your generosity we were able to raise just over \$1500. Adding to that total from our Council's general account, we were able to send \$2000 to Haiti. We also extend our very special thanks to **Caroline** and **Norman Keller**, Bro. **Claude** and **Dolores Francoeur**, and Bro. **Leo** and **Marie Poirier** for hosting **Fr. Zucchi** and **Dr. Barbara** while they were in our parish for the week. Thank you one and all!

On the Lighter Side

A little girl asked her mother, "How did the human race come about?" The mother answered: "God made Adam and Eve and they had children and so all mankind was made." Two days later she asks her father the same question. The father answered: "Many years ago there were monkeys, and we developed from them." The confused girl returns to her mother and says: "Mom, how is it possible that you told me that the human race was created by God and Papa says we developed from monkeys?" The mother answers: "Well dear, it is very simple. I told you about the origin of my side of the family, and your father told you about his."



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Executive meetings:

Last Thursday of the month (Aug.-June) at Columbian Centre at 7:30 pm

Regular meetings:

1st Wednesday of the month in St. Peter's Parish hall at 7:30 pm

Pancake breakfast:

Every 3rd Sunday after both Masses

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*Remember that great love and great achievements
involve great risk.*

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From the desk of our Chaplain

Divine Mercy Sunday

What will the years ahead bring us? What will man's future on earth be like? We are not given to know. However, it is certain that in addition to new progress, there will unfortunately be no lack of painful experiences. But the light of Divine Mercy, which the Lord in a way, wished to return to the world through St. Faustina's charism, will illumine the way for the men and women of the third millennium. *(Excerpts from Pope John Paul II's homily at the Canonization of St. Faustina on the Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday 2000).*

God has chosen our own times for this purpose. Perhaps because the twentieth century, despite indisputable achievements in many areas, was marked in a particular way by the "mystery of iniquity." With this heritage both of good and evil, we have entered the new millennium. New prospects of development are opening up before mankind, together with hitherto unheard-of dangers. Frequently, man lives as if God does not exist, and even puts himself in God's place. He claims for himself the Creator's right to interfere in the mystery of human life. He wishes to determine human life through genetic manipulation and to establish the limit of death. Rejecting divine law and moral principles, he openly attacks the family. In a variety of ways, he attempts to silence the voice of God in human hearts; he wishes to make God the "great absence" in the culture and the conscience of peoples. The message of merciful love needs to resound forcefully anew. The world needs this love. The hour has come to bring Christ's message to everyone: to rulers and the oppressed, to those whose humanity and dignity seem lost in the mysterium iniquitatis (the mystery of iniquity). The hour has come when the message of Divine Mercy is able to fill hearts with hope and to become the spark of a new civilization: the civilization of love. *(Excerpts from a homily Pope John Paul II gave in 2002 at the dedication of the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Lagiewniki, Poland).*

Dear Brother Knights, let the above words become our inspiration and motivate our every action as Christians, Catholics and Knights of Columbus of the third millennium. Have a blessed Easter Season.

Vivat Jesus.

Fr. Waldemar Podlasz, SDS

REMINDER

- 1) **Victoria Council 1256** is hosting a major degree on Saturday, **12 Apr 2008**, in Victoria. Please, contact our **G.K. Brian King** (751-7851) for full details and banquet tickets.
- 2) Please take note that henceforth, the **Friday evening devotions** at St. Peter's Parish will start with Reconciliation at 6:00, followed by Benediction at approximately 6:50, and finally Mass at 7:00 p.m.
- 3) **Father Michael McGivney Guild**. All members and their families are urged to join the Guild to advance the beatification process of our founder. It's free and its easy! See our website at <http://members.shaw.ca/kc3842> (**Information page**) for full details and application form.
- 4) Please remember the 'Corpus Fund', the K. of C. (B.C.) Charity Foundation's continued efforts to raise awareness & funds. For any questions or information, contact Bro. **Neil Jangula** at: nbjangula@shaw.ca or see our website at <http://members.shaw.ca/kc3842> (**Information**)

Vatican declares Knights of Columbus founder "venerable"

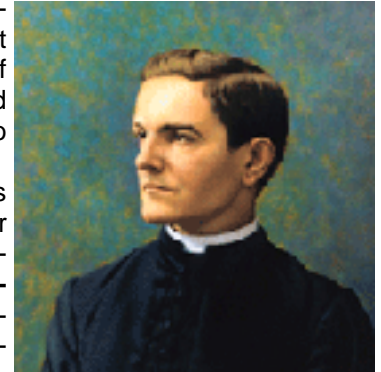
Fr. Michael J. McGivney would be first American-born priest to be declared a saint

New Haven, CT - March 16, 2008 - Pope Benedict XVI Saturday approved a decree recognizing the heroic virtue of Father **Michael J. McGivney**, founder of the Knights of Columbus. The pope's declaration significantly advances the priest's process toward sainthood and gives the parish priest the distinction of "Venerable Servant of God." If canonized, Fr. McGivney would be the first American born priest to be so honored.

"All of us who are members of the Knights of Columbus are profoundly grateful for this recognition of the holiness of our founder," said Supreme Knight **Carl Anderson**. "The strength of the Knights of Columbus today is a testament to his timeless vision, his holiness and his ideals."

The cause, or process, for Father McGivney's sainthood, was opened by Hartford Archbishop **Daniel A. Cronin**, in December 1997. The cause was presented to the Vatican in 2000, where it has been under review by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. With the pope's recent decree, and the authentication of a miracle at Father McGivney's intercession, the priest could be beatified. A second miracle would be required for canonization.

[Part of an email, from the Knights of Columbus, Communications Department, Sunday, March 16, 2008]



Parish/KofC Annual Golf Tournament 2008

The confirmed date for **St. Peter's/KofC 10th Annual Golf Tournament** is now set for Saturday, **June 14, 2008**, at **Arrowsmith Golf and Country Club**. Players are expected to be at the Golf Club no later than 12.00 noon, with a 'Shot-gun' start time at 1:00 p.m. sharp. The tentative cost for the tournament is \$50 per person which includes golf and the banquet. Banquet only tickets are \$25 each and cart rentals, if desired, will be \$22.00. (All these costs are subject to be confirmed at a later date). Please mark your calendar to attend this great council/parish event! To date, we still do not have a volunteer to take charge of organizing and running this tournament. Please, any golf enthusiast, if you want a challenge and really help out, give Br. **Claude Francoeur** (754-2425) a call!

News bytes.....

- We send our very best wishes to Bro. **Jack Kelly** and his wife **Nora** on the occasion of their 52nd wedding anniversary on March 24. Congratulations and God bless!
- We also extend our congratulations and very heartfelt 'thank you' to **Dodie Gogo** for her **50 years** of continuous music ministry to St. Peter's Parish. Well done, Dodie; God bless.