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Please come to our business meeting every 2nd Monday of the month at St. John Neumann's Family Center at 7pm

Please note the business meeting for November will be at St. Patrick Downtown Church - Fr. Carse Center



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Fred's Findings



Greetings Brother <<First Name>>,

As a St. Patrick parishioner, I know the church will not close its doors after Msgr. Linster says his final mass on Sunday Nov. 24th but I will miss not seeing him around the parish. As I was hanging around the Downtown Church this weekend selling pies, Msgr. celebrated the Noon mass so I listened to his homily. I find great comfort in listening to him. I will miss him. **Our next Council meeting is Monday November 11th at the St. Pat's Downtown Church in the Fr. Carse Center, same location as last month.** Prior to our regularly scheduled Council meeting, we will be hosting a Priest Appreciation dinner beginning at 6:00 pm. Msgr. Linster will be joining us for dinner promptly at 6:00 pm as he has another meeting to attend at 7:00 pm. I will ask him to say a few words to us before he has to leave. What better way to show our appreciation of the Msgr. and our other Parish Priest's than to have an outstanding turnout for them. The cost is \$10 per person if you wish to have dinner. I would ask that you sign up online and in the comments section, please note **STEAK OR SALMON**. Chef Pentek will be manning the grill. Maitre D' Gebhardt has organized this dinner. (Please tip accordingly) If you are unable to arrive early for the dinner, that's OK, please join us for the Council meeting. If you would like to join us for the dinner but the cost is not in your personal budget, please reach out to me via phone or e-mail and you and I confidentially will make sure you are covered. Lastly, speaking of the final mass, we will have an Honor Guard to show reverence to the Msgr. in his final Mass. Those 4th Degree Sir Knights that can attend, please sign up online.

I recently watched a TV show on Pope Francis produced by the Knights of Columbus. Most of the show chronicled his life before being Pope. There was a part of his history in Argentina when the government appeared to try to bully Archbishop Bergoglio into supporting same-sex marriage and of course he would not. What

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Upcoming Events

November, 2013

11/04 Ladies Auxiliary - SPDT Fr. Carse

11/11 Priest Appreciation - 6PM - SPDT

11/11 Business Meeting-**SPDT**

11/23 Pies by the Guys Production-SPCR

11/24 Farewell Mass for Msgr. Linster

December, 2013

12/02 Ladies Auxiliary - SPDT Fr. Carse

12/09 Christmas Social-SJN

we have just seen in our fine State of Illinois with our House of Representatives just voting to approve same-sex marriage and hearing the Rahmfather (courtesy of John Kass) again say that now our law is in line with Chicago values reminded me of what I saw on the TV show. The bad behavior of our politicians is not surprising. The TV show was very well done. I would recommend watching it if you can. I have it saved on my DVR if you are interested. I do not mind watching it again.

For those of you that attended our Golf Outing in 2012, our guest speaker at dinner was John Morales. John shared with us his personal story about how he became a passionate pro-life advocate. He also shared that he was producing a pro-life documentary movie called "The 40 Film", named after 2013 being the 40 year anniversary of Roe v Wade. The world premiere will be on Wednesday December 11th at the Pickwick Theatre in Park Ridge. See the press release in Unitas. Please put this on your calendar and plan on attending.

On Sunday December 8th, our Council will again be hosting "A Knight Before Christmas" at the Crane Road church beginning with a 1st Degree at 1:00 pm and a 2nd & 3rd Degree beginning at 2:00 pm. A dinner in Fr. Dempsey Hall will follow. For those of you that are 1st Degree Knights, this is obviously an opportunity to progress through the Order to get you closer to becoming a Sir Knight with the 4th Degree Exemplification. Also of importance is that this is an opportunity to bring new members into our Council. You may have seen the marketing slogan from Supreme, "One new Knight per Council per month." In this fraternal year beginning July 1st, we have three new members thus far; therefore, we have the opportunity to catch up on December 8th. When you approach a prospective member and you hear the lack of time being a reason for not joining, I say, "You know I thought that would be a problem for me to but what I found is that the Lord will readjust your calendar for you." Then do not say another word, allow the awkward silence, time for them to ponder what you just said and see what their next comment is. Good luck with this approach.

Earlier in this report I mentioned Pies By The Guys. **This is our signature fundraising event!** The name recognition of "Pies By The Guys" is tremendous, the event name should be trademarked. We are currently in the midst of selling Pies after all the masses at all three churches for Nov. 9 & 10 and Nov. 16 & 17. During the weekend of Nov. 2 & 3, we sold 337 pies so we are off to a good start. Pie production is Nov. 23rd. No experience is required in selling Pies after the Masses. I would ask that you sign up online for whatever Mass you attend. After communion, go to the back of the church and look for your other BK's. If the sign-up is full, come out and join us anyway. You can find Pie order forms online, www.kofc12497.com. Just like in past years, please ask family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, give them away as a gift. The pies will obviously be ready before Thanksgiving but they can also be frozen and cooked for Christmas, Easter and any other celebration you may have. Last year, we made 1775 pies, I know in past years we have been closer to 2000 pies. This is truly a team effort to generate the sales and the day of the event to make the pies.

This November Council meeting is the last call to turn in your Vocations raffle books and a check. The raffle drawing is

12/15 Breakfast with Santa-SPCR

Don't forget to see and sign up for activities at:

http://kofc12497.com/wordpress/?page_id=318

Access past issues of this newsletter:

http://kofc12497.com/wordpress/?page_id=764

1st Degree Schedule

- December 8th, St. Pat's Crane Rd., **Major Degree day**, First Degree to begin at 1:00PM
- Monday February 10th, STJN, prior to scheduled Council meeting, 6:00PM
- Sunday April 6th, St. Pat's Crane Rd, First Degree to begin at 1:00PM
- Monday June 9th, STJN, prior to scheduled Council meeting, 6:00PM

Orientation Schedule

- November 10, St. Pat's Crane Rd., Pre-Function Room, 6:30PM
- Sunday January 12, St. Pat's Crane Rd., Pre-Function Room, 6:30PM
- Sunday March 16, St. Pat's Crane Rd., Pre-Function Room, 6:30PM
- Sunday May 11, St. Pat's Crane Rd., Pre-Function Room, 6:30PM

Everyone is invited, but please call Paul Braddock, 630-901-3164, in advance to ensure preparations are made for you

Knight of the Month



September - Bob Gilmartin

The October Knight of the Month will be announced at the November Meeting

Know Your Faith

By Sir Knight Ken Konetzki

The Four Marks of the Church - Part II

The Church is Holy

December 7th. The date of the drawing on the raffle book is a misprint. Your participation not only gives you the chance to win some money but the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping to fund the education and personal expenses of Priests, Nuns and Brothers.

This November Council meeting is also the last call to donate coats for our coat drive in which our Council is partnering with BK Jim Webb and Royal Builders. Please dig deep in your closets and bring some coats to donate to our next meeting.

Reminder, our December 9th meeting will not be a traditional council meeting but a Council Christmas party to begin at 7 pm at St. John Neumann. All members and their guests are welcome. I would advise arriving at 6:30 pm to get in line for the Frank Schaul family egg rolls. I want to make everybody aware, there is an unwritten rule in our Council (just started today) that the GK gets to cut in line to get first crack at the egg rolls. More info to follow.

God Bless and Happy Thanksgiving!

Fred Karl – GK

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Chaplain's Report

Dialogue With God

Message for 10/27/13

30th Sunday in OT (C)

When we pray, we are in dialogue with God. He speaks to us through our heart and we speak to him through our words, our mind and our heart. It is a two-way communication with the divine. The Lord is our strength and courage if we let him take control of our lives. There is nothing we cannot do, when we allow his words to sink into our hearts and be ever present on our minds. As we hear in today's gospel from Luke, it is only when we totally surrender ourselves humbly before the Lord that we will be justified in our dialogue with him: **"I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."**

The first reading from the book of Sirach speaks more in detail regarding this matter of being justified: **"The LORD is a God of justice, who knows no favorites. Though not unduly partial toward the weak, yet he hears the cry of the oppressed. The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, or to the widow when she pours out her complaint. The one who serves God willingly is heard; his petition reaches the heavens. The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest till it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds, judges justly and affirms the right, and the Lord will not delay."**

It is clear from today's readings that our prayers are very important, especially in the manner in which we pray. This is why

Let's face it, the headlines are ugly: Pedophile priests, Vatican bank scandal, dissension in the ranks regarding Church teachings on controversial issues. And that is just the more recent news. Looking back over the two thousand year history of the institution there are plenty of other ignominious occurrences. Even granting that so called "common knowledge" about things like the Crusades and Inquisition are mostly fabrications, mischaracterizations, and exaggerations promulgated by anti-Catholic forces, it is nevertheless clear that some Catholics behaved very badly along the way. It doesn't take a protestant with a chip on his shoulder to recognize that even the Papacy has had its share of disreputable characters.

Yet the CCC opens paragraph 823 by boldly proclaiming, *"The Church...is held, as a matter of faith, to be unfailingly holy"* (a quote from the document Lumen Gentium).

How can that be? The Church is, at least in part, the people that comprise it; and these people (including ourselves) are sinners. Sin is not holy, therefore how can the Church be holy? Actually, it's really quite simple:

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish." Eph. 5:25-26

The Church is holy because Jesus is holy and He remains in her, as head, just as He promised in Matt. 28:20 *"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."* Indeed, I don't think it is at all a stretch to say that the church would have collapsed long ago under the weight of its corrupt members were it not being sustained by the Holy Spirit.

It is that same Holy Spirit that also offers this proof of the Church's holiness, that the Church possesses the means for us to achieve holiness and indeed was instituted by Christ for the sanctification of man and the glorification of God. That is the Church's purpose.

In the document known as Solemn Profession of Faith: Credo of the People of God, Paul VI wrote: *"The Church is therefore holy, though having sinners in her midst, because she herself has no other life but the life of grace. If they live her life, her members are sanctified; if they move away from her life, they fall into sins and disorders that prevent the radiation of her sanctity."* (Quote taken from CCC 827.)

We are all called to be saints, that is, we are called to holiness. Let us strive therefore to live within the grace offered through Holy Mother Church.

Pax et Bonum

Mystic Monk Coffee

it is so important for all of us to gather together each and every Sunday as the Body of Christ (which we become through our baptism) to pray the prayers of the liturgy and offer our personal prayers and petitions to the Lord in communion with him and one another. Our prayers for others do not necessarily change the persons we pray for, but, in reality, our prayers change us and bring us closer to the way of Christ. He loves us and looks forward to our thanks and praise, our dialogue with him.

Further clarification of the importance of our prayer life is brought out in today's Responsorial Prayer, contained in Psalm 34, a call to take refuge in the Lord: "I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad. The LORD confronts the evildoers, to destroy remembrance of them from the earth. When the just cry out, the Lord hears them, and from all their distress he rescues them. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves. The LORD redeems the lives of his servants; no one incurs guilt who takes refuge in him."

In the reading from Paul's second letter to Timothy, Paul shares with Timothy the importance of keeping the faith. Again, he stresses that his strength was in the Lord and as long as he kept in dialogue with the Lord, the Lord always stood by him: "Beloved: I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance. At my first defense no one appeared on my behalf, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen." That, my friends, is the fruit of a life that was turned around and dedicated to God, a life of prayer and trust in the Lord. That is the power of a dialogical life with God.

A final note from the gospel of Luke on how not to pray: "The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity -- greedy, dishonest, adulterous -- or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.' And the humble tax collector just beat his breast and prayed: 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'" Jesus said: I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Now that was a humble dialogue with God.

How do you dialog with God? With Christ? With your beloved?

Love and Prayers,
Fr. Joe

Ladies Auxiliary Report



Hello All!

Support the Ladies Auxiliary



Support the Ladies Auxiliary by ordering Mystic Monk Coffee. Just go to <http://www.mmcoffeedrive.com/> and select Ladies Auxiliary, St. Charles, IL.

From the Field Agent



Four parts of retirement: Phase two

In a previous article, I discussed protection and how Knights of Columbus products can provide it for you and your wife in your retirement years. The next phase of retirement is accumulation of cash.

Those life insurance policies you purchased, if they are permanent plans, carry a savings element that helps with accumulation of wealth. Another good option is a Knights of Columbus retirement plan or annuity with a guaranteed interest rate. After basic protection, you spend your working life preparing not to work...for the day the paychecks stop. Factor in here also your pensions, government benefits and other savings you've acquired over the years.

Some experts will tell you that you should prepare for retirement with a plan that calls for 70% of the income you had pre-retirement. I think that falls woefully short. Plan on the 90% range. Consider this: what are you giving up that translates to 30% of your income? You still have to eat, you will travel more (going to see the grandchildren), taxes need to be paid, and on and on. Be careful of that 70% arbitrary rule.

I can help you build a plan to reach your goals. Contact me today to learn more.



Thanksgiving is just around the corner! The Ladies Auxiliary continues to plan projects and work with the Knights. We will be assisting the Knights with their annual Pies by the Guys fundraiser. We're looking forward to folding boxes and assembling pies! Mystic Monk Coffee will be available for sale at the pie pick up station at Crane Road as well.

The "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest will be promoted in the next few weeks for grades Pre K-8. Please watch for additional information!

We recently gave donations of diapers to Fox Valley Pregnancy Center and staple and paper goods to Lazarus House. We are working with Mr. Battisto and Sister Mary in bringing a "Mother Cabrini" presentation to the students at St. Patrick Catholic School.

We are busy planning "Breakfast with Santa" to be held at St. Patrick's Crane Rd. on Sunday December 15th. This year's event will include crafts for the children making blankets for Fox Valley Pregnancy Center! Please plan to bring the family and enjoy delicious food, fun and fellowship!

Auxiliary members are currently selling coupon booklets for Carson's Community Days. Each Coupon Booklet costs \$5.00 and



contains over \$400 worth of coupons good toward the purchase of merchandise on November 15th and 16th. Booklets include a \$10 coupon to use on an item of \$10 or more; coupons saving 25-30 percent and special merchandise offers created specifically to enhance the value of the Community Days booklet. See one of our Ladies to purchase

your coupon booklet.

The next "Dine at Gabby's" day is this weekend. All day Sunday, November 10th and/or the previous evening on Saturday, November 9th after the evening Masses, anyone who dines at Gabby's (on Rt. 64 in St. Charles) can put their paid receipt in the "KC Ladies Auxiliary" container near the register. The receipts will be totaled and the Ladies Auxiliary will receive 10%! Gabby's is very generous in continuing the "Dine at Gabby's" on the 2nd Saturday and Sunday of each month. If you will be dining at Gabby's on those days, please drop your receipt in the marked basket! We appreciate your support! Thank you, Gabby's, for your generosity and support of the Ladies Auxiliary!



We recently helped with the luncheon for the Liturgy Appreciation on October 26 and are honored to be asked to help with the reception for Monsignor Linster on November 24.

In an ongoing effort for parish community involvement and spirituality, a few event reminders from the Ladies Auxiliary:

Recitation of the Rosary on the First Saturday of the month
3:30 p.m. (Before 4:00 Mass) at St. Patrick – Crane Rd. and after 5:15 Mass at St. John Neumann

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Our Blessed Mother asks us to pray the Rosary - Please join us in this beautiful First Saturday Devotion!

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Doris Braddock

President, Ladies Auxiliary

THE 40 FILM

World Premiere of New Film Featuring Pro-Life Leaders and Youth Who Stand Up for Life Opens in Park Ridge, Illinois

Glenview, IL November 1, 2013 – To coincide with and the upcoming 40th March for Life and the recent 40th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, **Pro-Life Champions, Spirit Juice Studios and Movie to Movement** are honored to announce the world premiere of a new powerful pro-life documentary **40**. The film which began production at the 2012 March for Life in Washington D.C., presents abortion as the most important human rights issue of our time.

Directed by the producer of the award winning film **Champions of Faith: Baseball Edition, John E. Morales**, and from **Executive Producer and Movie to Movement Founder, Jason Jones, 40** will feature inspiring stories and deeply personal interviews with champions of the pro-life movement. The film will also address some of the strongest arguments for the pro-choice position such as when life begins and "it's my body, my choice" countered by pro-life answers from a wide array of pro-life activists, leaders and youth. Twenty-eight year-old actress **Jennifer Cadena**, who starred in *The Roommate*, *Crescendo*, and the upcoming film, *Little Boy*, narrates the 40 film.

40 features over 40 of the biggest names in the pro-life movement such as **Joe Scheidler**, founder of the Pro-Life Action League, Investigative journalist **Lila Rose**, the President of Live Action, **Star Parker**, Founder and President of CURE, **Rebecca Kiessling**, Pro-life Speaker and Conceived in rape, **Serrin Foster**, President of Feminists for Life, **Ryan Bomberger**, Founder of Radiancance Foundation, **Abby Johnson**, former Planned Parenthood abortion clinic director and senior Policy Adviser with American's United for Life, **Keith Mason**, Co-founder of Personhood USA, **Dr. Monica Miller**, Director of Citizen for a Pro-Life Society, **David Bereit**, National Director of 40 Days for Life, **Fr. Frank Pavone**, National Director of Priests for Life, **Dr. Alveda King**, Director of African-American Outreach-Priests for Life, **Jeanne Monahan**, President of March for Life Education and Defense Fund, **Dr. Day Gardner**, President of the National Black



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Pro-Life Union, **Troy Newman**, President of Operation Rescue, **Kelsey Hazzard**, President of Secular Pro-Life, and many more!

What: World Premiere of **40**

When: Wednesday, December 11, 2013

7p.m. – Exclusive Premiere featuring numerous Pro-Life Leaders and special guests.

Where: Pickwick Theatre

5 S. Prospect Ave. Park Ridge, IL 60068

Visit www.The40film.com or call 847-803-4003

"Walk the Talk"

19th Annual Great Lakes Catholic Men's Conference

Put Out Into the Deep
Luke 5:4

Saturday, November 16
Holmes Student Center
Northern Illinois University,
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Featured Speakers

 Drew Mariani Popular Relevant Radio Host and award winning journalist, writer, and broadcaster	 Jim Towey President of Ave Maria University and former U.S. legal counsel for Mother Teresa	 Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki Bishop of Springfield, IL, author, and sportsman who plays goalie in hockey and runs marathons for charity, affectionately known as the "Holy Goalie"	 Marcus Grodi Popular EWTN personality, convert to the faith, and founder of the Coming Home Network International, helping others come home to the Catholic Church
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To register or for more information, go to www.thetalk.org or call (888) 849-2282

Conference is from 8:50 a.m. - 4 p.m. Doors open at 8 a.m.

If interested in attending, contact Mike Smith - smith6family@comcast.net



We would like to invite any of our brother Knights to a men's small group Bible study. We, currently six of us, call it a 'light' Bible study because we address any topic regarding our Catholic faith that arises from our current study of the book of Romans. The material we use is free and online at agapebiblestudy.com. The group doesn't have an official facilitator and yes, sometimes we do get off our intended subject and into some theological points which require further research.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 17 at 7:00 pm at Crane Road Church. We hope many of you will join us and learn more about our fantastic Catholic faith.

God bless you & yours,
Lance Christensen

Bellarmino Jesuit Retreat House

Come to the quiet... and let the Quiet come to you...

January 17–19, 2014
Men's Silent Weekend Retreat
Fr. Keith Muccino, SJ, MD

Fr. Muccino works as a physician and medical educator at Loyola University Medical Center in Chicago. Fr. Muccino's love for retreat work has been a life long passion. While at Georgetown University from 1991- 2004 he directed students, faculty, staff and alumni on a variety of Ignatian retreat experiences. Since moving to Chicago in 2004 for his current position at Loyola University Medical Center, he continues to direct retreats for parish and professional groups seeking to connect God to the busy pace and challenges that are a part of every day contemporary life.



Register online at www.bellarminehall.org, call Bellarmine at 847.381.1261, or mail in the form [Here](#). A \$70 deposit is requested at time of registration. The deposit is applied toward your weekend contribution. Please contact the Chuck Jaeger at (847) 488-0013 or email prdonearth@aol.com with any questions.

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Major Degree

A Major Degree is where a First Degree member can advance to

receive their 2nd and 3rd Degree on Sunday December 8th, St. Pat's Crane Rd., Ceremony will follow the First Degree. Please arrive at 1:00PM. This is the only time of the year where you can receive your 2nd and 3rd Degree in St. Charles. If you do not attend this event, you will need to go to another geographic location to advance.

By attaining your 3rd Degree, you will have positioned yourself so you can become a 4th Degree member which is the highest level in the Knights of Columbus.

Join us for the Rosary



We would like to remind you that we will be praying the Rosary at around 6:15 p.m. prior to the council meeting on Monday, November 11th.

The intention of the Rosary will be for the Knights and their families. and our country.

Adoration

*St. Patrick Parish
Eucharistic Adoration*

Every Tuesday at Crane Road Church

7:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Every Wednesday for 24 hours

At the Downtown Church

9:00 a.m. Wednesday – 8:20 a.m. Thursday



"So you could not keep watch with Me for one hour?" Mt 26:40

*Pray the Rosary
For the World, Our Nation,
Families and Ourselves!*



To Pray the Rosary is to Pray the Gospels!

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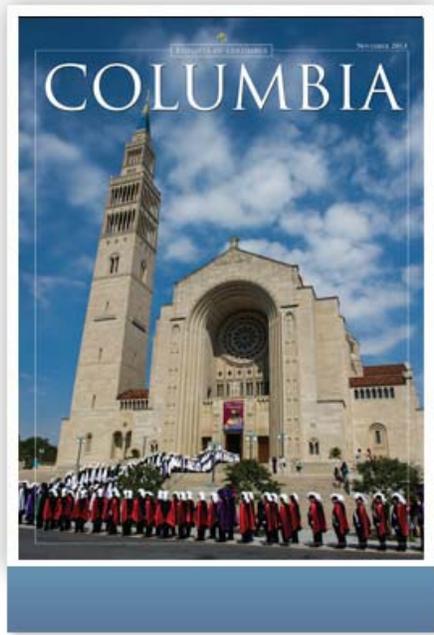
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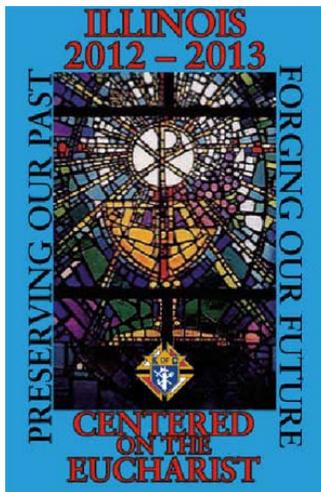
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