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Grand Knight's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

Last month, we celebrated life by participating in the Mass of Reparation at St. Justin's Church. All collections were donated to the St. Juan Diego Women Center in San Jose.

The St. Juan Diego Society Women's Center is a Catholic crisis pregnancy center located on the front lines of the pro-life battle: right in between a high school and a Planned Parenthood clinic. It was formed in 1986 through the inspiration of Monsignor Sweeny, former pastor of Our Lady of Peace. Over the last 24 years it has performed more than 6,500 pregnancy tests, thousands of counseling sessions, provided untold baby item material aid, and by the Grace of God, it has been instrumental in saving over 650 babies.

I would like to paraphrase the words of Brother Knight John Wilhelmsson, Board member of the St. Juan Diego Society who described why their Women's Center is a ministry that reflects the ideals of the Knights of Columbus:

First, it is 100% Catholic, pro-Magisterium, pro-Holy Father, and therefore, pro-life. They do not hide the fact that they are Catholic or the teachings of the Church but "Speak the truth in Love" in the context of a warm family-like atmosphere to those who come for help. Second, it is 100% Marian and under the maternal protection of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn, and Mother of the Civilization of Love. Finally, the traditional role of a Knight is to protect and serve the most innocent, weak, and vulnerable members of society. There is nobody more innocent, weak, and vulnerable than an unborn baby – worthy of a Knight's protection.

Along with Brother Wilhelmsson, I ask everyone to pray and fully consider being involved in the ministry of the St. Juan Diego Society Women's Center all year round because it is a ministry fit for a Knight.

¡Vivat Jesus!

SK Rafael Betancourt, GK

Dates to Remember

February

20 Council Social

March

06 Business Meeting at 9:00 AM

27 Council Social

Haiti Earthquake Relief

To All Knights of Columbus:

In an effort to come to the aid of the people of Haiti, who are suffering a humanitarian catastrophe of huge proportions in the wake of Tuesday evening's 7.0 earthquake, the Knights of Columbus has today sent an immediate contribution of \$50,000 to Catholic Relief Services, and we invite Knights to make contributions through the Supreme Council so that we can maximize the impact of the funds raised, and document the amount donated in this tragedy by members of the Order.

Donations by individual Knights can be made on line, and this feature should be available on the Supreme Council website (www.kofc.org) by later this evening. Checks should be made out to Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. and mailed to 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510. Please write "Haiti Earthquake Relief" on the memo line of the check.

Contributions will be used to provide assistance wherever it can have the most immediate impact, and where the need is greatest. We ask all Knights and their families to also offer their prayers for the victims of this terrible disaster.

Council News

February and March Socials

The February social will be a potluck dinner. The Carvalho's will do the cooking for the March social

Mass of Reparation Report

A total of 300 people attended and \$582 were collected with an additional \$250 donation. All donations were given to the St. Juan Diego Women's Center.

Walk For Life West Coast Report

A total of 50,000 people attended in spite of the rainy day.

Free Throw Contest

Contest was held at St. Justin's School and the finalist are going to the Chapter level on Feb. 28 at 8:00 AM at Holy Trinity Church.

Essay Contest

Winners will be recognized in the March social.

State Convention

The delegates to this event will be brothers Robert Carvalho, William Eya and Jan Smits.

A Note from our Brother Claude

"Brother Knights, please help us save the 64-cent cost of postage and printing of each copy of the Knight Lamp. Send your e-mail address to gk@kofc3523.org. That could save the Council up to \$64 a month."

Happy Valentines!

In God We Trust

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