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GRAND KNIGHTS MESSAGE.. RICHARD SCHULTZ

Brothers in Christ. You can tell by the picture at the right, I (as well as my wife, Kim) enjoy life and all that it offers. Last month our Council helped support the annual "Special Olympics Duck Race" in Old Sacramento. Thousands of ducks were released by skip loaders from the "I" street bridge and raced to the Tower bridge with help of a number of Sacramento police and fire department personnel. A fun, fun day.



The Sept Chapter meeting in Lake Tahoe was attended by myself and our PGK/DD Larry Rositani. We actually had time to not only enjoy the Tahoe Basin but had time for a productive meeting. Lots of activities by many of the Councils in the Sacramento area, including ours (See Don's article).

We again had our Ladies Night Out on September 30th at NY Grand Buffet in Carmichael. These 5th Tuesday events are contagious, so why not join with your Council Knights and Ladies next time.

This edition of the Paladin has many interesting topics and I thank all that help make our bulletin not only one of the best in the State but primarily interesting to read and informative. Reminder: Don't forget to vote yes on Proposition 4 and 8. If you need yard signs, come and visit me. God bless, Vivat Jesus!

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE...DON HARMATA

October 11th brings our biggest fund raiser of the year to cover our budget expenditures...our Cioppino Dinner Dance. This event continues the tradition of Brother Frank DiLeo and his family. The price is right keeping it at \$25 and the food is always awesome when Brother Roy Lasich is in the kitchen. I hope you contacted either Gene Gobbo (283-5223) with your reservations, and if you can't make it, you may consider a donation.



This year we are also donating a portion of our proceeds to the debt reduction of the St. John Tralee Center, the hall where the Cioppino Dinner will be held. We have received requests for tickets from our Chapter President and others from the recent chapter meeting...so our marketing is working.

Later in October is our Tootsie Roll drive for the Intellectually Disabled. Our new Chairman Chuck Cuny and his committee need everyone's help. Last year we raised over \$7000 in support of Camp Recreation. We can do it again with your help. For details see Brother Chuck Cuny's article in this edition of our Paladin.

On November 1st we honor our Immediate PGK Eldon Hancock with a dinner at Marie Calendars on Sunrise Blvd. Come on out and join with us and congratulating Eldon and Joanne for the great job they did for the Council last Columbian Year. (More in our early edition of the November Paladin).

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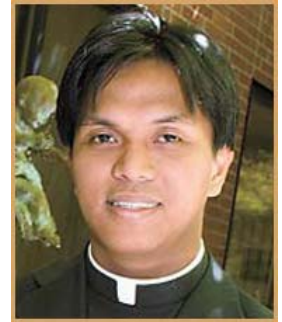
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On August 22 Fr. Roland Ramirez was ordained to the priesthood for the diocese by Bishop William K. Weigand and Coadjutor Bishop Jaime Soto and assigned to St. John the Evangelist Parish. From the Catholic Herald: *Fr. Ramirez has a thoughtful, gentle way about him. "The seminary teaches you a lot of theoretical material," he said, "but then you go out into the real world and you get to the reality of parish life." That can be challenging work, he said. Parish life in the United States is demanding in a different way from parish work in the Philippines, he noted, because there are many more ministries in U.S. parishes — such as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, youth ministry, parish councils — so that administrative duties absorb a lot of the priest's time. This is in addition to celebrating the sacraments and continuing the pastoral work of reaching out to people, he noted. But the priests around him have been very good about showing him how to do the work gracefully, he said.*

Fr. Ramirez was born in the Pangasinan province in the Philippines, the fourth and youngest in his family. An older brother, Father Rojohn Bernardino Ramirez, is a diocesan priest in the Philippines. He loves preaching and talking with people after Mass, and some of that pleasure comes from teaching. His experience teaching philosophy also helps with one of his challenges in American parish life, which is answering people's questions and concerns about church doctrine.

Parishioners at St. Johns have welcomed Fr. Ronald and his enthusiastic attitude and smile. He is a First Degree Knight and is anxious to attain at least his 3rd degree this Columbian Year even with his busy schedule. Our membership committee is working on his Form 100 to transfer him into our Council. Welcome Fr. Roland.

A TIME FOR PLANTING...CHUCK CUNY, RECRUITMENT CHAIRMAN

A farmer had a great crop. He hired laborers to pick and package the tomatoes. He contacted stores to sell produce. He hired a delivery services to bring them to the stores. He also hired an accountant to track all the transactions. All in all, he had a very successful year. But which of these activities was the most important?

The Knights of Columbus have had a successful year. But what is the most important of the activities that made it successful? Was it the Tootsie Roll Drive or the Fireworks Booth? Was it the Insurance Program? Was it the Clergy Dinner or the Memorial Mass? Was it the Altar Server Awards or the Scholarship Program? Was it the help to the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home or our Youth Activities? Was it the Keep "Christ In Christmas", the Christmas Dinner or some other program?

Getting back to the successful farmer. Perhaps the most important activity for the farmer was planting the tomatoes in the first place. None of the other activities were possible without planting the seeds. And how different is it with our organization? We must have members to continue the good work! Although we pleasantly welcome Brother Robert Sayre, transfer from Infant Mary Council, and

gained a few contacts at our latest two ministry outreaches, months have passed and we still have not gotten any new members. Yes, high praise to all the effort towards all the other activities, but it is now time to start planting. Can you help us? Contact me at 971-1751.

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PRAYERS NEEDED**

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IN DISTRESS**

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Doug Wright
(brother of Bro Jack)
Priests and Religious
Aborted Children
Troops serving our country
(particularly Randy Fischbach
son of Bro Ray)

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MEMORIAL MASS...Ken MacDonald, Chairman

I am pleased to again chair our Council's annual Memorial Mass in honor of our deceased Brother Knights who had contributed so much in the service to others. The Mass will also honor the widows who supported their husbands during their married life. Recent masses and luncheons have been well attended by our widows. However I am hoping to have more Brother Knights and family members also attend.



The Mass will be held at St. John the Evangelist Parish Chapel on Saturday, November 8th at 11:00 AM. The Luncheon for our distinguished Widowed Lady Knights will take place immediately following the Mass. We invite all of our Brother Knights and their families to attend in celebration of the lives and contributions of our Brothers who have gone before us and the luncheon to follow.

At this time we are still working on details for the luncheon but anticipate a cost of somewhere in the neighborhood of \$15 to cover the meals for our widows and our celebrants. For proper planning we need your reservation. This Mass and luncheon will provide the opportunity for a very "Special Day" for the wives of those who have represented our Order so well. We also request any Brother that can escort one of the widows to please contact me. For reservations and further information contact me at 631-0774.

**INSURANCE REPORT- JOY TO THE CHILDREN
JIM JORDAN, FIELD AGENT**

My Brothers, if you're like me, you receive great joy from your children. It's a wonderful feeling when a teacher, coach, or fellow parent compliments you on your child.

We all know that raising children these days is no easy task, especially when the values we're trying to instill in them – concern for others, accepting responsibility for their actions, saving money rather than spending it – seem to run counter to what society is trying to teach them. Yet these are exactly the values that tend to draw those same compliments from teachers, coaches, and fellow parents.

We also know that the best way we teach is by example. If you carry enough life insurance to protect your family, and if you share - with those of your children old enough to understand - why that's important, you're exhibiting and imparting many of the values we pray our children will absorb.

You are showing them by example that you love them and are concerned about their welfare. You are showing them that you take your responsibility of providing for your family seriously, and that you want to make sure they're provided for, even if you're not around. You'll also show them that investing money in your life insurance protection is more important than the new set of golf clubs you might want, the newest and best home theater system you've had your eye on, or whatever else you might reconsider, in order to properly invest in their future and security.

Sure, they'll probably roll their eyes at you as you're explaining this, and they'll certainly moan and groan if they can't get the newest CD, video game or latest clothing fashion. But they learn from what you do – just like they learn from what you don't do. What lessons do we want to teach them?

Let's meet and review your existing coverage. Based upon that review we'll be able to put a plan in place that will meet your family's needs, goals and budget. To contact me to help with any of your insurance needs, please call at (916) 663-1946 or cell (916) 765-9325 or e-mail me @ jim.jordan@kofc.org. Give me a call – let's talk. Jim Jordan, FICF, CA. Lic # OD46311.





DRIVE FOR THOSE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES...
PGK CHUCK CUNY, CHAIRMAN
YOUR EFFORT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The first principle of the Knights of Columbus is charity. The chosen goal of the Knights is helping people with Intellectual Disabilities. Our particular council has chosen to sponsor a drive to support the non-profit camp ReCreation, which is run by the Catholic Diocese of Sacramento for the benefit of intellectually challenged people. This drive is possibly most important charitable activity of the Council for the year and certainly the most visible.

To understand why this drive is so important, we need to know the scope of the problem and why Camp ReCreation is so important. There are about six million people with intellectual disabilities in the United States today. These disabilities affect more individuals than all the other handicapped conditions combined. Indeed, one out of every thirty-three children is a victim. The plight of these affected people and their families is a major concern for all of us as citizen, but particularly as Knights. For some of these people, Camp ReCreation offers social interaction, improved self-esteem, physical activities, personal enjoyment and even spiritual growth. This means so much to these people along with their families who desperately need some respite from their care burden.

In 2007, Camp ReCreation served 88 persons ranging in age from 8 to 63 years of age. Participants come from 29 different cities throughout Northern California. The Camp is funded through donations and camper fees. The fees cover about three-quarter of the actual cost. Without the contribution from the Knights of Columbus a large number of participants would be turned away. Yes, your standing in front of the stores, Tootsie Roll in hand, appealing for donations does really make a difference.

The MR Drive is one that we can all get involved in for a 2-hour shift. We will do 3 Raley/Bel Air stores and a Sav-Mart in the Arden-Carmichael area this year. Please find time to volunteer for the weekend of October 17th, 18th and 19th. I have taken over the reigns from a great chairman over the years, Ponce Marquez, who has moved to Fairfield. My goal is clear, and our opportunity is here. Please sign up for a two-hour shift with me or my sign-up coordinator, Jerry Marenich. I can be reached at 971-1751 and Jerry at 334-7427.



ADVOCACY FOR THE CULTURE OF LIFE, JOHN MIZERAK, CHAIRMAN

The "40 days for Life" commenced last month and continues to November 2nd. This fall session will focus on three aspects in combating abortion: vigil, prayer and fasting. I handed out a Personal Reminder card at our September Planning meeting and will bring some to our October business meeting. You can participate in any of these three elements every day...or as you have time to do so. While all aspects of 40 Days for Life are crucial in our effort to bring Christ to those in need of Him and to end abortion, the most visible component is the peaceful prayer vigil outside the local abortion facilities. In this regard to the vigil, we are focusing on one particular day, Thursday October 9th during daylight hours, and one particular facility, the Clinic on 29th and B. You can help make a life-saving impact by joining the vigil site or other sites, so that we may truly pray for and serve those in need of Christ. For more details contact me at 332-5511.



In regard to the upcoming elections, please vote appropriately. There are many candidates running that are pro-choice in contrast to our pro-life stand. Also a number of propositions here in California should be analyzed carefully in light of our Christian beliefs and traditions.

Will Rogers, who died in a plane crash with Wylie Post in 1935, was probably the greatest political sage this country has ever known. Enjoy:

Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.

Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.

There are two theories to arguing with a woman...neither works.

Never miss a good chance to shut up.

Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n puttin' it back.

After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him. The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH.....TODD WILSON AND JERRY MARENICH, CO-CHAIRMEN



This month we wish to honor Melvin and Dorothy Picanco, who for many years, have been a most important part of Council 4970, and who have contributed greatly to the success, not only to our Council, but also to the success of the Bishop Manogue Assembly, the Northern California Chapter of the Knights of Columbus, and the State of California Council. Melvin and Dorothy have served as an inspiration to our parishes, our community, and to Council 4970, by supporting and strengthening Christian Family Life.

Prior to moving to Manteca, California earlier this year, Mel and Dorothy were members of St Ignatius Parish, where they could always be counted upon to take an active role in the activities of the parish. Mel served as Eucharistic Minister, Lector, and occasionally as an Usher. Dorothy also served as Eucharistic Minister in the past. They were also very active in Pro-Life activities. They took part in Pro-Life Masses, in demonstrations against abortion, and for many years played an active role in the support of the Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home. They were instrumental in helping to raise thousands of dollars, which provided the women and babies of the home, with the necessities of life. Dorothy annually helped in organizing the "Christmas Stocking Stuffing Project", the project that provided the women and babies with Christmas gifts, and the respect and the love that they so desperately longed for.

Mel has truly been an indispensable member of the Knights of Columbus and the Arden-Carmichael Council. Mel has served as the Grand Knight of the Council, as Faithful Navigator of the Bishop Manogue Assembly of the Fourth Degree, and for many years, he served as Financial Secretary of Council 4970. Mel and Dorothy's son, Steve, also served as Grand Knight of the council. Mel also served as a member of the Council's First Degree Exemplification Team, and as a member of the Bishop Manogue Assembly Color Corp. Mel has also been very active in the Knights of Columbus State Activities. He served as the Chairman for the 2004 State Convention, held in Sacramento, and continues to be a member of the Administration and Finance Committee, and has served as the State Church Committee Chairman.

Mel and Dorothy have always been very active in many community activities, including Old Sacramento Living History, where as actors, they helped to reenact the life and history of Old Sacramento. Mel and Dorothy were also Docents at the Sacramento Discovery Museum, and Dorothy is a past winner of the Docent of the year Award. Mel is also a Docent of the Sacramento Railroad Museum, and both were Docents at the historic Eagle Theater in Old Sacramento. Mel is also a member of the Blue Canyon Gang, otherwise known as the Black Powder Men, who engaged in staged gunfights of the Old West.

Mel and Dorothy always participated in the many family activities of the council, including the Ice Cream Socials, Ladies Night Out, and the many dinners held by the council. They manned the Fireworks Booth, and participated in the annual MR Drives. Truly, they are an indispensable couple.

Though Mel and Dorothy have moved to Manteca, they continue to be members of Council 4970. They will eventually, and unfortunately for us, become members of another council. They will always remain a part of our council, however, and will be remembered for who they were and what they did for our community and our council. Good luck and best wishes dear friends.

PS: If you are aware of a deserving family in our Council, please call either Todd (961-2761) or Jerry (334-7427)

HAPPY FALL TO YOU



A woman was asked by a coworker, "What is it like to be a Christian?" The coworker replied, "It is like being a pumpkin." God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. Then He cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, and greed. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."

BREAKING NEWS: Marty Condon, wife of PGK John Condon, has graciously volunteered to chair the Council's Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home Christmas Stocking program. She has great shoes to fit into, those of Dorothy Picanco, but if there is one of our fine Lady Knights out there to do it, it's Marty. More details to follow next month's Paladin or via email since we have to move on this as Christmas time approaches. Marty's email is: nicenurse@gmail.com, and phone #: 483-1732

A MODERN PROSPECTIVE ON CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Brother Jim Lynch, Attorney at Law

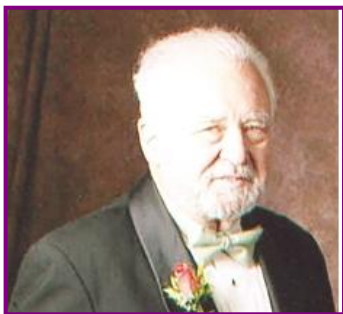
This starts a mini-series on Capital Punishment. Brother Jim has cut each of his sections down so they will fit on one page of our Paladin. Interesting Read

INTRODUCTION

In 1985, I wrote an article entitled "Emerging Standards of Decency & Sovereignty: The Death Penalty Is Justified, If At All, and only When the State Demonstrates beyond a Reasonable Doubt That It Cannot Control Defendant's Conduct by Mere Incarceration."¹ It was not an instant success, I can assure you. Sometime later, Pope John Paul II, in his encyclical observed that, given modern penal facilities to control human misconduct, capital punishment is "cruel and unnecessary."² He has been much criticized for his call for an end to capital punishment. Subsequently, I participated as amicus curiae in four capital cases, including one that was a cross-over with my position on Abortion.



In this series of articles, originally designed for lawyers, I will attempt to put together my thoughts from a biblical perspective, legal perspective, and personal perspective. As to the first, while I am rather well read,³ I am not a theologian, have no formal training on an approach to either the original testaments, or the subsequent testaments followed by Christianity or Islam. I am convinced that in a modern, civilized world, capital punishment ought not to be used unless there is simply no other way to protect society from further harm.



A SHORT BIBLICAL HISTORY OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

The first recorded homicide was when Cain slew Able. It is sufficient to note that when all was said and done, God pronounced Cain's punishment as severe abandonment. Cain cried out, "But Lord, surely I shall die!" and the Lord replied, "Whoever harms you, shall suffer seven fold." And thus, what would appear to be a capital case in California did not result in death, but mere banishment. See also, fn. 2.

My understanding, then, of stoning was not to execute, but to enforce banishment. First of all, the only means of execution was by the Sanhedrin at the Temple in Jerusalem, and there is no record of any capital punishment.⁴ Second, except as to a woman going to her wedding bed unchaste, stoning was done at the gate so that the offender would leave the community and never return. In case of the unchaste bride, it was done at her father's door, so that she could enter her father's house, never to show her face in public again. Third, most of the offenses found in Numbers, take the following form: If A does such and so, "then surely he shall die." The quoted phrase, however, are not words of execution, but echo the cry of Cain, they are words of banishment. Moreover, when the Sanhedrin abandoned the Temple, as Erez points out, there was no one left who had the power to execute, and with the destruction of the temple by the Romans, no place to perform the execution!

In truth, capital punishment was a product of Roman pagans. Most of those "executed" where Christians at the Coliseum, for blood sport, and executed not for crimes, but because they were despised Christians practicing their faith, or like John the Baptist, beheaded for their speech criticizing public officials for their "scandalous" conduct in office. Most of the reasons, it appears, were for conduct which we in America could not even be punished for because of the protected activity under the 1st Amendment of the American Constitution.

¹ © 1985 *sub nom*, "Penalty phase capital cases and other cases and matters deemed relevant to capital sentencing," edited by James Joseph Lynch, Jr. Emerging Standards was one of several chapters. Over the years, I updated it as capital punishment evolved out of the U.S. Supreme Court. This article was rewritten as an independent article. For those wishing to review my background on the subject go to: www.jamesjosephlynchjr.com/Abolitionist/index.htm

² From Para. 56 of *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life), an encyclical letter on various threats to human life which Pope John Paul II issued on March 25, 1995.

³ Edna Erez, "Thou Shalt Not Execute: Hebrew Law Perspective on Capital Punishment," *Criminology* 19.1 (May 1981); Hanks, "Capital Punishment and the Bible" (Scottsdale, Pa; Herald Press, 2002); Megivern, "CAPITAL PUNISHMENT: THE CURIOUS HISTORY OF ITS PRIVILEGED PLACE IN CHRISTENDOM (PROCEEDINGS OF THE AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY,)" 147:1 MARCH 2003)

⁴ Edna Erez, "Thou Shalt Not Execute: Hebrew Law Perspective on Capital Punishment," *Criminology* 19.1 (May 1981). I had actually come to this understand long before I read this book, but it added some things to my understanding that I had not previously considered and immensely helped shaping my views.

CHUCK'S CORNER

FLOWERS FOR ALGERON

CHUCK CUNY, PGK



Daniel Keyes wrote a short fictional story about an intellectually challenged boy called Charlie Gordon. Due to Charlie's mental condition, his peers treated him shamefully, even cruelly. He was even an embarrassment to his parents.

In the short story of "Flowers for Algeron", Charlie Gordon was a slow-witted teenage schoolboy. The children at school poke fun at him. In his spare time, he has a low paying job cleaning dung from the mouse cages and feeding them in a nearby experimental laboratory. He especially enjoys a pet mouse he calls Algeron. Charlie's girlfriend was also intellectually challenged.

At the lab, the researchers are using mice for testing. Charlie notices that after Algeron ate certain food, the mouse began performing better. Charlie also tries eating the mouse food and to his surprise, his intelligence began to improve. Gradually, he begins to dress better, combs his hair and even answers difficult questions in class. His treatment by his parent and peers dramatically improves. Girls in the class admire him and he, in turn, casts off his old girl friend.

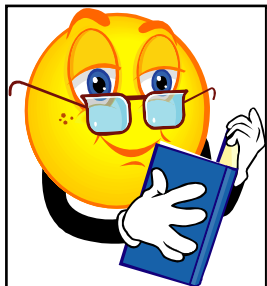
Charlie greatly appreciates the recognition he receives with his improved intelligence. He even becomes to be one of the smartest in the class. But he never forgets his pet mouse Algeron and still works at the lab where he continues to clean the cages and consume the test food. Then one day disaster struck. He finds his pet mouse Algeron dead. He quickly realizes that the mouse food that improves his intelligence had killed the mouse. The test food is toxic.

What a terrible dilemma. Should he live a life of stupidity or resign himself to an early death. Frantically he begins to try to find some way to neutralize the toxicity. It is a race against time. He realizes that, to begin with, he has to quit eating the toxic test food. All his waking hours and energy goes into the race, but without the benefit of the test food, he begins to lose ground. Eventually, he loses the battle and regresses to his former state. He again loses favor with classmate's peers, returns to his former girl friend and is again treated shamefully.

Our adrenalin begins to rush as we identify with Charlie and his improved intelligence. What a splendid stroke of luck to find such brain food; but then we become greatly distressed at his loss. Why did he have to lose the battle? The author was showing us how badly we, as a society, treat people with learning disabilities. Sure he was the same person in both cases, but with a higher IQ, he was well liked.

Each October, the Knights of Columbus sponsor a fundraising drive to assist persons with intellectual disabilities. Our donations go to Camp ReCreation, a non-profit program sponsored by the Sacramento Catholic Diocese. We Knights know that Tootsie Rolls, as a candy, will not make them smarter. But a number of them will benefit from the Tootsie Roll Drive. Camp ReCreation will give them an opportunity for social interaction, personal enjoyment, physical activities, improved self-esteem and even spiritual growth.

There are about six million people with intellectual disabilities in the United States today. The plight of these affected people and their families is a major concern for all of us. As an organization dedicated to helping intellectually challenged people, the Algeron story is a powerful teaching metaphor and reminder how important it is for us to help out in our annual Tootsie Roll Drive.



THIS MONTH THE ONLINE AND MAIL-OUT VERSIONS OF THE COUNCIL'S MONTHLY BULLETIN ARE SIMILAR.

Some months our mail out version is shortened due to cost considerations. Our Paladin is mailed to other Councils in the area, State officers and Committee chairs. We publish all pertinent council activities and actions.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE AN ARTICLE PLEASE EMAIL OUR EDITOR, BROTHER GENE GOBBO, AT gene@gobbo.org OR CALL 283-5223 FOR FURTHER DIRECTIONS. TO STAY EVEN MORE CURRENT, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO VISIT OUR COUNCIL'S WEB SITE <http://www.kofc4970.org> FREQUENTLY.

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VOCATION PRAYER: God of Love and Compassion, You gave us your Son, Jesus, as our shepherd, who calls and guides us. May we be attentive to his voice and discern how to follow him. Bless those who answer his call and strengthen their vocational commitment. May the Church be blessed with an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. We offer our prayer through Christ, our Shepherd, Amen

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 2008

40 Days For Life continues through
the month of October

- 5 Life Chain
- 11 Cioppino Dinner-Dance, SJE Tralee Center
- 12(13) Columbus Day
- 14 Business Meeting - St. John Hall, OLA
- 17-19 MR Drive - various stores
- 28 Planning Meeting - Seton Hall OLA - 7:30 PM
- 31 Halloween

Rosary at 7 PM each month prior to our meeting.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2008

- 1 PGK Dinner – Marie Calendars, Sunrise, 6:30
- 1 All Saints Day
- 2 All Souls Day
- 8 Memorial Mass - SJE Parish Chapel 11 a.m.
- 11 Veterans Day
- 11 Business Meeting - St. John Hall, OLA
- 25 Planning Meeting - Seton Hall OLA - 7:30 PM
- 27 Thanksgiving

Rosary at 7 PM each month prior to our meeting.

Christmas Party coming to St. Ignatius Parish Hall on December 7th