



CALIFORNIA STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Eucharistic Adoration Initial Proposal



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

“BE BOLD” is the mandate of our worthy State Deputy, Stephen Bolton, who assigned me the position of Perpetual Adoration Chairman for the Knights of Columbus California State Council. I have attempted to write this document in a BOLD manner. **I am not going to pull punches. Some of this document is not pleasant. Sometimes the truth hurts.** We all agree the Knights are an incredible organization. I expect we also agree there are areas where we need to improve. We certainly do not always agree on how to change conditions needing improvement. We also do not always agree on priorities.

I will not be presenting proposed activities expecting them all to take months to review and act upon. **I plan on starting most all of these activities immediately.** But, to **be bold**, I am going to state that the spiritual state of the Knights is not optimal whether we want to admit it or not. The often-ignored spiritual lessons of the old 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degrees that culminated in living for the Eucharist are now all but abandoned with the new 40-minute public exemplification. To make actual progress we need to **BE BOLD**. We need to prove the statements the Knights have made in the past, especially statements made by our Grand Knight Carl Anderson, **are not just platitudes** as I have been told on multiple occasions and tried to document in this current document and its appendixes.

This document proposes that since the Blessed Sacrament is Our Lord God Jesus Christ Himself, the Source and Summit of our Faith, Eucharistic Adoration should become the Source and Summit of the Knights of Columbus. Eucharistic Adoration should be a priority in and of itself within the Knights, not to be embedded in whatever other program or initiative it seems to fit in at the time.

Eucharistic Adoration can change the world and will make everything we do better, more effective, and more efficacious. Our Supreme Knight said we should use Mother Teresa as a model. Mother Teresa gave credit for all her success to the Blessed Sacrament and said her order really started to grow after they implemented daily holy hours of Eucharistic Adoration worldwide.

Mother Teresa said she spent an hour a day in Eucharistic Adoration unless she was busy, then she spent two.

Mother Teresa said once every parish established Eucharistic Adoration, abortion would end. She never called out for marches on Washington or vigils outside Planned Parenthood. I have done both and applaud them but the point is they will be more effective once the Knights champion Eucharistic Adoration. Read "Soul of the Apostolate" for more insight on this reasoning.



“Although the world praised Mother Teresa for feeding the poor and bandaging the sick, secular media often ignored the only part of her day that was absolutely consistent and, in her view, vital -- the hour she spent, every single day, in Eucharistic adoration.”

Supreme Knight of Columbus Carl Anderson

I propose the following activities and propose we can get started on them right away. The purpose of these activities is primarily to move each and every Knight to a love of Jesus Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. We also can inspire our Catholic parishes to do the same. St John Paul II said Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition should take place in every parish in the world and Carl Anderson said the Knights should be working to make all John Paul II’s hopes become reality.

- Fund the efforts over and above the traditional Knights fundraising methods. Partner with Identity Maxx (Appendix F) and **bring millions of dollars in for the Knights**, similar to what the Kiwanas have already decided to do. I put this first because the Knights should do this on its own merit.
- Gather Information at every Council’s Parish about current Eucharistic Adoration. This is an administrative task that every Council is capable of doing right away.
- Give out the book “The Soul of the Apostolate” to every officer in the state. This is a great Catholic book read by at least one saint and needs to be read by every officer. Mindsets need to change and this book will do it.
- Remember that many Knights do not know their faith.
- Resurrect “Into the Breach” as a Mandate. At the beginning of Faith in Action this booklet was supposed to be read and studied by every knight. The spiritual battle is real. This is not a game.
- Create a “Knights of the Eucharist” website which is a title Carl Anderson said we Knights of Columbus should also be known as.
- Adopt Diocese of Orange Bishop Kevin Vann’s letter at the State level and start the Inter Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration Society (IDEAS)
- Implement the Council 6020 “Call to be Holy” Initiative Statewide
- Emphasize the messages of Our Lady of Fatima
- Give away Knights Literature at Every Parish. Don’t force local councils to pay for this.

- Augment Consecration to the Holy Family with Holy Family Model Not Exception Presentations based on the Mary Shivanandan book. (Appendix H)
- Adopt the St John Paul II Eucharistic Adoration Resolution (Appendix B) at Council and State Levels. This resolution summarizes dozens of WHEREAS reasons why we should do this. Support Eucharistic Adoration at every parish from a Security Construction level to a Adoration coordination level to just plane encouraging every Knight to make a weekly Holy Hour.
- Get the Vatican Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles displayed at every Council Parish

When then Knights of Columbus actually champion Eucharistic Adoration all heaven will rejoice!

INTRODUCTION

I met our worthy State Deputy back in 2006 while he was Grand Knight of Council 6020 in Huntington Beach. Even though I was not a Knight at the time, he allowed me to give a presentation to the Knights promoting Eucharistic Adoration.

I became a Knight just over 13 years ago on June 22, 2007 with a stated open agenda of getting the Knights to become champions of Eucharistic Adoration (see Appendix I).

Three years earlier I founded Adoration Servants, a Catholic Non-Profit that supports Eucharistic Adoration around the United States. In 2016 our bishop in the Diocese of Orange, Kevin Vann, put me in charge of growing Eucharistic Adoration and in February 2017 **Bishop Vann wrote a letter to all Knights of Columbus asking every Council in the Diocese of Orange to take a leadership role in growing Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in their Council's parishes.** See Appendix A.

Because of the Bishop's letter and the responsibility, he placed on me to grow Eucharistic Adoration in the Diocese, I reactivated myself in Council 6020. Other areas of this document explain my activity, and my inactivity, all which I believe are pertinent to the tasks at hand. As far as the task the bishop gave me, I put all my eggs in one basket so to speak.

I decided to focus on getting the Knights to take to heart Bishop Vann's letter and worked on very little else for the last three years in relation to growing Eucharistic Adoration in the Diocese. Also during the last three years, I neglected my support of Eucharistic Adoration Chapels around the country as I was giving my time to the Knights.

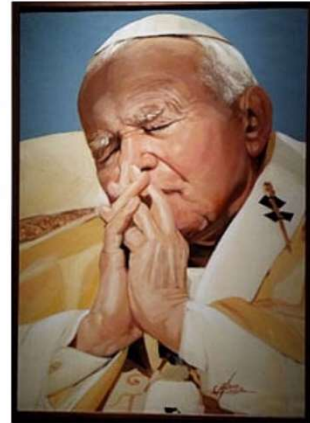
In addition to the Bishop's letter and as a result of my renewed Council activity, the two pastors of our Council 6020 parishes, Fr Joseph Knerr and Fr Jerome Karcher, followed up with a "Call to be Holy" to the Council 6020 Knights. The new Council 6020 officers asked the pastors what the Knights could do for them at the start of the new fiscal year, and they replied by asking to have each Knight grow in personal holiness and inspire the rest of the parish to do the same. This all took place well before the Faith in Action initiatives were made public.

We created a small group of Knights in Council 6020 and began to meet weekly. This "Call to be Holy" meeting has now been going on three years with a current average of about five Knights participating in each meeting. Early on we made spiritual recommendations to the Council but ultimately it became a spiritual discussion, using the great work by Thomas E. Kempis, "The Imitation of Christ" as our source of weekly meditation. I chose this work starting with Book IV on the Eucharist with the hope that we would be inspired to love of the Eucharist and become not only more personally devoted to the Eucharist but help to grow Adoration in our two parishes, as Bishop Vann's letter requested of us.

"The ultimate criterion of your dynamism is not to be found in human ingenuity, or activity, or even organization. It is to be found in union with Jesus Christ, above all in Eucharistic worship.

The real test of the Christian vitality of the village, the parish, the diocese and the nation is found in the answer to the question:

What place does the Holy Eucharist have in your lives?"



St John Paul II speaking to a group of lay persons
quoted by Supreme Knight of Columbus Carl Anderson

With Faith in Action coming to the forefront we certainly were poised to do a number of things related to faith, including Eucharistic Adoration, and our "Call to be Holy" team was to be instrumental in these efforts. I was given a lot of credit for spiritual growth in the Council and last year received the "Knight of the Year" award.

In an effort to "BE BOLD" I will state very little progress has been made in response to the beautiful letter Bishop Kevin Vann wrote to the Knights of Columbus of the Diocese of Orange California. **In point of fact, Bishop Vann's 2017 letter**, written in response to a request I was personally against making of him, **has been all but ignored for three years.** In late 2019 I contacted Bishop Vann and asked him if his request to the Knights was still valid and within minutes he replied with a resounding "Yes!"

Why would I recommend against asking Bishop Vann to write a letter to the Knights requesting us to take a leadership role in growing Eucharistic Adoration? After all, I told the diocesan Adoration team I put together that I planned to solicit the Knights of the Diocese of Orange to help us grow Adoration. Appendix I is an extended explanation of why I did not want to ask Bishop Vann to write the letter. The simple answer is based on past experience, I was afraid the Knights would ignore the letter.

It should be noted that over the last three years several efforts were made to the Chapter level regarding Bishop Vann's letter but they were for all intents and purposes ignored.

As it stands at this time our “Call to be Holy” meetings have moved to Zoom, and are still being attended. Eucharistic Adoration stopped as far as Exposition is concerned as it has nationwide. Everything is regrouping. The Eucharistic Adoration Chapels I support around the country are starting to restart with significant restrictions. There is a lot of opportunities for the Knights of Columbus to promote, support and participate in Eucharistic Adoration around the State of California.

The Council 6020 “Call to be Holy” team was beginning to discuss how we could increase Eucharistic Adoration at one of our parishes. Then the virus hit. And here we are.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

Getting 78,000 Knights in California to fall in love with Eucharistic Adoration cannot be forced. In general, the Knights are just not interested in such devotion at anything more than a cursory level. It cannot be mandated but what can be mandated, so to speak are tangible efforts to support continuation and growth of Eucharistic Adoration in every Council’s parish. Making Eucharistic Adoration a formal priority for the Knights and not just wrapping into other initiatives, no matter how important, will be critical to truly turning the Knights of Columbus into the Knights of the Eucharist and changing our world, as Bishop Kevin Vann said it would and as St John Paul II said it would and as St Mother Teresa said it would.

Taking the lead in growing Eucharistic adoration will give the Knights contact with parishioners who never would have had contact with the Knights. Young people take holy hours. Young men take holy hours. Knights membership will increase. Young Catholic fathers will be exposed to the Knights. The Knights will no longer be the pancake flippers.

HOW TO FUND

Local Councils can’t be asked to figure out how to fund all this. The Supreme and State levels need to declare it a priority and fund it for the Councils. I remember when I was given an entire two minutes to present Bishop Vann’s letter at Chapter meeting a comment made by more than one Grand Knight was: “Just another thing we are being asked to do.”

I have been supporting Eucharistic Adoration on my own over 15 years spending thousands and thousands of dollars in time and materials and I will continue to do so. I truly believe what I keep saying. When the two million Knights of Columbus really champion Eucharistic Adoration all heaven will rejoice.

I can’t to do some of the initiatives proposed and alluded to in this initial proposal alone. But **Divine Providence has provided an opportunity for the Knights to bring in millions of dollars a year and regardless of where this Eucharistic Adoration goes, the Knights should do this.**

The Knights of Columbus need to partner with Identity Maxx, a state-of-the-art Identity Security company who is willing not only to give Knights 50% off the \$30 a month fee to \$15 a month but also to give back \$4 to the Knights. (see Appendix F).

Identity Maxx is Family product. Identity Maxx protects families from identity theft which is a great evil of our time. Providing an Identity Protection service is perfectly in line with Father McGivney's mandate to take care of families.

If half the 78,000 Knights in California subscribed to this service, we would have \$312,000 available monthly and \$3,744,000 annually.

If 50 Knights at the Council level subscribed to Identity Maxx that would \$2,400 a year which practically pays for an Openpath Security door for an Adoration Chapel.

CURRENT ADORATION INFORMATION GATHERING

It should be obvious that there are two points in time: pre-Coronavirus and post-Coronavirus. The questions following should be asked both pre and post.

Every Council is to find out from their parish what kind of Eucharistic Adoration takes place. Who organizes it? Who champions it? How many participate? Is there Exposition? What times are Exposition? How is Exposition managed? How is communications conducted with participating adorers? Are there any rules and/or procedures in place?

What role do the Knights play? Chapel Leaders? Scheduled Adorers? How many Knights participate?

What kind of security is place? Locks? Combination? Other? Personal or general?

This part of the effort is a very tangible task that every Council can do right now, this minute. They don't need to love the Eucharistic, they just need to report on efforts to love it at their Council's parish.

There is an post-Coronavirus aftermath of Adoration and more security is needed. The Knights should fund OPENPATH SECURITY SYSTEMS at every parish. It will be a great benefit to all involved. It will allow Eucharistic Adoration to grow.

SOUL OF THE APOSTOLATE

State, Chapter, District and Council Officers should be given a copy of this book and asked to read it.

Personal Catholic Spirituality, Devotion, and Piety has to become the number one priority of every single Knight, over and above active work. I have been told some Knights think it is OK to skip Sunday Mass when they are too busy with Knights' events and it can be argued the new public exemplification supports this logic. Other knights have said they don't really pray much, their work with the Knights is their prayer. Probably if they don't pray much, they are not really making their work with the Knights their prayer either.

A version of this book is said to have been on the night stand of Pope St Pius X. It is a change of attitude that will make our works more effective and, more importantly, more efficacious.

MANY KNIGHTS DO NOT KNOW THEIR FAITH

Has anyone been in a situation where they and others were asked fairly simple questions about the Catholic faith only be unable to answer and witness most of those asked being unable to answer? At such an event has anyone been chided for not knowing one's faith and then exhorted to make a serious effort to learn one's faith, only to forget the situation once the event is over? I have. Many times. What would the point be of such an embarrassing situation?

Many Knights don't know how to pray the rosary. They don't know what the Mysteries of the Rosary are. They don't know what Eucharistic Adoration is. They buy into the Matthew Kelly fallacy that if you help enough little old ladies across the street you are holy and everyone goes to heaven. Our lack of faith knowledge is another lost spiritual lesson.

Many Knights do not know their faith. We know this. We have to do something about it more than slick videos. We have to get Knights in the Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament like Archbishop Lori has exhorted us to do.

INTO THE BREACH IS NOT A PLATITUDE

Make no mistake!!!! There are evil elements out there that want to **DESTROY** the family, **DESTROY** Christian Moral Values, **DESTROY** the Knights of Columbus, **DESTROY** the Catholic Church.

When Faith in Action first started "Into the Breach" was supposed to be studied by every Knight and put into action. It is falling by the wayside. New initiatives are taking precedence. **The Spiritual Battle needs to become the top priority of the Knights. Permanently.** Prayer and sacrifice need to be recognized as more important than any action, however noble, however charitable. Prayer and sacrifice will make our charitable works exponentially more effective and efficacious

I think a forgotten criterion for work of Knights is that it is supposed to be sacramental.

The Knights spending millions of dollars funding lawyers and media professionals was certainly noble but did not save the United States from Gay Marriage. I am sure it did fund a lot of luxury items for the lawyers and producers who were paid. Eucharistic Adoration will change the world and will make lawyers and media efforts more effective. Imagine if instead of spending millions of dollars on lawyers and media professionals back in 2008 the Knights had started hundreds of Eucharistic Adoration chapels instead. **Getting Knights to truly understand, take seriously, and actually step into the breach will convert our culture and save our families.**

CREATE www.knightsoftheeucharist.org and/or establish IDEAS in California

Carl Anderson says we Knights of Columbus are also the Knights of the Eucharist. It is time for the world to know that. This website should ultimately become the definitive, go to website for everyone in the world interested in Eucharistic Adoration. We will start with California.

The Inter Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration Society (IDEAS) is discussed in Appendix I. This could be done within the Dioceses in California.

A thought just occurred to me that sooner or later the Knights will cave in and change our name. We should change our name to **“Knights of Communion.”** Our logo would not change. Knights of Charity is already taken.

ADOPT BISHOP VANN’S LETTER AT THE STATE LEVEL

Bishop Vann wrote an incredible letter and we should adopt it at the State level. We should communicate it to every bishop in the state and get their blessing as to the message of the letter. We should send it to every single Knight in the State. Every single Knight.

See Appendix A

CALL TO BE HOLY

The following statement was made in a Council 6020 Business Meeting when Bishop Vann’s letter first came out and the “Call to be Holy” initiative, as discussed in the introduction, began at the Council 6020 pastors’ request:

“At this time we have to take seriously the lack of understanding and the lack of enthusiasm for Eucharistic Adoration. There is no foreseeable support to meeting the request of Bishop Vann to formally grow Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition as Bishop Vann requests but the following suggested activities will certainly begin to meet the calls of our pastors.

Emphasize “The Frequencies”

- Frequent Holy Mass
- Frequent Visits to the Blessed Sacrament
- Frequent Spiritual Reading (with Sacred Scripture Given Pride of Place)
- Frequent Confession
- Frequent Rosary (Daily Rosary Stressed)

Prayerful Silence in the Churches before and after Holy Mass”

We should open up the Council 6020 Weekly “Call to be Holy” Zoom Meetings as discussed in the Introduction to the entire state and have regular presentations on Catholic issues that are presented in a kind of, umm, folksy manner, not flashy but somewhat ad hoc.

I have been conducting weekly “Catholic Inquiry” meetings for well over 10 years at my local parish, as well as Adult Confirmation, and RCIA. Our local Council put on two annual retreats the last two years that got rave reviews from Knights and the priest involved.

The Personal Holiness Assessment Document (Appendix H) is also a great resource for discussion.

EMPHASIZE THE MESSAGES OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA.

The messages of Our Lady of Fatima are Holy Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Daily Rosary, and Making Sacrifices for Sinners. Saving souls from Hell is the most important goal of Our Lady of Fatima. Pope Francis declared Our Lady of Fatima as the Patron of his Pontificate and therefore the Knights should be living the message of Fatima and promoting it.

In addition, during the Fatima visionary Lucia's final visit with Our Lady she was told the final battle will be against the family. We are certainly seeing that battle is under way.

GIVE AWAY KNIGHTS LITERATURE FREE AT PARISHES

If a Knight has never read a book written by a canonized saint, that is truly a tragedy.

We live in an age where the mediocre works of Mathew Kelly, which become less and less Catholic with each new publication, and which are more self-help than anything else, are lauded as great Catholic works just because parishes can get hundreds of them to hand out free of charge.

The mediocre work of Matthew Kelly and Dynamic Catholic is raved about but more and more they don't encourage the Sacraments and really are nothing more than narcissistic self-help books with a Catholic scent. Just because Dynamic Catholic gives away thousands of books does not mean they are doing anything but superficial good. They are taking away from superior Catholic works. The Knights of Columbus publications are absolutely solid, superior Catholic works

The Knights need to give out our publications freely and generously at every one of our parishes and at every event and after every Mass.

AUGMENT CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY WITH PRESENTATIONS

As I mentioned a few places in this document and its appendixes I have been working with St Maximilian Kolbe's Knight of the Immaculata for over decade. I was active in the Legion of Mary until I switched allegiance to the Knights in order to help them champion Eucharistic Adoration.

At the age of 11, I consecrated myself to the Blessed Virgin Mary, using the method of St Louis de Montfort. I have organized and conducted Consecration seminars.

When the "Consecration to the Holy Family" came out as part of Faith in Action and when all I could find on it from the Knights was basically pass out the holy card, get them to say the prayer on the back, and consider one required Faith in Action item complete, I was disappointed. I followed up with Supreme and that same disappointment was communicated back to me. I decided to research Consecrations to the Holy Family on my own. To make a long story short (I know, I know, too late) I became friends with Mary Shivanandan STD who is part of the John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage & Family at the Catholic University of America, an institution reliant upon Knights of Columbus support for the work it has done and continues to do.

Mary wrote the Book “The Holy Family Model Not Exception” and it was only published months before Divine Providence led me to it. This book is an incredible resource for devotion to the Holy Family and how families should model themselves on the Holy Family and be devoted to the Holy Family. This book made me cry. This book made me pray. This book changed the way I looked and felt about my wife. This book’s message needs to get out to the world and it perfectly makes up what is lacking in the Knights’ Consecration to the Family.

Mary spoke with me of the final vision of Our Lady to Fatima to Lucia years after 1917 where Our Lady told Lucia that in the end times the battle for the family would be key. She also believed that St Joseph will play a role. It is no coincidence that at the final 1917 Fatima apparition, during the Miracle of the Sun, the children had a vision of the entire Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

I told Mary Shivanandan (I also told Mother Mary by the way) I wanted to do presentations on her book. She is working with me on those presentations. She told me she told her friend Carl Anderson about our proposed efforts and he told her he was very interested those efforts. I told my pastor and he instantly gave me permission to present them to the parents of children in religious education. The effort has stagnated for well over a year as I worked on day to day Council activities instead. An outline of the planned presentation can be found in Appendix H.

Mary often reminds me that a significant part of her book is “Communion” which is both communion of the family members and communion with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This book incorporates the two and shows how they compliment each other. This is why our Eucharistic Adoration efforts must also include Consecration to the Holy Family effort.

My local religious education director told me **“Catholic fathers are bleeding spiritually. They need the Knights to save their souls.”** We won’t save souls by flipping pancake, at least not directly and not as an incentive and motivational method. We can save souls if we can inspire fathers to holiness and devotion to the Eucharistic and the Holy Family.

ADOPT THE ST JOHN PAUL II EUCHARISTIC ADORATION RESOLUTION

Adopt the John Paul II Eucharistic Adoration Resolution at the Council and State level and push it up to Supreme (Appendix B). There are so many WHEREAS clauses in this resolution that prove we should make reality the THEREFORE clause.

Support Eucharistic Adoration at every parish from a Security Construction level to an Adoration coordination level to just plain encouraging every Knight to make a weekly Holy Hour.

As already stated, Pope John Paul II wished that perpetual adoration and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament be established in every parish throughout the world. It is a provable fact that when our Lord is exposed in the Blessed Sacrament, more people come to adore Him than would do so otherwise when He is hidden from view in the tabernacle.

But exposition requires a guaranteed presence of the faithful. Under no circumstances may exposition take place such that no adorers are present. To accomplish this guarantee takes significant commitment from many people and significant work in coordinating the ongoing efforts.

The active presence and leadership role in the renewal of parishes Carl Anderson speaks of can be immediately accomplished by every Knight in every Council

VATICAN EXHIBITION OF EUCHARIST MIRACLES

The Knights should get this beautiful, inspirational exhibit shown in all our parishes. I coordinate this for the Western United State and personally own a full copy.



SUMMARY

Plenty of inactive Knights will tell us they are disappointed by the spiritual activity among the Knights.

Eucharistic Adoration is the Source and Summit of the Faith and it has to be more for the Knights than just another thing to do or just another devotion of the month.

We live in times where world morals are falling apart. The family is under attack. The Church is under attack and its members suffer and are in need of more available spiritual tools and the inspiration to use them.

The Knights have been, and are now a force to be reckoned with. We are poised and have the resources, should we aggressively desire, to completely renew Catholic Culture through the championing of Eucharistic Adoration. I am glad to be a Knight of Columbus and I look forward to helping in Carl Anderson's vision of making the Knights into a spiritual inspiration to Catholics around the world.

And once again:

When then Knights of Columbus actually champion Eucharistic Adoration all heaven will rejoice!

Why Every Knights of Columbus Council Should Champion Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

“Father McGivney’s central mission in founding the Knights was to protect and strengthen Christian family life. Today, in large measure, the threats to family life are spiritual rather than material. And therefore



to continue with Father McGivney’s mission requires us to help build a more solid spiritual base by which our members and their families can grow in their faith and provide a more authentic Christian witness. Then as now, the Knights are interested in strengthening the faith of members and their families both through their contemplative prayer lives and through their charitable outreach.”

Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight

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APPENDIX A:

BISHOP VANN LETTER TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN DIOCESE OF ORANGE



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Dear Brother Knights,

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Our diocese is blessed to have a viable and active Knights of Columbus presence, who have contributed much to the life and mission of our local Church in its 40-year history and before. The commitment the Knights have to Christ's Church is without precedence. Please know how sincerely grateful I am to all Knights for your support in our Diocese.

I am writing to all my Brother Knights requesting your active support and leadership in the further development of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament in our Diocese and local Parishes. I have formed a committee at the Diocesan level and charged them with the responsibility of furthering Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament in Parishes throughout The Diocese of Orange. This effort certainly builds upon the leadership of Bishop William Johnson, the first Bishop of our Diocese who established Eucharistic adoration in all of our parishes in 1976 for the fostering of vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for the holiness and welfare of our entire Diocese (see bulletin announcement below).

The most important work of this committee is to connect with each parish and center in the Diocese of Orange with a goal of educating and inspiring Catholics to embrace Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. What better place to begin than with the Knights of Columbus! It is with great faith and belief in my brother Knights that I ask you to open your hearts to the importance of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in your own lives and well as the life of your parish community.

The Eucharistic Sacrifice of the Mass brings to us Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Real Presence of His Body and Blood. Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament provides time for each of us to spend in adoration, prayer and conversation with our Lord Jesus Christ in His Real Presence. It is worthwhile remembering that Fr. Karl Rahner, SJ, once said that the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament is "the Mass held in meditation." Each individual adorer, the parish, the diocese, our country and the world, benefits from our faithful participation in this ministry. We live in a time in which prayer is needed for grace, mercy and protection from the forces against God which challenge us daily.

I want to thank you for opening your hearts and minds to our Brother Knights, Steve Lovison and Ron Srajer, who are carrying the message throughout the Diocese into each local parish and Catholic center with your support and assistance. Your assistance and involvement in this helps to continue the vision and inspiration of Bishop Johnson at the beginning of our Diocese.

I pray for God's continued blessings on each of you as well as your loved ones.

Vivat Jesus,


Most Rev. Kevin W. Vann, J.C.D., D.D.
Bishop of Orange

**MOST REVEREND KEVIN W. VANN, J.C.D., D.D.,
BISHOP OF ORANGE**

APPENDIX B:

PROPOSED EXTENSIVE RESOLUTION ST JOHN PAUL II EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS JOHN PAUL I COUNCIL 6020 RESOLUTION
TO CHAMPION EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT THE COUNCIL, STATE, SUPREME LEVELS
IN SPECIAL TRIBUTE ST. JOHN PAUL II'S CANONIZATION

- WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council at the 2009 Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona adopted Substitute Resolution 260, "The Eucharist As Source And Summit Of Our Lives; and
- WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Knights of Columbus to fulfill Father Michael J. McGivney's vision to extend to each and every eligible Catholic man an invitation to become a member of this great Order; and
- WHEREAS, Blessed Mother Teresa said her order grew when she and all her nuns made a holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration every day instead of once a week; and
- WHEREAS, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has expressed the example & advice of Blessed Mother Teresa should be imitated & followed by the Knights; and
- WHEREAS, In 1993, Saint John Paul II stated "I hope that ... perpetual adoration, with permanent exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, will continue into the future. Specifically, I hope that the fruit of this Congress results in the establishment of perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in all parishes and Christian communities throughout the world;" and
- WHEREAS, While Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has made it clear that the goals of St. John Paul II should be made reality, in honor of his sainthood and his importance to the Knights we must acknowledge this has not yet happened; and
- WHEREAS, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has said "The Knights of Columbus are also the Knights of the Eucharist." and
- WHEREAS, Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration is a centuries old tradition and practice of Saints, the ultimate in "Popular Piety" so highly key to the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis, "Evangelii Gaudium"; and
- WHEREAS, In Evangelii Gaudium Pope Francis stated that "The Church is called to be the house of the Father, with doors always wide open. One concrete sign of such openness is that our church doors should always be open, so that if someone, moved by the Spirit, comes looking for God, he or she will not find a closed door;" and
- WHEREAS, While the Knights Of Columbus have promoted Eucharistic Adoration in official publications such as the November 18, 2004 Program Supplement to Knightline in the article titled "Eucharistic Adoration Within Your Council" which stated in conclusion: "Establishing Eucharistic adoration is an undertaking that your council will want to add it to its traditions. It not only shows the faith and sacrifice in your council members, but

others will witness your event, even take part in it, which can be an appealing aspect of your council to candidates for membership.” this has not become reality in the vast majority of local Councils including 6020; and

WHEREAS, While Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has stated “Father McGivney would have been shocked had he known that a century down the road, his Knights would find themselves having to fight in the courts and the legislatures to protect innocent human life and traditional marriage against the onslaughts of an out-of-control judiciary and an increasingly secular society” and that “We Knights of Columbus pledge to do everything in our power to end abortion, protect innocent life and traditional marriage.” we must admit, as far as making the more important prayer effort a reality, we have done only a small amount; and

WHEREAS, In the September 2007 issue of Columbia magazine our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson remarked on the concern of the Holy Father for the vitality and renewal of parish life that “we are providentially positioned to take up the challenge of a leadership role in the renewal of parish life: to be the strong right arm of our parish priests...we must reach out into more parishes with an active presence;” and

WHEREAS, No other Catholic Organization is so well-positioned logistically to provide the required “manpower” it takes to formally establish and maintain Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration; such as 6020 has enough Knights and spouses to make St Bonaventure and St Vincent de Paul 24/7 Adoration chapels and

WHEREAS Pope Francis in many places within Evangelii Gaudium decries “excuses” getting in the way of efforts such as starting Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That this Council will begin immediately to take up this “leadership role in the renewal of parish life” by encouraging each and every Knight in this Council, and their spouses, to participate in the formal Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration efforts of the parishes within its Council borders i.e., St Bonaventure and St Vincent de Paul, and since 24/7 Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is not yet taking place in either of those parishes to actively work towards that goal in cooperation with all parishioners and in obedience to the stipulations of Canon Law and the precepts established by our local bishop, and especially with our parish pastors. Council members will not only schedule personal hours but will also take on the traditional roles of “Chapel Leader” and “Hourly Captain” as needed by the parishes as well as any other needs to make progress towards the establishment of 24/7 Eucharistic Adoration.

In addition, this Local Council will submit to its State Council a resolution tasking the Supreme Council with establishing Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration everywhere

including provisioning for encouragement and material support to each and every local Council undertakes this

Adopted at the Council Meeting on Month,Day,Year

Respectfully submitted,

Grand Knight: _____

Council Trustees: _____

**APPENDIX C:
PROPOSED RESOLUTION MAKE SPIRITUALITY & ADORATION REPORTABLE**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6020 RESOLUTION

TO MAKE INCREASING SPIRITUALITY AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION A REPORTABLE BUSINESS ITEM

- WHEREAS, Bishop Kevin Vann has formally asked all the Knights of Columbus for “active support and leadership in the further development of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in our Diocese and local Parishes” and that each Knight “open your hearts to the importance of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in your own loves as well as the life of your parish community”; and
- WHEREAS, Both the pastors of St Bonaventure and St Vincent de Paul when asked by our worthy Council 6020 Grand Knight what the Knights could do for their parishes both replied that the Knights should work on personal holiness, growing spiritually, and inspiring others in the parishes to the same; and
- WHEREAS, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has said "The Knights of Columbus are also the Knights of the Eucharist."; and
- WHEREAS, The Knights Of Columbus have promoted Eucharistic Adoration in official publications such as the November 18, 2004 Program Supplement to Knightline in the article titled “Eucharistic Adoration Within Your Council” which stated in conclusion: “Establishing Eucharistic adoration is an undertaking that your council will want to add it to its traditions. It not only shows the faith and sacrifice in your council members, but others will witness your event, even take part in it, which can be an appealing aspect of your council to candidates for membership.”; and
- WHEREAS, In the September 2007 issue of Columbia magazine our Supreme Knight Carl remarked on the concern of the Holy Father for the vitality and renewal of parish life. Carl Anderson stated “we are providentially positioned to take up the challenge of a leadership role in the renewal of parish life: to be the strong right arm of our parish priests...we must reach out into more parishes with an active presence.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That this Council will begin immediately to take up this “leadership role in the renewal of parish life” by encouraging all Knights in this Council, and their spouses, to participate in the formal Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration efforts and to work with those in charge of Adoration to grow it. In addition, all Knights will be encouraged to increase their spiritual activities. A group of Knights will work towards organizing and communicating these many opportunities and report on such work at every business meeting.

Adopted at the Council Meeting on Month,Day,Year

Respectfully submitted,

Grand Knight: _____

Council Trustees: _____

**APPENDIX D:
OHIO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION RESOLUTION KILLED BY SUPREME**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. BRENDANS COUNCIL 11208

RESOLUTION 2012-2013 NO. 1

RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

- WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council at the 2009 Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona adopted Substitute Resolution 260, "The Eucharist As Source And Summit Of Our Lives; and
- WHEREAS, Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration is a centuries old tradition and practice of Saints; and
- WHEREAS, This year has been declared by the Catholic Church as A Year of Faith, and a Year of the New Evangelization; and
- WHEREAS, In 1993, Pope John Paul II stated "I hope that ... perpetual adoration, with permanent exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, will continue into the future. Specifically, I hope that the fruit of this Congress results in the establishment of perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in all parishes and Christian communities throughout the world;" and
- WHEREAS, The Knights Of Columbus has promoted Eucharistic Adoration in official publications such as the November 18, 2004 Program Supplement to Knightline in the article titled "Eucharistic Adoration Within Your Council" which stated in conclusion: "Establishing Eucharistic adoration is an undertaking that your council will want to add it to its traditions. It not only shows the faith and sacrifice in your council members, but others will witness your event, even take part in it, which can be an appealing aspect of your council to candidates for membership.;" and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Ohio State Council of the Knights of Columbus submit this resolution to the Supreme Council 2013 Annual Meeting and Convention to request that the Supreme Council establish specific programs to provide encouragement and material support to all State and local Councils to promote and establish Eucharistic Adoration in local parishes, including but not limited to Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapels wherever possible.

Adopted at the Council Meeting on February 27, 2013

Respectfully submitted,

Grand Knight: _____

Council 11208 Trustees: _____

APPENDIX E:

ONE EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY, PATRIOTISM



A Call to Holiness

Bishop Kevin Vann has formally asked all Knight of Columbus in the Diocese of Orange to “open their hearts” and take a “leadership” role in growing all parishes into Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. This is a tremendous undertaking of **Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism**.

As “Practical Catholics” we Knights know there is nothing more **Charitable** than bringing souls to Jesus. Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition does exactly that. En masse. Not only does it bring those who commit to scheduled holy hours but numerous other souls come to the Chapel to spend time with Jesus and then Jesus works wonders in their lives.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration takes incredible **Unity** because the chapel must be attended to hour after hour, day after day, week after week, like the guards at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, perpetually. There is no other Catholic organization so well positioned and resourced to do this besides the Knights.

Every Knight has a **Fraternal** responsibility to their brother Knights to grow in holiness. The lessons of the degree exemplifications teach us this although in our busy lives these lessons can be neglected as active work takes our time and energy.

Eucharistic Adoration is **Patriotic**. It will not only transform those of us who participate, it will transform others, it will transform our parishes, it will transform our diocese, our country, our world.

While the requirement itself is very easy to understand, i.e. every hour must have at least one, preferably two or more adorers committed to attend their scheduled weekly hours, participation cannot and should not be forced. Knights both “active” and “inactive” would need to be spiritually willing to take on such a grace-filled undertaking. Establishment however would not be limited to the Knights as many others will participate being inspired by the leadership of the Knights. Even though Council 6020 has the manpower numbers to support 24/7 Adoration right now it will require a unified personal commitment at a level not yet experienced.

As such the call of Father Jerome Karcher and Father Joseph Knerr for all Knights to grow in holiness should be our starting point. Nothing can be forced but we must provide an avenue to share our faith and inspire each other to holiness. For Practical Catholics the Eucharist is The Source and Summit of our faith.

So, we establish a “**Call to be Holy**” (1 Pet 1:15) campaign which will be reported on at every business meeting and which will have regularly scheduled meetings to grow our Catholic faith. Suggestions, opportunities, events, tasks (whatever you want to call them) of various kinds will be presented to all interested parties.

Ultimately the results will be the Knights themselves pushing to make Bishop Kevin Vann’s call for Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration a reality not just for Council 6020 but all Councils in our diocese, our country, and the world.

When the Knights of Columbus become the “Knights of the Eucharist” as Carl Anderson says we already are, all heaven will rejoice.

Amen!

APPENDIX F:

IDENTITY MAXX OVERVIEW

As we've discussed, the Family is under attack in more ways than we can imagine. One of the ways we think very little about is through Identity Theft. I recently heard that since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Identity Theft is up over 300%.

With that in mind, I have a client that has (I believe) the ideal solution for our families. It also has amazing potential to not only meet a need for the families but also to give back in a massive way to organizations like the Knights of Columbus (of which I'm a member – thanks to you). Check this out...

Identity Maxx Plus Overview

Who is Identity Maxx Plus?

- Identity Maxx (“IDMX”) is the #1 Identity Theft Recovery Program in the U.S. Historically, Identity Maxx has experienced much of their success by white labeling with Fortune 100 companies such as AIG, AON, Travelers, and GMAC.
- Velocity Rewards is the top Rewards company in the U.S. Like Identity Maxx, Velocity Rewards has obtained much of their success by white labeling their offering for large entities such as GE, UPS, AMVETS, Verizon, Bloomberg Media, RCI, NASCAR, Jet Blue Airlines, and Air Canada.
- Together they have formed an exclusive offering of both identity theft protection and a truly great rewards company - Identity Maxx Plus.

Identity Maxx is the key to protecting the identity of our Knights, their families and their friends. If you or anyone you know has even been a victim of identity theft, you know that the process to recover and repair the damage is extraordinarily cumbersome. It can take anywhere from 250-500 hours to fully recover an identity, reestablish a credit rating and repairing a reputation with countless vendors.

It's amazing to think about, but over time the "data sprawl" resulting from an increase in technological availability has caused the proverbial toothpaste to get out of the tube with regards to personal information. In fact, over 7.9 billion personal and business records, including credit card numbers, social security numbers, birth dates, home addresses, phone numbers and other highly sensitive information have been exposed through data breaches since 2019.

How is Identity Maxx Plus different from its competitors?

Nearly all other identity theft recovery providers, including industry leader LifeLock follow the same model:

- They alert you that your identity has been stolen.
- They share with you a blueprint of how to recover your identity.
- They offer email and phone support.
- And *you do the actual work* which often takes a year to 18 months to complete.

Identity Maxx provides full legal assistance to take over the entire process with no additional costs through its Limited Power of Attorney (POA) Option. Unless the competitors have a Limited POA, they cannot legally represent you and without it, the other Identity Theft programs cannot call directly on your behalf.

In most cases, Identity Maxx is able to completely restore a customer's identity within 90 days. If for some reason they cannot fix and restore the customer's identity 100%, Identity Maxx is insured by AON and will pay whoever is needed to complete the recovery of their customer's identity. *Identity Maxx is the only ID theft company that insures themselves to fix these issues.*

Why is Identity Maxx Plus the perfect partner for the Knights Of Columbus?

It provides two solutions.

First, as noted above, most companies offering identity theft protection only *assist* a person in fixing *their* problem. Their assisted advocate program means they tell them what to do and *they do the work*. This usually takes hundreds of hours of calls, emails and letters.

Identity Maxx Plus solves this problem of added work when an identity is stolen and actually does all the work of recovering a person's identity for them. Through their Limited Power of Attorney Option they are able to recover

and restore their customer's complete identity. They don't even need to provide their Social Security number.

Second, it creates income. Potentially a lot of it considering the nearly 2 million Knights worldwide. That's because most Identity Theft Programs pay a Sponsoring Organization they've partnered with a onetime fee when the members of that Sponsoring Organization sign up. And even then there may be caveats. But with Identity Maxx Plus there are no such restrictions as they pay the Sponsoring Organization \$4 per member per month in perpetuity.

The Knights are known to work on the front lines. They're also known for meeting the needs of families. This is a fresh way, in a technological world to offer something of benefit to member Knights and all those who are in their circle. In fact, Knights have the freedom to market this opportunity to their friends who can then support the Knights indirectly.

Furthermore, this is relationship between Identity Maxx Plus and the Knights of Columbus is treated like a real partnership. Therefore, even if the KOC decides to discontinue working with Identity Maxx Plus, they will continue to be paid for as long as their members remain on the program.

Free Marketing for Partnering Nonprofit Organizations

Identity Maxx Plus supplies its Sponsoring Nonprofit Organizations (like the Knights of Columbus) with a complete program to easily market to their audience, for free.

Some of these marketing materials include videos, emails, newsletter ads, website and Facebook banners and more. Identity Maxx Plus also sets up and monitors landing pages, sign ups and payouts.

What's the Cost to the Knights?

Identity Maxx Plus is available to the public at \$29.95 per month.

However, Sponsoring Organizations such as Knights of Columbus can offer it to their members (and their families/friends) for only \$16.95 per month. That's nearly 45% off!

Of that \$16.95 monthly fee, Identity Maxx Plus pays the Sponsoring Organization \$ 4 per month, per member, in perpetuity as long as that member keeps paying (as noted above).

Some identity theft companies may seemingly offer their services at lower costs, say \$15 or \$10 or even \$8.95 per month. However, *their price covers only one person*. The price multiplies as you add a spouse and kids.

Identity Maxx covers everyone living at an address. And, there are no other identity theft programs that include the Velocity Rewards program for free.

Optional (Velocity) Rewards Program Available to the Knights who subscribe:

This includes:

- Wholesale rates at over 600,000 hotels worldwide
- Fine dining to fast food discounts at over 100,000 restaurants
- Big name shopping discounts at all your favorite stores
- Grocery store discounts
- They offer many additional benefits so check out their website for a full list of their offerings.

In Conclusion

Identity Maxx Plus stands behind its claim that it has built the best recovery program in the industry. The first line of defense is stopping the thieves from stealing an identity in the first place and Identity Maxx Plus continuously scours billions of data points to discover vulnerabilities while actively monitoring the dark web always searching for criminal activity. If risk is identified, Identity Maxx Plus immediately sends their customers fraud alerts.

This truly is the best way to protect families as it pertains to protecting their identities in a digital world. It's also a great

way to meet the needs of family and friends of the Knights who will also have a need to protect themselves.

Lastly, it's an opportunity to generate millions of new dollars of revenue per year in a way that helps individual Knights save their identities, protect their families and save dollars when comparing identity theft options. In fact, if only 5% of Knights (approximately 100,000 total) chose to use Identity Maxx Plus, the Knights of Columbus would be generating nearly \$5 million in new revenues per year.

APPENDIX G:

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY PRESENTATION OUTLINE

Family Presentation Based Primarily on Holy Family Model Not Exception

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Presuming this will be a Knights of Columbus sponsored event explain the Knights of Columbus as a family organization, why the Knights were founded (to help widows and orphans and keep Catholic me out of trouble), what the Knights do now tying it to the transition that the traditional family is under attack. This presentation will help the Knights change their image from “the guys who do the pancake breakfast” to a more spiritually focused Catholic group, as is the goal of “Faith in Action.”

Topic 1 – The Traditional Family is Under Attack.

Not only the Traditional Family but Christian Moral Principals.

Chapter 4 Protestantism and the Enlightenment

Communism and the destruction of families

Use the Knights of Columbus booklet, “Into the Breach,” which is a primary focus of the Knights right now. Every Knight is being urged to study “Into the Breach.” This will set the stage of the battle being waged against the family and against Christian Moral Principles and the spiritual weapons we must take advantage of. <http://www.kofc.org/en/college/member-resources/into-the-breach.html>

We will show the current crisis and the need for all of us to do something. Mention the problems in the world today, like the objectification of women, that Pope Paul VI prophesied about in *Humanae Vitae* (HV) but we will not mention HV just yet.

Topic 2 – The Holy Family as Model and Patron for Our Families

This is certainly a key topic. The purpose here will be to instill an understanding and respect for the Holy Family as well as inspiring devotion to the Holy Family. A major item of the Knights’ “Faith in Action”, in fact a **mandatory** item for every local council is to get families consecrated to the Holy Family. This topic should justify that consecration should justify such an act.

1. Communion of Saint Overview
2. Explanation of the Holy Family
3. Duties of St Joseph (Ch 6)
4. Duties of Mary (Ch 6, Ch 7)
5. Jesus as a child (Grew in wisdom. Was obedient)
6. Devotion to Jesus
7. Devotion to Mary
8. Devotion to St Joseph (Ch 3)
9. Devotion to the Holy Family (Ch 4)
10. The Family as Trinity

11. Domestic Church (A very important ideology with many publications surrounding it)
<https://www.kofc.org/en/domestic-church/index.html>

Topic 3 – Communion

1. The Union and Partnership of Mary and Joseph (Ch 5)
2. Unity and Communion within the Family and within the Church
3. The Eucharist
4. Breastfeeding
5. The Conjugal Act
6. The Unity of Partnership

Topic 4 – The Universal Call to Holiness

1. The Eucharist and the Sacraments
2. Prayer
3. Penance
4. Suffering

Topic 5 – Conversion in Christ

1. Sin
2. Redemption and Purity of Heart
3. Dives in Misericordia

Topic 6 Living Humanae Vitae

We are saving this until last. This can be an explosive topic and many may not even have heard of it. Hopefully at this point we have inspired the audience and they will be ready to hear this. I think much of what can be said can be said with Joseph and Mary as model. At this point in the presentation the beautiful unity of husband and wife should be something everyone in the audience wants. So, talk mostly about the unity without emphasizing sexual relations right from the start.

Prophetic Nature of HV. Refer back to our mentioned issues in Topic 1 and explain how 50 years ago Pope Paul VI predicted the problems we have right now.

1. Unity of the Conjugal Act with God
2. Total Giving of Self
3. Chastity in Marriage
4. Lust in Marriage
5. SelfLESSness in in Marriage (positive)
6. Selfishness in Marriage (negative)
7. Christ's Chasity
8. The Holy Family as Model

Recommendations and Wrap-up

Live Humanae Vitae!

We can be holy!

We can transform the world!

Eucharistic Adoration – Explain why so important. Unity of Perpetual Adoration

Holy Mass

Family Rosary

Confession

Back to the Entrustment/Consecration to the Holy Family

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**APPENDIX H:
PERSONAL HOLINESS ASSESSMENT**

Bishop Vann's Call to All Knights

Bishop Vann called on every Knight in every Council in the Diocese of Orange to take a leadership role in establishing Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration at every parish.

Do you take seriously the Knights of Columbus claim that we Knights are at the service of our Bishops and that we will do what they ask to the best of our ability?

Do you know the Supreme Knight Carl Anderson says we are also "The Knights of the Eucharist" and that over the years Supreme has urged Knights to support Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration?

Do you have a love and devotion for Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament?

Do you spend time in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament?

Do you know what Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is, which is what Bishop Vann is calling us to champion?

Do you understand the importance of the statement by St Jose Marie Escriva which is: "In the first place prayer. In the second place reparation. In the third place, and very much in the third place, action"?

Father Jerome and Joe's Call to All Knights

Father Jerome told the Knights of Columbus Council 6020 to work on growing in personal holiness and to inspire the rest of our parishes to do the same. Father Joe concurred with this call.

What are you doing to grow closer to God each and every day?

Do you pray daily?

Do you do daily spiritual reading with Sacred Scripture having pride of place?

Do you make sacrifices such as fasting or tithing or volunteering on a regular basis? And offering those to God prayerfully?

Do you go to Confession on a regular basis?

Do you go to Holy Mass as often as possible, and when in Church, do you act appropriately by maintaining a quite prayerful disposition without chatting to neighbors, etc.?

Did you know that in the Book of Revelation Jesus speaks those who are "hot", "cold" and "lukewarm" in their faith and that of the three he "hates" the lukewarm?

Have you ever attended a Catholic retreat of any kind? Do you attend them regularly?

Have you ever prayed via Catholic meditation? Do you know the saints say this is the key to holiness?

Do you follow the Greatest Commandment which is to “Love the Lord Thy God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength”? Think of your favorite sports star. Do you love God the way, for example, Kobe Bryant loves basketball? The Greatest Commandment calls us all to be obsessed with God, over and above everything else in our lives. Are you?

1st Spiritual Lessons

The Most Holy Rosary and Devotion to the Most Blessed Virgin Mary

In the first degree we are given a rosary and told to carry it with us always and to pray it daily. We are urged to grow in our love and devotion to the Blessed Mother Mary.

Are you carrying your rosary with you?

Are you praying the rosary daily?

Do you meditate on the Mysteries of the Rosary, which is a most critical part, and “ponder in your heart” the lessons for you in each of those mysteries?

Have you ever read a book on the Rosary, or on devotion to Mary, especially consecration to Mary?

Have you ever studied the prayers of the rosary? The Creed, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Fatima Prayer, Hail Holy Queen, Closing Prayer?

Are you growing in your love and devotion to our Most Blessed Mother? Can you say you have more devotion to her now than on the day you made your 1st Degree?

Tempus Fugit Memento Mori

Time flies. Remember Death. This is the slogan of the 1st Degree emblazoned on a banner and depicted by the skull.

The devout Catholic faith urges one to meditate on the Four Last Thing: Death, Judgement, Heaven, Hell.

A Satanic problem in our culture today is we not only do not think of death but many of us actually consider it a blessing to die suddenly. In point of fact for centuries the Litany of Saints included the invocation “From a sudden death deliver us Oh Lord!”

Do you meditate on death? Do you understand why the Church considers this so important? Do you know of any resources to do so?

Do you have a concern for the salvation of your soul and the souls of others?

Do you pray for the dead?

Do you have Holy Masses offered for the dead?

Do you realize there is a Hell and that Scripture strongly implies more people go to Hell than go to Heaven? Do you know that is highly unlikely that most people who go to heaven go there directly but rather must spend time in Purgatory?

2nd Spiritual Lessons

The Cross

In the second degree we are given a crucifix to remind us of Christ's passion and death on the Cross. We are reminded that Christ told us to "Deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow Me!"

Once again, do you make sacrifices such as fasting or tithing or volunteering on a regular basis? And offering those to God prayerfully?

Do you "live for Christ Crucified" as St Paul admonishes us to do in Sacred Scripture?

Do you meditate on the Passion of Christ as so many saints recommend us to do?

Have you ever read a book on the Passion of Christ, or the Catholic explanation for suffering?

Do you unite yourself, and all your personal sufferings, to the Cross of Christ and the sufferings of our Savior?

3rd Spiritual Lessons

Learning Our Faith

In the third degree we are put through what is commonly known in our culture as "the 3rd degree" regarding our faith but we are not really even put through any difficult degree of questioning about our faith.

We are asked to state the 20 Mysteries of the Rosary and even though in the first degree we are told to pray the rosary daily most who are asked to answer that question cannot do so. We are asked what the 10 Commandments are and most who are asked that question cannot name all of them, if any. We are asked to name the Sacraments and very rarely can anyone name all seven.

The point of this 3rd Degree questioning is to show us all that we barely even know our faith and that we should be ashamed of the lack of knowledge we have of our faith. There are several places in the 3rd Degree where we are told "If you remember only one thing about this ceremony, remember this" and correcting our lack of knowledge of our faith is one of them. And yet almost immediately this is forgotten as we are told, in effect, to "get out there and start flipping pancakes."

In point of fact this entire part of the 3rd Degree PRESUPPOSES the candidates DO NOT KNOW THEIR FAITH and there very well may have never been a 3rd Degree where this presupposition has been proven wrong.

Do you know your faith better since the day you made your 3rd Degree?

If someone comes up and tells you the Catholic Church is not scriptural, for example, can you cite Scripture to prove that statement wrong?

Have you read any books written by Catholic Saints, Popes, or Fathers of the Church?

Are you well versed in Sacred Scripture?

Are you well acquainted with the Catechism of the Catholic Church?

The Eucharist, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the Priesthood

In the third degree we are given a medallion, which is part of our Council 6020 web site logo emphasizing the “Source and Summit” of the Catholic faith, i.e., the Eucharist as THE SYMBOL of the 3rd Degree.

We are told to support our priests and bishops, to respect them, to defend them, to help them, to be their “spiritual right arm.” We are taught to foster vocations even within our own family.

We are told by those conducting the 3rd Degree the importance of the Mass and the Eucharist. We are told by our Supreme Chaplain, Archbishop Lori, to make the Eucharistic the center of our lives, to attend daily Mass, to participate in Eucharistic Adoration. We are further told by a canonized saint, Pope John Paul II, to make the Eucharist the center of our lives and to work on our Catholic Spirituality.

Do you love the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass?

Do you pray the prayers at Mass such as the Agnus Dei or are you too busy high-fiving, so-to-speak, your friends and neighbors at the Sign of Peace such that you don’t even realize you were supposed to be begging Jesus Christ present on the altar in the Eucharist to “have mercy on us”?

When you are in Church do you act as you should in the House of God with silent reverence and prayer before, during, and after every liturgy, especially the Mass or are you prone to chit-chat with neighbors, and/or day dreaming about what you will be doing once this event is *finally* over with?

Do you make visits to Jesus hidden in the tabernacle and/or exposed in the Monstrance as often as you can? When you arrive at Church, even for an event as mundane as a Council Business meeting, do you make a point to make a visit to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament?

Would you ever think of visiting your parents house and not at least saying hello to them? No? They why not treat God at least the same?

Have you ever made a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration?

Have you studied the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass? In theology books? In Sacred Scripture? In the writings of the saints?

Do you even make spiritual communions? Have you ever heard of “spiritual communions?”

Our Lady of Fatima

The messages of Our Lady of Fatima encompass all of the spiritual lessons of the three degree ceremonies. In addition, Pope Francis made Our Lady of Fatima the patron of his pontificate.

Are you familiar with Our Lady of Fatima? Do you know her story, the story of the children visionaries, the story of the Angel of Fatima, of the warnings, of the admonishments, of the promises?

APPENDIX I:

WHY I DID NOT RECOMMEND ASKING BISHOP VANN TO WRITE A LETTER

As a by-product of my affiliation with St Maximilian Kolbe's Knights of the Immaculata, I started Adoration Servants as a result of supporting the John Paul II Eucharistic Adoration Association of the Archdiocese of Chicago (PJP2EA) with Fr John Grigus OFM Conv (d. 2017). Fr Grigus was a priest at the Kolbe Shrine of Marytown in the Chicago area and who was also the Spiritual Director of Eucharistic Adoration for Archdiocese of Chicago. He was also a brother Knight of Columbus. I developed Eucharistic Adoration websites for the Archdioceses of Chicago, New Orleans, and San Antonio. At the request of my local pastor, Fr Jerome Karcher, I took over chapel management at St Vincent de Paul in Huntington Beach and saw the need for better Adoration Chapel management. I created the Adoration Servants Eucharistic Adoration Chapel Management system and began to provide it free of charge to chapels around the country.

In 2005 Adoration Servants assisted the Archdiocese of Chicago in putting together a monumental Eucharistic Adoration event that included a huge **Eucharistic Procession led by hundreds of our 4th Degree Color Guards**. According to news reports at the time, over 2,000 Knights of Columbus were in attendance as the 2005 Supreme Convention had been in Chicago just days before. As I helped with the promotion of this event, **I had occasion to read the writings of our most worthy Supreme Knight Carl Anderson regarding the Knights' love of the Eucharist and leadership in the spiritual life**. I was awestruck that this Catholic organization, according to its leader, was also the "Knights of the Eucharist." Carl Anderson said the Knights were committed to making the hopes of St John Paul II become reality and **John Paul II had called for Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in every parish in the world**. I was very impressed. To use a line from the first paragraph of the first "Faith in Action" letter, I thought the Knights just flipped pancakes. As far I could tell the Knights helped around the parish but they were not into Eucharistic Adoration. I planned to find out more locally.

I had been an ongoing target of Knights recruitment and on more than one occasion I told Brother Al Castellano (Past Grand Knight, Past District Deputy, Past Chapter President, etc) that when I retire, I will probably join the Knights. At the time Adoration Servants was just getting started. I was supporting chapels in multiple dioceses as well as supporting diocesan organizations which supported Eucharistic Adoration specifically Chicago, New Orleans, and San Antonio. I was spending thousands of dollars in both time and money supporting Adoration. I had a young family. I had my own computer business. I was Chapter President of the great organization, Catholics United for the Faith. I was also one a small few certified by St Maximilian Kolbe's Knights of the Immaculata to talk publicly and was supporting these other Kolbe Knights quite extensively. **I had no time to flip pancakes**.

In point of fact during August 2005 we were working on presenting to the United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) a proposal to organize the "**Inter-Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration Society**" (**IDEAS**). On Friday August 19th I presented a document to those in charge on what it would take for me to give up my business and work full time on Eucharistic Adoration. I was told it would likely be approved in a meeting the following week in New Orleans. When I reminded the person I was talking to that a hurricane was supposed to hit her city that following week she seemed to have forgotten about

that and me told that may cause a few days delay. That was Hurricane Katrina and IDEAS was put on hold.

Over the next year a few things happened but I do not have exact dates. Bishop Tod Brown of the Diocese of Orange wrote an apostolic letter called "Learning, Loving, and Living Our Faith." I created a presentation based on that letter and with Diocesan permission gave the presentation at several parishes and also heavily promoted it at the National Catholic Conference in Long Beach. My presentation showed how Eucharistic Adoration could achieve the hopes Bishop Brown had for that letter.

I contacted Council 6020's Grand Knight at the time, Stephen Bolton, asking him if I could give my presentation to the local Knights. At the time very few Knights were signed up for weekly holy hours in support of St Vincent de Paul Eucharistic Adoration program. I was sure once I gave my presentation dozens of local Knights of Columbus would sign up for holy hours and I remember thinking that maybe we could add another day of Exposition. The presentation was well received but led to **no tangible interest by the Knights in Eucharistic Adoration**. Right around this time I first heard the saying "If you want to get the Knights to do something, you have to be a Knight."

Also, around this time I was in Chicago working with the PJP2EA Board Members and **I still could not stop thinking about one million Knights of Columbus becoming the champions of Eucharistic Adoration**. I suggested multiple times that Francis Cardinal George of Chicago ask the Knights of Columbus in the Chicago area to become Eucharistic Adoration Champions. After all, the Knights showed up in the hundreds for the Chicago Procession. Surely the "Knights of the Eucharist" as Carl Anderson called the Knights, would do this. Cardinal George had no intention of asking the Knights of Columbus to take weekly personal holy hours of Eucharistic Adoration. He said that while he respected the Knights and was grateful for all the work the Knights did, the Cardinal was not going to ask the Knights to do something he knew they would never do. The Knights are a great charitable Catholic organization but they are just not very spiritual. **Cardinal George felt the Knights were not up to such a great spiritual task and therefore, he would not ask them**. Period.

I was very disappointed but Brother Knight Fr John Grigus told me if I really thought the Knights of Columbus could become champions of Eucharistic Adoration, I needed to join the Knights. Discussions on the subject with a few other contacts other than Fr Grigus were not very encouraging but I told Brother Al Castellano, who would sponsor me, that **I was joining the Knights with the open agenda of getting the Knights to become champions of Eucharistic Adoration**. I made my 1st Degree June 22, 2007 and my 3rd Degree September 22, 2007 joining Council 6020 of Huntington Beach.

As I became active in a non-officer capacity, I somehow morphed into taking on the Chaplain duties at the Council meetings under the direction of State Chaplain Father Grace who lived in Southern California at the time. I was told by Father Grace that the **Knights at the highest levels recognized they had a problem with the spirituality of the Knights**. Even though we are practical Catholic men with great charitable hearts, when it came to piety and devotion, we were lukewarm.

I also setup an emailing system for the Council. Actually, I setup a fake "Council 6020 Chapel" in the Adoration Servants system and let Council 6020 use that to send emails. I was invited to attend officer meetings and seemed to be moving towards officer positions. But really, as far as Eucharistic Adoration was concerned, there really was no progress. I was still busy supporting Eucharistic Adoration Chapels. I

began to coordinate the Vatican Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles for the Western United States. Due to coordination disagreements around the country Cardinal Robert Burke, before he went to Rome, asked the Knights of Columbus if they would take over nationwide coordination of the Vatican Exhibit. After all, when the Exhibit was brought to a parish quite often it was the Knights who helped set it up. If ever there was a chance for the Knights to come to the rescue of a Church Cardinal regarding a spiritual endeavor, this was one of them. The Knights turned down Cardinal Burke cold.

On November 13th of 2007 I wrote my first letter to Supreme Knight Carl Anderson asking him to have the Knights become champions of Eucharistic Adoration and fund its growth around the country. I really believed, and still believe to this day, if I had the chance to present my proposals to Carl Anderson, he would support a movement, from the Supreme down, to have the Knights of Columbus become real champions of Eucharistic Adoration.

Exactly one year later in 2008, I wrote a second letter to Carl Anderson urging him to have the Knights champion Eucharistic Adoration. I strongly suggested that the millions of dollars the Knights spent fighting Gay Marriage initiatives was for naught. The Connecticut proposal legalizing gay marriage passed the day before and while our California Proposition 8 protecting Christian Marriage passed, I correctly predicted the liberal Supreme Court of California would strike it down the first chance it got. It did. Had a couple million dollars been spent on Eucharistic Adoration, our culture could be different right now. I stand by that statement now and then. **I will be bold and make the assertion here that when Supreme mandates, local Councils listen. Not the other way around.** Eucharistic Adoration has to become a mandate from the top and has to be more than a holy hour here or there or a professional video that pays cursory tribute to Adoration.

Between 2008 and 2012 I was pretty much inactive as far as the Knights. Nothing was really happening with Adoration and the Knights. In addition to all the other activities mentioned here and there in this document I also decided to earn a Master of Theology from the Franciscan University of Steubenville.

Exactly four years later in 2012 I wrote a "A Second Formal Apology to Saint Frances Xavier on her Feast Day" where I discussed my lack of progress getting the Knights to champion Eucharistic Adoration and blaming it on not taking her patronage in this matter seriously. This was followed up with a letter conceived during the Mass of the Immaculate Conception, written and sent that same day to Carl Anderson and Archbishop Lori, among others. I told them the Knights could truly champion Eucharist Adoration in time to have an impact on the March 2013 Supreme Court Arguments that would ultimately throw out laws against Gay Marriage. Gay Marriage is now an institution in the United States.

Somewhere along the way I received from Supreme a very nice "Quit bothering us" letter of response. I am absolutely sure Carl Anderson never saw my letters and I am reminded of what Doctor of the Catholic Church, St Teresa of Avila, wrote about trying to communicate with Church leaders, who she called "Lords":

"If some poor little creature has any business matter to take up, what roundabout ways they must go through and what trials and favors it costs them in order to get to speak to this lord!"

At some point, I believe after the December 2012 letter, I did get a nice letter from Archbishop Lori encouraging my efforts. I cannot believe I lost that letter!

In February 2013 I helped Council 11208 of Ohio to draft and adopt a resolution to “PROMOTE AND SUPPORT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION.” See Appendix D. This resolution was unanimously approved at the Ohio State Convention and presented to Supreme for a vote at the upcoming Supreme Convention in San Antonio. I was so excited only to have the Supreme Council, in effect, kill this resolution in committee. They did not allow it to come to a vote and wanted to look into the matter further. In personal communications I had with Archbishop Lori’s office I was told the resolution put all the responsibility on Supreme and efforts like this need to come from the bottom up. I replied expressing my extreme disappointment and asked if I should just give up on trying to get the Knights to really champion Eucharistic Adoration. I was told by Archbishop Lori’s office not to give up and “by all means” continue to promote Eucharistic Adoration among the Knights. “By all means.” I realize that is just an expression but I decided to take it to heart.

For the next few years, I must admit that I gave up on getting the Knights to champion Eucharistic Adoration. I conducted weekly “Catholic Inquiry” meetings for non-Catholic at my parish. I helped give retreats with Kolbe’s Knights of the Immaculata. I worked more on the Adoration Servants System and supporting chapels around the country. I finished my Master in Theology. My kids became adults.

Almost every chapel I worked with I would ask the chapel leaders and others if their Knights of Columbus supported them or if they ever asked them to support them. The following are actual examples of the kind of responses I received:

“Well, we don’t allow beer in the chapel so the Knights would not be interested.”

Chapel Leader of a Chapel that has been 24/7 for 20 Years

“We have about 150 Knights and they only take one hour between them and they expect us to thank them like they are heroes for doing so.”

Chapel Leader Somewhere

“The Knights don’t pray.”

Chapel leader whose daughter’s father in law happened to be Grand Knight of the local Council at the time.

“Our Council has no interest whatsoever in personal holy hours.”

A Brother Knight whose wife was the chapel leader

“Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha! Ha!”

This response been given more than once but most notably by a past State Chaplain.

“Don’t you know all that stuff Carl Anderson said about Eucharistic Adoration is just a bunch of platitudes.”

The same State Chaplain after he stopped laughing.

“Our Council is dying and about all we can do is barely support stuff like this. Nobody is interested in Eucharistic Adoration.”

Past Grand Knight while helping to set up the Vatican Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles at his parish.

“Our Knights are not really interested in Eucharistic Adoration.”

A Knight while helping to set up the Vatican Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles as part of a Perpetual Adoration Chapel kickoff event.

“We could probably get the Knights to spend time in the chapel if we ask them to polish the pews weekly, but I don’t think they would actually pray while they are in there.”

Chapel Leader

This final story I think is quite revealing.

Last year I decided to participate in a Delta Drive taking place at a parish about 1 ½ hours from my house. I had, by the way, made **a suggestion to some Supreme reps that having Knights praying before the Blessed Sacrament during the entire Delta Drive be incorporated into the Delta Drive procedures.** But I digress. As I was standing outside the front of the Church with about six local Knights waiting for Mass to end so we could hand out Father Michael McGivney holy cards, I noticed a pretty large sign near the Church entrance that read “EUCCHARIST ADORATION CHAPEL.”

I turned to the local Knights and said: “Oh, you have a Eucharistic Adoration Chapel here. Do you have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at any time?” The local Knights all responded with “I don’t know.”

So, I asked “well, is it a big chapel? Is it a nice chapel?” They all looked at each other and asked each other “Have you ever been in there?” “No, I haven’t.” And so they replied to me “We have never been in the chapel.”

When the Mass ended, I took a position at a side exit of the Church to hand out holy cards. It happened to be next to the Sacristy exit and after most all the people exited the church an elderly lady came out of the sacristy and I said: “Excuse me, I see you are coming out of the sacristy so I expect you can tell me about your Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. It is big? Do you have regularly scheduled Exposition?” Her reply was “Yes, we have 24/7 Exposition and only repose the Blessed Sacrament during Mass times.” Turns out this lady was one of the chapel leaders and when I asked her if she ever tried to recruit the Knights she replied in an obviously diplomatic way (because I was wearing a Knights shirt) that the local Knights really were not interested in such things as Eucharistic Adoration.

Here we have a 24/7 Eucharistic Adoration Chapel and the leaders of the local Council know nothing about it and have never even set foot in the chapel. That is sad.

One more story because I just remembered it and it is a better ending.

Occasionally I go to San Diego for a weekend of private Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of the Rosary in Little Italy. On this occasion less than a year ago, I went to Confession with the 95-year-old priest who lives there. While in Confession, out of the blue as far as I could tell, he went off on me about how the Knights of Columbus have lost their Catholic Spirituality, how they hardly pray, how nowadays they are just a bunch of lukewarm Catholics. I really had no idea at the time why he told me such opinions. I entertained the thought of a Holy Spirit revelation since I was there for the weekend trying to write an update to Bishop Vann about the lack of progress I had made growing Eucharistic Adoration. It was not until later that night when I walked back to the hotel that I realized I was wearing a sweatshirt with a Knights of Columbus logo on it. Oh well. Wearing the sweatshirt, I suppose could be considered an inspiration.

Many Knights do not even know what Eucharistic Adoration is despite the fact that for decades our spiritual lessons culminated in calls by Archbishop Lori to daily Mass and Eucharistic Adoration and St John Paul II telling us to live for the Eucharist. Those lessons are now gone, along with other spiritual

lessons contained in our Eucharistic medallion. Our new public exemplification only suggests that the candidates go to Sunday Mass and I am sorry but to **be bold** (and sarcastic) it makes it sound like Sunday Mass is only something one needs to do if it fits in their busy schedule.

The Holy Eucharist is the Source and Summit of our Catholic Faith! It is supposed to be the source and summit of everything the Knights do. **We need to make this a priority, not a platitude.**

Also there is a danger that “Faith in Action” is reverting back to “Action Called Faith.” Early on Faith in Action was being discussed at a Chapter meeting I was attending. I brought up the statement from the first paragraph of the first letter regarding Faith in Action that the Knights had to be known for more than the guys who flip the pancakes. Someone at the table, with much pride and much sincerity replied that his Council already did so. Sometimes they made waffles.

In my tenure as Deputy Grand Knight this past year hardly any Grand Knight reported any kind of serious faith event at the Chapter meetings, other than throwing Holy Family Cards out to people before Mass, getting them to listen while someone prays the prayer at the end of Mass, and checking off “Consecrated XXX number of families” to the Council get-it-done list. Waffle type activities are certainly more popular as far as Chapter reporting.

DEFINITIONS

We need definitions: Exposition, Perpetual Adoration, etc.

Knights Council Management System

Adoration Servants Chapel System

The beautiful new Faith in Action videos are cursory and don't answer the question.

Hurricane Katrina 8/23/2005 = 8/31/2005

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2000 Knights just finished their national congress Grant Park Procession 8/10/2005

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