

## **K of C Reflection**

By Deacon Tom

*Some years ago, I prepared this short reflection to be given during a Knights of Columbus parish meeting.*

A man bought the very last seat for the Super Bowl. It was a rotten seat, closer to the blimp than to the field, however, early in the first quarter, he noticed an empty seat on the 50 yard line. He scrambled down and somewhat furtively sat in the seat. "Excuse me," he asked, "is anyone sitting here?"

"No," said the man on his right.

"That's incredible. Who in his right mind would pass up a seat like this for the Super Bowl?"

"Well, actually," said the man, "the seat belongs to me. I was supposed to be here with my dear wife, but she passed away. This is the first Super Bowl in twenty years that we haven't been together."

"How sad!" said the other fellow. "But couldn't you find someone to come with you, a relative or a close friend?"

"No," said the man, "they're all at the funeral!"

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My spiritual, emotional and chaplain-oriented thoughts tonight are about choices... the guy at the football game might... just might have made a poor choice of what he ought to be doing...

My reflection will avoid that which is deepest in my heart -- I'm talking about our elections... I have a letter from a priest who wrote so passionately -- two pages that sound the battle cry for real Catholics to start to act like real Catholics... I have not brought that letter with me although all should hear it read to them... I'll leave the subject of politics and elections and what is wrong with cultural Catholics, reaching even into this Council... I'll end my time with the words of Bishop Fulton Sheen, Servant of God Fulton Sheen... the Fulton Sheen who spent one hour a day in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament to give example of what holy men are called to ... Blessed Fulton Sheen said these words:

'A religion that doesn't interfere with the secular world will soon discover that the secular world will not refrain from interfering with it.'

Point made... and I hope point taken...

Blessings.