

New Knights of Columbus Council

Dear friends in Christ,

Last weekend we inaugurated a new Knights of Columbus council for Holy Trinity and St. John's. The name of this new council is the Council of the Most Holy Trinity. This name was so chosen to serve as a constant reminder to all the members and their families that just as every aspect of our Catholic faith begins and ends with the creative, saving, and sanctifying power of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, so too their lives are to become examples of God's presence in the world.

When I first thought about starting a new Knights of Columbus Council, my aim was to spiritually support the men and families in our parish so that through them, the good news of salvation can reach many souls in our community. At first, I was not quite sure how we would meet the minimum requirement of having at least twenty men to start a new council. I simply relied on the words of Jesus when he says to us: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). For I know there is no way I can accomplish anything but through Jesus who is the Way. Jesus in his own way worked through one of us, Mike Hahn, to encourage many men to serve our parish community as Knights. Last Saturday, we not only had more than the twenty men required to start a new council, but seven new Knights were welcomed into the 1st Degree. They were reminded that the core of their mission of evangelization is charity (love). For "where love and charity abide, there God is found." I congratulate all the members of our new council, especially the newly installed officers and our brothers who received the 1st Degree. I thank Mike Hahn for all his hard work and perseverance that helped to make a new council for our parish a reality.

Change of Date: Parish Ministry Leaders Retreat

Due to unforeseen circumstances on the part of our retreat moderator, the Parish Ministry Leader Retreat originally scheduled for Saturday, October 12, will now take place the following weekend on **Friday, October 18, 2019.** Our retreat moderator will be Fr. Kenneth Sampson, pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Medford. Fr. Kenneth has given numerous retreats across the Archdiocese. We are blessed that he will be in our midst to guide our ministry leaders on their spiritual journey. We will begin with Mass in the Church, followed by a talk in the parish hall. Refreshments will be provided. Pastoral Council members, Administrative Council members, Catechists and leaders of these ministries, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans, Lectors, Ushers & Greeters, Music Ministers, Knights of Columbus, Altar Society members, Outreach Ministry leaders and members, Homebound Ministers, Hospitality Coordinators are expected to attend the retreat. Mark your calendars. We apologize for any inconvenience this change may cause.

New Coordinator for Baptism

I am happy to announce that Cynthia Kroll is the new infant baptism coordinator for our parish (Holy Trinity and St. John's). Cynthia and her husband Kevin Kroll have been members of our parish for over two years and are committed to the mission of the Church, which is **'to evangelize'** and serve our local parish. We are blessed to have Cynthia serve our parish in this capacity. I thank her for saying 'yes' to God's call. If your family or loved one has any baptism

needs, please contact Cynthia. Also contained in the today's bulletin is a wonderful article by Cynthia, and detailed information and requirements for baptism.

As we enter a new week, I pray that God's abundant love and mercy may fill your hearts and homes.

Fr. Anthony Ahamefule, Parish Priest