

Philadelphia Chapter – Knights of Columbus
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And Community

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May - June 2021

Philadelphia Chapter Mission Statement

The object is to bring closer in spirit and fact the Councils of the Philadelphia area for the planning of unified action to promote the good of the order and uphold rightful civil power in the nation, state and community; and to also form a better understanding of the principles and practices of the Roman Catholic faith. This statement was taken from the Catholic Standard and Times dated Thursday, March 25, 1982.

The Philadelphia Chapter is comprised of the following Councils:

Santa Maria #263	Charles Carroll #1364	Our Lady of Lourdes #4546
San Salvador #283	Madonna #3932	Regina Coeli #4921
Desoto #315	Immaculata #3933	Rev. John McHugh #4935
Commodore Barry #578	St. Katherine Drexel #3938	Fr. Thomas Ryan #5036
Pinzon #904	Regina Mundi #4052	San Rafael #7125
LaRabida #1191	Core Mariae #4100	St. Benedict de Moor #8252
Holmesburg #1284	St. Jude #4273	Mary Queen of Angels #12384
St. Leo's #1294	St. Charles Borromeo #4279	Pokrova #12561
	St. Helena's #15687	

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Thank You.

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Upcoming Philadelphia Chapter Meetings

Meetings are held on the 4th Friday of the month. The remaining meetings for the 2020 – 2021 Fraternal Year will be held via Zoom. The meeting time will remain the same.

Meeting Time: 7:30 PM

Friday, May 21, 2021

June 25, 2021 – Chapter Elections

- **Please Note: All meetings at Roman Catholic High School are held in the School Library on the Mezzanine Level. An elevator is accessible for those who need it. All social distancing protocols are in place and masks are required for those in attendance.**

Chapter Officers 2020 – 2021

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President - Dan McPeake

Brothers all,

I hope you are all doing well and most of you have been able to get at least your first dose of the Covid vaccine. As we continue to progress and come out this pandemic, the Chapter is planning on resuming our normal activities beginning in September of this year. Our first step in that regard was to schedule our Annual Columbus Day Dinner for Sunday, October 3rd at Twining Hall Caterers. At that time, we will be honoring our 2020 Catholic Man of the Year, Ed Lawrence (Father Ryan Council #5036) and Woman of the Year, Barbara Walter (Catholic League of People with Disabilities). We will also recognize our Past President Award winner, Mike Ciampoli, Grand Knight of Regina Coeli and Faithful Navigator of the St. John Neumann Assembly. The ticket price will be \$35.00. As of this writing, seating capacity at the Hall is limited to 75%. If all goes well, Twining Hall will be back at 100% capacity by the time of the event.

Also, we have recently learned that the sale of Clementon Lake Park has been completed. The new owner is Indiana Beach Amusement and Water Park. The Company has stated that they plan to reopen the park later this year. This gives us hope of being able to continue to our annual picnic for disadvantaged and disabled children we have traditionally held the first weekend of June. We have not yet approached the new owners to determine if they have any interest in working with us. But we will be reaching out to our previous Clementon contacts to see if they can help us with this matter. I will update you on our plans for next June once we speak with representatives from the new ownership group.

Finally, we will be holding Chapter Officer elections at our June meeting. As of this date, I know I plan on seeking re-election and so do Vice-President Atiba McCoy, Treasurer Jack Stanczak and Secretary Dan Donovan. If anyone is interested placing their names in nomination, you can email Chapter Secretary Dan Donovan. Since we will be meeting via Zoom, we will have to come up with a method to permit Council representatives to cast votes should it become necessary. I am sure the whole process will work itself out.

I wish you all a safe and happy summer. And sincerely hope that come this September, we will be meeting in person and holding our annual dinner, visiting St. John's Hospice for the holidays, etc. Let us pray that come the fall we will be back to business as usual.

Vivat Jesus!

Dan McPeake
Chapter President

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Vice- President – Atiba McCoy

My Friends –

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter Season. I know we are coming to the end of the 2020 – 2021 Fraternal Year but I would still encourage you to begin meeting in person if your members are comfortable with it. I know several councils have done so using all required social distancing protocols including wearing masks indoors. Some Councils are holding “hybrid” meetings with members having the choice to participate either live or virtually. Whatever fits your Council’s needs, the important thing is that you are holding meetings. You do not want to wait until September to do it as the longer you wait, the greater the risk of losing active members. Use the last two months to get reacquainted and plan on Council activities for the Fall. May God Bless you all.

Chapter Chaplain – Father Matthew Biedrzycki

April Chaplain’s Report - 2021

The Apostle’s Creed

Happy Easter! **“The Lord is risen alleluia!”** These words introduce the day of prayer of for every priest in the world following Easter Sunday, up into the Ascension of the Lord (celebrated this year on May 13th, 2021). Jesus’ resurrection so wonderful that it cannot be contained in one day alone. We celebrate the mystery of Jesus’ rising from the grave for fifty full days up into the Solemnity of Pentecost wherein we remember Jesus sending the Holy Spirit upon the disciples.

Every Sunday we are offered an opportunity to reaffirm our belief together in the fundamental proofs of God’s love for his people when we recite together the Nicene Creed and sometimes the Apostle’s Creed. If someone asked us to recite one of the two of these, we would probably be able to offer them the latter of the two with no problem. There is good reason for this.

Of the two Creeds which summarize and present our beliefs as Christians in a concise manner the Apostles Creed is the older of the two. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church has it:

“The Apostles’ Creed is so called because it is rightly considered to be a faithful summary of the apostles’ faith. It is the ancient baptismal symbol of the Church of Rome. Its great authority arises from this fact: it is ‘the Creed of the Roman Church, the See of Peter the first of the apostles, to which he brought the common faith’.”

It is easy to fly over the contents of the Creed with little or no reflection. We do this to our peril. Why? The Catechism continues:

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“As on the day of our Baptism, when our whole life was entrusted to the ‘standard of teaching’, let us embrace the Creed of our life-giving faith. To say the Credo with faith is to enter communion with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and also with the whole Church which transmits the faith to us and in whose midst we believe:

This Creed is the spiritual seal, our heart's meditation and an ever-present guardian; it is, unquestionably, the treasure of our soul.”¹

The Creed is just another prayer offered us to memorize and recite – it is a **“spiritual seal”** upon our hearts and **“the treasure of our soul.”** What does that mean? The Creed unites us in our belief. It is how we identify members of the household of God – our brothers and sisters in Christ. It is by way of the essential beliefs and our living a life in accordance with God’s Law in Jesus Christ we are saved.

For example, every time we profess the Apostles Creed we assent to our belief in the resurrection of the body. This is significant. St. Paul makes the connection for us in his Letter to the Corinthians. He says:

“If there is no resurrection of the dead, then neither has Christ been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then empty [too] is our preaching; empty, too, your faith.”

The resurrection is not just some spiritual phenomenon – it is a bodily reality. Because Jesus has risen bodily from the grave, you and I who have been baptized into his death and resurrection will be raised up as well. That is you and me!

As Knights of Columbus, we have a duty to our brothers and sisters in the Church to walk the walk of faith and to talk the talk when called upon to do so. The Apostle’s Creed provides the outline of belief around which our Christian lives grow. The Catechism of the Catholic Church is guided by the Creed in its presentation of the faith. Do yourself a favor this Easter and pick up the Catechism and start reading! May we be able to profess with full hearts our belief in Jesus’ resurrection and all it means for us as his disciples. **“The Lord is risen alleluia!” Coming Up:**

April

- World Day of Prayer for Vocations – April 25, 2021
 - Pray especially for current vocations (from Cathedral: Allen Blehl, Edward Towne; SFX: the Oratorian Brothers) and future vocations!

May

- Mother’s Day – May 8, 2021
 - Pray especially for present mothers and those expecting. Remember those women in crisis pregnancy situations and their families.
- Ascension Thursday – May 13, 2021
 - Holy Day of Obligation
- Pentecost Sunday – May 23, 2021
 - Extended Vigil at Cathedral Basilica

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Secretary- Dan Donovan

My Fellow Knights,

As we come to the end of one of the most remarkable Fraternal Years the Order has ever experienced, I ask that you take the time to support the Seminarians and Permanent Deaconate Candidates who have worked so hard under very trying circumstances. These individuals deserve our support and by participating in the RSVP initiative. As I am sure you already know, a gift of \$500.00 to a Seminarian goes a long way in providing him with the tools he needs to complete his studies. And it also qualifies you for a \$100.00 reimbursement from Supreme and an additional \$50.00 from the Chapter. If your Council does not think it can donate that amount because of the financial difficulties it encountered during the past year, I am sure any amount you can send to the Seminary, or the Archdiocesan Deaconate Fund, would be greatly appreciated by the recipients. And I am sure you will be remembered in their prayers.

The Cathedral will be holding the Key and Sword Event on Friday, June 25th, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Logan Hotel. It is a Black-Tie optional affair with complimentary parking at the Cathedral. To comply with the City's Covid 19 social distancing protocols, it will be held outdoors, rain or shine, with all attendees required to wear a mask. Seating will be limited to six to a table. I have attached the flyer containing all the event information at the end of the newsletter. Councils who are not attending are encouraged to consider placing a message in the Ad Book or making a private donation to this worthwhile endeavor.

2021 Charity Drive - Rich Konstance

We are almost into May, approaching the final seven months of 2021. Our Charity Drive has been relatively successful but has fallen prey to COVID 19. Certainly, we have all been put into a tougher economic situation than we had planned. But with the release of the vaccines and almost 50% of the Country now vaccinated, I took like we may be turning the corner and returning to normal life (if we can remember what that is).

To all of you who have already made your contribution:

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Understanding that you may be in leaner financial times, we ask you consider a small donation, if you can. If you are OK financially, we hope you can match (or exceed) what you donated last year. If you have not given in the past, we ask you to consider doing so this year. Whether your comfort level is \$5.00 or \$100.00 (or whatever) every donation we receive allows us to continue to support the many, many charitable causes with which we identify.

The Chapter comprises almost 4500 members. Just imagine if **EVERYONE** donated just \$10.00 each...we could do wonders!!! We know we will not have everyone contribute but look at the numbers and you will see that YOUR DONATION can have a HUGE impact.

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Charity Drive (cont.)

If you no longer have the letter and donation card, just send a check made payable to “**Philadelphia Chapter**” and identified with **Chapter Charities** and we can take care of the rest.

Contributions can be sent to:

Rich Konstance, PGK, FDD
Charity Drive Chairman
3412 Amity Road
Philadelphia, PA 19154

Thank you and God Bless you for your generosity.

Rich Konstance

Chairman DVBDD- Nick Marcantonio

2020-2021 Meeting Schedule:

May 22 nd , 2021:	State Convention (<u>Virtual Meeting</u>)	
Monday, June 28 th , 2021	Site to be Determined	7:30PM

- **The DVBDD Chairman asks all District Deputies to contact the Councils in their jurisdictions to ensure their Forms # 185 and # 365 have been submitted as required.**

PA State Council Prayer –St. Michael the Archangel

Holy Michael the Archangel defend us in the battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. Rebuke him, O God, we humbly beseech thee; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the divine power cast into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

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Chapter Sick List

Brothers, please pray for our sick Brothers and their family members who are listed below. Also keep in your prayers the families of all who have been affected by this Pandemic as well as all our Country's Military Personnel stationed at numerous bases around the world who will not be home to celebrate the Christmas Holiday with their families.

Elizabeth DeFeo

Rose Marie Finnegan

Mary Carroll

Mickey Kelly

Fred May

Barbara May

Marge McPeake

Mary Donovan

Jack Stanczak

John Schiaffo

George Koch

Kathy Koch

Donna McLaughlin Three Special intentions submitted by Chapter Chaplain Father Biedrzycki

** Please alert the editor of any additions or deletions from this list by emailing donodan3@gmail.com.
I would like to keep the listing as up to date as possible. Thank you.

Prayers Unite the World

EVERY time our Church has had a need, our Brother Knights have responded. Right now, our Faith is under attack like it has never been and the Church needs its most faithful members to stand up and share its message of God's love with the world.

The Knights are partnering with "Prayers Unite the World" to do just that. Begun by a Brother Knight, "Prayers Unite the World" is a website where people can request prayers and then learn about many of the Religious communities and Catholic organizations from around the world.

We need to build an army of men who would be willing to share the Faith through the power of prayer. You do not need to explain the Faith. You simply live the Faith and let people know that God and his loving Church are with them. All through the power of prayer.

It only takes five minutes of time and it does not cost a dime.

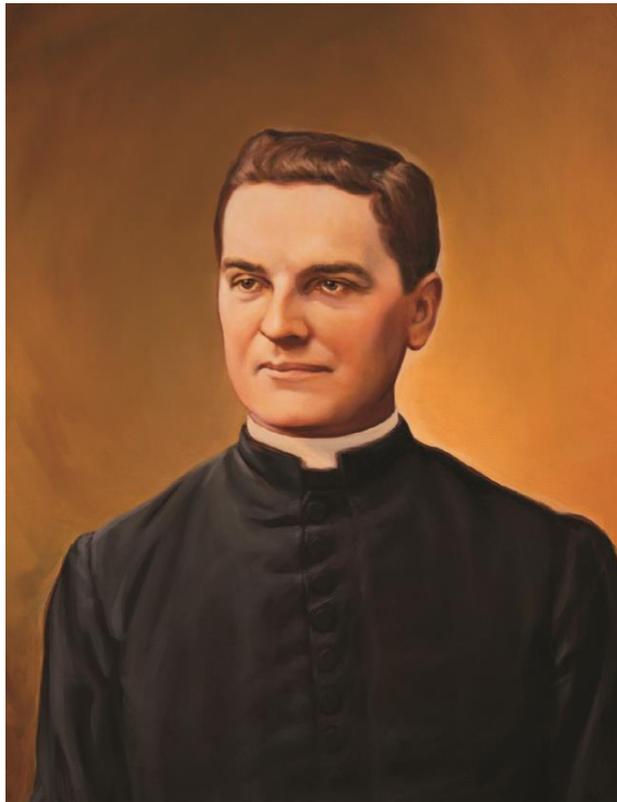
For further information contact

prayersunitetheworld@gmail.com

or call 215-779-219

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

Founder of the Knights of Columbus



God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please report all favors received:

The Father McGivney Guild

1 Columbus Plaza

The Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)

The RSVP is a program for keeping our Faith Alive by supporting our Seminarians and Postulants who have been called to do God's work. These young men and women need Councils of the Knights of Columbus to provide moral, financial, and spiritual support during their religious journey. For every \$500 given to an individual, the Supreme Council will refund the council \$100. The maximum refund for council or assembly is \$400 per individual.

In addition to the \$100.00 each Chapter Council receives from Supreme, you are also eligible for an additional \$50.00 refund from the Chapter for each \$500.00 RSVP donation. We urge all Councils to support our Seminarians and Permanent Deacon candidates through the RSVP and the Archdiocesan Permanent Deaconate and Ministry Program Fund.



THE PERMANENT DIACONATE VOCATIONS AND MINISTRY PROGRAM FUND



THE PERMANENT DIACONATE VOCATIONS AND MINISTRY PROGRAM FUND was created to provide resources to build and support the Diaconate in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, from ministry and vocation awareness to continuing formation of Deacons.

Your contribution to this Fund will help secure a vibrant community of Permanent Deacons for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Contributions are made through The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia.

Donations can be sent to: Deacon Fund
c/o The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia
100 North 20th Street, Suite 301
Philadelphia, PA 19403

Please make checks payable to THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA with DEACON FUND noted on the memo line.

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QUESTIONS?

Deacon Jack Hasson
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! Investing in the Deacon Fund will provide the funds to support the charitable works and services provided by the Permanent Diaconate to the people and Church in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.



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A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietro/M. Falcioni.

O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

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Philadelphia Chapter Councils Offer Affordable Facilities for That Special Event

The Councils listed offer a variety of professional services and accessible location for your special events:

- * **Fr. John McHugh Council # 4935**, 5323 Oxford Avenue, Phila. PA 19124 Phone: 215-535-0849
- special packages for large and small events, catering, and self-catering options available
- * **Lady of Lourdes Council # 4546**, 3401-07 Welsh Road, Phila. PA 19136; Phone: 215-331-2577
- large banquet hall available for all types of occasions, catering, and full beverages services also available
- * **Regina Coeli # 4921**, 9617 James Street, Phila. PA 19135 Phone: 215-332-2517
- flexible hall for large and small events, catering services and full-service bar options available
- * **St. Charles Borromeo Council # 4279**, 1193 Gravel Pike, Bensalem PA 19020; Phone: 215-638-2202; offer ample parking and a variety of food and beverage packages to fit any occasion
- * **St. Katharine Drexel Council # 3968**, 15000 Bustleton Avenue, Phila. PA 19116.
Phone: 215-969-4470; banquet hall available for shower, birthdays and other events, catering, and beverage services available
- * **Twining Hall (M.E.I. Caterers)** 4900 East Street Road, Trevoise PA Phone: 215-364-2130 - Knight owned business, available for large and small events, several caterings and beverage packages available
- * **Holmesburg Council #1284** 3300 Knorr St Hall available for rentals. Contact Tim Thomson Hall manager at 215-331-4570(Hall) or 215-514-0962

Please support our local Councils and remember to mention you are a Knights of Columbus member when you call. If I missed your Council, please email me your information and I will include it in next publication. If you have a Knight's related function occurring before the release of the next Journal, feel free to forward the information to me. I would be more than happy to assist with advertising your event via email.

The Journal is published bi-monthly. If your Council has an article to submit, please forward it to my attention by the 1st week of the month.

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2021 Keys & Sword Event

Sponsorship Opportunities

The *Keys & Sword* is an effort of the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia: the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul. This year, a percentage of the proceeds will benefit the Martin Saints Classical High School. The remainder of the proceeds will be for improvement projects for the Cathedral Basilica, the Mother Church of the Archdiocese, and to support the ministries of the Cathedral Parish.

❑ PRESENTING SPONSOR - \$20,000

- 2 VIP Tables of 6 for 12 guests
- Recognition on cover of program book
- Back cover ad in program book
- Recognition on event website, social media and promotional emails
- Recognition on signage at the event
- Special recognition during the event

❑ 1864 SOCIETY - \$10,000

- 2 VIP Tables of 6 for 12 guests
- Full page, full color ad in program book
- Recognition on event website, social media and promotional emails
- Recognition on signage at the event
- Special recognition during the event

❑ QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES - \$7,500

- 2 Tables of 6 for 12 guests
- Full page, full color ad in program book
- Recognition on event website and social media
- Recognition on signage at the event

❑ SAINTS PETER & PAUL- \$5,000

- Event registration for 6 guests
- 1/2 page, full color ad in program book
- Recognition on event website and social media
- Recognition on signage at the event

❑ SAINT JOHN NEUMANN- \$2,500

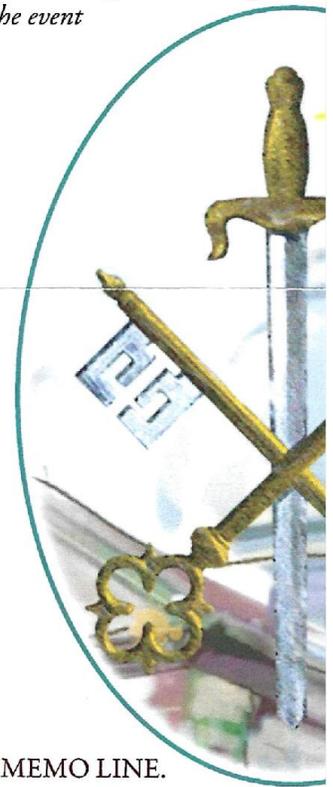
- Event registration for 4 guests
- 1/2 page, full color ad in program book
- Recognition on event website
- Recognition on signage at the event

❑ SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL- \$1,000

- Event registration for 2 guests
- 1/4 page, full color ad in program book
- Recognition on event website

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- 1 event registration
- Listing in program book
- Recognition on event website



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2021 Keys & Sword Event

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Page Ad - <i>B&W, 8"h x 5"w</i> | \$750 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1/2 Page Ad - <i>Color, 3.75"h x 5"w</i> | \$500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1/2 Page Ad - <i>B&W, 3.75"h x 5"w</i> | \$350 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1/4 Page Ad - <i>Color, 3.75"h x 2.25"w</i> | \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1/4 Page Ad - <i>B&W, 3.75"h x 2.25"w</i> | \$150 |

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I'd like to support this wonderful event with a donation of:

- \$25
- \$50
- \$100 - Friends of the Cathedral
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- Other: _____

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