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# THE NAVIGATOR'S LOG

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## From Faithful Navigator Bill Garber

June has arrived and the weather is looking more positive to the season. I hope that the current social situation will continue to move to the positive as well. Lady Melody and I have ventured out, and even enjoyed a sit-down meal at our favorite Mexican restaurant recently.

It is also a good sign to see during these times, many turning to prayer and reflection of our Catholic faith. As my Lady and I continue to pray for all of you, we ask for your prayers for each other and us.

The latest update on the 2020 4th Degree Exemplification is it will occur, but is being moved to a virtual Exemplification format. The rescheduled date is Saturday, June 13, 2020. It is important to note this will involve only the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree candidates as participants. The Ladies portion was canceled. In order for the candidates to partake of this virtual Exemplification, a form 4 needs to be completed, and submitted with a check for \$50. This amount is less than the normal \$70. You can obtain a form 4 from Ray Darr at <a href="mailto:radar1618@aol.com">radar1618@aol.com</a>.

It is great news our State's Governor has started allowing various entities to re-open. One of the options available to us thus far has been virtual meetings. The St. Joan of Arc Council 15905 recently held a virtual meeting coordinated by Sean Weirich. I believe it to be a good idea to hold a virtual meeting with our Assembly 807 members for June. The virtual meeting program, Zoom, is the same one we used for our Rosaries. Sean did institute additional control to reduce unwanted background noise. I would appreciate hearing your thoughts soon to hold a virtual meeting for June's Assembly meeting. It was good to be able to see people since we have not been able to get together in person. For the month of July, I am hopeful to resume holding our Assembly meetings in person again.

An Assembly 807 officer's meeting at the Rocket Café on Reynolds Rd. is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9. One of the agenda items is to discuss a full opening of meetings starting with July.

June is also the month celebrating all dads. Father's Day is Sunday, June 21. My gratitude extends not only to my dad who left this earth many years ago, but also to our heavenly Father above. May your Father's Day be a relaxing and happy one!

Vivat Jesus

#### From Faithful Captain Phil Stanchin

April and May were tough months for everyone in the world but hopefully with June we are beginning to see better things, with everything opening back up. We have had something in the world that has not happened for decades. Prayers have been helpful, but we still need to pray that this will pass and be done with.

I am writing this article on Memorial Day, on which we give thanks to all who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Along with our gratitude to them, we need to be grateful to all keep us safe from this terrible virus. God bless all of them.

In June we will have an officer's meeting on Tuesday, June 9, from 6-7 p.m. at the Rocket's Café on Reynolds Road. We will discuss how to conduct future meetings. Looking forward to seeing everyone in the near future. Stay well. Vivat Jesus.

### From Faithful Friar Father Ed Littelmann

Blessings continue even in spite of nature's challenges: last month we got to honor our mothers, living and deceased, and often we include our wives, mothers of our children, as we celebrate together as family. This month is Fathers' Day on June 21 and we get to celebrate this time by accepting honor from our kids and their mother(s). Again a wonderful opportunity for family to celebrate -- hopefully by getting together even in the face of Covid-19 (and all the other challenges nature and life can throw at us).

What I'd like to mention this year is the opportunity to broaden the opportunity's celebration by bringing to (and keeping in) mind the gift of brotherhood that we have as Knights of Columbus and as children of the Father of Jesus. It's just a nice chance to rejoice in our faith by reflecting upon the truth of who we are... and see what thoughts like that can **do** for us and our world. I haven't every year been conscious of honoring my Father in faith right along with my natural father. And when I am prayerful about this truth, I try to gather other friends in to celebrate right along with me. That's what Jesus wants. And it isn't all that tough to pull off!

So this year I can share a precious moment with you that happened to me on Mother's Day last month. I was spending a few moments with God thinking of how my brother and friends and I could make Mothers' Day special this year, and the thought came to me that I could invite them to pray the Hail Mary together. I shared that I was mindful of mom's name and wanted to use that in the prayer. Her name is Mariette; so we gathered to say the Hail Mary with her in heaven. Out of my mouth came: "Hail, Mariette, the Lord is with You. Blessed are you among women and blessed are the fruits of your womb." We were all taken up in that. Got to tell a couple of friends in Cursillo (and that was while we zooming!) and now I get to tell **you** too......

Blessed Father's Day and see how the Lord invites YOU to see how He loves.... Vivat Jesus!, Fr. Ed

#### A Word from Lady Melody Garber

As I put this article to paper, I want to share how blessed I feel to be able to have attended Mass on Memorial Day and receive our Lord in communion. As our communities open further, my wish is that we continue to remember all who have suffered or lost their lives to help the rest of America remain a free Republic. The Knights of Columbus had, "*One Nation Under God*" added to our Country's Pledge of Allegiance. I also consider those who contracted COVID-19 worth noting for their fight to live. They, too, battled an enemy. Sadly, some died. God allows certain events to occur. The good is that in trying times, many people turn back to God even if they have not connected with him in a long while. People are kinder to one another; people take time to look after those in need, etc. Our free will is more in alignment with God's will. That's the ultimate, don't you think? As you know by now, this year's 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification will be a virtual Exemplification for the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree candidates only. The Ladies part has been canceled altogether.

For the Ladies, this means a decision on our Assembly's Basket Raffle, and any Scarves you had planned to donate. I would prefer to see as many of you in person (crossing my fingers) in a meeting for July to hear your thoughts. The scarves issue is easy, just hold onto them for next year's Exemp. Suggestions on what to do regarding the basket raffle have included: 1) Raffling our basket within our own Assembly now; or 2) Holding off on the basket raffle this year, and retain the theme and basket items for next year's Exemp. My thinking is to hold off until next year's Exemp, but ticket sales might be a deciding factor. For now, hold onto your sold tickets and money until our July meeting. If you are not able to attend the (hopefully) in person meeting for July, please feel free to express your thoughts in an email to me at melodygarber@hotmail.com. Thank you, Ladies!

#### **Happy Birthday and Congratulations**

Happy Birthday and Congratulations to these people celebrating a special day this month!

June Birthdays					
Name	Date	Name	Date		
Robert Owens	1	Jennifer Davis	21		
Michelle Thomas	3	Sally Mossing 21			
Ryan Wodarski	56	Georges Habbouche	22		
Tyler Beckford	6	Bill Garber	23		
Jim Doore	7	Colleen McGuire	23		
Laura McIntyre	7	Laura Berry	24		
Michael Etue	9	Michael Froelich	25		
Robert Gustwiller	13	Paul Tecpanecatl 25			
Karen Bates	15	Clara Hartman 27			
Dea. Denver Mossing	16	Thomas Leonhard 28			
Phyllis Szymanski	19	William Lindeman 28			
Charles Westrick	19				





June Anniversaries				
Name	Date			
Paul & Lee Upman	2			
Don & Sandra Gratop	6			
Ron & Diane Poturalski	6			
Larry & Mary Albrecht	7			
Tim & Susan Elfreich	8			
Phil & Janaki Stanchin Jr.	9			
Jerome & Marianne Bush	13			
Dave & Kathy Irelan	13			
Jim M. & Tina Szymanski	15			
Brian & Michelle O'Shea	16			
Richard & Nancy Sasala	16			
Robert & Rozanna Knurek	18			
Robert & Tammy Schuster	18			
Doug & Beverly St. John	18			
Frank & Mary Jo Antalek	19			
Charles & Christine Korotnayi	19			
Mike & Carolyn Kuhar	19			
William & Patricia Mitchey	20			
Paul & Debbie Youngpeter	21			
Doug & Charlene Leestma	25			
Phil & Joanne Stanchin	26			
Andrew & Cynthia Westhoven	27			
Joseph & Elena Di Nuovo	30			
Paul & Carol Hood	30			
John & Linda Moran	30			

## **Assembly Apparel**

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- 2) Find the items you want, and fill in the specifications.
- 3) Pay for the order!

There are more than 10 items for men and women, and more to come! If you don't see what you want, contact Mitch Kahl at 419-360-9859 or <a href="mitch@alwayspromoting.com">mitch@alwayspromoting.com</a>.

Your shipments will arrive 10 working days from the date of the order. (Orders that are shipped will incur additional days.)

# Replace that Worn and Tattered Flag



It so great to see the entire American Flags that the public so proudly displays these days. The sad thing, though, is seeing a Flag blowing from a flagpole in someone's yard or at a business that is torn and tattered. It would be better if they did not display it at all if they are not going to display it properly. Please check the flag that you are flying and replace it if it is torn or tattered. The wind and weather plays havoc with them. Don't throw this symbol of our freedom away give to a Veterans group like the Catholic War Vets for proper disposal.

#### Fathers Day 2020 USA:-

Father's Day is a celebration honoring the fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. In Catholic Europe, it has been celebrated on the 19 March (St. Joseph's Day) since the Middle Ages. This celebration was brought by the Spanish and the Portuguese to Latin America, where 19 March is often still used for it. Though many of the countries in Europe and the Americas have adopted the U.S. date, which is the third Sunday of June that is 18 June 2020. In the **United States, Father's Day** has been celebrated since the early 20th century.

Father's Day is an occasion to mark and to celebrate the contribution that your own father has made to your life. Many people send or give the cards or gifts to their fathers. Common Father's Day gifts include sports items or clothing, electronic gadgets, outdoor cooking supplies and tools for the household maintenance.

"The greatest gift I ever had came from God; I call him Dad!"

While people will go all out in giving their papas the royal treatment on Father's Day, some believe dads aren't as sentimental as mothers and don't need the special day to honor them. If you belong to the latter category, the origin of story of this day might change your mind.

" My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me "





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26 May 2020

Dear Priests, Deacons, Consecrated Religious, and Lay Faithful,

This letter comes to inform you of a most serious matter which has pastoral and spiritual implications. As your shepherd I am charged by the office entrusted to me by Christ and His Church to profess, proclaim, promote, and protect the integrity and unity of the Catholic Faith of all those entrusted to my care. Given the grave nature of what follows, and in conscience before God and in accord with canons 375 §§1-2 and 386 §§1-2, it is essential that I make known to you this matter for your sake and the sake of the Catholic Faith in the Diocese of Toledo.

You may be aware that Ms. Beverly Bingle, a layperson of the Diocese of Toledo, publicly attempted ordination to the diaconate on 13 September 2012. Subsequently, she attempted to receive ordination to the priesthood on 9 February 2013. These actions were in violation of canon 1024 of the 1983 *Code of Canon Law* and the *motu proprio, Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela*, Article 5, 1° and 2°. By these public acts, Ms. Bingle formally separated herself from the Catholic Church.

A preliminary investigation, according to the norms of canon law, regarding Ms. Bingle's attempted ordination to the diaconate was undertaken by then Bishop Leonard Blair, in September 2012, and again in February 2013 when she attempted priestly ordination. Both of these were transmitted to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the Dicastery of the Holy See that has competence regarding such matters.

Following both public acts, Bishop Leonard Blair made pastoral efforts to invite Ms. Bingle to meet with him, to renounce her actions and be reconciled with the Catholic Church. His invitations went unheeded. Likewise, I, too, made pastoral efforts, including personally meeting with Ms. Bingle in 2015, to invite her to renounce her attempted ordinations and reconcile herself to the Catholic Church. She, however, remains obstinate and has refused any reconciliation.

More recently, on 20 August 2019, Ms. Bingle formally represented the Association of US Catholic Priests, Toledo Chapter, as the "authorized agent" on an "Application for Permit to Use Lucas County Government Buildings and Grounds" for an event on 20 September 2019 for which the Association of US Catholic Priests Social Justice Subcommittee was the principal organizer and sponsor. This action, along with her continual simulation of the Sacraments at the "Holy Spirit Catholic Community" in Toledo, Ohio, are a cause of great concern, and a source of confusion and scandal to the faithful of the Diocese of Toledo.

The fact that Ms. Bingle has obstinately refused to be reconciled to the Catholic Church by not renouncing her attempted ordinations, and has continued to simulate the Sacraments has led the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, which has the authority of Pope Francis, to make a definitive judgment on these matters. In a decree dated 20 December 2019 and received in my office on 20 April 2020, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the

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Faith has declared that Ms. Beverly Bingle incurred the excommunication *latae sententiae* for the grave delict of attempted sacred ordination. Most recently, I made the pastoral effort to reconcile Ms. Bingle with the Catholic Church, inviting her to meet with me and renounce her attempted ordinations. Ms. Bingle declined to meet with me and has refused, once again, any reconciliation.

By definition, *latae sententiae* penalties are incurred at the very time of the offense (i.e. attempting ordination) and they are set forth as such by a declaratory sentence or decree after a judicial or extrajudicial penal process.

A person who is excommunicated is excluded from any share in the Eucharist or other acts of public worship, and from receiving any of the other Sacraments that they could otherwise participate in, or celebrating sacramentals. They are likewise excluded from the exercise of or the ability to acquire any ecclesiastical office, ministry or function. The excommunicated may not be validly received into a public association of the Christian faithful or serve as a baptismal or confirmation sponsor. This severe penalty is deemed necessary in order to protect the nature and dignity of the Sacrament of Holy Orders and repair the scandal that has occurred in the faithful. The penalty of excommunication is meant to help the offender realize the gravity of his or her actions and seek to repent, and to bring the person back into the fold and be restored to full communion with the Church.

In light of the above, it is also my responsibility as your Bishop to warn all of the clergy, consecrated religious and lay faithful in the Diocese of Toledo that, since Ms. Beverly Bingle has served as a representative of the "Holy Spirit Catholic Community" and the Association of US Catholic Priests, any affiliation with these groups may be a source of grave concern due to the confusion and scandal they have caused. This word of caution is provided to all the faithful who are reminded that Catholics, according to the norms of canon 209 §1, "in their own manner of acting are always obliged to maintain communion with the Church." In 1994, Pope Saint John Paul II declared that the Church has "no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women and that this judgment is to be definitively held by all the Church's faithful" (Ordinatio sacerdotalis, no. 4), a teaching reiterated by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and Pope Francis.

In your charity, please join me in earnestly praying for Ms. Beverly Bingle that she may renounce her attempted ordinations and continued simulation of the Sacraments and be reconciled with the Catholic Church. Please also pray for anyone that has been affected or scandalized by her actions that they may not be led astray, but may embrace anew the perpetual teachings and practice of Christ's Church. Kindly remember me in your good prayers, even as I remember you; that by God's grace, we might together remain firm in the communion of our Catholic faith and steadfast in our love for God and for one another.

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas Bishop of Toledo

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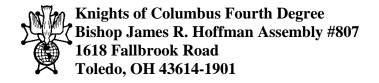
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