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**Sal and Maddi Brajuha.
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Marina Jack's Lunch Cruise



CONGRAULATIONS to Bill Kopcsak winner of 2 tickets for a dinner cruise on the Marina Jack's cruise ship.











Catechism Corner

The Ten Commandments of God – Part 5

The Eighth Commandment: Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that *the Eighth Commandment forbids misrepresenting the truth in our relations with others. This moral prescription flows from the vocation of the holy people to bear witness to their God who is the truth and wills the truth. Offenses against the truth express by word or deed a refusal to commit oneself to moral uprightness; they are fundamental infidelities to God and in this sense, they undermine the foundations of the covenant.*

This commandment forbids the telling of what a person knows to be untrue, to another who has a moral right to know the truth. Lying is the most direct offense against the truth, and its gravity is measured against the nature of the truth that it deforms, the intentions of the liar, and the harm suffered by the victim. This is especially serious when one is under oath: in this instance, falsehood begets perjury.

Unjustly trashing another's reputation (with truth or falsehood) is equally proscribed. When one assumes as true – without sufficient evidence – the moral shortfalls of another, then he is guilty of *rash judgment*; when he discloses – without valid reasons – another's faults and shortcomings to a third party who did not previously know them – then he is guilty of *detraction*; and when he harms the reputation of others by false commentary, then he is guilty of *calumny*.

Encouragement or confirmation of another's malicious acts or perverse conduct by flattery, adulation or complaisance is forbidden by the Eighth commandment. So is boasting and irony aimed at disparaging somebody by mocking some aspect of their behavior.

For their part, the media have an obligation to provide information that is true and complete – within the bounds set by justice and charity – and communicated honestly. And for their part, civil authorities are obligated to ensure true and just freedom of information – through legislative and executive action. Civil authorities are also obligated to protect legitimately privileged/classified information, in the interests of the common good. (Here the right and need to know come into play.)

As implied above, access to the communication of truth is not unconditional. The common good, and the safety of others are subject to prudential judgment. Nobody is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the moral right to know it. (For example, the nun hiding a Jew from an SS officer may morally withhold factual information, to protect the righteous victim.)



It is unfortunate that in today's culture, lying has become an acceptable instrument for advancing one's agenda. Knights should always show the Catholic-Christian way: with honesty and integrity.

Gene Dolecki,

Council Lecturer

Republican lawmakers in Florida filed bills that would ban abortion after six weeks pregnancy.

On the first day of the legislative session, GOP legislators introduced such bills to the House and Senate – with a Republican supermajority – that would cut down the abortion window from the previously approved 15-week mark. The bills also allow for exceptions in the case that a mother was raped or fell victim to incest so long as they could prove such a crime.

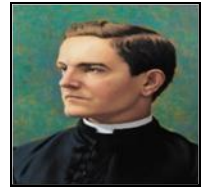
“I think those exceptions are sensible, and like I said, we welcome pro-life legislation,” Gov. Ron DeSantis said when asked about the legislation in a media advisory meeting following his State of the State Address Tuesday.

Government institutions will be restricted from providing public funding to those traveling outside of the state to receive abortions.

Last April, the governor signed the Reducing Fetal and Infant Mortality Act that placed a 15-week ban on abortions, and in June 2020, he signed a bill that required parental consent of minors who sought abortions.

“Life is a sacred gift worthy of our protection, and I am proud to sign this great piece of legislation which represents the most significant protections for life in the state’s modern history,” the governor said when signing last year’s abortion legislation.

Other legislation, largely related to education, is on the docket for this legislative session, including the expansion of the Parental Rights in Education bill that focuses on pronoun usage in schools. Gun rights, immigration, the death penalty and anti-ESG bills are also to be expected.





Brothers here is a picture from this last Monday Feb 13th food run to St Joe's by Sam Bastianelli and Matt Cangemi Who gave a check to Carol for \$500.





A big thank you to those Knights who have signed up to pray and witness at Planned Parenthood in Sarasota on Tuesday, March 7. That afternoon is our Council's designated 40 Days for Life day. We are short of Knights in the late afternoon that day, particularly in the 6 pm – 7pm hour, and also in the 4- 5 pm and 5- 6 pm hours.

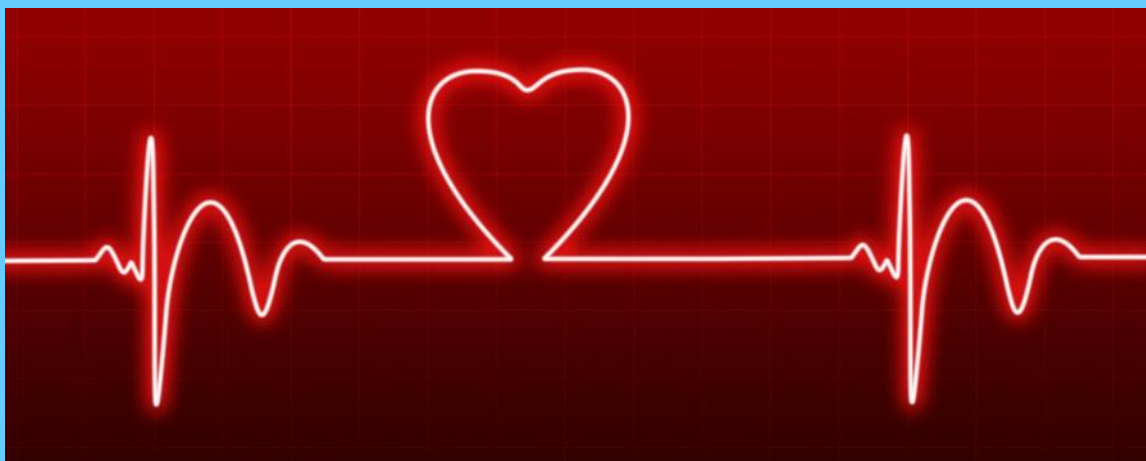
If any other Knight can come and pray for one of those hours, please send an email to Life Director Jim Cullen at jimcullen@ppusa.org, or text him at 630-677-0649. Jim will respond with information about the 40 Days guidelines for praying and witnessing there. The address of PP is 736 Central Avenue in Sarasota.

Our presence on the sidewalk there sends a powerful cumulative message to the community and the country about the evil plague of abortion.

If Tuesday, March 7th does not work for you, you could come on Saturday, March 11, which is the other OLA designated day, all day. The times of most need on that Saturday are 3:00 to 4:00 pm and 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

Some prayer warriors bring lawn chairs in case they get tired, and there are trees for shade. Also, there are loving-messaged pro-life signs available there to carry.

Vivat Jesus! Jim Cullen, SK



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Grand Knight's Korner

We are approaching the end of the fraternal year. This is the time we take care of the business side of the council.

1. Budget request for next year.
2. Request for one time expenditures.
3. The nominations for next year's officers and directors.