



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

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Dear Brother Knights:

I pray this letter finds you well. Today is a big day, the first day of the year in faith. The Nicene Creed is the prayer for the year in faith which can be found at: <http://www.annusfidei.va/content/novaevangelizatio/en/annus-fidei/preghiera.html>. We should say this prayer daily beginning today and ending November 24, 2013. More information on the year in faith can be found at the link above.

As most of you have probably already heard we will be moving our retreats to The Notre Dame Spiritual center located in Alfred Maine. It was a tough decision, but after much prayer and a conversation with our State Deputy it was clear that it needed to be done. I have attached my letter outlining the change. I am proud to announce we have a speaker for the men's (February 22-24, 2013 in Alfred) retreat, V. Rev. Aaron Damboise. More information to follow soon.

Don't miss the upcoming men's conference held in Portland at the Double tree hotel December 8, 2012. Patrick Madrid will be the keynote speaker. He is amazing. More information can be found at: <http://www.olffmaine.com/index.cfm?load=page&page=294>. There will also be a ladies conference held at the same location December 1, 2013. Information can be found at: <http://www.olffmaine.com/index.cfm?load=page&page=351>.

Last weekend we had the ladies retreat with V. Rev. Ron Labarre. The ladies tell me they had a great time. It was a laid back relaxing retreat. I learned so much about running a retreat and I plan on applying these lessons at the men's retreat in February.

I must tell you about a few great experiences I had recently. I attended an Adoration of our Lord with a Priest leading a meditation and then Confession. What a wonderful experience. I saw many Knights there. I also have been blessed to help out our parish with wake services and Alter server for funerals. *And last but not least I was able to bring the Eucharist to some ladies at a local nursing home. Funerals and visits to the elderly are very important and our parishes are having a hard time keeping up with the demand. Have your Church Director reach out to your pastor and see if you can help. I'm sure they would be glad to pass on some of these duties.*

God bless you and remember to pray the Rosary. I leave you with this scripture:

"If we suffer, we shall also reign with him. If we deny him, he will also deny us." 2 Timothy 2:12

And a quote that speaks to me during this voting time:

"... recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord." Abraham Lincoln

Sincerely,

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