



# The Encyclical



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## Faithful Navigator's Message

Congratulations to this year's Scholarship winners; Kelly Brady daughter of SK Kevin Brady from Our Lady of the Island Council and Kerriann Latten Grand-daughter of SK Arthur Schmaeling, PFN from New Hyde Park Council. Faithful Navigator Elect, Kevin Finnegan and his Scholarship Committee did an outstanding job.



We had a good turnout of members at the National Cemetery in Pinelawn on Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, we started the day in prayer by reciting the Living Rosary then we proceeded to help decorate the graves of the veterans with American Flags, we then went to Rt. Rev. Msgr. William A. Delaney Council where PFN Robert Coyne organized the Flag Retirement Ceremony, that was followed by breakfast at the council. A special thanks to O'Shea Funeral Homes who paid for the breakfast. Our thanks go to PFN Keith Wilson and his committee that did an excellent job arranging everything.

I wish to thank the Charity Committee PFN Wayne Sturges and Faithful Captain Elect Thomas Liddy and also PFN Robert Coyne, chairman of the Nominating Committee and his committee, all for a job well done.

To our Newsletter Editor SK Michael Dragonetti for all his hard work each month getting the newsletter out on time. Thank you for a job well done.

The Assembly extends their appreciation and thanks to The Sign Of The Cross Council for hosting the May Assembly Meeting at Joseph Barry Council.

My Brother Sir Knights: This is my last column as Faithful Navigator and it has been an honor to preside as your Faithful Navigator for the 2007/2008 Columbian year. It gives me great pleasure to have led a stalwart group of men who never hesitated to step up and offer encouragement and support. My thanks to all of the officers, chairmen and members for their considerable help and hard work in making this a successful year.

Because of your support we was able to make the following donations this Columbian year : Boys Scouts of America Troop 295 \$100.00 – March for Life \$50.00 – Long Island Coalition for Life \$100.00 – Long Island Life Center \$100.00 – Nassau/Suffolk Birth-right \$100.00 – Lead America \$250.00 – The National Shine, Washington, DC / The Knights of Columbus Incarnation Dome \$500.00 – Seminarians donation \$1000.00 – St Martin de Porres Regional School in Uniondale \$500.00 – Coalition to Salute America's Heroes \$500.00 – Wounded Warrior Project \$400.00 – Adopt-A-Battalion location Our Lady of the Island Council \$200.00

To the finest Commander James Cunningham PFN and his guardsmen, the Honor Guard/Color Corps is the visible face of our Assembly and the Knights of Columbus. I thank you for your unselfish donation of time and effort.

I wish our new Faithful Navigator Elect Kevin Finnegan and his officers well and pledge them my support.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve, God Bless.

Fraternally Yours,  
*SK Ed Mc Kee, PGK*  
Faithful Navigator

## Captain's Compass

Our next Assembly meeting will be on Wednesday June 25th 8:00 pm, at Msgr. William A. Delaney Council, 110 Merritt Road, Farmingdale, NY.

Directions:

Take Hempstead Turnpike east until you see a train trestle between Bethpage and Farmingdale. There's an intersection there. That's Merritt Road. Take it South 1 1/2 blocks. You'll see the Council on the right, just North of the Farmingdale Library.

From the South, take Southern State Parkway to Exit 30 North, which is Broadway. Broadway will take you right into Boundary Avenue. Broadway will turn into Merritt Road (bends left). After about 1/2 mile, look for the large Farmingdale Library on the left. The Council Hall is immediately north of the library on the left. It is 1 1/2 blocks South of Hempstead Turnpike.

*Kevin Finnegan PGK*  
Faithful Captain  
Faithful Navigator-Elect

## Assembly 50/50

May winner — SK Bernard Helldorfer, Hartigan Council.

June winner — You??

Could be—if you're in the Assembly 50/50!

To join this monthly drawing all you have to do is make out a check payable to, "Pope John XXIII Assembly" for \$24.00. That will cover you for 12 months from the time you join (which means if you join in June 2008, you're in until June 2009!). The more in the club the bigger the monthly prize. Mail the check to PFN Keith Wilson - 1116 North Baldwin Drive – North Massapequa, NY 11758 – (516) 694-6007

## RESPECT LIFE

*(Respectfully Submitted S.K. Ed Mc Kee, Faithful Navigator, PGK, Pro-Life Chairman)  
Abortion Still a Hot Issue.*

It has been more than 35 years since the Supreme Court legal-ized abortion in the United States, yet despite all the pundits; the issue is far from settled. Exit polls continue to show that abortion is one of the top issues concerning voters as we go through the primary process and draw nearer to the Presidential elections in November.

In a recent Rasmussen Poll, voters ranked abortion as one of the top ten issues that were very important to them. 42% said it was very important and another 23% said it was somewhat important. That means that 65% of American voters believe that abortion is an important issue that cannot be ignored.

Facts on Induced Abortions in the United States. There are a number of government and private agencies that track abortions, but it is the abortion industry's own research group, the Alan Guttmacher Institute that is considered the most accurate.

### INCIDENCE OF ABORTION:

\*Nearly half of pregnancies among American women are unintended and four in 10 of these are terminated by abortion. 22% of all pregnancies (excluding miscarriages) end in abortion.

\*In 2005, 1.21 million abortions were performed, down from 1.31 million in 2000. From 1973 through 2005, more than 45 million legal abortions occurred.

\*Each year, about two out of every 100 women aged 15-44 have an abortion; 47% of them have at least one previous abortion.

### WHO HAS ABORTIONS?

\*50% of U.S. women obtaining abortions are younger than 25. Women aged 20-24 obtain 33% of all abortions, and teenagers obtain 17%.

\*Black women are 4.8 times as likely as non-Hispanic white women to have an abortion, and Hispanic women are 2.7 times as likely.

\*Women who have never married obtain two-thirds of all abortions.

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\*43% of women obtaining abortions identify themselves as Protestant, and 27% as Catholic.

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\*The abortion rate among women living below the federal poverty, (\$8,670 for a single woman with no children) is more than four times that of women above 300% of the poverty level (44 vs. 10 abortions per 1,000 women).

\*The reasons women give for having an abortion underscore their understanding of the responsibilities of parenthood and family. Three-fourths of women cite concern for or responsibility to other individuals; three-fourths say they cannot afford a child; three-fourth say that having a baby would interfere with work, school or ability to care for dependents; and half say they do not want to be a single parent or are having a problem with their husband or partner.

### THE ABORTION PROVIDERS:

\*The number of U.S. abortion providers declined by 2% between 2000 and 2006 (from 1,819 to 1,787).

\*96% of abortion providers offer abortions at eight weeks. 67% providers offer at least some second- trimester abortion services (13 weeks or later) and 20% offer abortions after 20 weeks. 8% offer abortions at 24 weeks or more.

\*In 2006, the cost of a non-hospital abortion at ten weeks gestation ranged from \$90 to \$1,800, the average amount paid was \$413.

### CHEMICAL ABORTIONS:

\*In September 2000, the U. S. Food and Drug Administration approved a new abortion drug mifepristone to be marketed in the United States as an alternative to surgical abortion.

\*In 2005, 57% of abortion providers, or 1,026 facilities, provided one or more chemical abortions, a 70% increase from the first half of 2001.

\*In 2005, an estimated 161,100 chemical abortions were performed in non-hospital facilities.

\*There is no way to keep accurate statistics on chemical abortions-, so the statistics that show a slight decrease in the number of abortions may be misleading because these are surgical abortions and they may be offset by the rapid increase in chemical abortions.



### ASSEMBLY OFFICERS FOR 2008 / 2009

The following Sir Knights were elected at the May 28<sup>th</sup> Assembly meeting to serve as officers of Pope John XXIII Assembly for the 2008 / 2009 Columbian Year. Congratulations to these fine gentlemen and best wishes for an outstanding Columbian Year.

POSITION	ELECTED SIR KNIGHT
Faithful Navigator	Kevin Finnegan
Faithful Captain	Tom Liddy
Faithful Pilot	Winston Delpesh
Faithful Admiral	Ed McKee
Faithful Comptroller	Norbert Wengler
Faithful Purser	Wayne Sturges, PFN
Faithful Scribe	Richard Fox
Faithful Inner Sentinel	Jim Morrongello
Faithful Outer Sentinel	John Seibert
Faithful 3-Year Trustee	Charles DiPrima, PFN

*Bob Coyne, PFN*

Nominating Committee Chairman

### Want to be on a Catholic game show?

Telecare is looking for audience/contestants to join us on the Catholic game show, Divine Intervention, during the morning, afternoon and some evenings at our studio in Uniondale (across from Kellenberg High School) from **July 08 – 11, 14 – 18, 21**. If you can make one of these dates please e-mail or call:

**(516) 538-8704 ext. 155 E-Mail: [divineintervention@telecaretv.org](mailto:divineintervention@telecaretv.org)**

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The following was submitted courtesy of SK Dennis O'Connell of Floral Park Council. Thank you, Dennis!

### Education/Benefits/Job Fair

June 17, 2008 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm the Cradle of Aviation Museum, Charles Lindbergh Blvd., Garden City will host a Veterans Education, Benefits and Job Fair for OIF/OEF veterans. The New York City Fire Department, Metropolitan Transit Authority, North Shore LIJ Health System and other large employers will join the Department of Veterans Affairs and other service providers to assist our new veterans transition back to civilian life. Call the Veterans Service Agency for free admission tickets to the fair( 516-572-8452).

### Vietnam Night

Sunrise Detachment Marine Corps League, 99 Iwo Jima Blvd., Massapequa is sponsoring a Vietnam Night on Saturday, June 21, 2008 starting at 6:00pm. \$20 donation requested includes food, soda and DJ and singer. You are requested also to bring your Vietnam memorabilia to share with other vets. Contact Jim McGunnigle 516-503-4963.



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## Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori

**SK Nicholas Thomas, Msgr. Delaney Council  
SK Rev. Edward Fitzpatrick, Powell Council**

May their souls, and the souls of all of our Departed Sir Knights,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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