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FROM YOUR STATE DEPUTY

Cowboy Bulletin Wyoming Knights of Columbus

Happy Advent my friends in Christ.

We have all heard the saying "Tis the Season". I typically hear it during the later months of the year however there are many other times that we say this phrase. Every part of the year has its own "Season". January and February, I hear it when it is snowing sideways. March and April, it is heard during Lent & Easter and the March Madness Basketball Tournament. May & June it is said for the spring rain storms. July and August are the heat of summer and fairs. September & October is back to school and hunting season. November and December are the "Major" holidays seasons. Ultimately though, the term season is a measurement of time.

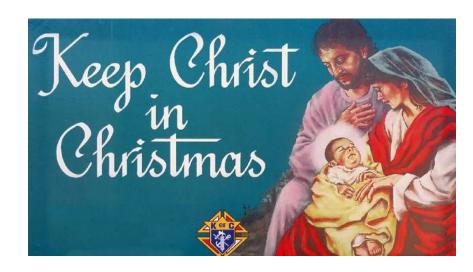
Now let me throw a different phrase at you: the dash. The time, or season, between the day you were born and the day that we die. Think headstone or gravestone. May 8, 1908 – January 4, 1992 is the dates that one of my grandfathers was born and when he died. The dash was his season of life and a very respected and honored one I might add.

We all have the season and each of us are in a different season within the dash of life. Let's all be thankful for our seasons. Let's be joyous that Jesus also shared his dash with us. The "season" we are in is truly His season. Advent being the preparatory season and Christmas being the beginning of his life on Earth. Let's keep Christ's "Season" as the focal point of our own season and encourage as many others to join us; no matter what season of the year we are in.

God's Blessings to you during Advent.

Fraternally in Christ.

Bret Ladenburger WY State Deputy





From Our State Chaplain

At last, we begin our Advent journey together again. It seems like only a year ago we set out on our Advent journey; of course, it was just a year ago that we did. We celebrate Advent every year, indeed we begin our new liturgical year with Advent, and this year our Sunday Gospel readings are usually from St. Matthew. We prepare for the coming of Jesus in many ways. We begin by preparing for his second coming which has not yet occurred. In our Gospel story on the first Sunday of Advent Jesus tells us that we will not know when the Son of Man is coming, and we must stay prepared. On the second Sunday we hear of St. John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus. Later, in Advent we turn our attention to Jesus' first coming as Christmas approaches. This year we have a somewhat unusual occurrence, the Solemn Feast, or Solemnity, of the Immaculate Conception gets moved to Monday December 9. This happens every time that this beautiful Feast occurs on a Sunday. It gets a little complicated, but I will try to explain. There is a hierarchy of feasts. All Sundays are solemnities just like Immaculate Conception and the Assumption. The Sundays during the seasons Advent, Lent and Easter, and Christmas rank higher that Saint's Solemnities, Sundays of Ordinary Time do not. When the Assumption occurs on a Sunday it happens during Ordinary Time, so we celebrate the liturgy of the Assumption not the liturgy of the Sunday, so there is no need to move it to another day. Immaculate Conception, however, occurs during Advent and so must be moved to Monday. Immaculate Conception is the Patroness of our country, so it is a Holy Day of Obligation when it occurs on Saturday or Monday, but not when it gets moved to Monday. Of course, it is still a Holy Day! The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is something I believe we each owe to ourselves for our spiritual balance and so I encourage you to make the effort to find a Mass and attend, I am sure you will be glad that you did. Remember Jesus tells us to be ready for his second coming, so let us do all that we can to be ready!

Rev Louie Shea State Chaplain Wyoming Knights of Columbus

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Convention News

Phil Sheridan Council is busy planning for the 2020 State Convention in Sheridan. It is the centennial celebration for the Wyoming State Council, as well as Sheridan and Rawlins Council. Please make plans to attend this special event.

The room block is now open for reservations. Reservations can be made by either calling 307-672-8931 or 800-465-4329 and indicating that you are with the Knights of Columbus group, or you may make them online at www.holidayinn.com/sheridanwy and using the group code KOC.

We have 20 rooms held for Thursday, April 20 and 75 rooms held for Friday, April 24th and Saturday, April 25th. **The rooms will be released on March 31, 2020**. The room rate is \$89 per night at the Sheridan Holiday Inn.

We will see you in Sheridan in 2020!!

CEREMONIAL NEWS

Admission, Formation and Knighthood Degree were conducted by Council 801 teams on October 2, 2019 in Cheyenne. 10 candidates went through the exemplifications.

An Admission Degree was hosted by Rock Springs Council 2441 on November 16 by the Green River/Rock Springs team. 6 candidates went through the exemplification.

Tentative Formation and Knighthood Degrees will be held in Green River in January 2020. More information will be provided in the January newsletter.

To schedule a Second & Third Degree, Contact:

Mike Dahl, Ceremonials Director at: 307-875-7831 {home} 307-871-1030 (cell) <u>mikenlin@vcn.com</u>

To schedule a Fourth Degree, Contact:

District Master, Robert Taylor @ 307-321-0357.

Please feel free to make any submissions to <u>wyokcnews@gmail.com</u>. I will do my best to put out an issue of The Cowboy Bulletin every month, but I need your help to know what's going on out there. Upcoming events, council projects or sharing ideas that could benefit other councils, are all things we as Knights are interested in hearing about. Remember that we are Brother Knights, united in one cause.

Vivat Jesus Steve Grapes Public Relations Director Wyoming Knights of Columbus



ADOPT A PARISH INITIATIVE

Since the explosion of ISIS across Iraq in 2014, Christians in the Middle East continue to live in uncertainty and instability, causing us to be witnesses to a near collapse of communities that have survived for hundreds of years.

Although outrage and disbelief are understandable reactions to this reality, the answer to aiding these Christian communities living under persecution does not lie in our empathy, but in the courage to turn our faith into action.

This persecution of Christians must not be viewed as an abstract event in a far-off land—we must understand their suffering as something personal to us. Our commitment to our brothers and sisters in the Middle East must be one in which we are all in; in which we answer the call to be our best selves so that others of our faith may have the opportunity to embody theirs.

To help our Christian brothers and sisters in the Middle East, the councils of District 1 in the jurisdiction of Wyoming , namely Cheyenne, Pine Bluffs, Wheatland and Torrington, have decided to adopt a Parish in the Middle East. The initiative will not only provide food, housing, infrastructure and medical facilities, but also improve Christian lives by sparking real social and economic progress. We have raised \$1310.00 towards our goal of \$2500.00 per year for a 2 year commitment.

By adopting the Chaldean Catholic Church of the Virgin Mary in Kirkuk, Iraq as a sister Parish, our Knights of Columbus councils hope to be an instrument of resilience as communities rebuild, taking the shape of deep and ongoing relationships between Iraqi parishes and local councils. By financial support, prayer, fellowship and witness, we hope to breathe the life back into Christian lives.

HOW YOU CAN HELP: Please support our brothers and sisters in the Middle East by donating today at https://donate.kofccharities.org/lraq_Wyoming1. You can also contribute via check made payable to Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc One Columbus Plaza New Haven, CT 06510 Please "Adopt a Parish initiative – WY District 1

100% of your donation will go directly to those affected by religious persecution.

No matter how much you give, your generosity and prayers can make a huge impact.

Mike Pexton District Deputy #1 Wyoming Knights of Columbus







<u>A second and third degree</u> was held in Cody on Saturday, November 9. From left are DD Dave Mischke, Cipriano Vegas from Worland, Eugene Spiering from Powell, Michael Nahlen from Cody, Jesus Grayton from Worland, Sabino Dia from Powell, Charles Wenke from Cody and Grand Knight John Robb.

FAITH IN ACTION—WYOMING STYLE

Brother Knights,

My hope is that all councils will report their activities to the Wyoming Knights in Action section of this newsletter. New activities, along with the great activities presently being done, stimulate members to do great things.

Many of you participate in the RSVP program supreme has for our seminarians. If you would like to participate and can't do the \$500.00, join another council. Also, remember to support our seminarians with prayers, cards, and having masses said.

This is a great time to support our clergy with prayers, gifts, and thanking them for their service.

HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A GREAT 2020.

Jerry Hoefler



Wyoming Knights in Action — Life

Council 7453 members participated in the Inside Connection Pregnancy Resource Center annual dinner/fundraiser in Rock Springs. Several members also contributed to help Council 2441 in funding the new Ultrasound machine at the center. One member is currently running a quilt raffle for Right To Life.

Wyoming Knights in Action — Community

Council 7453 Knights in Green River have teamed up with the Radio Network to purchase and provide Coats For Kids in our area.

Knights recently completed a Food For Families food drive and distributed food to the Green River Food Bank and the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen in Rock Springs.

Wyoming Knights in Action — Faith

Knights members from Council 7453 lead the Rosary at weekend Masses at Immaculate Conception.

Knights reconstructed and set up our outdoor Christmas Manger and are installing Christmas lights on trees around our Parish grounds.

Wyoming Knights in Action — Family

Knights from Monsignor James Godley Council 7453 recently held a Pumpkin Carving Contest for our youth and parents were requested to oversee and help the children as a family activity.

-Knights are conducting a Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest (notices are put bulletin and announced at Masses) and parents requested to help the children as a family activity.





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #3237



Saturday, January 25, 2020

Are you ready for delicious and action-packed chili cook off? Grab an apron and prepare for battle or grab a napkin and prepare for overwhelming deliciousness.

 2 Chili Categories: Tasty and Spicy
All Counsels will compete for a traveling traveling trophy.

Taste all Chili! DRINK INCLUDED. For Donation!

All Profits being donated to the fund to purchase a mobile ultrasound unit for ABBA's House. Ultrasound Unit is to serve Fremont County. To Enter Chili Contest, Please contact Jeff Schieffer at (307)851-5816, Michael Mellado at (307)840-0032, <u>topofthehillauto70@hotmail.com</u> or stop in to Top of the Hill Auto Repair: 396 S. 4th W.

1st Prize Winner receives 50% of your categories Entry Fees and Bragging Rights for the year.

> Competitors Entry Fee: \$50.00 Limited amount of competitors so call and register today!

Cook-off will be located at St. Margaret's Catholic School Gym 220 N. 7th St. E; Riverton, WY 82501 We seem to say it ever year, "It's almost Christmas, where has the year gone?" As we look back we measure the passing of the seasons, from one holiday to the next, and see how our lives have changed over that time. Christmas and the end of the year mark a milestone for most of us. The season gives us pause to thank God for sending his only -begotten Son to redeem us and it is a time to reflect on all the gifts we've received from him. God's gift to us inspires the gift-giving so many of us enjoy at Christmastime. We certainly enjoy receiving those gifts but reflect for a moment of what the giving of gifts does for the gift-giver.

Some gift-givers aren't so good with words, so they use gifts: Remember "Say it with flowers," the slogan of FTD. Some get a sense of satisfaction in seeing the happiness of the recipient, some feel appreciation that they are able to share what God has given them. It seems to fulfill the need to please, encourage or help someone. It makes us feel good to give.

As I look back at 2019, I can't help but think of all of the selfless members of the Order who gave gifts to help others. As our Supreme Knight highlighted in is address at the Supreme Convention just a few months ago we are "Knights of Charity." And we prove this every day with the many people who give of themselves; give of their time, their talent or their treasure, to help those less fortunate and those in need.

Supreme Knight Anderson spoke about the disaster relief provided by our Knights of Charity; \$4.2 million supporting hurricane victims alone. The one thousandth ultrasound machine has been placed in service to help save more unborn children. He talked about our mission of charity to the Middle East and the Christian community there that faces extinction. More than \$20 million has provided food, shelter, clothing and a new 140 unit apartment building for Christians and those of other religions who need our help. Knights of Charity helped provide coats for more than 105,000 kids who will now stay warm this winter.

Knights are known for their generosity. We are indeed, Knights of Charity.

All of these important initiatives help many others, but don't forget about your own family...and I'm not talking about gifts that you'll put under the tree. This holiday season as we think of giving and receiving, when we think of all the good gifts we have been given and all we are able to give, make sure you give your family the gift of peace of mind. Secure in the knowledge that whatever challenges they may face, you have protected them.

The Knights of Columbus has the products that will do just that: Provide financially for your family if you aren't here, make sure you have enough for a comfortable retirement, give the care needed if you can't care for yourself and

make sure all of this comes to pass if you are sick or hurt and can't work. It's painless to sit down with me to analyze your particular situation.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, let us be thankful for all the graces God has showered on us, especially the gift of his Son, our Savior! As Isaiah 9:5 says: For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. (New American Bible, Revised Edition)







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Vivat Jesus!



Our Current Diocese of Cheyenne Seminarians are:

Seth Hostetler



2nd year Theology University of Saint Mary of the Lake Mundelein Seminary 1000 East Maple Avenue Mundelein, Illinois 60060 <u>shostetler@usml.edu</u> **Birthday- Sept 2**

Linh Vu



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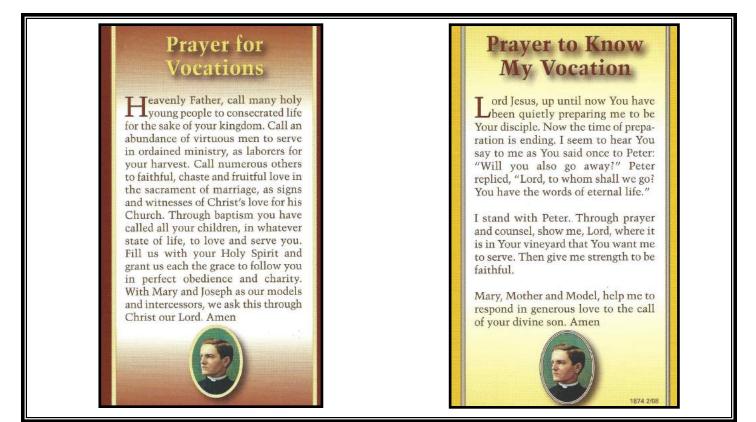
Theology Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology PO Box 429 Hales Corners, WI 53130-0429 <u>dkostelc@shsst.edu</u> Birthday-March 2

Lee Noel



Formation University of Saint Mary of the Lake Mundelein Seminary 1000 East Maple Avenue Mundelein, Illinois 60060 Inoel@usml.edu Birthday – Aug 27





PRO-LIFE PAGE

Knights of Columbus councils in Wyoming a have been responsible for the placement of 12 ultrasound machines in our state. This is an accomplishment we should all be proud of. Let us continue to be leaders in the fight to respect all life. It is truly a gift from God. Here is the list of ultrasound sites to date.

Msgr. Thomas F. O'Reilly Council 1563--True Care Women's Resource Center, Casper

Bishop Patrick A. McGovern Council 801--Life Choice Pregnancy Care, Cheyenne

Bishop Maurice F. Burke Council 4031-- Serenity Pregnancy Resource Center, Cody

Msgr. James Ruddy Council 3477--Women's Resource Center of Northeast Wyoming, Gillette

Father Charles A. Bartek Council 9431--Turning Point, Jackson

Father DeSmet Council 9756--The Family Tree, Pinedale

Shoshone Council 3043--Serenity Pregnancy Resource Center, Powell

Wind River Council 3237--Abba's House, Riverton

Frank Plemel Council 2441--Inside Connection, Rock Springs

Phil Sheridan Council 2104--Two for Legacy Pregnancy Resource Center, Sheridan





Deceased Knights

-Fr. John Savio, passed away October 22, 2018.

- -Rich Miller of Council 4031 in Cody passed away on December 17, 2018.
- -Mel Tucker of Council 9431 in Jackson passed away Feb 10, 2019.
- -Fr. Thomas Fahey passed away March 17, 2019.
- -Msgr. James O'Neill of Council 1563 passed away Mar 18, 2019.
- -Joe Maixner of Council 9917 in Casper passed away May 3, 2019.
- -Bill Brownell of Council 9917 in Casper passed away on May 29, 2019.
- -Kent Becker of Council 6623 passed away June 26th, 2019.
- -Vern Modine of Council 6623 passed away July 6 2019.
- -Fred Billick, a 27-year member of Council 7214 passed away October 3, 2019.
- -David Larchick, A 40-year member of Council 7214 passed away October 9, 2019.



-Donald Brooks of Council 6623, passed away October 1, 2019. His obituary can be seen here.



—Edgar Erickson of Council 4051 in Cody passed away November 4, 2019. His obituary can be seen <u>here.</u>.



-Robert Corso of Council 801 in Cheyenne passed away November 11, 2019. Bob's obituary is here.



-Kenneth J Jeziorski, of Council 7214 Greybull, passed away Nov. 18, 2019. His obituary can be seen here.

Please continue to pray for:

- -Brother Knights Kevin Reddy and Jim Spaulding, Council 9917-Casper
- -Brother Knights Ron Pivik, Vic Braman and Paul Shablo of Council 7453.
- -Brother Tom Atwood is undergoing treatments for cancer.
- —Brother Henry Prado, Council 6623-Torrington.
- -Sally Welte, spouse of PSD Joe Welte, Council 6623-Torrington
- -Brother Greg Opdahl, Council 3551-Wheatland
- -Brother Dick Fulton, Council 6558-Douglas-Glenrock

Please send any future prayer intentions to wyokcnews@gmail.com



"Monthly Challenge from the Supreme Chaplain"

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John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: "A voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." (Gospel for Dec. 8, Mt 3:1-3)

We are all familiar with the sense of panic that sets in when guests are due to arrive at our home. With people coming any minute, we rush to finish the cleaning and make the final preparations. My brother Knights, in this Gospel passage we find John the Baptist racing through the house, calling on everyone to prepare for the guest of a lifetime: Jesus Christ. This is our common task every day of Advent: to inspect every corner of our spiritual house and clean out the clutter, for Christ's arrival is at hand. Let us pray for the grace to repent and prepare our souls for the coming of our Lord..

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to fast or abstain from meat one day a week to prepare for Christ's coming. Second, I challenge you to help prepare for Christ's coming through the Faith in Action Keep Christ in Christmas program or by simply wishing others a "Merry Christmas."

Questions for Reflection:

How does treating Advent as a time of repentance and preparation change how we understand and celebrate Christmas? What is one practical way you are shifting the focus from materialism to the light of Christ and the spirit of giving this season? How can I remind others of the joy of Christmas during this time of year?

FAITH IN ACTION

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

A Higher Purpose

Help strengthen families and revitalize our parishes. Knights of Columbus councils will invite each family in their parish to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family and to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Overview

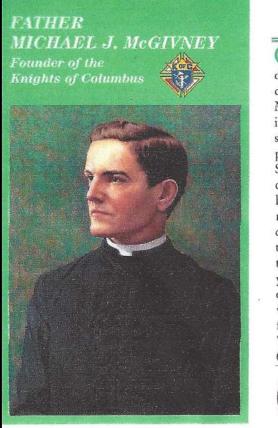
To help families live out the joy of Christ, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori has composed a prayer through which families will come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. In this prayer, we ask for the aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is a model for every father. Councils will guide their parishes and community to understand and offer this important and impactful prayer. Preparing for the Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. It is choosing a way of life for your family. Through this consecration, each participant is consciously choosing to be a beacon of God's love through his Church.

Required Program

A council must conduct this required program in the Family category to be eligible to receive the Columbian Award.

Action steps can be found at https://www.kofc.org/en/programs/family/consecration-to-the-holy-family.html#/





Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney

Jod, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. 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 your servant Father Michael J. 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.

Our Father Hail Mary Glory be to the Father



Please report all favors received: The Father McGivney Guild One Columbus Plaza New Haven, CT 06510-3326 USA 2617 3/00

A Prayer for Study

O Lord, give us a mind that is humble, quiet, peaceable, patient and charitable, and a taste of your Holy Spirit in all our thoughts, words and deeds.

O Lord, give us a lively faith, a firm hope, a fervent charity, a love of You. Take from us all lukewarmness in meditation and all dullness in prayer. Give us fervor and delights in thinking of You, Your grace and Your tender compassion toward us.

Give us, good Lord, the grace to work for the things we pray for.

- Saint Thomas More (1478-1535)

Join the Father McGivney Guild

As the sainthood process for Venerable Father Michael McGivney continues, it becomes ever more important to increase membership in the Father McGivney Guild. Membership stands at over 171,000, but only 464 listed to be from Wyoming. There are 2600 members shown in Wyoming.

Please encourage every Knight in your council, and their families, to join the McGivney Guild. Membership is open to everyone, not just Knights and families. It is easy to sign up at <u>http://www.fathermcgivney.org/</u><u>en/index.html.</u> And please continue to pray the canonization prayer for Father McGivney.

Shawn Moody

Father McGivney Guild Chairman

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FOR PRAYER DECEMBER 1st-9th

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Intro Prayer

Remember, O most gracious Virgin of Guadalupe, that in your heavenly apparitions on the mount of Tepeyac, you promised to show your compassion and pity towards all who, loving and trusting you, seek your help and call upon you in their necessities and afflictions. You promised to hear our supplications, to dry our tears, and to give us consolation and relief.

Never has it been known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly to you, O Mary, ever-Virgin Mother of the true God! Though grieving under the weight of our sins, we come to prostrate ourselves before you. We fully trust that, standing beneath your shadow and protection, nothing will trouble or afflict us, nor do we need to fear illness or misfortune, or any other sorrow.

O Virgin of Guadalupe, you want to remain with us through your admirable Image, you who are our Mother, our health, and our life. Placing ourselves beneath your maternal gaze, and having recourse to you in all our necessities, we need do nothing more.

O Holy Mother of God, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer us. Amen.

Daily Prayers

Day 1: Dearest Lady of Guadalupe, fruitful Mother of holiness, teach me your ways of gentleness and strength. Hear my humble prayer offered with heartfelt confidence to beg this favor (mention your intention here).

Day 2: O Mary, conceived without sin, I come to your throne of grace to share the fervent devotion of your faithful Mexican children who call to you under the glorious Aztec title of Guadalupe. Obtain for me a lively faith to do your Son's holy will always: May His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Day 3: O Mary, whose Immaculate Heart was pierced by seven swords of grief, help me to walk valiantly amid the sharp thorns strewn across my pathway. Obtain for me the strength to be a true imitator of you. This I ask you, my dear Mother.



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Day 4: Dearest Mother of Guadalupe, I beg you for a fortified will to imitate your divine Son's charity, to always seek the good of others in need. Grant me this, I humbly ask of you.

Day 5: O most holy Mother, I beg you to obtain for me pardon of all my sins, abundant graces to serve your Son more faithfully from now on, and lastly, the grace to praise Him with you forever in heaven.

Day 6: Mary, Mother of vocations, multiply priestly vocations and fill the earth with religious houses which will be light and warmth for the world, safety in stormy nights. Beg your Son to send us many priests and religious. This we ask of you, O Mother.

Day 7: O Lady of Guadalupe, we beg you that parents live a holy life and educate their children in a Christian manner; that children obey and follow the directions of their parents; that all members of the family pray and worship together. This we ask of you, O Mother.

Day 8: With my heart full of the most sincere veneration, I prostrate myself before you, O Mother, to ask you to obtain for me the grace to fulfill the duties of my state in life with faithfulness and constancy.

Day 9: O God, You have been pleased to bestow upon us unceasing favors by having placed us under the special protection of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. Grant us, your humble servants, who rejoice in honoring her today upon earth, the happiness of seeing her face to face in heaven.

Concluding Prayer

Our Father Hail Mary Glory Be

