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GENERAL MEETINGS ARE AT 7:30 PM ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH!

CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

On March 5th we begin the holy season of Lent, which mirror's the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness tempted by the devil. Through prayer, fasting, and fidelity to God's Word he emerges victorious, ready to begin his mission. All of us have our struggles with temptation. Lent provides a wonderful opportunity for each of us to intensify our efforts to overcome them. It is a time when, with God's grace, we make a fresh start, when we try again, a little more earnestly, with sincerity and honesty, to live up to our Christian calling.

All of us are aware of the three-fold discipline of Lent; prayer, fasting and almsgiving. I would like to focus on the latter, almsgiving. As we enter into the season of Lent millions of people on our planet face an uncertain future. Please don't think of them as statistics. The modern world is littered with broken hearts.

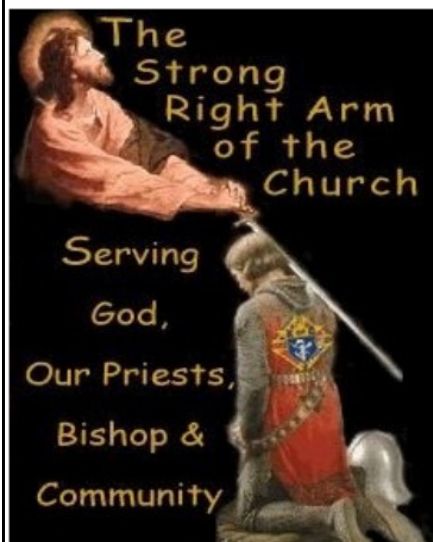
When I was a child, we used to give up candy for Lent. Every candy we got, instead of going into the stomach, went into a big cardboard box. The sacrifices of Lent piled up inexorably into the feast that would be Easter. On Easter Sunday we would be bulging with sweetness. Some how or other we had the idea that Lent was only for ourselves. It was the wrong idea. Lent is not a season of denying self-indulgence. It is a season of sustained self-denial for the sake of Our Lord and his people. I'm reminded of the words of the prophet Isaiah: **'To share your bread with the hungry is the fast that pleases me.'** Our Lord went even further by identifying with those in need: **'For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was naked and you clothed me.'**

Our Lord suffered and died not just for happiness in heaven, but for justice on earth. During Lent we should certainly die to sin, prune ourselves through penance and enter prayerfully into the closest possible union with Our Lord. But we should have the pursuit of justice on our minds as well. By being hard on ourselves we should make it easier for others. Whatever we can spare should make it's loving way to those who are in need, not just to keep them alive for another day, but to help them to create a better life in the years ahead. Our sacrifice should be their future, our Lent should be their Easter, our dying should be their resurrection.

Our Church has always deemed Lent to be a time of sharing with those who are poor and with those denied the dignity and joy of an abundant life. Let each one of us give as generously as we can this Lent.

Fr, Hugh Gibson,

Chaplain.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT

Brothers,

The image here is the work of a Wyoming artist created for a Knights' Council in Cheyenne. One of our Brothers noticed it. I was much impressed by the image and have tried to contact the artist to see if we might make use of it. But can we identify ourselves with this young knight in armour as we go about our daily work as Knights –making breakfast or selling raffle tickets or helping in a soup kitchen?

I think we can. Pope Francis, recently told us how. In bestowing his Apostolic blessing on all members of our Order in Rome this October the Pope concluded his remarks with these words:

I commend all of you in a special way to the intercession of St. Joseph, the protector of the Holy Family of Nazareth, who is an admirable model of those *manly virtues of quiet strength, integrity and fidelity* which the Knights of Columbus is committed to preserving, cultivating and passing on to future generations of Catholic men.

Our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, who was present when the Holy Father said these words calls them “extraordinary.” And he urges us to make them “new watchwords for our Order.”

Vivat Jesus

William Mathie

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

One of the challenges confronting our order in these modern times is the efforts available to our Council to recruit additional members. The only sources upon which we are able to draw increased membership are the Parishes within our Diocese. Sadly I believe that we, as is the case in many other parishes do not promote a sufficiently high profile of the Order among our Parishes.

If we are to encourage greater participation in our Order by prospective members it seems good sense to create a greater interest among parishioners of all our catholic communities in our activities. Most importantly, I believe that our members should seek to help all parishes by offering to assist with such efforts as church maintenance, assisting in parish fund raising activities within the parishes and offering to train altar servers.

Edwin King

RIGHT TO LIFE REPORT

Our council continues to support the St. Catharines Right to Life Association Inc. as well as the Bishop's Respect Life committee. This year's donation (of \$1000) to the Right to Life will help send students to the March for Life in Ottawa in May. The Respect Life Committee will again organize the Respect Life Mass at the Cathedral on the Feast of the Annunciation with the support of our own and other Councils and 4th Degree Assemblies of the Knights of Columbus.

We sold "roses for life" (those sticky lapel roses) at three churches last year and will continue to sell them throughout this year. Thanks to all the parishes for their support and for all the knights who helped out.

Last year, on October 5th, we co-sponsored a Speakers Workshop at St. Alfred's Church. The speaker was Sarah Janssen of Elisha House Pregnancy and Family Support Centre in Welland. The event was well attended and feedback was overwhelmingly positive. Our council provided lunch and snacks which also received rave reviews.

This year's Annual General Meeting and Dinner of St. Catharines Right to Life will be on February 22 at 6:30 PM at John-Michael's Banquet Hall in Thorold. The guest speaker will be TV host, producer, columnist, radio host and author Michael Coren. Tickets are available by calling 905-684-7505 or via email at info@chooselife.ca or by contacting myself at 905-650-2847. Our council has purchased a table which is filling up fast.



STUDENTS FROM NIAGARA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS AT 2013 MARCH FOR LIFE

John Nixon

Deputy Grand Knight

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Bishop of St. Catharines

on

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Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

at

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67 Church Street, St. Catharines

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- *for the protection of life in all its stages.*
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Information:

William and Elise Mathie 905-684-7569

Diocesan Respect Life Committee



COUNCIL NEWS



Sean Innamorati is the latest of the members of our council to be inducted into the Fourth Degree. Sean is parishioner of St Alfreds and has been an enthusiastic member of our council since his first induction last year. We welcome and encourage his participation in the Fourth Degree assembly.



A photograph depicting two of our council members attending their second degree exemplification at Niagara Falls. Those appearing in this picture are: from Left to right Ronlido Desanto, PGK Ron Adams, Antonio Dipietro and Luigi Soccio.



On December 8th about 36 children and their parents or grandparents attended a Christmas Party at our Hall. The party was organized by John and Marie Murray and Arturo and Fe Edralin. Pizza, cake, ice cream and Tim Horton Tid bits were enjoyed, carols were sung, and Santa distributed gifts to the children. All present had a wonderful time



Michael Wiczorek was the winner of this year's Knights at Work Award. Previously a Squire, Michael joined our order and our council a year ago. He is a 3rd year student in Business Administration at Brock. Born in Canada Michael lived in Poland from the age of three until eleven when he returned to Canada. The Knights at Work award is given to the Council member whose name is drawn from a box containing tickets placed in the box every time a Knight attends a Council event or volunteers his help to a Council project. The prize Michael won is a \$300 gift certificate to the Blue Mermaid Restaurant.



BASKETBALL FREE THROW 2013



Knight of Columbus Basketball Free-throw at Holy Cross High School on January 18th. On the left: William Mathie, Don Mikulinski, Ron Adams at registration. On the right: Brothers Bill Walters and Walt Chemerika keep score. Competition is open to boys and girls 9-13 from participating area schools.

Knights of Columbus Basketball free throw competition is in its 23 year. Ontario tops the order in participation for boys and girls ages 9-14 for both Catholic and Non Catholic school children. There are four levels of completion - council, district, regional & state championships. The parents are quite active with their children during this competition.

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2013 CHRISTMAS TURKEY DRAW



Deacon Maurice Prindiville with Grand Knight. Maurice works with Start Me Up Niagara, another recipient of a large donation from the proceeds of the 2013 Turkey raffle.

The 2013 Christmas Turkey Draw was a complete success. Several organizations, clubs and schools helped Brother Knights sell close to 6000 tickets at several Churches, malls and stores. Three beneficiaries, the Ozanam Centre, Out Of The Cold and Start Me Up Niagara, as well as Knight Of Columbus Charities received nearly \$5000.00. Our schools and clubs made almost \$3000 by helping sell tickets. Our Hall took in over \$1000 as our members and friends gathered for an evening of fun and fellowship on November 16th when the winning tickets were drawn for the 104 turkeys and gift cards that were the prizes. And we donated 20 turkeys to feed the poor at Christmas -- those donated by their winners and those not picked up.

Des says he wants to thank everyone who helped in ANY way to make this the success it was, and hopes our that Brothers and our friends will give the same support to whoever takes over as Turkey Raffle chairman in 2014. Des promises his help to any brother willing to take this on and asks that you speak to him or Grand Knight, William Mathie. And all of us want to thank Des who has devoted so many hours (or weeks and months) and so much energy and his own great charm to making this project succeed.

TURKEY DRAW

Brothers and their families and friends gathered at the Hall on November as tickets were drawn on the 104 turkeys and gift cards.



Turkey Raffle organizer Des Kennedy is seen with Mark Wenham, Manager of No Frills store on Lakeshore Road. Mark's store supplied the turkeys and many of the gift cards won in our raffle.

BREAKFAST AT ST THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH



Members of our council with assistance from the Catholic Women's League of St Thomas Aquinas parish held a breakfast on Sunday January 19th attended by parishioners of our diocese. The above photographs depict parishioners, helpers from our council and the league with Father John Vickers. Pastor of the parish.



The event which was organised by Des Kennedy, in order to raise funds to replace the sign at the church which had deteriorated , the new sign having been designed by parish priest Fr. John Vickers. The function enjoyed excellent attendance and more than 240 were fed. In consequence over \$1100.00 was raised.

This event is part of our council's commitment to contribute to participation in local parish affairs for the benefit of our parishes within the dioceses.

COLUMBUS DAY DINNER



Bishop Bergie addresses members of our Council and friends at our Columbus Day dinner on October 26th. The dinner honours our clergy, past Grand Knights and long-time members of our Council. Brother Michael Mathie, and his wife Bernadette and sister Rachel entertain with hymns from *The Heavenly Highway*. Father Hugh Gibson sings *Danny Boy*.

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FEBRUARY, 2014

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2 Breakfast at Hall Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)	3 St. Blaise (Blessing of Throats)	4	5 St. Agatha Executive 7pm	6 St. Paul Miki & Com- panions	7	8
9 Breakfast at Hall 5 th Ordinary Time	10	11 Our Lady of Lourdes Council Meeting 730pm	12 4th Degree Club Capri	13	14 Saints Cyril and Meth- odius	15
16 Breakfast at Hall 6 th Ordinary Time	17	18	19	20	21	22 Chair of St. Peter St. Catharines Right to Life Annual Gen- eral Meeting Banquet
23 Breakfast at Hall 7 th Ordinary Time	24	25	26	28		

MARCH, 2014

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2 7 th Ordinary Time	3 Executive meeting at Hall 7pm (to be con- firmed)	4	5 Ash Wednesday (Day of Fast and Absti- nence)	6	7	8 (St. John of God) Set clock ahead.
9 1 st of Lent Daylight Savings Begins	10 Mass at Hall at 7 followed by Council Meeting	11	12 4 th Degree at Club Capri	13	14	15 St Patrick's Dinner at Hall
16 2 nd Lent	17 St. Patrick	18	19 St. Joseph	20	21	22
23 3 rd Lent	24	25 Annunciation of the Lord Respect Life Mass at Cathedral 7p m	26	27	28	29 Lapel Roses at St. Denis
30 4 th Lent Lapel Roses at St. Denis	31					

APRIL, 2014

		1	2 Executive meeting at 7 pm at Hall	3	4	5 Lapel Roses for Life at Star of the Sea (to be confirmed)
6 5 th Lent Lapel Roses for Life at Star of the Sea (to be confirmed)	7	8	9 4 th Degree at Club Capri	10	11	12 Wells of Hope Din- ner at Club Capri at
13 Palm Sunday	14 Monday of Holy Week Council Meeting at hall at 7:30 pm. Nominations for Executive.	15 Tuesday of Holy Week Chrism Mass at Cathedral	16 Wednesday of Holy Week	17 Holy Thursday mass of Lord's Supper	18 Good Friday (Day of fast and abstinence)	19 Holy Saturday Easter Vigil
20 Easter Sunday	21 Easter Monday	22 Easter Tuesday	23 Easter Wednesday	24 Easter Thursday	25 Easter Friday (Solemnity so not a day of absti- nence). Ontario State Con- vention.	26 Easter Saturday. Ontario State Con- vention.
27 2 nd Sunday of Easter/ Divine Mercy. Ontario State Con- vention.	28 St. Louis de Mont- fort	29 St. Catherine of Siena	30 St. Pius V			

MAY, 2014

				1 St. Joseph the Worker	2 St. Athanasisu	3 Saints. Philip and James
4 3 rd Easter	5	6	7 Executive meeting at Hall at 7 pm.	8	9	10 Divine Liturgy at St. John the Theo- logian
11 4 th Easter	12 Council meets at 7:30 pm at Hall. Nominations & elec- tion	13 Our Lady of Fatima	14 St. Mathias	15	16	17
18 5 th Easter	19 Victoria Day	20 St. Bernardine of Siena	21	22	23	24 Lapel roses for Life at St. Alfred's. (to be confirmed)
25 6 th of Easter. Lapel roses for Life at St. Alfred's. (to be confirmed)	26 St. Philip Neri	27 St. Augustine of Canterbury	28	29	30	31 Lapel Roses for Life at St. Denis (to be confirmed)

COLUMBUS DAY DINNER



Leo Bonomi, Grand Knight of Council 9222, and his wife Phyllis attending Columbus Day Dinner. Past Grand Knight Ron Adams, Treasurer Joe Karabinos, and Vanguard Editor Edwin King at Columbus Day Dinner. Past Grand Knight John Currey, Coral King, Financial Secretary Don Mikulinski, and his wife Bev. Bill and Nancy Grodeski with John Nixon, Deputy Grand Knight, who organized 2013 Columbus Day Dinner.



PERSONALITY FEATURE: Joe Dwyer

Joe Dwyer is the longest standing member of our Council, he having been inducted on April 1st 1944. On April 1st 2014 Joe will have been a member for seventy years.

Having been born in rural South Western Ontario in the village of Kankora Joe received his education at the hands of the Sisters of St Patrick's school in the village of Kinkora, a vibrant Roman Catholic Parish which flourishes up until the present.

He made his advent to St Catharines in April 1941 where he met his wife Francesca whom he married in 1945. They had two sons who have predeceased him and a daughter with whom he still enjoys contact to-day. His wife passed away during April of 1992. Most of his working life was spent in Catharines until his retirement in 1987.

Joe has served our council in many capacities over the years; as Chancellor, Deputy Grand Knight and Grand Knight from 1995 to 1997. He has also served as a director of the Columbus Club and as the President thereof. He continues to-day to serve our council as a Director of the Columbus Club and as a member of our Visitation Committee. He resides at present at Mount Carmel in St Catharines where he orchestrates the facility's periodic outings for the residents which are sponsored by council 1394. Joe has a brother, Frank, who has been a member of our council for sixty five years.



St



Trevor Plug Interview

Our Vocation.

On January 21st, Grand Knight William Mathie interviewed Trevor Plug at St. Alfred's Church. Trevor is one of four seminarians who are spending this year in our diocese as they prepare for the priesthood.

Q: Though few members of our Council are likely to discover priestly vocations at this time of our lives, we are fathers, or grandfather, or uncles of young men who might. Partly for this reason, but also because it seems like something we should try to understand if we are serious about our own faith, I want to ask you about your vocation. When did you discover it or at least suspect it?

A: In my third year of university at the University of Ottawa. I had been studying linguistics and imagined becoming a lawyer or university teacher. I became involved in an organization called "Catholic Christian Outreach," an evangelical outfit that uses Biblical texts to understand what God wants for us here and now. I was asked to volunteer at a parish youth group and while doing so began to think of becoming a priest. I completed my undergraduate degree and went on to complete an MA in linguistics at Western but realized that I needed to explore my thoughts of vocation. I spoke to our then Bishop Wingle and began my studies in philosophy at St. Peter's Seminary in London. Two year later I met with our new Bishop, Bergie, who said he would sponsor me in my theology studies.



Trevor Plug

Q: Now you are spending a year away from the seminary, in the Diocese. Is this a new idea and what do you think of it? What are you doing in this role?

A: It's great! Not a brand new idea but fairly new. What am I doing? I work at the St. Vincent de Paul food bank here at St. Alfred's, and at Out of the Cold. I am involved in baptismal preparation and even marriage preparation where I can sit in on Father Gibson's sessions. I also help in preparation of Grade 2 for Reconciliation and First Communion.

Q: As one pursuing a priestly vocation what can you tell or advise us as laymen?

A: Pray! Pray for us and for those who may consider a vocation. Pray that they be generous and open to the voice of the Holy Spirit. Pray that we may find more vocations in this diocese. Though we have some 4 or 5 at the moment and 3 in the last couple of years the last vocation before these was several years ago.

Q: How do you see the vocation to the priesthood in relation to the laity. I once heard a priest say that the priestly vocation is just a matter of how much we love Jesus.

A: NO!!! I do not see vocations that way. Not everyone can be or should a priest and we ought not to see priests as "professional Catholics." We are all called to live holy lives and it is quite possible for a layman to be holier than a priest. If God is not calling you, you might have a miserable life on the wrong path. The Church needs different kinds of people. I think it was a witty Cardinal [John Henry Newman] who was asked what he thought about the laity. He replied "we would look pretty silly without them."

Q: You are waiting to take your first degree and join our order. Apart from our bullying you to join us, what do you see in the Knights that attracts you?

A: A way of living our faith and fellowship—something we often lack as Catholics.

Our council, as part of its program of participation of the activities in the Parishes of our diocese, has made a monetary contribution to assist Trevor in his studies over the past two years. We also continue our commitment to the promotion of priestly vocations by this support for Trevor Plug in his studies.

ANNUAL FOURTH DEGREE CHRISTMAS DINNER



Above are depicted photographs of the members of our council who attended the annual Fourth Degree Christmas Dinner, Joe and Jacqeline Karabinos, Edwin and Coral King, Don and Beverley Mikulinski, GK William and Elise Mathie, Jack and Doris Konst and PGK Ron and Ellie Adams; also shown is a photograph of GK William Mathie handing a cheque from the proceeds of the Turkey Draw to Louise, President of the SVDP society.



WELLS OF HOPE 2013 UPDATE

In their commitment to follow Jesus' example of service by washing the feet of His disciples, the Wells of Hope team is continuing their efforts to serve the needs of our poor sisters and brothers in the mountain region of Jalapa, Guatemala. God has blessed our efforts by giving us the tools needed to drill two deep water wells that will bring life giving water to the front door of thousands of people in San Lorenzo and La Estrella. Each well is drilled over 1500 feet deep through hard volcanic rock. The investment of time, energy and finances has been lifesaving!

Dedicated volunteers come from all professions and walks of life. Two elementary schools were built this year in Los Cebollines and Laguna Seca. Each year two elementary schools are constructed in needing communities where children thirst for education. A dental team of 25 professionals provided hundreds of thousands of dollars of free dental service during ten days of dental clinics.

Four Catholic High Schools from across Ontario sent students for a ten day mission experience where each group built an adobe home for a widow and her children. A total of six houses were built this year.



John Holla

The editorial staff wish to pay respect to a venerable and generous member of our council who passed away two years ago; members of our council will remember the quiet and insignificant passing of our friend John who was survived by no close family or relatives but whose funeral and wake was attended by a few friends from our council.

We wish to recognize John for his contribution to our council, to many of the charities which are supported by our council and to the charitable organizations who serve our community.

We recognize in particular the bequests made by John in the sums of more than \$80 000.00 to each of the following recipients:

St Catharines Right to Life; St Alfreds parish; Canadian cancer society; Chalice Canada; Save a Family plan; Sick kids foundation; Society of St. Peter the Apostle; United Way St Catharines.

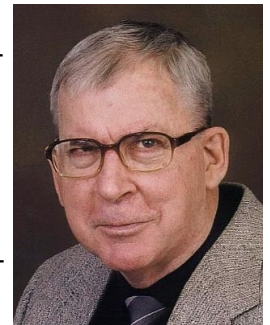
Members of our council will also recall John's generous gift of \$25 000.00 to our council in memory of his deceased wife Joanne which he made to support the renovation of the vestibule of our hall.

John is remembered in our prayers for his generous contribution to our Catholic community. The material for this article has been furnished by the executor to John's estate who is also an active member of our council and who gratuitously rendered great assistance and care to John during his last days with no close family or relatives.



Stack, James William (Jim) - born March 13, 1938 in St. Catharines

Died peacefully, December 4, 2013, following a short illness at St. Catharines General Hospital, supported by his cherished family. Jim is survived by his best friend and loving wife of more than 55 years, Kitty. His precious children, Jimmy (Kathy), Mary Ellen (Kim) Irvine, Bill, and Paul (deceased 2010) (Linda). His beloved grandchildren, Tyler & Ryan Stack, Jocelyn (Jake) Greenwood, James K & Connor Stack, Gordon & Cameron Irvine.



Also survived by his sister, Patricia (Ron) Gonder, his brother Michael (Nancy), his nieces and nephews, Carl, Joellen and Jack Gonder, Marie and Tim Stack. His brother-in-law, Parnell Matthieu.

Predeceased by his parents James J & Gladys Stack, and sister Joanne Matthieu, and his in-laws, William & Maria Van Roy.

Jim was employed at GM as a supervisor in the Pattern Shop for 35 years, retiring in 1992. He was a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus, a member of council 1394 for 54 years. An active member of St. Denis R.C. Church. A volunteer with the Warehouse of Hope, Saint Vincent de Paul, Bingos for K of C, and St. Denis.

Jim loved his family, and enjoyed annual family summer vacations, on George Island in Killarney for 37 years. He was a loving and caring man who treasured family and friends. He retired early and was able to spend many years actively involved in the lives of his grandchildren and being involved in the community.

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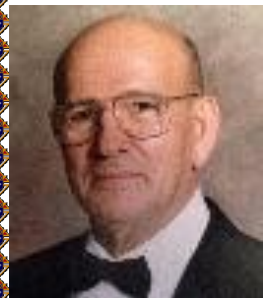


Msgr. Vincent O'Donohue died peacefully on Monday, December 2, 2013, at Tufford Manor, St. Catharines at age 87. He was predeceased by his parents Eugene and Josephine. Loving brother of the late Jack (Marie), the late Melville (Gloria), the late Frank, Alma Kealy (Art), Rita Markle (Basil), the late Bernadette Ferguson (Robert), Marie Lehman (Paul). Loving uncle of numerous nieces and nephews, and grand nieces and nephews.

Msgr. O' Donohue was born and educated in Toronto and ordained a Roman Catholic priest June 1, 1951, at St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto, by the late Cardinal McQuigan. He spent the past 60 years of his priestly ministry serving the faithful in the Niagara region. For eight years before the Diocese of St. Catharines was formed in 1958, he was the assistant pastor at St. Catherine, St. Catharines, (later named the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria).

Msgr. O'Donohue was instrumental in several aspects of getting the newly formed diocese organized. Over the years he worked diligently with Bishop Thomas McCarthy, Bishop Thomas Fulton, Bishop John O' Mara and Bishop James Wingle in numerous roles of administration, be it consultor, chancellor, vicar general, episcopal vicar and director of many diocesan organizations. Msgr. O'Donohue was also pastor of five parishes across the diocese (St. Julia, Sacred Heart, St. Alfred, St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Thomas More) and is especially known for his role in initiating the building of St. Julia, St. Catharines, a masterpiece of church architecture and art. Whether it be working in a parish, consulting and assisting bishops, organizing large diocesan events, or encouraging his fellow priests and diocesan co-workers, Msgr. O'Donohue has always been greatly appreciated for his gentle, loyal and quiet persuasive manner.

KÖNIGSHAUS, Alfred



December 31st, 1923 - November 25, 2013

Passed away peacefully at the St. Catharines Hospital on November 25, 2013 in his 90th year. Survived by his loving wife and best friend of 58 years, Donna (nee Ruscio). Cherished father to his five children, Michael (Colleen), Gregory (Elizabeth), Paul (Judy), Mary Jane (Gary) Mundell, and Donna (Donald) Knowles. Papa was blessed with 10 grandchildren, Jason, Michelle, Ryan, David, Alex, and Brooke Königshaus, Devlin and Bronwyn Mundell, Reilly and Kathryn Knowles and his great grandchild Lauren Königshaus.

Alfred is survived by his sister Maria and brother Rudolph. Alfred is predeceased by his parents Bernardt and Anna. Also predeceased by his brothers Bernardt, Guenter, George, Vernor, Richard and Hans, sisters Gertrude, Eugenie, and Gerda. Alfred was an employee of GM, retiring in 1988. He was a 4th Degree member with the Knights of Columbus, past Grand Knight (1394) and a Eucharistic Minister at St. Alfred's Parish. He was also a member of the Polish Second Corp and the British 8th Army. The family wishes to extend their sincere gratitude to the March of Dimes, Revera and CCAC for the care and compassion given to Alfred.

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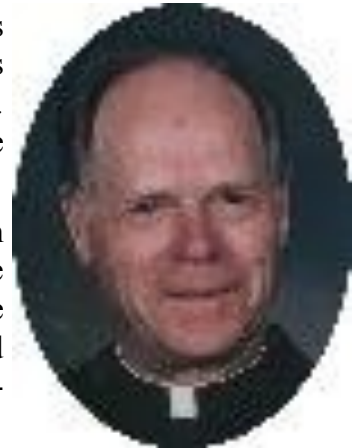
Passed away peacefully with his family at his side at Niagara Health Center on Saturday November 30, 2013 at the age of 74. David, beloved husband of Marilyn (Keon) for 48 years. Loving father of Kirk (Elizabeth), Kim (Christian), Greg (Tara). Lovingly remembered by his grandchildren Keonna, Breagh, Archie, Emily, Lauren, Liam, Fletcher, pre-deceased by his grandson Jack, his parents Colin and Alice, and his sister-in-law Velma. He is survived by his siblings Colin (Kay), Ron (Carol), Elaine (Kevin), Patricia (David), Brenda (David), Karen (Ken), Kevin and Kelly.



Rev. John Buis

Of St. Catharines passed away Sunday, November 10, 2013 with his family at his side. He was born in Zwaag, Netherland on October 2, 1927 to the late Pieter Buis and Divera Rood. His dream as a young man was to be a priest or ship's captain. His dream came true when he was ordained a priest on June 9, 1955 in Auch, France. Father John's first parish was in Panasac, France. After a few visits to Canada, he immigrated in 1969 to be near family members.

Upon his arrival he served as Chaplain of the hospitals in St. Catharines, then moved on through the years as an assistant priest in St. Joseph's in Grimsby, became parish priest at St. Martin of Tours, Smithville, where he was instrumental in the building of a new parish church, Pastor at St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Catharines and finally at St. Jean de Brebeuf in Port Colborne. In retirement he moved to La Residence in St. Catharines where he became the resident priest.



Fr. Buis was Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus 4th degree and St. Catharines Council #1394 for many years. He also celebrated Masses regularly at the Heidehof Home. All the while he fulfilled his passion for travel. Father John was the eldest of ten children: Pieter (Margaret), Trudy (Ted Ruiter) Vera (John de Laat) and Adrian (Connie). He is predeceased by brothers: Cees (Riek), Gerry (Elizabeth), and Joe (Mary Lou) and his sisters, Corrie (Jan Bakker) and Gertrude (infant). He was a devoted Uncle to all his nieces and nephews. Family was everything to him. Father John was a giving man and as such a dedicated priest.

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