



# The Voyager



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Vivat Jesus

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## Chaplain's Report...

On Thursday, July 17, several council members and some Sacred Heart parishioners gathered at Cherrywood FutureCare as our chaplain, Fr. Aiken, presented a papal blessing to Joe and Dora LaRossa in recognition of their many years of married life together. The group was joined by several family members and by fellow residents of Cherrywood for what turned out to be a very beautiful celebration. Our thanks go to Craig Roe and all who helped to organize this wonderful evening.

Joe and Dora were all smiles and were overwhelmed by the honor of receiving the Holy Father's blessing and also by the friendship and love represented by those who gathered in their honor. Joe is a long time Knight who took an active part in our council when he was in better health. In planning this celebration, our Council acted in the true spirit of our order exemplifying the virtue of fraternity that unites us.

In honoring Joe and Dora, we were honoring God's love, the institution of marriage, and our Order which exists to promote the values of our Catholic faith. In honoring them, we were honoring Jesus, our Lord, who gave them the grace in the sacrament of Matrimony to live those years of love and fidelity to each other and to their family. We were also conveying to them our sense of gratitude for their example of marital love and Joe's commitment to knighthood over the years.

Joe and Dora and our celebration with them represent the best of the ideals of our Order; and we are encouraged by Joe and so many older brother knights to live out more faithfully our commitment to Jesus and to the special vocation of being knights in today's church. May God continue to bless our marriages and families; and with our help and prayers, may our Order continue to speak up for Christian values and God's peace in a world which unfortunately does not know the peace and joy that come from living in conformity with God's will. *Vivat Jesus.*

Fraternally

Deacon Jim Ryan  
Associate Chaplain

# Catechism

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We will not learn anything about our Faith unless we go out of our way to do it. We can buy a Catechism which is a good start, but we have to read it. There are also a lot of Catholic web sites and magazines and periodicals available to read.

But be careful, because these can also be giving you false truths.

Here are a few paragraphs from the Catechism dealing with Faith.

**162** Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to man. We can lose this priceless gift, as St. Paul indicated to St. Timothy: "Wage the good warfare, holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting conscience, certain persons have made shipwreck of their faith." To live, grow and persevere in the faith until the end we must nourish it with the word of God; we must beg the Lord to increase our faith; it must be "working through charity," abounding in hope, and rooted in the faith of the Church.

**2087** Our moral life has its source in faith in God who reveals his love to us. St.

Paul speaks of the "obedience of faith" as our first obligation. He shows that "ignorance of God" is the principle and explanation of all moral deviations.<sup>10</sup> Our duty toward God is to believe in him and to bear witness to him.

**2088** The first commandment requires us to nourish and protect our faith with prudence and vigilance, and to reject everything that is opposed to it. There are various ways of sinning against faith:

*Voluntary doubt* about the faith disregards or refuses to hold as true what God has revealed and the Church proposes for belief. *Involuntary doubt* refers to hesitation in believing, difficulty in overcoming objections connected with the faith, or also anxiety aroused by its obscurity. If deliberately cultivated doubt can lead to spiritual blindness.

**2089** *Incredulity* is the neglect of revealed truth or the willful refusal to assent to it. "*Heresy* is the obstinate post-baptismal denial of some truth which must be believed with divine and catholic faith, or it is likewise an obstinate doubt concerning the same; *apostasy* is the total repudiation of the Christian faith; *schism* is the refusal of submission to the Roman Pontiff or of communion with the members of the Church subject to him."

**The Rosary is prayed at the statue of the Blessed Mother at 7:30 before the meetings.**