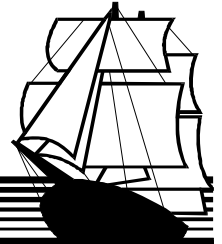


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## It's First Place for St. Mary's Mighty Caseys!!!

We had a great season playing slow pitch softball in the Fairfax County Church Softball League. First, most of the players have been on the team for many years; but this year we had 14 players who showed up consistently and played the same positions, which greatly helped our defensive play, and they all hit great throughout the year. The Mighty Caseys finished first in its division, five games ahead of the second place team with 12 wins, one loss (13-12) and one tie (which is on appeal to the league's commissioner).

This is our second first-place win; the last was in 1997. Thanks to Assistant Coach Dennis Connaughton who came back from major heart surgery during our last games last year to become a major team leader with clutch hitting and steady fielding. John Lee, Alex Obuchowski and Dave McDaniel were consistent power and high average hitters; Mike Burback, Gene Molinelli, Jim Davis and Randy Jennings hit for high averages and made some plays in the the field worthy of ESPN Sports Extra. Everyone had his or her time of great hits, catches and clutch plays and played together as a team picking

one another up. Congratulate them when you see them. Thanks also to the wives and families who came out to support us.

We are headed to the league's year-end tournament July 9-16 and wish the Knights would reestablish the State Softball Tournament this fall, *because we are ready!* (Continued on Page 4. More photos on Pages 5 and 6.)



## Grand Knight's Message



**B**rothers,

Pope John Paul II in his autobiography stated that he had met with Mother Teresa on several occasions and was always glad to hear of her many successes in feeding and sheltering the poorest of the poor. He further stated that Mother Teresa's form of evangelization through charity is a good lesson for all Christians. The parallel of Christian charity and evangelization is extremely important for us Knights.

The first principle of our order is charity. Benedict Groeshel, C. F. R., tells us that true

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charity can only be achieved with God's special Grace. Clearly, Mother Teresa had such grace and so can we. It does not come easy to any of us, but requires great contemplation. Sometimes charity seems even the wrong answer for sticky situations of poverty. Steven Covey has pronounced that charity is much more than feeding or clothing, but more in teaching how to fish and build.

This issue was brought home to my community earlier this week. The police had stopped a young and clearly homeless man a few doors down. The man was disoriented and pointed to a house a few doors down. The police asked the home owner if the man lived at this house. Of course the answer was no and the police attempted to move the weary, disoriented man along. A little later another neighbor was surprised to see a similar man exiting her shed. As it turned out the man had been using the shed as shelter. They called the police but the young man ran away.

While Fairfax is not Calcutta, we do have people struggling to make ends meet. Our response to such a man was proper, so to speak. Our personal and family safety might have been challenged. But the incident left a burning question, one that all of us should contemplate. Did anyone ask the man if he needed anything, and how far would any of us go to assist? What would Mother Teresa have done? Seeing this event through God's grace might have us acting differently, at the very least trying to understand the event more compassionately.

We as Knights have as part of our principles to evangelize to the world through charity. Clearing the way to gain God's grace for correct responses requires con-

### *Military Veterans*

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templative prayer. I for one have found prayer essential to living and becoming more excited about life and, at the same time, more serene.

The above message brings me full circle; I reached out to all members and asked for help with all of the events our council does. I received tremendous amounts of help with all the events. So today, with great joy, I want to thank all of you for your assistance and your prayers. I also wonder how much more we can do with just a little more effort.

My time as Grand Knight has enlightened me to the greatness of our Church, but also to the work that is yet to be done. With our new leadership, Dan and crew, let us join forces to work further for the Glory of God.

Thank you all for a tremendous experience.



Vivat Jesus  
*Paul Maltagliati*



### Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host – by the Power of God – cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Pope Leo XIII (1878-1903)

# The Chaplain's Corner

## MUTUALITY WITH GOD

*The glory which thou hast given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and thou in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that thou hast sent me and hast loved them even as thou hast loved me. (John 17:22-23)*



Mutuality with God according to Hadewijch, a mystic from the thirteenth century, is: *Where the beloved and loved flow through each other.* Short of the resurrection this is the goal of the spiritual journey. As we progress in our spiritual life and in prayer beyond the beginnings, we come to a state where our relationship with God can best be described as one of union with one another. God is still God, and we are each still a unique individual, but there is a profound mutuality between us. The Spirit of God so permeates our being that we share in the life of God. It is as if the Spirit of God is an ocean, and we are a sponge in that ocean. As the sponge is permeated by the ocean water and ebbs and flows in the water, so we are permeated by the Spirit and move as the Spirit moves us.

According to Janet Ruffing in her book Spiritual Direction, Beyond the Beginnings, this intimacy with God is like the intimacy with other people who are significant in our lives. There is a mutual sharing and special sense of being with someone who is important to us. When we can be with one another and freely and safely share our most intimate thoughts with one other, a special and loving connection is established. For this intimacy to develop, feelings of inequality have to disappear. Early in the spiritual life we experience God as a powerful creator who may seem distant from us. However as we progress in our spiritual life, and we cooperate with the Holy Spirit, a mystical transformation occurs

within us as we overcome this sense of separation from God and develop a sense of union or mutuality with God.

The Spanish mystics, John of the Cross and Teresa of Avila, called this state the transforming union where mystical development is marked by a growing mutuality with God. This is a transformation into an image of God, a mutual surrender and a permanent union of love.

*The soul becomes brilliant and transformed in God, and God communicates to the soul his supernatural being to such an extent that the soul appears to be an image of God and has all that God has.... Although the soul is distinct from the being of God ... just as the window is distinct from the ray of light which illumines it. (Saint John of the Cross)*

To arrive at this state, it is important that we make our spiritual development a priority in our lives. The Church offers many opportunities to foster this development into a state of mutuality with God. These include the frequent participation in the Sacraments, spiritual direction, spiritual reading, scripture studies and participation in small groups dedicated to fostering the spiritual life. But most important is setting aside a regular time of prayer each day to be with God and develop a relationship that is based on mutual love for one another.



God bless you all,

Father James S. Barkett

# Sacred Heart of Jesus Statue Dedicated

After 15 months of intense planning, the granite statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was dedicated on Sunday, June 21, 2009, at the Cremation Gardens of the St. Mary of Sorrows historic church cemetery. The statue became a reality through the donations of 26 families with loved ones buried in the cemetery. In addition, significant sponsor contributions were made by the Knights of Columbus and Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home.

About 175 people attended the dedication ceremony, including a procession lead by the Knights Color Guard, Father Barkett, myself and 85 members of the donor families. After a speech and a blessing prayer, one member from each of the donor families blessed the statue with holy water and received a rose in memory of their loved one. PGK Paul Maltagliati came forward to represent our council. The ceremony was followed by a reception at the hall. Pictures of the ceremony can be viewed under the calendar, past events section of the KofC Web site.

On behalf of all the donor families, our sincere thanks to each and every Knight from our Council that supported my vision to make this



magnificent statue a reality, a place of meditation and remembrance for generations to come.

*William Baker*

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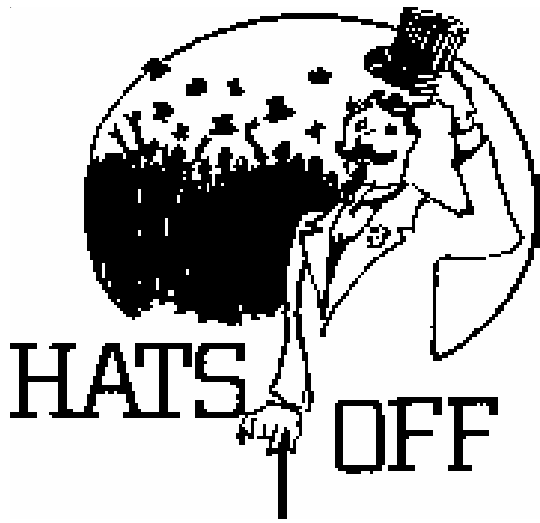
## First Place Mighty Caseys

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### Here Are Your 2009 Mighty Casey Stars

Vic BOSKO OF  
Mike BURBACH: SS, P, OF  
Dennis CONNAUGHTON: 1B  
Jim DAVIS: LF  
Dave EVANS: OF, SS, 2B  
Sam GEORGES: 3B, 2B  
Jerry HOVAN: Coach, Utility  
Randy JENNINGS: RC  
Dick LEE: C, 2B  
John LEE: LC, RC  
Susan LEE: #1 Fan, C

Mike MANNION: C, RF  
Ulises MARTINEZ: RF, RC  
Dave MCDANIEL: LF, SS, P  
Gene MOLINELLI: LC, LF  
Judy MOLINELLI: 2B  
Alex OBUCHOWSKI: 3B, SS  
Joe OSBORNE: DH  
Paul RINDERLE: RF  
Mick SANZOTTA: RC  
Steve SMITH: 3B, 2B



## First Place Mighty Caseys



Mighty Caseys — Front row, from left: Alex Obuchowski, Randy Jennings, Coach Jerry Hovan, Dick Lee and Ulises Martinez; back row: Dennis Connaughton, Steve Smith, Paul Rinderle, Dave McDaniel, Mike Burbach and John Lee (NOTE: Some players were unable to be at this last game of the regular season).



# 2009-2010 CALENDAR YEAR

## JULY

- 7 Regular Meeting, 8 p.m., OSMH  
Rosary at 7:45 p.m.
- 14 District Planning Meeting, 7-10 p.m.  
OSMH
- 11 State Organizational Meeting  
Virginia Beach, VA
- 19 Council 8600 Officer Installation  
2:30-5 P.M., Worship Center
- 21 Officer Planning Meeting, 7:30 to  
9:30 p.m., OSMH

## AUGUST

- 1 Sera Club Picnic for Seminarians  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m., OSMH
- 4 Regular Meeting, 8 p.m., OSMH  
Rosary at 7:45 p.m.
- 7 First Friday Devotion, 7:30 p.m. to  
8:30 a.m., Worship Center
- 14 Silver Rose Ceremony and Eucharist  
Adoration, Worship Center

## SEPTEMBER

- 1 Regular Meeting, 8 p.m., OSMH  
Rosary at 7:45 p.m.
- 4 First Friday Devotion, 7:30 p.m. to  
8:30 a.m., Worship Center
- 7 Labor Day Picnic and Recruiting  
Booth, OSMH and FH
- 12 Spaghetti Dinner, 4-8 p.m., OSMH
- 13 Pancake Breakfast, 6 a.m.-12:45 p.m.  
(Team Barone) FH

15 Council Meeting and First Degree  
8-10:30 p.m., OSMH

## From Our Field Agent

Dear Brother Knights,

On July 8-10 I attended a sales conference for field agents in St. Louis, MO. Over 550 field agents and 75 general agents participated in training sessions, product information, recruiting strategy and sales presentations. The staff from New Haven as well as guest speakers presented a series of talks. Some of the information shared include the report that Knights of Columbus is now one of the top four insurance companies in the United States. The Knights of Columbus paid out over \$200 million in death claims in 2008. Our annuity sales have risen 97 percent over 2008 volume. Our life Insurance sales in force have topped over \$3.5 billion this year through June 2009; we are on a record setting pace for 2009. Membership is still growing and our charity giving is rising.

Now is a great time to consider purchasing Knights of Columbus life insurance, annuities or long-term care. I would be happy to meet with you to go over your insurance needs and review your present policies. Please call me with any questions. I hope your summer has allowed you some time to relax.

Fraternally,  
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