



Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree

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Dear Brother Knights and your wives;

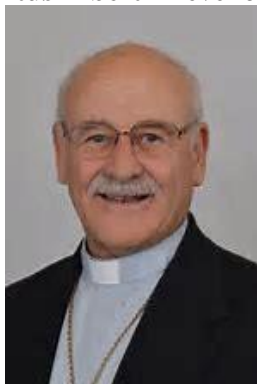
As we drive down the streets, we see that the lights are sparkling from almost every home. Yes, it is starting to look a lot like Christmas as the song goes. The stores are bustling with people. It is, as if, we can smell the turkey cooking decorated with cranberry sauce. The presents of love have been placed at the foot of the Christmas Tree. We are all anxious to open them. It is Christmas, the joyful time of the year.

“Jesus Christ, born on Christmas day” is the real reason for Christmas.

We attend the Christmas mass with family and friends. We carry in the Baby Jesus and put him in the crib. Eight hundred year ago, St. Francis wanted to bring to his brothers a representation of the Nativity scene that he noticed while being in Bethlehem. He wanted his brothers to experience the humility and the poverty in which our Lord was born. Simple for the time, yet very significant. We continue this tradition today as we have in our churches and in our homes a representation of the crib in Bethlehem. Jesus became a man like us in all things except sin as the prayer goes. A child who depended on his mother, Mary and St. Joseph for everything. Jesus became man to walk with us through our journeys of life. Like Jesus, we brought joy and happiness to our parents. Hardships, poverty, sufferings and violence, he experienced from his first breath to his last just like you and me. He came to offer us an alternative. His love for us was accompanied with mercy for all and forgiveness for all who lack the true understanding of love in their life. His life was a total commitment, and this is what he expects from each one of us- total gift of self out of love for our brothers and sisters. We are called to participate in the building of this new world of his that he wants us to make also ours. Often, we dare not raise our eyes to look at the world we live in or to hear the cry of those in need of love, mercy and forgiveness. We are overwhelmed, but together we can do it with HIM. Let us listen to his spirit in us and around us. Let us hear his call. Together, as Knights, let us respond. Let us bring the change Fr. Michael McGivney sent us to do in his name.

Again, Merry Christmas and may you continue to walk with Him in the coming new year. Blessings.

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Keep Christ In Christmas