

## First Tuesday Update...FTU...November 8, 2022



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Greetings and Blessings on this Election Day! Guessing you are all tired of the ADS! This campaign has been one of the nastier and meaner in modern history. And what has caused this cruelty displayed in the media and amongst many...possibly even within your own families? The Economy...Inflation...Borders...Crime? It seems like the "fuse" for the debasing of each other is simply this...LIFE in the womb.

The taking of a human life before birth seems to be the key to either you valuing a woman or taking her rights away. Amazing that the "RIGHT to CHOOSE is more important than a human's RIGHT to LIVE". Yet, in a society that is ours today this should be of no surprise. Each of us knows the answer if we are truly followers of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. This would seem as "obvious" as us believing in the Real Presence of the Lord in the Eucharist...and yet research say that as many as 60% of Catholics struggle with or do not believe in this magnificent fact of our Faith.

Why is this issue of such importance for the EOHSJ members? Our Personal Sanctification is underscored by the Lord's statement from John 15:13... "greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends." And yet some will not even lay down their sad belief that all life is not precious. Our Order's name surrounds the place where the Messiah conquered death. We need to be the Dames and Knights who will not only stand up for the unborn but protect them in all ways. This is who we are and this is what we do...

PROTECT THOSE WHO CANNOT PROTECT THEMSELVES 🙏

### Connie's Corner

Thanksgiving is quickly approaching. This is a season to thoughtfully examine where we stand with our families, neighbors and of course our community. We are so very blessed to live in a country where we can share our faith freely and enjoy the comforts of family and friends. We have so much to be thankful for.

Thanksgiving Day began as a time of giving God thanks for the bountiful harvest that filled our tables. Thanks for health, family, shelter, friends and neighbors. Today as we thank God for all of these blessings, we need to acknowledge that there are many that do without even the basics needs for life. How do we respond to the needs of God's children?

Joe and I have so much to be thankful for. We thank each of you for the honor of being the Las Vegas EOHSJ Councillors. We treasure all of you and seeing the family we have become. We ask that you continue to pray for us and our Council/Order. Pray for us especially as we head to Bethlehem to continue working on the FIAT program. God bless you all.

In His Service,  
 Connie



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**ROSARY**...another fabulous Rosary and we wish to THANK all at St. Josephs HoM for making this such a beautiful Rosary evening and thanks to the Bartons, Quennie, and Fr. John, KCHS for bringing the GOODIES! Again to each of you, if you are not coming to the Rosary..Why not? We truly need you and all members of the Council to try to join in unity to our Lady and lift all up to our Lord. It is also a great time to bring friends with you. Thanks for the consideration. Next month Rosary is on December 5, 6pm back at BGHS. The Mersch's will be leading as we will join in spirit from Bethlehem.

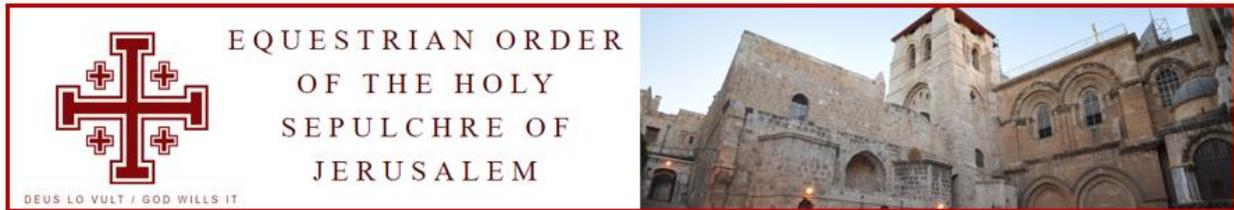
**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS FEAST**...it is a long way off but mark down Saturday, January 28 at the UNLV Newman Center where Fr. Daniel, KHS, will welcome you to a Medieval evening with music, dinner, wine and silent auctions for only \$30.00/person. All proceeds go to the Campus ministry of the Newman Center. For tickets and more info call...702 736 0887. Our own Deb and Dave Barton, DCHS/KCHS will be your Royal Hosts!

**MENTORING INITIATIVE**...we are very excited to announce the beginning of our Mentoring Initiative (MI) for the first time in a Council and your Committee Team, led by Dames Quennie Manual and Deb Barton and Knight Sir David Barton, were instrumental in its creation. The details will be sent out by December 1 and our 11 new Members will be assigned a Mentor until the next Annual meeting October, 2023. The goal is to assist, lead and expedite the new folks into the work and the culture of the Council and WL. This will be an ongoing process for the years ahead.

**NOMINEES FOR 2023**...Dames and Knights...we your AC's are only a portion of the INVITATION TO FORMATION. It is your responsibility to prayerfully seek and find those you believe may be receiving the call. We especially need our KNIGHT CHAPLAINS to do the same. We are at nearly 12 folks who are likely going to move forward and be nominated. For the San Bernardino/Rancho Mirage Annual next 10/5, we believe 20 should be our goal. And please know that while numbers are not the definition of success.... even our Lord chose "12" and "72" .... the harvest is...you know the rest!

**PILGRIMAGES**...as witnessed by those who attended the Annual Meeting, as well as those who visit the WL Website (a great idea), the WL is a world leader in the EOHSJ when looking at Pilgrimages. Remember their request...try to make your first Pilgrimage within 3 years. The benefits and blessings are beyond measure. We are at capacity for March 18, 2023, HL, Assisi, Rome Pilgrimage. BUT, we are taking names for reservations now for MARCH 10-24, 2024, to the Holy Land and Jordan (including stay at Petra!). The demand for Pilgrimages according to CTC, has never been stronger so please get your names on the list so you can make it!

**BETHLEHEM FIAT TRIP NOVEMBER 28-DECEMBER 16, 2022**...your AC's along with Holy Land Councilor, Dame Denise Scalzo, will be further creating the final details for the 3-week FIAT that will be available in later 2023. This trip was delayed due to Covid and will be a huge move to bring this program in development since 2019, to fruition. We will have daily email updates coming your way...it will be special to see Bethlehem Square light up for Christmas.



**LVC MEN'S BOOK CLUB**...women fear not, you normally put men to shame with your literary prowess. So, Sir Jeff Boughrum and Sir James Mersch have taken the initiative to assist men! Seriously, this is a great effort on their part. 12 men have already signed up. There will soon be an announcement of a meeting for fellowship, learning and sharing. Meeting locations could vary but initially at St. Joseph, Husband of Mary. Anyone interested please contact Jeff at [jboughrum3@cox.net](mailto:jboughrum3@cox.net)

**JUSTICE & PEACE**... During the Great Depression, unemployment peaked at 25%. Today, it's 44% in Gaza and 65% for women—the highest in the world. Israel has Gaza closed down. Imports are allowed at a sustenance level and exports are basically banned. IF you're allowed a permit to work in Israel, and yes, I made that a big IF, here's a typical day for agriculture or construction workers. 3:00 – 5:00 am. Line up to have your papers checked. You may bring in a phone, cigarettes, and headphones, that's it. No bags, no laptops, no food, or toiletries allowed. Palestinians put on two or three sets of clothes if they're staying for more than one day. Average workdays are ten to twelve hours. You can forget about lunch breaks, safe working conditions, sick pay, or compensation for accidents, even though all of these are mandated by Israeli law. 7:00 pm. Try to get paid. The usual rate is \$60 - \$100 U.S. dollars. Everyone knows someone who's only received half of the agreed upon rate or nothing at all. But they're afraid to complain to officials for fear of losing their permits. *"Where there is no work, there is no dignity."* – Pope Francis

### From the Mersch's - Our Spiritual Leaders

*The devil would love it if you despaired of repentance, says St. John Chrysostom. But don't give him the satisfaction. Always be ready for the day of the Lord.*

"All these things have been now said by me, not in order that I may discharge the Devil from blame, but that I may free you from slothfulness. For he wishes extremely to attribute the cause of our sins to himself, in order that we being nourished by these hopes, and entering on all kinds of evil, may increase the chastening in our own case, and may meet with no pardon from having transferred the cause to him. Just as Eve met with none. But let us not do this. **But let us know ourselves.** Let us know our wounds. For thus shall we be able to apply the medicines. For he who does not know his disease, will give no care to his weakness. We have sinned much: I know this well. For we are all liable for penalties. But we are not deprived of pardon; nor shall we fall away from repentance for we still stand in the arena, and are in the struggles of repentance. Art thou old, and hast thou come to the last outlet of life? Do not consider even thus that thou hast fallen from repentance, nor despair of thine own salvation, but consider the robber who was freed on the cross. For what was briefer than that hour in which he was crowned? Yet notwithstanding even this was enough for him, for salvation. Art thou young? Do not be confident in thy youth, nor think that thou hast a very fixed term of life, "For the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. **"On this account he has made our end invisible, in order that we might make our diligence and our forethought plain."**

-St John Chrysostom



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**FINALLY**...it is traditional to wish all a Happy Thanksgiving this month and certainly your AC's and Committee will offer you that greeting. But, relating back to our opening we wish to leave you with this...**BLESSED THANKSGIVING THIS DAY AND EVERY DAY OF YOUR LIVES IN THE HOLIEST OF HOLY 'EUKHARISTIA (GREEK)'** ...we know that is the Greek translation meaning **THANKSGIVING**, especially at the time of our Lord on earth. May we partake in this as often as we can..weekly or daily.....**WHY..**

**1 Corinthians 11:26..." for as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes".**

BLESSED EUCHARIST, Joe/Connie



## St. Joseph, Husband of Mary



**Rosary**  
**11/7/22**

