

## Supreme and State Council News

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### **Governments Must Respect Conscience Rights, Anderson Tells Pontifical Academy for Life (3/7/07)**

#### **Vatican Address Focuses on Need for Codifying Rights of Conscience**

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson and Pope Benedict XVI. Catholic politicians and individuals must be true to their Christian consciences and governments must respect their right to do so, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson told the Pontifical Academy for Life on Feb. 24.

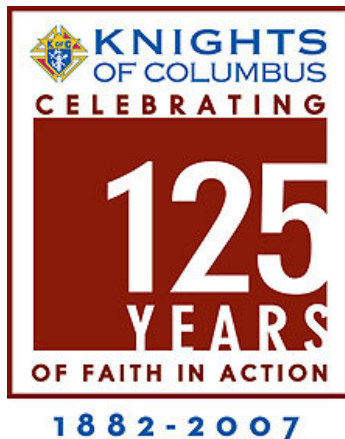
With healthcare and adoption providers sometimes facing the stark choice of violating their consciences or finding new employment, the Supreme Knight concluded that today “there is a real need for a codified, universal right to conscience.”

Mr. Anderson cited both the historical experience of St. Thomas More, who was martyred for his conscientious stand against Henry VIII of England, and current threats to persons of conscience – for instance when healthcare workers and pharmacists are pressured to provide procedures or drugs that destroy a life or adoption services are forced to place children with individuals whose lifestyle they find morally objectionable.

NOTE: The above is an excerpt. To read the complete article, go to <http://www.kofc.org/un/news/releases/detail.cfm?id=320229>.

#### **Knights to Celebrate 125th Anniversary (3/02/07)**

The Knights of Columbus, the world’s largest lay Catholic organization, will mark its 125th anniversary March 29, 2007. Founded in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney, along with a few parishioners in the basement of St. Mary’s Church in New Haven, Conn., the group has grown to an international organization of more than 1.7 million members.



The Knights of Columbus is also one of the most successful fraternal benefit societies in American history, providing life insurance and related products for the financial welfare of members and their families.

The K of C has not only remained true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity, but also included patriotism as a fourth principle by which its members are to be defined. The organization is renowned for its dedicated support of both church and country. Its affiliates, known as councils, are largely parish-based and provide regular support to their local church and community.

NOTE: The above is an excerpt. To read the complete article, go to <http://www.kofc.org/un/news/releases/detail.cfm?id=316994>. For more information, you can also visit the “125 Anniversary Web Site” at <http://www.kofc.org/eb/en/anniversary/index.html>.

#### **Reasons to Celebrate (2/22/2007)**

In his message in the March Columbia, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson says it is every Knight’s duty to share Father Michael J. McGivney’s vision with more Catholic men and their families. (See the complete article at <http://www.kofc.org/un/news/supreme/detail.cfm?id=309437>).

#### **Founder’s Day Vigil Prayer Service (2/15/07)**

On March 29, 2007 we will be celebrating our Order’s 125th Anniversary. Our Founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney was born August 12, 1852 in Waterbury, CT. He was ordained on December 22, 1877 and was assigned to St. Mary’s Church, New Haven, CT. In the fall of 1881 this spirited Priest gathered a group of men in the basement of St. Mary’s Church to

discuss the needs of the young and the underprivileged. On March 29, 1882, at the age of 29, Fr. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus. For several months before his death, he had been battling tuberculosis. At the age of 38, this young priest died. Let us honor and pray for this “man of the people” in hopes that in 2007 the Holy See is open to the cause for the canonization of the Servant of God, our Founder, Father Michael J. McGivney.

NOTE: As of January 1, 2007, International Guild membership totals 114,000. In Nevada, our membership is a mere 636. If each the 40 Nevada Councils enrolled only five new Guild members during March (including wives, parishioners, relatives, seminarians and non-Knights), the state could add another 200 more Guild members by the end of the month. Council 4828 forwarded Guild applications to all members in February, so if you haven’t joined, yet, please complete the form and mail it in. There is no cost for membership.

#### **Good News for Catholic Schools (2/1/2007)**

The Knights of Columbus has long believed what this year’s Catholic Schools Week theme trumpets: “Catholic Schools: The Good News in Education.” That’s why at every level of our Order we do everything we can to grow and strengthen our Catholic schools. (See the complete article at <http://www.kofc.org/un/news/supreme/detail.cfm?id=281769>).

#### **Supreme Knight Moderates United Nations Panel Discussion With Religious Scholars (1/29/07)**

Is the “civilization of love” championed by Pope John Paul II possible? That was the provocative question Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson posed to Muslim, Jewish and Catholic scholars at a panel discussion he moderated at the United Nations Jan. 17.

The event was held to launch the publication in the United States of Oasis, an international journal to support small Christian communities living in predominantly Muslim countries and to teach Western Christians about Islam through the experiences of their Eastern counterparts.

The supreme knight has served on the publication’s advisory committee since its founding in 2004 and has contributed articles to it.

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#### **A Challenge We Can Overcome (1/23/2007)**

In his message in February’s Columbia, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson says Knights of Columbus are called to put God at the center of their lives and then let their charitable programs be guided by that decision. (See the complete article at <http://www.kofc.org/un/news/supreme/detail.cfm?id=275392>).

#### **Knights at the March for Life (1/22/07)**

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson marched up Constitution Avenue with a large group of college Knights after leading the Pledge of Allegiance at the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., on Monday, Jan. 22.

Anderson was also a keynote speaker at the Cardinal O’Connor Conference on Life, held Jan. 21 in Georgetown University’s historic Gaston Hall. More than 600 high school and college students from around the United States attended the eighth annual gathering on the eve of the March for Life.

#### **The Year in Review and the Year Ahead (1/8/2007)**

Our Jan. 8 issue of Knightline includes a look back at the year just completed and highlights some of the ways we Knights lived out our principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. We can all take justifiable pride in these accomplishments. (See the complete article at <http://www.kofc.org/un/news/supreme/detail.cfm?id=265885>).