

Papal Visit to Washington D.C. and New York City

The following information was extracted from the Supreme Council and Nevada State Council web-sites and/or EMAIL articles

Pope Benedict XVI will be visiting the United States from 15 to 20 April, 2008. He will be visiting Washington D.C. and New York City. In conjunction with his visit, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council has been planning several events, media broadcasts, and other functions. Some of these are highlighted, below. Additional information concerning the Pope's visit is also available on a special new website at www.papaltrip.org.

Telecast to Preview Pope's Visit to United States Supreme Knight Carl Anderson to host a panel of papal experts on a program to air on 13 April.

(From an Article on 3/24/08)



The Knights of Columbus has announced that it will sponsor a nationally-broadcast television discussion program previewing Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the United States in April.

The broadcast on Sunday, April 13 will feature a lively discussion of Benedict's three eventful years as Pope, his long career as a renowned theologian, and a look at the themes he is likely to stress during his trip to America, which begins on April 15. The show – entitled A Journey of Hope – will air two days before Benedict arrives in Washington.

The panel of experts featured in the program will include:

- Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, a member or consultant to five pontifical councils, and a former member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights;
- Cardinal John Foley, who served for many years as the president of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications at the Vatican;
- Professor David Schindler, Dean of the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family in Washington, D.C., and editor of *Communio*, a journal co-founded by then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger;
- Dominican Father Peter Cameron, editor of the Catholic periodical *Magnificat*, and author of the book *Benedictus*, which provides the reader with daily meditations from the voluminous writings of Pope Benedict XVI; and
- Professor Helen Alvare, who teaches family law at Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

The half hour show will air on Sunday, April 13 on CBS stations in the four largest U.S. markets: on New York's WCBS-TV at 1 p.m. EDT; in Washington, D.C., on WUSA-TV at noon EDT; in Chicago on WBBM-TV at noon CDT; and in Los Angeles on KCBS-TV at 9 a.m. PDT. It will also air nationally on the Fox Business Channel at 5:30 p.m. EDT/2:30 p.m. PDT.

In addition, the program will air on a variety of Catholic television outlets, including EWTN, the Catholic cable network, and local and regional Catholic cable channels and over-the-air Catholic programs. A complete listing is available at www.papaltrip.com, the Knights of Columbus interactive site dedicated to coverage of the Pope's trip to the United States.

Supreme Council Seeks Information for Website

(State Council EMAIL - 3/28/08)

The Nevada State Council forwarded the following message from Brian Caulfield Communications Specialist at the Executive Office of the Supreme Knight:

"The Supreme Council is planning coverage on its Web site of Pope Benedict's trip to Washington, DC, and New York. We would like to feature interesting stories about Knights and/or their families. Please send this e-mail along your command chain and have anyone respond who may know of Knights who may fit into the following categories:

1. Priests who are Knights who have a significant liturgical role at one of the papal Masses --such as master of ceremonies or distributing Communion.
2. Deacons who are Knights who have similar significant liturgical roles.

3. Knights who are involved in planning papal events for the New York or Washington Archdioceses -- they may work in the chanceries.
4. Knights and or family members who will be involved in Masses, such as bringing up gifts, lectoring, etc.
5. Children of Knights who will be involved in the trip in any way.
6. Knights or family members who are educators and will be present when the pope speaks at Catholic University about Catholic education.
7. Knights, Squires or family members who will take part in the youth event at Dunwoodie seminary.
8. Knights, Squires or family members who will take part in the event for persons with disabilities at Dunwoodie.
9. Knights or family members who are delegates or associates at the UN and will be at the headquarters when the Pope speaks at the General Assembly.
10. Knights or family members who are police, firemen or emergency workers who will be present when Pope visits Ground Zero.
11. Anyone related to our Order who has met Pope Benedict, or met him when he was Cardinal Ratzinger.
12. Anyone else related to our Order who may have an interesting story.

Thank you very much for attending to this issue in a timely manner, so I can begin planning our coverage.

Brian Caulfield
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A Vote of Confidence

(From Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson - 3/28/08)

Recently, Catholic Digest magazine asked a number of Catholic leaders, myself included, to share their thoughts on Pope Benedict XVI's visit to the United States. Here is what I wrote:

"I think the Holy Father's visit is a great vote of confidence in the Catholic Church in the United States. Pope Benedict's visit in April, along with the visit of Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone at the Knights of Columbus convention in Tennessee last August, constitute a clear indication of the Holy Father's interest in, and affection for, the Catholic community here."

"The pope's message throughout his papacy has focused on love, hope and working to create a strong culture of life. I'm sure he will elaborate on those themes throughout his visit."

Pope Benedict is already educating the Knights on these central themes of his pontificate and Church renewal. In his greetings to our 125th Supreme Convention last August, he summoned us to greater "discipleship" and "service to society through acts of charity, care of the poor and the sick, and assistance to those in need of any kind, in the spirit of your founder, Father Michael J. McGivney."

At that same convention, Cardinal Bertone told us: "All of us must have faith in this Church to which we belong, and we must be proud to belong to this Church."

Historically, membership in our Order has been one of the primary ways a Catholic man could show pride in his faith. Let us reflect on that as we welcome the Holy Father to the United States. As we listen to his teachings, let us renew our confidence in our abilities as Knights of Columbus to serve the Church, our families, young people and the Holy Father, our bishops and priests.

Poll Shows Overwhelmingly Positive

View of Pope on Eve of U.S. Visit

(From an Article on 3/25/08)

Americans have an overwhelmingly positive view of Pope Benedict XVI on the eve of his visit to the United States, according to a new poll released March 25 at a Newsmaker event at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. The poll was commissioned by the Knights of Columbus and conducted by the Marist College Institute for Public Opinion between Feb. 25 and March 5, 2008. The results were announced by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson.

By a ratio of four and a half to one (58 percent to 13 percent), respondents said that they had a favorable or very favorable view of Pope Benedict.

To read the entire article visit the following link on Supreme Council web site: <http://www.kofc.org/un/news/releases/detail.cfm?id=547470#>