

## Diaconate Ordination for Diocese of Reno

(Submitted by Deacon and Br. Knight Robert Smith)

On Saturday, June 10, 2006, at Saint Teresa of Avila Catholic Church in Carson City, Nevada, the Diocese of Reno ordained eight Diaconate Candidates to Permanent Deacons. The Presiding and Ordaining Prelate was the Most Reverend Randolph R. Calvo, Bishop of Reno. Concelebrants were the Most Reverend Philip F. Straling, Bishop Emeritus, Diocese of Reno, and Reverend Jerry Hanley, Pastor of St. Teresa of Avila. Assisting Deacons were Deacon Robert Evans and Deacon Ron Schmitt.

The Candidates for Ordination as Permanent Deacons were: Kurt Carlson, St. Patrick's Parish, Fallon; Ruben Cervantes, St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, Fernley; Ronald Cherry, Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Reno; Gilbert Coleman, Saint Teresa of Avila Catholic Community, Carson City; Donald Korson, St. Theresa of the Little Flower Parish, Reno; Auguste Lemaire, St. Rose of Lima Parish, Reno; Patrick Root, St. Gall Parish, Gardnerville; and Robert Smith, Holy Family Parish, Yerington.

Special thanks were extended to Bishop Straling for his vision of Diaconate Formation in the Diocese of Reno, to the candidates' families and friends for their support over the past four years and to Father Tom Cronin for working with the candidates on their liturgical roles for the last two years. Awards were given to the Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation Team: Nancy Whipple, Director, Jane O'Connor, and Letty Anguiano. The wives of the candidates were also honored with certificates for their participation in their husbands' training.

In attendance at the Ordination were many of the priests and deacons of the diocese, plus a large assembly of friends and family of the candidates. Each new deacon was vested by his wife and by the pastor/parish life administrator of his parish. After the Celebration of Ordination a reception was held, hosted by the Ladies Guild.

All of the newly ordained Deacons are members of the Knights of Columbus and three are members of Council #4828: Kurt Carlson, Ronald Cherry, and Robert Smith.

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**"It is a strange anomaly that men should be careful to insure their houses, their ships, and their merchandise, and yet neglect to insure their lives; surely the most important of all to their families and more subject to loss." - Benjamin Franklin**

#### **Protecting Families for Generations**

(Extracted from the K of C Nevada State Council's website)

Father Michael J. McGivney understood that the first duty of a Catholic husband and father is to his family — to care for their needs while alive and, to the best of his ability, to provide for their care in the event of his death. He also knew well the tragic needs of Catholic families of the deceased men in his community. Central to Father McGivney's founding vision for the Knights of Columbus was providing for the financial security of Catholic families, particularly the widows and orphans of deceased members.

The first purpose listed in the Order's 1882 charter is "rendering pecuniary aid to its members, their families, and beneficiaries of members and their families." The establishment of a financially sound insurance program for members of the Order was a primary goal. Today, lack of adequate financial resources is still a great threat to family life. Now, more than ever, the Knights of Columbus continues to address the temporal needs of Catholic families, especially through one of the most highly-rated insurance programs in the world. The Knights of Columbus has hundreds of insurance agents, serving the needs of families in local councils.

Offering life insurance to members and their families has been a part of the Order's program since its founding in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, Conn. Knights of Columbus is rated A++ (Superior) by the A.M. Best Co., and AAA (Extremely Strong) by Standard and Poor's. The Knights also is a member of the Insurance Marketplace Standards Association (IMSA), which is reserved only for those insurers that conduct their business by the highest ethical standards. The IMSA review process determined that the Order has in place policies and procedures that demonstrate a commitment to honesty, fairness and integrity in all customer relationships.

#### **Joy from Children**

If you're like me, you derive great joy from your children. It's a great feeling when a teacher, coach or fellow parent compliments you on your child.

We all know that raising children these days is no easy task, especially when the values we're trying to instill in them – concern for others, accepting responsibility for their actions, saving money rather than spending it – seem to run counter to what society is trying to teach them. Yet these are exactly the values that tend to draw compliments from teachers, coaches and fellow parents.

We also know that the best way to teach is by example. If you carry enough life insurance to protect your family - and if you share, with those of your children old enough to understand, why that's important, you're exhibiting and imparting many of the values you hope your children will absorb.

You'll show them by example that you love them and are concerned about their welfare. You'll show them that you take your responsibility to provide for your family seriously, and that you want to make sure they're provided for even if you're not around. And you'll show them that investing money in your life insurance protection is more important than the new set of golf clubs you might want, the newest and best home theater system you've had your eye on, or whatever else you might be sacrificing to pay the premiums.

Sure, they'll probably roll their eyes at you as you're explaining this, and they'll certainly moan and groan if they can't get the newest CD, video game or piece of clothing. But they learn from what you do – just like they learn from what you don't do. What lessons do you want to teach them?

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