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**OFFICERS 2010-2011**

**CHAPLAIN** Fr. James Dvorscak  
**GRAND KNIGHT** Jim Peppmuller  
**DEPUTY GK** Mark Welch  
**CHANCELLOR** Donald Bauc  
**ADVOCATE** David Adams  
**RECORDER** Michael Baker  
**TREASURER** George StMarie  
**FIN. SECRETARY** Dan Michalak  
**WARDEN** Tom Lulinski  
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Carter Caul  
Albert Sparks  
**INSIDE GUARDS:**  
William Farhat  
Michael Doyle  
**TRUSTEES:**  
**3 YEAR** Peter Baker  
**2 YEAR** Bob Strezo  
**1 YEAR** Donald Zich  
**FIELD AGENT:** Jim Erickson  
**KNIGHT OF THE QUARTER:**  
Tim Cosgrove

**SUNDAY JUNE 5: RETIRE-  
MENT MASS FOR MRS.**

**JUDY ROZCO:** Noon Mass this date will celebrate the retirement of Mrs. Judy Rozco, Principal of St Mary School. She has been a great friend of our council. Come and thank her!

**MONDAY JUNE 6: FOURTH  
DEGREE MEETING —**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** At Council 4400, 7:30 P.M.

**SATURDAY JUNE 11: MEN  
MOVING MOUNTAINS.**

The men's ministry at St Mary. After the 7:30 AM Mass until about 9:30

**TUESDAY JUNE 14: COUN-  
CIL MEETING —**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** In Burnett Hall at 7:30 PM (see below)

**SATURDAY JUNE 18: ROAD**

**CLEAN UP:** Our second "adopt a road" clean up for this year. Come to St Mary Cemetery at 195th and Wolf Road at 9 AM for a pleasant hour.

**SATURDAY JUNE 18: OFFICER  
INSTALLATION AND DINNER.**

St Mary will conduct installation ceremonies for our council and for the Joliet Assembly after the 5 PM Mass. Dinner in Burnett Hall after the installation ceremonies. All should come

**TUESDAY JUNE 21: OFFICER  
MEETING:**

In the Deacon James Fitzgerald Room of St Mary School, 7:30 PM. All incoming and outgoing officers should attend.

**SATURDAY JUNE 25: POKER  
NIGHT:**

At Greg Quinn's house, 9930 Cambridge Dr., Mokena. Phone (708) 479 4864. Come and join the men's evening of fun starting at 7:30 PM.

**SLATED OFFICERS FOR 2011/2012:**

Joe Kral and the nominating committee have proposed the following slate of worthy men. Nominations from the floor are also proper:

Grand Knight:	Donald Bauc	Warden:	Tom Lulinski
Deputy Grand Knight:	Rich Ciancio	Outside Guard:	Vince DiFiore
Chancellor:	Donald Zich	Inside Guard:	Al Sparks
Advocate:	Dave Adams	Inside Guard:	Dave Korbel
Recorder:	Mike Baker	3 Yr Trustee:	Jim Peppmuller
Treasurer:	George Curtin		

The positions of Chaplain (Father Jim), Financial Secretary (Dan Michalak), 2 Year Trustee (Pete Baker) and 1 Year Trustee (Bob Strezo) are not elected positions. Chaplain and Financial Secretary are appointed positions while the trustees move down one year from last years post.

Congratulations to Joe and his team for a great job. Jim Peppmuller and Mark Welch decided not to seek reelection as explained in the article on Page 2.

# about the election.....

When **Jim Peppmuller** accepted the job of Grand Knight last year he indicated that he would do so for only one year. Jim's business, home life, grandchildren and other interests including being an officer of the VFW are demanding of his time and talent and have contributed to his decision to stay with his original intent and not seek reelection. Jim has been a very good Grand Knight for the Council.

Deputy Grand Knight **Mark Welch** has, in the meantime become much more busy in his employment than he expected when he took the Deputy job. Mark has done a good job but has declined to run for elected office again because he lacks the time to do a proper job. He will remain active in the council.

The nominating committee found some great candidates to take the places of Jim and Mark:

**Donald Bauc** has held offices in the council for many years—his last term was as council treasurer. Don retired from Thornridge High School where he was a Department Head. Don has a Masters Degree and an Advanced Administration Degree. He plans to resign his current positions as Executive Director of the Illinois Association of Skills USA and Executive Director of the Illinois Coordinating Council for Career and Technical Student Organizations in order to devote his superb management skills to the job of Grand Knight if he is elected.

**Richard Ciancio** is familiar to most of us as a great cook. All should know that he is a highly respected 36 year member of Pipefitters Local 597. Rich was a General Foreman for piping at nuclear power plants and Superintendent of valve repair at some of the largest nuclear plants in Illinois. He is an experienced supervisor and manager who will be a great Deputy Grand Knight if he is elected.

## THE GREAT TURTLE RACE

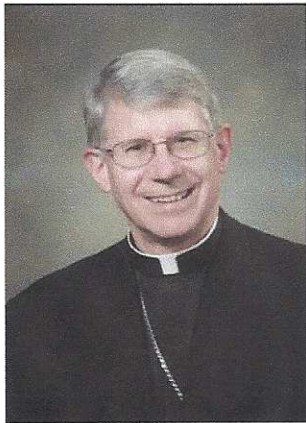
One of the secrets not divulged to newly installed members concerns the hundreds of thoroughbred racing turtles kept captive by Council 6993. We release them once every year to race on Marley Creek in Mokena as a fund raiser for our charities. (The turtles are actually blow up "Turtle Wax" turtles donated by the company). Tickets are sold that bet on a turtle and the turtles are numbered to match the tickets. At 1 PM on July 23, five hundred or more turtles (one per ticket) will be dumped together into Marley Creek behind the Mokena sewer plant to make their way to the foot bridge that crosses the creek at about 11500 West 191st Street. (191st Street continues West from Wolf Road next to the Creamery). One turtle per ticket races to the bridge. The first three turtles to cross the finish line are carefully documented and the winners are paid \$500 for first place, \$200 for second place and \$100 for third place.

Mark Welch is the Turtle Race Chairman. He will need help selling the five hundred or more tickets for the race. Plan to sell tickets to your neighbors and friends! Ticket sales to the public are the weekend before the race— July 15 through 17- with volunteers selling them in front of Berkot's and other stores. Help sell the tickets—we sell them every year and have a lot of fun with prospective buyers outside the stores. Call Mark at (708) 479 4763 to volunteer for turtle duty or Email him at markwelch247@yahoo.com (Yes, we will provide tables and chairs for the vendors). The actual race also needs a few professionals such as turtle dumpers, turtle herders and turtle catchers—it's fun—join the crew. When Mark calls—join in with help!



**HOLY FATHER APPOINTS MOST REVEREND R. DANIEL CONLON  
AS NEW BISHOP FOR THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET**

JOLIET, ILLINOIS May 17, 2011



His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, has named **Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon**, currently Bishop in the Diocese of Steubenville, Ohio, as the new Bishop for the Diocese of Joliet-in-Illinois.

The appointment was announced in Washington on May 17, 2011 by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States.

After his installation, Bishop-designate Conlon will be the fifth Bishop for the Diocese of Joliet, which includes more than 655,000 Catholics throughout seven counties in the northeast part of Illinois. He will be installed on July 14, 2011 at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet.

Bishop Conlon succeeds Bishop J. Peter Sartain, the previous bishop of the diocese, who was installed as Archbishop of Seattle in December 2010. Since then, the day-to-day operation of the Diocese of Joliet has been handled by its Diocesan Administrator, Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Siegel.

Commenting about the new appointment, Bishop Siegel said, "I was overjoyed to receive the news. I know Bishop Conlon will be a blessing to the people of the Diocese of Joliet, building on the strong foundation laid by his predecessors. I look forward to working with him and acquainting him with our Diocese."

Bishop Robert Daniel Conlon was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on December 4, 1948. His parents, both still living, are Robert and Carla (Holzman) Conlon. He is the oldest of six children.

He completed a Master of Divinity degree in 1975 at the Athenaeum of Ohio/Mt. St. Mary's Seminary of the West in Cincinnati and was ordained a priest on January 15, 1977 at St. Agnes Church by Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin.

He served as associate pastor at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Anderson Township, Cincinnati from February 1977 until July 1982. Beginning in August 1981 until August 1983 he served as Director of the Office of Planning and Research and Assistant Chancellor in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

For the next three and a half years, he studied Canon Law at St. Paul University in Ottawa, Ontario, earning the degrees of Doctor of Canon Law and Doctor of Philosophy in January 1987.

He returned to Cincinnati to become the archdiocesan Chancellor and Director of the Department of Executive Services, serving in those capacities until July 1996 when he was named pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish, New Bremen, Ohio. He served there until he was ordained and installed as Bishop of Steubenville on August 6, 2002.

As Bishop of Steubenville, he has taken a number of steps to promote and safeguard the faith, including the development of quality catechesis. Promoting the ongoing formation of priests and new priestly vocations have also been priorities for him. He has worked closely with Franciscan University of Steubenville. Bishop Conlon has personally visited all the parishes and schools of the diocese numerous times.

He has served as the Episcopal Advisor for the Catholic Committee of Appalachia since January 2005. In December 2006, he was appointed to a three-year term on the Bishops' Committee for the Protection of Children and Young People; in November 2010 he was elected as Chair-elect of the same committee. He served as a member of the Marriage and Family Life Committee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and helped to draft the pastoral letter, *Marriage and Life in the Divine Plan*.

In his spare time, Bishop Conlon enjoys hiking, reading, and socializing with friends.

Bishop-designate Conlon stated. "I consider it a great privilege to be named as Bishop of the Diocese of Joliet with its rich history and I look forward to working with those who generously share their gifts to support the many ministries in this diocese. I look forward to a bright future in this vibrant and growing church. Thank you for your warm welcome."

### Doug Delaney, Executive Assistant to the Bishop

Note: Bishop Conlon will be installed on July 14. A Fourth Degree honor guard is anticipated. No other details are known at present.

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## STUDENTS FOR LIFE

Mr. David Avignone, Larry's son, recently joined a wonderful organization "Students for Life of Illinois" as Associate Director. They are active on college campuses, organizing pro life rallies, clubs, round table teaching events and trips to the annual March for Life in Washington DC. The group holds an annual "Cupcake Day" in the lobby of our state capitol to teach lawmakers about pro life issues. Students for Life bikers traveled 800 miles this year "Biking for Babies" during spring break. This wonderful group needs money and is very worthwhile. Please consider a donation. More information can be found on the web site:

[www.ProLifeIllinois.com](http://www.ProLifeIllinois.com)

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### DAVID, HERE IS MY MOST GENEROUS ONE-TIME GIFT AMOUNT!

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\_\_\_ \$100    \_\_\_ \$50    \_\_\_ \$ 25

Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Students for Life of Illinois  
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Lockport, IL 60441

# ANCIENT TRADITIONS OF THE CHURCH

Pope John Paul II wrote in his letter "Orientale Lumen" in 1985: "Since, in fact, we believe that the venerable and ancient tradition of the Eastern Churches is an integral part of the heritage of Christ's Church, the first need for Catholics is to be familiar with that tradition."



Father Jim in Byzantine Catholic Vestments

In the latest edition of the diocesan magazine "Christ is our Hope", our Pastor and Chaplain, Father James Dvorscak, wrote a wonderful article about the new Roman Missal. Father Jim regularly assists with Masses at the Annunciation of the Mother of God Byzantine Catholic Church on Will Cook Road in Homer Glen. He writes how familiarization with other rites of the Church is helpful in understanding the traditions of the Church. Father then discusses the new Missal that has been published and will soon be implemented at our Masses. The new missal represents a new translation of the ancient Mass of the Church, produced in order to make it more accurate and more in keeping with the traditions. We should all welcome this latest effort to clarify and be true to our sacred heritage. You are urged to read Father Jim's article in "Christ is Our Hope".

Many Catholics are unaware of the many different rites and traditions that make up the Church. The largest Catholic Church is the Roman Church that we belong to. In addition, there are a large number of "Eastern Rite" Churches that are also part of the Catholic Church. Some of the churches are: The Chaldean Catholic Church; The Maronite Catholic Church; The Armenian Catholic Church; The Coptic Catholic Church; The Syrian Catholic Church; The Melkite Catholic Church; The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church; The Syro-Malabar Catholic Church; The Syro-Malankara Catholic Church; The Romanian

Greek Catholic Church; The Byzantine Catholic Church USA; The Ethiopian/Eritrean Catholic Church; The Slovak Greek Catholic Church and about ten other, smaller eastern churches. All of these Churches are in full communion with Rome and our fellow Catholics. We can attend their Masses and worship with them including partaking of the Eucharist. You are urged to seek out and attend one or more of these churches to gain a better understanding of the ancient traditions of the Church.

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# Thomas More Society's Relentless Legal Pursuit Wins Justice for Pro-Life Activists at Notre Dame

*Charges Dropped Against Anti-Abortion Protesters at University's Commencement with President Obama*



May 5, 2011 (Chicago)... Today, Michael Dvorak, St. Joseph County, Indiana prosecutor, dismissed the criminal trespass charges that he has pressed over the last two years against all of the pro-life protesters, known as the "ND88," the individuals arrested for trespassing when they entered upon Notre Dame's campus in peaceful and prayerful protest against the University's bestowing honors on President Barack Obama at the 2009 Commencement. Dvorak dropped the charges as part of an agreement between the

Thomas More Society and the University.

"This is a big step forward and a victory for the pro-life cause," said Tom Brejcha, president and chief counsel of the Thomas More Society and a 1965 Notre Dame graduate. "We are appreciative of the steps that Notre Dame has taken, including successive visits by University President John Jenkins, C.S.C., and other campus leaders to the March for Life in Washington, D.C., both in 2010 and 2011, to mark the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, and the creation of new and significant pro-life initiatives on campus. Those who share pro-life convictions may differ on tactics and approaches, but they best serve their sacred cause when they work together to secure the common good for *all* human beings, born and unborn alike, rather than carrying on as courtroom antagonists."



Tom Dixon, South Bend, Indiana attorney and Thomas More Society special counsel, had led the defense over the last two years, during which the parties engaged in vigorous litigation, including extensive discovery proceedings.

The parties remain in profound disagreement over the 2009 Commencement, but after prayerful consideration they have decided to put their differences behind them, to cease battling in court, and rather to affirm a commitment to the fundamental proposition that each and every human life is sacred, from conception until natural death, no matter whether rich or poor, humble or exalted, wanted or "unwanted."

Moreover, both parties have pledged not to rehash the events of the past, but on the contrary, to recognize each other's pro-life efforts and to work together to find ways to increase those efforts and maximize their impact on the nation's contentious, ongoing debate over abortion policy.

The shameful treatment of pro life demonstrators at Notre Dame when President Obama came there to give a commencement speech has been widely reported. The incident has undoubtedly damaged the reputation of the University and that of Father Jenkins the university president. The letter above came from Thomas More Society president Tom Brejcha providing us with the wonderful news that the incident is over.

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