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### **Newsletter Editor's Message**

As Father's Day approaches, for those of us who are fathers, maybe we should think about what it means to be a great Catholic father. Wouldn't you like to be one of those? I would, but I know I am not. The passage below from the website 'CatholicCounselors.com' helps to provide some perspective on what we can do to become, or to remain, great Catholic fathers...and great Catholic Knights.

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Peter DeVries once said, "The value of marriage is not that adults produce children, but that children produce adults." Through the grace of marriage and family life, God calls each Christian father to grow up—to be perfected in love. But growing up can be hard work for us fathers. Sometimes, rather than facing and challenging our weaknesses; our lack of patience, our limited capacities for affection, our feelings of incompetence, our dislike of the chaos and noise of childhood, we retreat into work, friends, community involvements, or "important" ministries. ("I'm sorry, Hon'. Gonna be home late again, that client/meeting/friend in need/committee called today. They really need me!").

Yet, God continuously brings us back home at the end of the day to remind us that there is nothing more important than learning to love our closest neighbors; nothing more important than being perfected by the work of love, without which we will be poorly prepared to join in the feast of love at the Heavenly Banquet. Embrace the weakness, incompetence, vulnerability you feel in the presence of your wife and children. Experience these feelings as the voice of God calling you to grow up—to be perfected in his love. Doing this can be a fearsome task, but it is a task worthy of a true Christian man compelled by the love of Christ to "Take up your cross and follow me."