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NEWS FOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

We kick off this first issue in May – the month traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary – featuring a special reflection on Mary as our mother. In addition, since Pope Francis has asked Catholics to pray the rosary every day during May for an end to the pandemic, we're including several articles on the rosary. Check them out below.

Reflection: Many names, one mother



No matter what we call her, Mary always guides as a loving mother.

No human being has influenced the world the way that Mary, the Mother of God, has.

Of course, Jesus – who is both divine and human – is on another level entirely. But among human beings, no king, no hero, no military leader, no scientist, no explorer, no celebrity, no philosopher, no religious leader or saint comes close to having the kind of the influence that Our Lady has had on human hearts and affairs.

And now, as we begin this month of Mary during the time of the COVID-19 pandemic, perhaps we can turn our minds and hearts to another dimension of her influence – her intimate and personal role as mother of each one of us. [READ MORE](#)

Rediscover the beauty of praying the rosary

In response to Pope Francis' call to Catholics to pray the rosary, Knights and their families are invited to participate in the daily recitation of the rosary broadcast from the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. Share personal intentions by emailing prayerrequests@jp2shrine.org.

SHARE YOUR QUESTIONS, FEEDBACK AND STORY
Share how you, your family or your council is helping strengthen people's faith and offering support during this time. Email knightline@kofc.org.

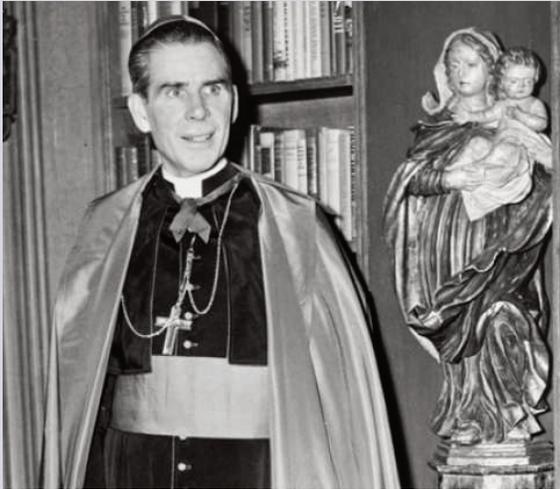
Five reasons you should pray the rosary

Pope Francis encouraged Catholics to "rediscover" the power of rosary during May, the month of Mary.

May is the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary. For Knights of Columbus, this has a special significance. When a man joins our Order, he receives a Knights of Columbus rosary – and with more than 2 million members, that's a lot of rosaries. Praying the rosary is an activity that our members do together as part of council life, even now during the coronavirus pandemic. But why pray the rosary? Here are 5 reasons. [READ MORE](#)



Seven Knights who embraced the rosary



The rosary defines a Knight. Through their love of the rosary, these seven Knights demonstrate why this prayer is right for you.

Since the founding of the Order, Knights have had a strong devotion to the rosary. One of the few relics we have of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, is his rosary. While each Knight has a story behind the rosary he carries and prays, these seven men help remind their brother Knights of the power of the rosary. [READ MORE](#)

Venerable Servant of God Fulton Sheen, a brother Knight of Columbus, was well known for his devotion to Mary, the Mother of God, and often prayed the rosary.

Matching grant can double your donation on Tuesday

When crisis strikes, Knights respond with care, compassion and charity. That's what has inspired a generous challenge gift to match, dollar for dollar, every gift Knights make on #GivingTuesdayNow up to \$250,000. #GivingTuesdayNow is a global day of giving this Tuesday, May 5 to support those most affected by the global Covid-19 pandemic. Will you accept the challenge and help leave no neighbor behind? [DONATE NOW](#)

Virtual rosary check

We want to see your rosaries! Post a picture of your rosary on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter and be sure to tag the Knights and include the hashtag #RosaryCheck. Use the opportunity to teach others how to pray the rosary by including a link to the Knights' *A Guide to Praying the Rosary*, available [here](#).

Pope encourages new prayers at the end of the rosary

Pope Francis offered Catholics two new prayers to be said at the end of the rosary which ask the Blessed Mother's assistance during the pandemic. The text of the prayers and the pope's message to the faithful can be found [here](#).

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Men, Mary and prayer

The men in the Knights of Columbus have a long history of devotion to the Blessed Mother. Join us in these prayers and traditions.

Since its founding at St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Conn., the Knights of Columbus have a deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus. And during the current pandemic, the Knights' devotion has not faltered. And now, we enter May, which is celebrated as Mary's month, it's an excellent time to draw inspiration from the devotion of our brother Knights. [READ MORE](#)



Live events at the JPII Shrine

Join the Saint John Paul II National Shrine on Saturday, May 2, at 2 p.m. EDT for a live webinar featuring Paul Kengor, PhD., on John Paul II and Ronald Reagan, and their meeting that took place exactly 36 years to the day. Register [here](#).

MEMBERSHIP IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. This means that an applicant or member accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.