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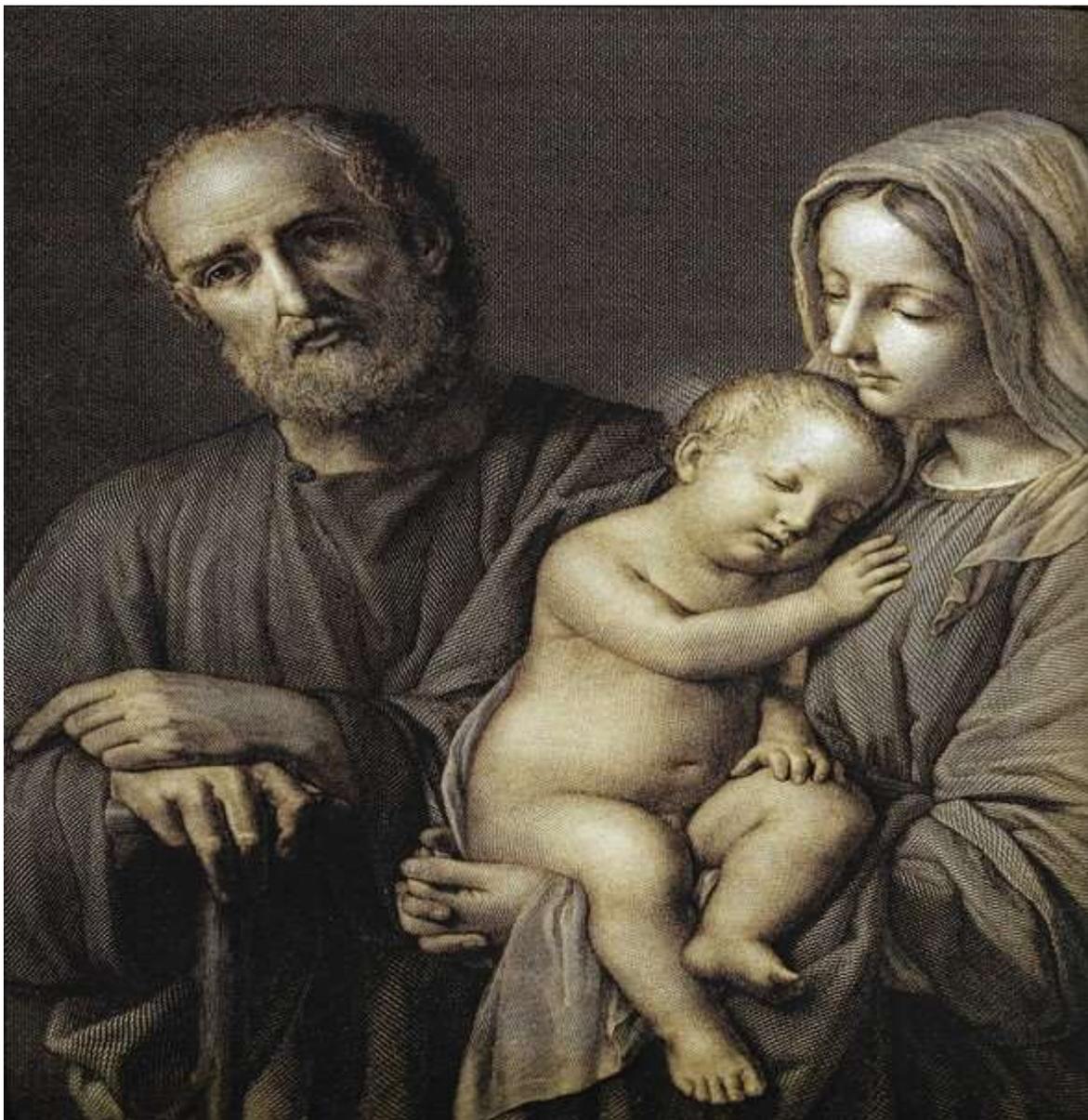
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Bishop Bergie's Easter Message. From the Diocese of St. Catharines Website.



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My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

March 23, 2018

The scripture accounts of the Resurrection speak about the need for those who encountered the Risen Lord to share joyfully the good news with others. What made their message credible was the fact that they were witnesses – they had seen the Risen Lord.

There are so many ways that we are able to see the Risen Lord each day. We see Him most perfectly in the Holy Eucharist where Jesus is substantially present – body, blood, soul and divinity – under the appearance of bread and wine. Christ is also present in the Sacred Scriptures. In both the Old Testament and in the New Testament, Jesus the Word of God is present to strengthen our faith. Jesus is present in us and in the community of faith, as Jesus says, “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am among them” (Mt.18:20). We also know that the glory of God can be found in nature. As Genesis reminds us, God made all things and what He made was good. We can encounter Jesus in the beauty of creation.

If we have encountered the Risen Lord in so many ways, how do we witness to this fact? Do we share the good news that we have ‘seen the Lord’ so that others may come to know, love and serve Him?

The theme for our Sixtieth Diocesan Anniversary is, “Put Out into the Deep” and it focuses on drawing people to Christ. We do this by joyfully witnessing to our faith and to the fact that we have seen the Lord. This is the heart of evangelization and something that we are called to do as followers of Jesus.

It is my hope and prayer that during the Easter Season we will take some time to consider prayerfully what it means to be a witness to the Resurrection. What am I doing to bring people to Christ? Perhaps it can begin by simply extending an invitation to someone to join you for the Sacred Triduum or Easter Mass. Do not be afraid to “Put Out into the Deep.” You may be surprised by what you discover.

May the Risen Lord grant you a grace-filled Easter.

Yours sincerely in Christ, ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Gerard Bergie'.

Most Reverend Gerard Bergie, D.D.  
Bishop of St. Catharines

## Grand Knight's Message

Welcome to the new **Vanguard**! Three years ago, around the time I became Grand Knight, we put out our Easter 2015 edition. I am happy that we are back with our Council newsletter. I hope we can continue this and release a new one every 4 months.

Like previous issues, we have a message from our bishop, the Grand Knight will put in his two cents and our Field Agent will make a report. We will have information on past events, complete with pictures. Upcoming events will be announced and, of course, current news will be provided. We also have a calendar for the next four months as our centerfold.

Since we haven't been producing a Vanguard in a few years, we are providing free advertising to our previous sponsors. Please show them support and spread the word of your experiences with them. Be sure to let them know you are Knights and you heard about them in **The Vanguard**.



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It has been my pleasure to serve as Grand Knight for the last three years. During that time Father Hugh Gibson stepped down as our Chaplain and Father Paul MacDonald took over. We all too quickly lost Father Paul to his parish duties. Now we are blessed to have Father Stephen Innamorati to lead us spiritually. Father Stephen will have a few words for us later in **The Vanguard**.

We welcomed Wael Kadmous and his family to Canada. Our Council, together with the Star of the Sea Parish, helped sponsor the Kadmous family from Syria. We enjoyed meeting them all at one of our February/November breakfasts. And I am delighted to report that Wael joined our council in the First Degree on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Deputy Grand Knight Johnson Moraes initiated an Adult's Christmas Party. After New Year's, but still in the Christmas season, we get together for carol singing and a feast. This has been a great and, to some of us, surprising success. This Christmas, Santa himself attended. Well done Johnson.

Our Council was introduced to Mother Dorothy and the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate when they moved into our region. They are a truly wonderful group of Sisters and we are proud to support them in all their endeavours. They are welcome guests at all our events. We have been able to donate to significant funds to their order. You will see many of the Sisters in the photographs in this **Vanguard**.

As I leave the Office of Grand Knight, I am proud and honoured to have been able to lead such a great bunch of Knights. It is mostly due to their efforts, and also of course their wives', that we have been able to do so much. I look forward to serving under our new Executive as The Saint Catharines Council 1394 continues to grow and support worthy local charities.

Vivat Jesus

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## Insurance Corner

*by Phillip J. Brand, Our Field Agent*

From the beginning, the Knights of Columbus has been a family-first organization. Father McGivney was striving to find Catholic men who could come together to protect and support the families in their communities who needed it most – including their own.

Today, the mission remains the same and as we enter the Christmas Season, it's a great time to evaluate how we're doing. As we approach the beginning of 2018, the Knights of Columbus has more than \$100 billion of life insurance in force, covering the lives of hundreds of thousands of our members and their families.



Knights across North America continue to trust their Order to protect them and to see to it that their loved ones are well taken care of once they're gone. The numbers keep increasing. The year 2016 marked the 16th consecutive year of increased new business life insurance sales. More and more members are preparing to leave behind legacies of protection for their loved ones.

But how are each of us doing on an individual level? How well protected are our families? Are we certain that the insurance that we have in place is enough to cover their needs? Is it enough to allow those left behind to remain in their homes, to attend university, to continue to live the lives their accustomed to? Would we even know how to begin calculating and projecting those needs?

There are a lot of moving pieces and parts that go into calculating just how much your life is worth in dollars and cents. You're worth far more to your family than simply a number on a page, of course, but you do provide for them. And, if you're no longer able to, you want to make sure that their lives are not further devastated by your absence.

These calculations and determinations are not ones that you need to make on your own. I can help you identify what you need to do in order to adequately protect your family. The Knights of Columbus provides members a comprehensive, complimentary needs analysis titled "Profiles & Forecaster," a proven industry tool that helps you determine your needs.

I will gladly perform this custom analysis for you and your family absolutely free. It's a fraternal benefit that costs you nothing, but could tell you a lot. The Profiles & Forecaster analysis will help you identify surpluses and shortages, insurance and income replacement needs, final expenses, and more.

How could you turn down a free comprehensive analysis from one of the "World's Most Ethical Companies?" Why would you pass up on a complete review from North America's most highly rated life insurer? Helping your family to prepare for life without you is one of the most selfless actions you can make.

Brothers working together,

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## From the Deputy Grand Knight

I came to Canada in August of 2008. After settling down along with my family, I wanted to explore many things around and get involved into something that my faith becomes more stronger. I got to hear about the Knights of Columbus and the works they do all over the world.

On a Sunday morning in 2014 I heard an announcement during the mass at St. Alfred's church in St. Catharines about the membership drive which was going on and I took advantage of this opportunity and signed up to become a member.

I was accepted by council 1394 and the preparation for taking my degrees was arranged by the council. I got to take all my degrees immediately and also got the benefit to take my 4th degree after which I got the portfolio as Sir Knight.

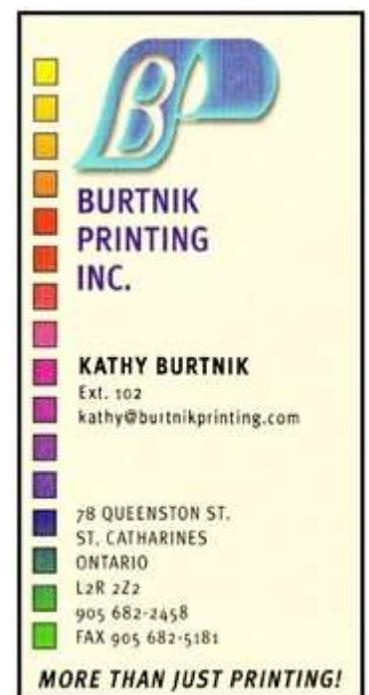
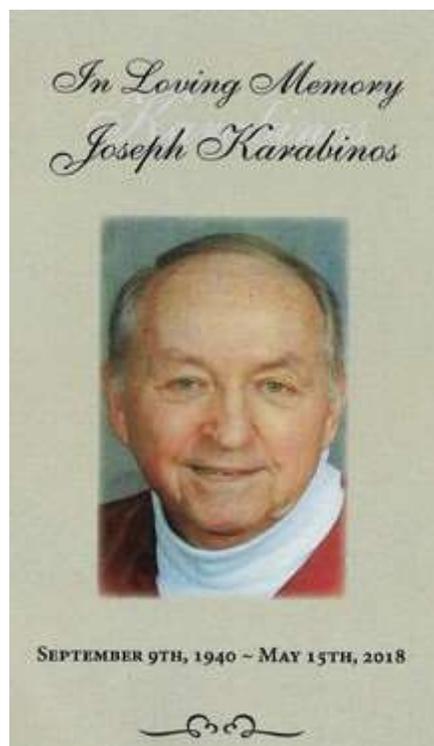
Joining this Fraternal organization and getting involved in various activities of this organization allowed me to come across so many brother Knights to become friends and join hands with all the works they do in our community. To name a few that I got involved in supporting is Out of the cold, Start me up Niagara, Ozanam, High School students scholarship program, Lapel Roses to support the Right to life and the Bishops charity events and the list goes on.

In a years time that I joined the Knights I was given the opportunity to become part of the executive member as outside guard and later as Deputy Grand Knight since 2015. This year I am now nominated to take over the position of Grand Knight.

I am ever so grateful first to almighty God and then to my brother Knights for the trust they all have shown on me. I can't forget to thank my present Grand Knight John Nixon who guided me and trusted me all along as his Deputy and making me so capable to take over the position of Grand Knight.

My good wishes and prayers to all the Knights around the globe.

Fraternally,  
Johnson Moraes  
[Deputy Grand Knight, Council 1394](#)



MAY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 7PM Executive	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day	14 7PM Meeting/ Elections	15	16	17	18 2PM Yard Sale Drop-off	19 8AM - 2PM KofC Yard Sale
20	21 Victoria Day	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

JUNE 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 6PM Eastern Rite Mass
3	4	5	6 7PM Executive	7	8	9
10	11 7PM Meeting	12	13 7PM Clergy Appreciation	14	15 6PM Mass & Installation	16
17 Father's Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

JULY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Canada Day	2 Canada Day Holiday	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 No Meeting	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

AUGUST 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Civic Holiday	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 No Meeting	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Charity Committee Report \*

Donations from the Charity Committee for Fraternal Year 2017/2018 . . . . .	\$ 19,000
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\* Totals are approximate.

Adult Christmas Party – Saturday, January 7, 2017



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Adult Christmas Party – Saturday, January 6, 2018



Our annual Adult Christmas Party is shown here. Santa is talking with the Bishop while we all look on. Seated at the head table are (from Bishop Bergie clockwise): the Bishop, District Deputy Martin Marco, his wife Marion, Father Richard Kowalchuk, Father Moser, Grand Knight John Nixon, (turned from camera), his daughter Dr. Allison Nixon, PGK William Mathie, his wife Elise Mathie, Katherine and Marc James. (In the foreground) PGK Andy Reyes and his wife.

(From left) Dr. Allison Nixon, Recording Secretary Rene Ongcangco's wife's Thelma and new Brother Knight Peter Quashigah are pictured here posing at the Adult Christmas Party.

Columbus Day Dinner – Saturday, October 14, 2017



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St. Patrick's Day – Saturday, March 17, 2018



Council Business Meeting – Monday, November 13, 2017

Guest speakers Marlene Tersigni and Bernadette James from St. Catharines Right to Life



Marlene Tersigni



Bernadette James



(from left) DD Martin Marko, Treasurer Joseph Karabinos, FS Don Mikulinski, GK Nixon, Fr. Stephen, Field Agent Philip Brand, Recording Secretary Rene Ongcangco

Words of Wisdom from Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

*Baloney is flattery laid on so thick it cannot be true. Blarney is flattery so thin we love it.*

*I feel it is time that I pay tribute to my four writers: Mathew, Mark, Luke and John.*

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## A Parting Message from Our Chaplain

Religious vs Spiritual - What is the difference?

*Fr. Stephen Innamorati*

Like many people, we will all have experience of the divine in our lifetime. Whether it is a moment in prayer, looking up at the night sky or by listening to a particular piece of music. When it does happen most people struggle with words to describe it because nothing seems adequate to convey how stirring it actually is. It is experiences like these that may cause some Catholics to look at the so-called institutional Catholic church with its rules and doctrines as a pale shadow of the thing they experienced. Religion is seen as something that suffers from stale formulas that does little to capture or express the rapture of spiritual revelation.

It is perhaps correct to say religion suffers from stale formulas because if we were to encounter God the Church would seem like a reduction that comes drastically short of the real thing. It would be the same as comparing the experience of looking at a picture or a map of the ocean to the experience of standing on the threshold of that vast expanse. While a map may not be the ocean, it is still indispensable if you want to know anything about it. It is a record of all the knowledge that has been left behind by the explorers and travelers who experienced the real thing and then given it to us so that we do not get lost at sea.

Standing on the shoreline of spiritual reality can be like that. The beauty and magnificence of it can implant a desire in us to want to go into deeper waters but if we do not know what we are doing then it can be extremely dangerous. All of our experiences in the material life are like that. The world can be a dangerous place so why would we expect spiritual reality to be any different?

Religion is a lot like that. It is certainly not God and it might just seem underwhelming in comparison (just like a map is to the ocean) but it can be vital in helping you navigate your spiritual life. Being spiritual and not religious does not mean you are not going to have religious ideas or even doctrines, it just means you run the risk of having very juvenile ones that great thinkers and theologians have tried and abandoned. If God exists, and if we want to respond to those profound experiences, then we have to do something with them. We have to try and interpret them and understand what is being asked of us, if anything.

The difference between a religious and a non-religious response is a matter of experience and objectivity. On your own, you have very little of either of those things but in the context of a community or tradition like the Church you benefit from a collective of knowledge and experiences. You are stuck operating within your own narrow perspective and assumptions without that collective of knowledge.

If the divine exists, then I imagine it would challenge those assumptions and offer guidelines that are surprising and unexpected. If it did not, I would be afraid that it was merely my own invention or a projection of my preferences. The Church proposes doctrines that will challenge your assumptions and preferences but in the "spiritual not religious" scenario there is nothing that will force you to do that. There is a much higher risk of picking and choosing ideas and assumptions that will suit your preferences. But what is the likelihood that ultimate reality and the divine will be completely compatible with your preferences? If you are the only one who defines the doctrines of your personal spirituality then you are not really connecting with anything outside of yourself. You are just worshiping your own assumptions.

Good religion will draw your attention out of your own selfish perspective and towards God and a community of people like the Catholic Church. Being spiritual is something that happens by default. It is an accident of your existence. Religion is what happens when you put your spiritual reality to work.

Father Stephen

Our new Grand Knight Johnson Moraes with his wife Neena at a Fourth Degree dinner.



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