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REFLECTIONS FROM SAINT POPE JOHN XXIII

Anybody can be Pope; the proof of this is that I have become one.

The family is the first essential cell of human society.

Men are like wine – some turn to vinegar, but the best improve with age.

http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/p/pope_john_xxiii.html

DEACONATE PROGRAM

Congratulations go out to Past Faithful Navigator Steve Canali. PFN Steve has entered the Deaconate Program for the Diocese of Raleigh.

TRINITARIAN BAPTISM

Sir Knight Christopher R. Cooper

The Trinitarian Baptism as the name implies invokes the three names of the Blessed Trinity. The Holy Catholic Church only recognizes a Trinitarian Baptism as valid. The question is why? This question leads to the next question. Why do other Christian denominations not use the Trinitarian Baptism? First things first, let's look at the origin of Baptism in the Bible.

The origin of Baptism in the Bible comes from the Gospel of St. Matthew chapter 28 verse 19, "Going therefore, teach ye all nations: baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." (Loreto, 2005) The passage is the basis for the Trinitarian Baptism used by the Holy Catholic Church. The Eastern and Western Churches have slight variations in the wording. (USCC, 1994) In the Western Church, these words are used, "N., I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." In the Eastern Churches these words are used, "The servant of God, N., is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Both versions include the Trinitarian Baptism formula. However, not all Christian denominations follow the Trinitarian Baptism formula.

The Christian Churches that do not administer Trinitarian Baptisms have misinterpreted certain passages in The Acts of the Apostles or had fallen prey to the Arianism Heresy of the fourth century A.D. (Catholic Answers, 2004) An example from The Acts of the Apostles is 2:38, "Repent, Peter said to them: Do penance: and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins. And you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." (Loreto, 2005) In this passage it appears St. Luke, who is the author of The Acts of the Apostles, chronicles the Apostles only baptized the Faithful in the name of Jesus. However, this notion is a misinterpretation. St. Luke is distinguishing Christian Baptism from other baptism performed by the Jewish people and by pagans. Further proof can be rendered from The Didache. (Catholic Answers, 2004) The Didache also known as the "Teaching of the Twelve Apostles" is an ancient manuscript documenting the initiation for catechumen, along with other instructions, for the earlier Christian Church. (Encyclopædia Britannica, 2015) This document clarifies how Baptism is to be administered, "After the foregoing instructions, baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..." (Catholic Answers, 2004) The Arianism Heresy is a different story. This Heresy arose in the 4th century

A.D. and denied the divinity of Christ. (Barry, 1907) Jehovah's Witnesses follow this heresy. (Catholic Answers, 2004) This religious sect does not follow a set baptismal procedure or believe Christ actually died on the Cross.

I hope this article cleared up why the Holy Catholic Church uses the Trinitarian Baptism formula. Check out the following sources to find out more about Trinitarian Baptism.

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CARDINAL GIBBONS ASSEMBLY HONOR GUARD

NEW HONOR GUARD COMMANDER WANTED

Faithful Navigator Bob Testa will not be to continue as Honor Guard Commander. If you are interested in becoming Honor Guard Commander contact him or any of the Assembly Officers to volunteer.

REGALIA ITEMS FOR LOAN

Faithful Comptroller Rod Komlofske has regalia items to loan for members of the Assembly who do not have them. If you want to participate in an Honor Guard event and do not have the required regalia items send email to rod.komlofske@gmail.com.

A tuxedo was donated to the Assembly: coat 42 and pants waist 43. If you need a tuxedo contact Faithful Comptroller Rod Komlofske rod.komlofske@gmail.com.

UPCOMING HONOR GUARD EVENT:

VETERANS DAY PARADE 2015

The next scheduled Honor Guard Event is the Fayetteville Veterans Day Parade 2015. It is tentatively scheduled for 7 November 2015. More details will be sent out as they become available.

DEGREE CEREMONIES

First Degree Ceremony: 12 August 2015. Location: Council 9847, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

Second Degree Ceremony: 22 August 2015. Location: Council 8857, Hope Mills, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

Third Degree Ceremony (Spanish): 23 August 2015. Location: Council 9880, Raleigh, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

First Degree Ceremony: 7 September 2015. Location: Council 11683, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

First Degree Ceremony: 9 September 2015. Location: Council 9847, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

Second Degree Ceremony: 15 September 2015. Location: Council 12640, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

Third Degree Ceremony: 19 September 2015. Location: Council 2838, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

First Degree Ceremony: 19 October 2015. Location: Council 15250, Ft. Bragg, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

First Degree Ceremony: 2 November 2015. Location: Council 11683, Fayetteville, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

Fourth Degree Ceremony: 21 November 2015. Location: Assembly 778, Raleigh, NC. For more details go to the NC K of C State Council Website: <http://kofcnc.org/>

DATES TO REMEMBER

30 Days

July 30	July 30 GK's complete and submit the State Directory Form
July 30	State Staff complete and submit the State Staff Directory Form

60 Days

August 1	Service Program Personnel Report #365 Supreme Form
August 15	Semiannual Audit Report # 1295 Supreme Form
August 15	Soccer Challenge Kit Order Supreme Form
August 22	Squires Organizational Meeting St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
August 23	3rd Degree (Spanish) Council 2546

90 Days

September 1	Columbian Squires Officers and Counselors Report #468 Supreme Form
September 1	Notice of Appointment of Round Table Coordinator # 2629 Supreme Form
September 1	Substance Abuse Awareness Supreme Form
September 11-12	Eucharistic Congress – Charlotte, NC
September 20-25	Pope Francis visit to USA
September 26	State Bocce Tournament Winston-Salem
October 10-11	State Golf Tournament Wilmington

INDULGENCES!!!...

Sir Knight Christopher R. Cooper

INDULGENCES!!!...The very word can strike fear in the hearts of many. It conjures up images of the Protestant Reformation, the Counter Reformation, the Wars of Religion and so on so forth. What is an indulgence? It's not the bogeyman. An indulgence is relief from temporal punishment i.e. purgatory. Did the Holy Catholic Church ever sell indulgences? No, the Holy Catholic Church never sold them despite the propaganda that is taught in school. I remember sitting in world history class in high school hearing this nonsense. However, there were

abuses the Church corrected. What are examples of indulgences? Three come to mind. First let's look at the definition of an indulgence.

"An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin. Indulgences may be applied to the living or the dead." (USCC, 1994) An indulgence's purpose is to relieve some or all of the time a member of the Faithful spends in purification in purgatory. Where the Sacrament of Reconciliation is concerned with the forgiveness of sins, an indulgence is concerned with the relief of temporal punishment. An indulgence is not the bogeyman some people try to make it out to be.

There were abuses with indulgences. In certain areas of Europe indulgences were sold. Cardinal Cajetan at the height of the abuse of the sale of indulgences chastised this practice. (Catholic Answers, 2015) He further wrote that the practitioners who sold indulgences did represent the Church. The Holy Catholic Church put an end to practice at the Council of Trent (1545-1564 A.D.) Here is an expert from the Council, "But desiring that the abuses which have become connected with them, and by any reason of which this excellent name of indulgences is blasphemed by the heretics, be amended and corrected, it ordains in a general way by the present decree that all evil traffic in them, which has been a most prolific source of abuses among the Christian people, be absolutely abolished."

What are some examples of indulgences? In the United States the Faithful of the Roman Church pray for the souls in purgatory on All Souls Day, November 2. (Mershman, 1907) The Maronite Catholic Church also recognizes November 2 as All Souls Day along with three others: Deceased Priests, The Righteous and Just, and The Faithful Departed. They are celebrated one each on the three Sundays before the beginning of Lent. The next example is praying the Rosary. (Ave Maria Rosaries, 2015) Depending where and when the Rosary is prayed the indulgence can be either partial or plenary. A third example is reading the Bible. "Pope Leo XIII granted to the faithful who shall read for at least a quarter of an hour the books of the Sacred Scripture with the veneration due to the Divine Word and as spiritual reading, and indulgence of 300 days." (Loreto, 2005)

So are indulgences the spooky bogeymen some people try to make them out to be? Of course not, indulgences are prayers requesting relief from temporal punishment in purgatory. The Holy Catholic Church never endorsed the sale of indulgences. The Church did rein in the individuals who abuse indulgence by selling them. Today, there are examples of indulgences; All Souls Day, praying the Rosary, and reading the Bible. I hope this article clarified indulgences and their practice. To further your knowledge check out the following sources for this article.

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IN MEMORIAM:

Please keep in your prayers for the repose of the souls of:
Victims of the massacre Chattanooga, TN
All Deceased Knights of Columbus.
All Members of the U.S Armed Forces.
All First Responders.

ARTICLES FROM THE ASSEMBLY MEMBERSHIP

Any Sir Knight who wants to submit an article to the Newsletter, turn the article into Faithful Scribe SK Chris Cooper at the next Assembly meeting or send it via email to COOP5614@yahoo.com.