

**Knights of Columbus Alberta-Northwest Territories
Formation Program-November-2020
You shall love your neighbor as yourself, (Mt. 22, 39)**

Opening Prayer

Lord, teach us to pray:
“Our Father...”

The Reading

(To be read by the Leader)

November greetings Worthy Brothers. Some of the comments I hear often enough, (and understandably I might add) are, Father, I am still not ready, I don't feel comfortable. I am in the vulnerable age group, I have pre-existing medical conditions that make me vulnerable to covid. I have not been out unless absolutely necessary. For our Knights purposes, this begs two questions. 1. When is it time for me to come back to Church? 2. When will we return to our regular monthly council meetings and activities? The response I offer when I hear these concerns: **“My friends, you are always welcome. No one will turn you away. You need to come when you feel comfortable to do so”**. We go shopping when we feel it is appropriate, the same must be said about coming to see Dear Jesus. My brothers, all are welcome. You must come when it feels right for you, and when you feel your health and or your age, does not leave you in a compromised situation.

A good number of our golden years' seniors have chosen to come back and join us for Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and a good number have chosen to continue to join us from home. **The important message is this. Please come back to your Parish Church when you feel it is right for you to come back. As a Council; come back when it is time.** The Lord understands this and so does the Church. We are doing a very diligent job in following health protocols, but we also know nothing is bullet proof when it comes to covid. When you arrive at the Church, 1. You will be screened, 2. You will wear a mask and sanitize when you enter, 3. You will be seated in a properly distanced pew, 4. You will sanitize at the time you leave the Church and 5. All pews and high touch areas will be sanitized when you leave the parish. I expect that as our groups gather, Knights, CWL, etc. all these protocols will be required. So be it. I can tell you on a personal

level that I feel safer in my parish than I do in my supermarket.

The Reflection

(To be read by the Leader)

Many of our Alberta Councils are meeting by way of zoom or google meets at the present time. I know this is not ideal and it does not present a great opportunity for fraternity as we know it. Brothers for now, perhaps we must be grateful that this crisis did not occur fifty years ago. The world wide web (or the interweb, as Brent from Corner Gas states) has been a remarkable tool without which we could be assured of some far less viable options for communicating to our Brother Knights, to our parishioners, to our families.

Worthy Brothers, we have put some very stringent safeguards and protocols in place, Church and Council. However, at the end of the day, you need to come to the church when your heart, your health and your conscience tells you it is the right thing for you and your family to do.

I will say it has been a joyful event to greet my dear parishioners at the doors of the parish, many whom I have not seen for many months now. I have also enjoyed gazing upon the holy countenances of my #6083 council and those of our State Board. May our Lord bless all His children, young and not so young, with health, happiness, and holiness during this covid time.
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Meditation Period

(The Leader now invites the members to spend a few moments in silent reflection, as the above text is not meant to be a ready-made answer but a starter for personal reflection on the theme.)

Fraternal Sharing

(The leader now invites the members to share with their Brother Knights any relevant thoughts that came to them during the meditation period.)

Closing Prayer

(Recited by all)

Let us pray:

“Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen