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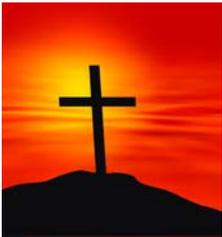
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A Day of Recollection with Father Gerard



Fr Ragan Council is hosting a Day of Recollection on Saturday December 3rd with our Chaplain Fr. Gerard Gonda OSB as facilitator. There is **no cost** and will take place at Fr. Ragan Hall.

The event is open to All Catholic Men, members, non-members, friends, & neighbors. We will begin with lunch at Noon and will end about 3:30 PM to allow those wishing to attend Saturday afternoon Mass the opportunity to do so.

The Subject will be: John Paul II—Qualities that made him such an appealing figure to the world youth.

Ask the men that have participated in previous Days of Recollection and you will find unanimous acclaim for the outstanding programs of Fr. Gerard. Please plan on joining us, it's an excellent way to prepare spiritually for the Christmas season.

Free Seniors' Dinner

When: Sunday December 4th 2011 at 1:00 PM at Fr. Ragan Hall

Past Grand Knight Vince Gargaro (and his entire family) have again been working hard to provide our area's seniors with a fantastic FREE turkey dinner with all the fixings. Tom's Country Place will provide the salad, turkey, potatoes, stuffing, & dessert. Various beverages will also be provided. Sponsored by the Father Ragan Charitable Foundation, this event has been a popular gathering for 30 years

As always the dinner is open to all senior citizens of the community. While the dinner

is free, **tickets are required** as we only have so much room in our hall. Tickets will be available at the Avon, North Ridgeville & Avon Lake Senior's Centers or you can contact PGK Vince by e-mail vgargaro01@roadrunner.com or phone 934-1778.

Volunteer Help is Needed—This is a major undertaking requiring lots of helping hands. A set up crew to arrange tables & chairs is needed on **Saturday morning (December 3rd)** at 9:00 AM. (Note: you will easily be done in time to attend the Day of Recollection mentioned above). **Sunday (December 4th)**, the day of the dinner, helpers are asked to arrive between Noon and 12:30 PM to set up and prepare the distribution of the dinners. Of course, there will be an opportunity for dishwashers and clean up too. This is great opportunity for our new (read "young") members to get involved. We look forward to seeing both our guests and helpers.

Children's Christmas Party

PGK John Hricovec has once again planned a fun filled family afternoon for the annual Children's Christmas Party scheduled for Sunday December 11th 2011 at 1:30 PM at Father Ragan Hall. A family friendly lunch and music will be provided while we await the arrival of the guest of honor, the Big Man: Santa Claus.

Santa will welcome all children ten (10) years old and under with a gift and a photo opportunity. He may even let mom and dad (grandma & grandpa) get in on the action. Reservations would be appreciated. E-mail PGK John jthric@msn.com or call 440-242-7894 for more information.



K of C Wrestling Tournament

The annual Knights of Columbus Wrestling tournament is scheduled for Friday & Saturday December 2nd & 3rd 2011 at the Avon Lake High School Field House, 175 Avon Belden Rd Avon Lake, Ohio.

Volunteers are needed to help run clocks, record scores and other tasks. No experience is necessary, just the willingness to help. If able, we would ask that you wear the emblem of the order on your shirt or jacket while working to let the spectators know who we are. Just let the folks at the door know you are KofC members there to work.

Help is needed Friday from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM and Saturday from 10:00 AM until about 3:00 PM. The finals begin at 6:00 PM Saturday night.

If able to help call Bob Cobos at 933-5567 or via e-mail at rfcobos@cobosinsurance.net

Workers are asked to show up 15 or 20 minutes before the beginning of the session so that you can get your assignments and be shown what to do.

Sir Knights in full regalia from Lt McManus Assembly 4th Degree are asked to arrive at 5:30 PM Saturday December 3rd. They will present the colors during the National Anthem and lead the parade of champions into the gym.

Light Up for Christ

We will assemble Sunday November 27th at 5:00 PM at Fr Ragan Hall. as we remember the **Reason for the Season**, with our annual **Light Up for Christ Ceremony**. The ceremony is open to the public; wives, children & friends and will be conducted by Brother Knight, Deacon Bob Walling.

With the ever expanding secular & commercial uses of the Christmas season, it's important that we remember that our Lord and Savior's Birthday is the MAIN cause for celebration. Members and guests are asked to join us for this event. Following the ceremony refreshments will be served.

CONGRATULATIONS

The officers and members of Father Ragan Council offer our congratulations to Inside Guard Mike Collins and his wife Laurann on the arrival of their newest family member Anne Kathryn.

CONGRATULATIONS PART 2

We also congratulate the other New Daddy Jim Bruder on his new baby too. A John Deere Green Diesel Tractor with a bucket loader. I think mommy Bobbie is less than thrilled. I'm sure Jim will have pictures soon.

Grand Knight's Report

As Advent approaches, I recall one Sunday during the Advent season when the choir gathered and began to sing a well known hymn that began with these words; "Come, now is the time to worship". The first Christmas lacked the modern day parties, gifts, and feasting, but it did include worship. The shepherds and the Magi came to worship the new born King.

This year consider your response to Jesus' arrival on earth. Is there room for worship in your heart on this day that celebrates his birth?

I would like to thank every council member that helped contribute to the great success of this year's Turkey Raffle. From the set-up, to the event itself, to the clean-up it seemed that a good time was had by all. I would also like to thank the Council members who donated door prizes or were able to get a business to contribute a door prize.

December seems like a month filled with many activities that need help from our council members. As you read this month's Father Ragan Report, I would ask that you consider giving a little bit of your time to volunteer or participate in an activity that has been planned.

I hope that the Spirit of Christmas stays with each and every one of you throughout the year. Remember, the first six letters of Christmas are C-H-R-I-S-T.

Frederick Metz – Grand Knight
Vivat Jesus

First Friday Forum of Lorain County



December 2, 2011 • 11:30 am-1:00 pm

The Roman Catholic Church Throughout the World

Mr. David G. Arredondo

Director, International Student Services
Lorain County Community College

Can you imagine attending Mass celebrated in a foreign language? Imagine attending Mass with no books or hymnals? Imagine attending Mass and knowing the songs being sung, but in English? David Arredondo will describe his experiences attending Mass while traveling throughout the world... .. sharing the differences and similarities as well as the sights and sounds of a universal church.

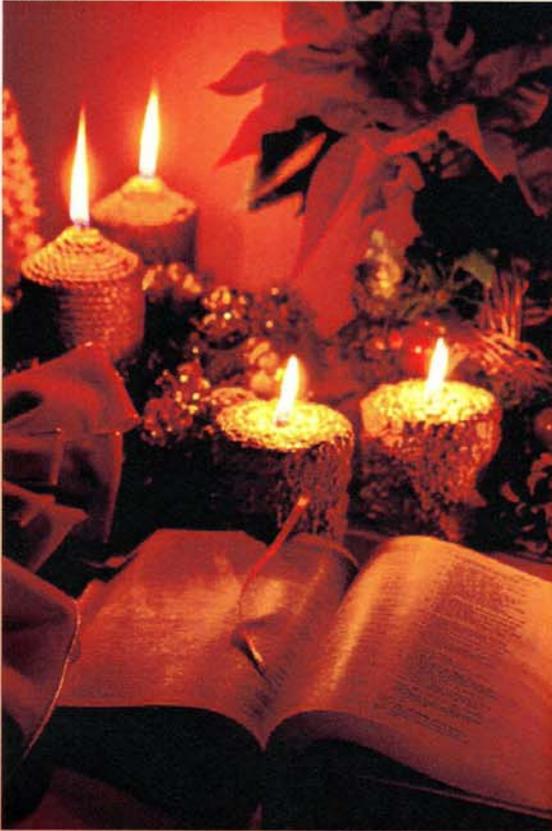
David G. Arredondo is the Director of International Student Services at Lorain County Community College. He has more than thirty years of experience in education and government as an administrator, adjunct professor, admissions advisor, and writer.

Mr. Arredondo is a graduate of Miami University and was a Mexican government Scholar at la Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, Mexico City, where he did post graduate study in the School of Political and Social Sciences. His areas of interest include American and Mexican politics, affirmative action, immigration, and selective college admissions as well as other topics.



Lorain County Community College
Spitzer Conference Center in Elyria, Ohio
Luncheon Buffet: 11:30 am • Speaker: 12:00 – 1:00 pm
\$15.00 per reservation
RESERVATION DEADLINE: 3:00 pm, Friday, November 25th!
Please mail your \$15 check to:
First Friday Forum of Lorain County, 320 Middle Avenue, Elyria, OH 44035
or call the reservation line at 440-244-0643 or e-mail fffiorain@gmail.com

A Warm and Cozy Christmas



Dinner & Dance

Saturday, December 10

K of C Hall, 1783 Moore Road
Avon (next to BJs)

6:30 pm Appetizers | 7:15 pm Dinner

Catered by Tom's
Country Place

\$21 per person,
BYOB, wash provided

Dance to the Music
of John Kowalski

Paid reservations by
December 5th

You may bring a new unwrapped toy to be donated to an area shelter.

For tickets, call Pat 440-933-8986 or Bobbie 440-934-4053



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