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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN ...



Watch your chapter emails for Reverend William D. Wuenchel's upcoming column!

## A WIN FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM!

<FROM WWW.KOFC.ORG>



A Statement by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson on the administration's HHS Mandate decision:

“The first right enumerated in the First Amendment of the Bill of Rights is freedom of religion. This action by the Trump administration is an important step in protecting and recovering the constitutional rights of the American people. We applaud the administration for promulgating a rule that ends the unconstitutional burden that the so-called "HHS Mandate" imposed on religious employers. It is now crucial that the Trump administration drop its defense of the many lawsuits opposing the "HHS Mandate" to allow for clear court precedent as to the unconstitutional nature of the previous regulations.”

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPTER PRESIDENT...

Brother Knights of the Pittsburgh Chapter,



### ON GIVING THANKS:

The three words that must really reverberate through-out the Heavens, have to be "THANK YOU LORD". When we ask or petition through prayer, we are many times amazed that God actually answered us, and things seem to work out. After basking in the glow of being favored by God, how many of us offer a prayer of simple "THANKS". It is very easy to overlook the latter when we are so concerned with the former.

When we sit around the Thanksgiving table recounting our Blessings, how many of us realize that until that moment we hadn't really offered any thanks to the One whom we owe everything.

Thanksgiving Day would be a good time to reflect and thank God for the foresight and imagination of one of God's favorite sons, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, our Order's Founder. Stop and think, without the Lord's Divine Guidance, there would be no Knights Of Columbus, Can you even imagine, not belonging to the largest Fraternal Organization of the Catholic Church? So I say, an offering of Thanks are in order. We can start by thanking the Lord for our Founder, our Supreme Knight, along with all our Officers and Brother Knights, along with all the good works done by our Order. It is a privilege to be associated with such a group of men, and the thanks should go to the ONE who is responsible for every good that comes into our lives.

Fraternally,

Joseph Ferruzza  
President, Pittsburgh Chapter Knights of Columbus



NO CHAPTER MEETING  
WILL  
BE  
HELD IN NOVEMBER !

## BISHOP DAVID ZUBIK ON THE RESOLUTION OF ZUBIK V. BURWELL



I am grateful to God that we have reached an agreement with the government that secures and reaffirms the constitutional right of religious freedom. The Diocese of Pittsburgh’s 5-year challenge to the HHS mandate provisions of the Affordable Care Act has been resolved successfully. Our Catholic Charities and other religious organizations of different denominations will not be required to facilitate insurance coverage or practices that are morally unacceptable to them.

The settlement follows the recent release of new federal regulations that provide religious organizations with a full exemption from covering items that violate their core beliefs.

The Diocese of Pittsburgh joined more than 70 religious organizations represented by the law firm of Jones Day in filing an initial challenge to the government's regulations in May 2012. The diocese objected to the government's definition of a religious organization. The federal government had exempted houses of worship from covering morally objectionable items in their health insurance plans but insisted that other religious institutions which are not houses of worship must facilitate such coverage against their sincerely held beliefs. This rule was based on the faulty premise that religious organizations, such as Catholic Charities, were not religious enough to qualify for the exemption. We are gratified that the settlement has eliminated a new and dangerous distinction between houses of worship and religious institutions.

This settlement restores religious freedom guaranteed by the First Amendment. Our litigation sought to re-establish the cornerstone principle that freedom of religion means freedom to practice our faith in daily life, not just in worship and prayer.

On the other hand, this agreement does not prohibit the government from providing contraceptives. But it does prohibit the government and others from using church-related insurance plans as a conduit for such coverage.

This has been a long legal and spiritual battle. I am grateful to the many religious organizations across the country who courageously took up this cause. Throughout these five years, I have prayed that our country would continue to uphold and respect religious freedom. My prayer continues that together we may protect the lives and rights of all human beings.

<from diopitt.org>

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<b>5TH PRIZE</b> California Coast & Wine Country	<b>6TH PRIZE</b> Disney World 2 A and 2 C	<b>7TH PRIZE</b> Canyon Country 8 Days	<b>8TH PRIZE</b> New England Fall Foliage
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16 GREAT PRIZES!**

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS:**



**NOVEMBER 1 – ALL  
SAINTS’ DAY – HOLY DAY  
OF OBLIGATION**

**NOVEMBER CHAPTER  
MEETING – <NO MEETING>**

**DECEMBER 8 – Feast of the  
Immaculate Conception –  
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**DECEMBER CHAPTER  
MEETING – Bellevue Council  
#1400 – more information will  
be given via e-mail**

**JANUARY CHAPTER  
MEETING – St. Joseph  
(Verona) Council #4242**

**PITTSBURGH STEELERS  
2017 SCHEDULE**

**BE SMART!**

**PLAN YOUR UPCOMING COUNCIL  
EVENTS IN NOVEMBER AND  
DECEMBER SO AS NOT TO  
CONFLICT WITH ACTIVITIES  
SUCH AS THE STEELER GAMES!**

Oct.	29	at Detroit .....	8:30
Nov.	5	BYE WEEK	
Nov.	12	at Indianapolis.....	1:00
Nov.	16	Tennessee .....	8:25
Nov.	26	Green Bay .....	8:30
Dec.	4	at Cincinnati .....	8:30
Dec.	10	Baltimore .....	8:30
Dec.	17	New England .....	4:25
Dec.	25	at Houston .....	4:30
Dec.	31	Cleveland .....	1:00

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# NOVEMBER 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*** Family of the Month Report for October Due			1 All Saints Day – Holy Day of Obligation	2	3	4
5	6	7 Election Day	8	9	10	11 
12	13	14	15 ***	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

# DECEMBER 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*** Family of the Month Report for November Due					1	2
3 	4	5	6	7	8 Immaculate Conception – Holy Day of Obligation	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 ***	16
17	18	19	20	21 	22	23
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30
31 New Years' Eve						