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State Deputy 2022-2023



Brothers and Sisters All,

As your State Deputy for the Columbian Year 2022-2023, I want to thank all of you worthy brothers for your ongoing visible commitment to the mission of Christ as it comes to us through the Church. Before embarking on the path forward, allow me to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Worthy IPSD Noel Panlilio and his wife, Lady Fannie Panlilio for bringing us together as a family and leading us upward and onward.

We have truly risen again from the ashes of the pandemic and subsequent parish closings. Thanks to their exemplary leadership as well as from both of our predecessors, I am excited to say the California Knights of Columbus are strong and poised to usher in a new era of growth, service, and leadership development.

Our mission is to revitalize Christianity in California with the same fervent evangelizing spirit as those early missionaries led by St. Junipero Serra who set out to establish a chain of missions that changed the human history of California in profound ways.

To help us remember and assume their same spiritual zeal, we have adopted the motto for this Columbian Year, **“Siempre Adelante, Nunca Atras!”** – **“Always Forward, Never Back!”** However, we intend to up the ante by not merely always moving forward, but also to do so in a way that **“Leaves No Neighbor, No Parish and No Council – Behind.”**

Father Serra and the early Franciscan missionaries truly had Christ’s own spirit of *servant leadership*, which is the spirit we strive for in this Columbian year. We encourage you to move forward with us through this pilgrimage of life on our way to heaven. In short, it’s about evangelization!

On that point, allow me to suggest that the goals and objectives we have this year are of generational importance. Here’s what we have planned:

- a pilgrimage to the 21 California missions.
- a dramatic enhancement of our contributions to first responders across the state.
- leadership of the greatest return to Mass in generations as well as renewed devotion to the Holy Eucharist.
- And much more...

We plan to roll out these initiatives carefully and methodically so everyone will see where they should get involved. It should also be noted we will double down on our **fight for the dignity of life from conception to natural death**. While we are rejoicing and thanking God that the United States Supreme Court has overturned the *Roe. v. Wade* decision, we realize that California is proposing itself as the leading destination in the country for abortions.

This must not stand! And as Knights of Columbus, we intend to lead the way with steady leadership comprised of humility and indomitable will. Servant leadership sees leading and following as two sides to the same coin; you simply can’t have one without the other.

During this year of Eucharistic Revival, everything we do will be underpinned by embracing our personal faith formation; and we will work in solidarity with Cardinal- Designate Bishop McElroy as well as our Bishop’s and Clergy across our state to evangelize who we are as Catholics.

Also, July is the month dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, and don’t forget that Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup> was the feast day of our great patron, St. Junipero Serra!

In our newsletter this month you will find valuable resources for promoting faith and devotion. Please find and share our new Columbian Year inaugural, **July 2022** edition of [Prayers in the Pew Monthly](#).

Take special note to:

- Learn about and recite the DIVINE PRAISES, which is the feature [Prayer in the Pew this month](#).
- Read the **Faith Fundamental** on The Three Theological Virtues.
- Participate in our Featured Faith in Action Program of the Month: **Refund Support for Vocations Program (RSVP)**.
- Embrace the **Spiritual Challenge** from our *four-time* California State Chaplain, Fr. John P. Grace, OSA, who understands the spirit of servant leadership perfectly well. Recently he wrote: “We not only look at the end result of any activity, but we look to the basis, the very reason for, the whole purpose of our actions.”

And please know that Lady Carla Trevino joins me in wishing you and yours every good grace and mercy in this coming Columbian Year. She also joins me in saying that in every way, **“We are here to help you help others!”**

Fraternally,



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