



California State Council Knights of Columbus

District Deputy Midyear Meeting

Ladies Event-Saturday, January 7th, 2023

Granite Room-1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Refreshments and snacks will be served – Free of Charge



Presenting- Jerry DeMelo - his Pilgrimages to the Holy Land

Jerry was born in Visalia but grew up in Brazil. He returned to the US at age 12, such that English is his second language. Jerry attended catholic schools in Brazil and in the US until he began High School.

A Naval Academy graduate, Jerry served in the Submarine Force and then as a Mechanical Engineer worked for General Electric in the construction of two nuclear power plants. Thereafter, he became an attorney and subsequently a Judicial Officer supervising a family law department for over 16 years.

Jerry is a committed Catholic and a life professed Lay Dominican. He is involved in several ministries including a weekly bible study for over 11 years.

As needed, he meets one on one with Converts to the Faith who need a special RCIA programs due to their background. This has included two Anglican priests, an orthodox Jew and most recently a Buddhist doctor.

Jerry is also an instructor in the Diaconate Program for the Dioceses of Fresno. He has assisted in that capacity, in the formation of three different classes of deacons. He is now in his tenth year as an instructor, beginning to teach a fourth class of 19 future deacons and their wives.

Jerry also leads pilgrimages to Rome and to the Holy Land. This February he will lead his twelfth group to Israel to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. He is committed to sharing this experience with priests and deacons, the fruit of which, is often reflected in their homilies.