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CALIFORNIA STATE COUNCIL

2023-2024
DISTRICT DEPUTY
ORGANIZATIONAL/TRAINING
MEETING

July 2023
Visalia Marriott at the Convention Center

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Evangelization and Faith Formation – Cor Intro

- No Evangelization without the Holy Spirit
- Closing the Gap (E & FF)
- For Knights and Men of the Parish
- On Par with Charitable Services

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COR – Higher Purpose

"But we are not merely volunteers. We are servants of Christ who see his face in those we serve. Ours is a charity that evangelizes. Ours is a charity that brings people to faith, even as it springs from our own. Faith and courage inspire us to be men of unity"

~Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, Supreme Report 2021

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Blessed McGivney's Vision

- Evangelization and faith formation were key to Blessed Michael McGivney's vision for the Knights to keep men Catholic in the **19th Century**…
- For the **21st Century** – to win now, we must realize this is serious business.

"The time has come where we must make radical choices, return to our roots, live fundamentally different lives, and proclaim the Gospel fearlessly."

~ Cardinal Robert Sarah

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WHAT EVERY CATHOLIC MAN NEEDS?

- Active and Growing relationship with God
- Continued formation in faith & life of prayer
- <u>Ascension: It is precisely those most focused on the things of heaven that…</u>

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ENTER COR

Cor ad cor loquitur – "Heart speaks to Heart"
~ John Henry Cardinal Newman

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COR Overview

Prayer	Formation	Fraternity
Through prayer we strengthen our relationship with God as disciples (followers) of Jesus Christ and grow in our knowledge of Him.	The aim of Catholic formation is to grow in faith and become like Christ, taking on his character and virtue, life of prayer, and his mission.	*Cor* brings men together as a band of brothers to strengthen and sharpen each other in friendship and fraternity.

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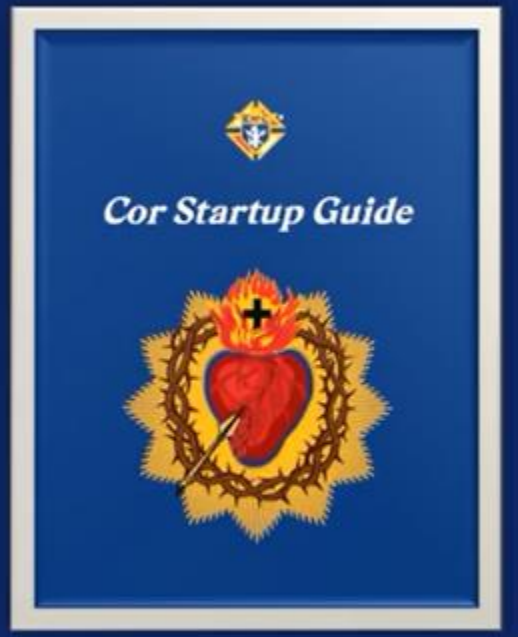
COR Resources

Cor Resources

- *Cor Startup Guide, Checklist & FAQ*
  - "How to" guide with sample schedule and content
- *Cor Parish Communication Packet*
  - Parish Script
  - Bulletin Announcement
- *Cor Reference Guide*
  - Deeper dive into prayer, formation, & fraternity
- www.kofc.org/cor



Fraternal Year ‘23-24’ Cor Rollout

- August Training of State Evangelization and Faith Formation Directors and Team
- September rollout of Cor across the state of California
- Goal: 10 councils implementing and reporting on Cor per participating jurisdiction
- 100% optional

What is success?

Simple & consistent

Create space and schedule the time

Bring men together to focus on Jesus and pray together

<u>What difference will we make?</u>

*We will create a ripple effect that will change neighborhoods and nations!

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Action Items and Timeline

- Begin Inviting Grand Knights to implement *Cor – Select One Council per district for Sept 1 kick-off.*
- DD Annual Report Form 944 – Report on councils implementing *Cor*
- Council EFF Director Appointed by the Grand Knight 'enter within Member Management'
- Implement Prayers in the Pew Monthly (Pulpit, Bulletin, Council meeting faith fundamental).

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Ecclesiastes

Chapter 4

9 Two are better than one: They get a good wage for their toil.

10 If the one falls, the other will help the fallen one. But woe to the solitary person! If that one should fall, there is no other to help.

11 So also, if two sleep together, they keep each other warm. How can one alone keep warm?

12 Where one alone may be overcome, two together can resist. A three-ply cord* is not easily broken.

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As California Goes

- Raul Martinez
- Carlos Gutierrez
- Anthony DeBellis
- **James Aitchison, Director (eff@californiaknights.org)**

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As California Goes

- Prayers in the Pew (Art-ready Monthly newsletter since 2019, official prayer cards, custom novenas, editorial cartoons…)
- Important to not confuse Tactics with Strategy
- Presence management and **VALUE 'positioning'** – Sugar on the ant trail
- Buy in at all levels opening the floodgates
- Vehicle for *Eucharistic Revival Parish Phase*, Faith in Action, EFF High Impact evangelization and formation engagement devices
- Strong Right Arm of the Church – No Parish, No Catholic, No Neighbor left behind.

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PRAYERS IN THE PEW™ MONTHLY

Faith Formation Companion to Prayers in the Pew™

FAITH IN ACTION CALENDAR / HIGHLIGHTS	
FRI **JULY 4**	St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
SAT **JULY 22**	St. Mary Magdalene
WED **JULY 26**	Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Virgin Mary

MONTHLY SYNOPSIS

July 2023 – July is the month where we celebrate our independence as a nation. We should also remember that Christ gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit so that we could become sons and daughters of God. We know that "where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" (2 Corinthians 3:17). Our reflections this month are intended to remind us that the Holy Spirit is the source of all good things in our lives and in our families.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Pope Paul VI reminded the Church that "vocations are the fruit of communities united in prayer." This insight highlights different aspects of the journey of a religious vocation.

First, young persons themselves must pray fervently to know God's will for their lives, whether that involves a choice between a religious calling, on the one hand, or marriage on the other. Both vocations are equally beautiful and both are consecrated to the service of God and His Church in various ways.

This is where the Church plays a vital role: "Vocations are the fruit of communities united in prayer." Individuals may misinterpret the call of the Lord for their lives, or they may miss their callings due to temptations, worldly attractions, personal mistakes, and other factors. For that reason, the prayer support of the Church, "communities united in prayer", is essential to vocational discernment.

All Catholics should take to heart the duty to pray for vocations on a regular basis and do our part to encourage young men and women to consider that the Lord might be calling them to a life of total dedication to the work of the Kingdom. As the Lord Jesus walked along the Sea of Galilee so many centuries ago and called some fishermen to become "fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19), so He continues to call men and women to His service in our modern day and age.

Yet, because there are so many distractions in the 21st century, it's easy for His voice to get lost in the noise. For that reason, the Church's Prayer for Vocations is more essential than ever!

A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our diocese and our families. Inspire men to imitate Christ the Eternal High Priest in sacrificial service to Your Church.

Move the hearts of men and women to offer themselves wholly to You in poverty, chastity, and obedience. Send them as laborers for Your harvest. Inspire the faithful to support them with prayer and sacrifice. Raise up holy families who foster openness to Your call. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. ***Amen.***

BIBLE BASICS

John 20:21-23 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Romans 8:11 If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you.

SPIRITUAL CHALLENGE

This month, I challenge you to take another person's need into your prayers and pray for them fervently. Second, I challenge you to pray for the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit so that you may unite yourself more deeply to the Church and to Christ's Eucharistic Mystery.

- CA State Chaplain , Father Raymund M. Reyes

FAITH FUNDAMENTALS

The Fruits of the Holy Spirit

According to our *Catechism*, the "fruits" of the Holy Spirit are interior *perfections*, not of human talents or intelligence, but of character and spirit. They are literally the life of God within us, the fulfillment of Jesus' desire that we "be perfect" as our heavenly Father is perfect (Mathew 5:48).

Human perfections must be developed through hard work, but spiritual perfections are the *result* (that is, the fruit) of the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. The fruits of God's Spirit are wholly good and have nothing of evil in them because they are produced by the divine Tree of Life. The only thing that destroys the Spirit's fruit is the corruption of sin.

The Apostle Paul lists twelve of them in his Letter to the Galatians (Galatians 5:22-23), but more recent Catholic translations list only nine based on more reliable early manuscripts. Here is the list from our *New American Bible*:

Love | Joy | Peace
Patience | Kindness | Generosity
Faithfulness | Gentleness | Self-control

One final word: since fruits are always the products of some vital source (like a tree), we don't actually pray for the fruits themselves. We pray for the Holy Spirit, the "Lord and giver of life", who produces them in us. Asking the Lord to send you His Spirit is a prayer the Father always answers (Luke11:13).

– FAITH IN ACTION –

FEATURED PROGRAM

REFUND SUPPORT FOR VOCATIONS PROGRAM (RSVP)

Our local Knights of Columbus council keeps the faith alive by providing moral, financial and spiritual support to our future priests and religious at all stages of their formation. Through its Refund Support for Vocations Program (RSVP), council and parish families raise funds to support men and women in religious formation in their area. The Supreme Council refunds a portion of the proceeds to the local council. Though financial support is vitally important, councils and parishes are also called to provide their "adopted" seminarian or religious with moral support and prayers for their success.

CALENDAR OF FAITH | JULY

JUL 1 *Sat*	St. Junipero Serra, Priest
JUL 3 *Mon*	St. Thomas, Apostle
JUL 6 *Thu*	St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
JUL 9 *Sun*	St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions, Martyrs of China
JUL 11 *Tue*	St. Benedict, Abbot
JUL 14 *Fri*	St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
JUL 15 *Sat*	St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor
JUL 16 *Sun*	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
JUL 22 *Sat*	St. Mary Magdalene
JUL 23 *Sun*	St. Bridget, Religious
JUL 24 *Mon*	St. Sharbel Makhluf, Hermit
JUL 25 *Tue*	St. James, Apostle
JUL 26 *Wed*	Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Virgin Mary
JUL 29 *Sat*	St. Martha
JUL 30 *Sun*	St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor
JUL 31 *Mon*	St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

THE SCHOOL OF SAINTS

"The Holy Spirit leads us like a mother. He leads His child by the hand... as a sighted person leads a blind person." *~ St. John Vianney*

"As the soul is the life of the body, so the Holy Spirit is the life of our souls." *~ St. Peter Damian*

"Those whose hearts are pure are temples of the Holy Spirit." *~ St. Lucy*

CATECHISM CONNECTION

852 "The Holy Spirit is the principal agent of the whole of the Church's mission... This mission continues and, in the course of history, unfolds the mission of Christ, who was sent to evangelize the poor; so the Church, urged on by the Spirit of Christ, must walk the road Christ himself walked, a way of poverty and obedience, of service and self-sacrifice even to death, a death from which he emerged victorious by his resurrection."

1832 The *fruits* of the Spirit are perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory.

.....Eucharistic Revival Supplement.....

During the time of our National Eucharistic Revival, we are providing a one-page Eucharistic Revival Supplement as a companion to this Newsletter. To download, please visit the SitStandKneel.com website.

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National Eucharistic Revival Supplement – July 2023

BROTHERS AND SISTERS, OUR NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL IS NOW BEGINNING THE YEAR OF PARISH REVIVAL!

*…And there is no better time to start it than in July, the month in our church calendar dedicated to the **Precious Blood of Jesus Christ**, the saving source of life that flowed from His Eucharistic heart on the Cross (John 19:34).*

Back to Basics

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC, 1339-1340) reminds us that the Eucharist is rooted in God's self-revelation to His chosen people. It is the **fulfillment of all the ancient symbols** of God's favor in the Old Testament:

- The **Manna** in the desert (Exodus 16)
- The showbread in the Temple, also called the **Bread of the Presence** in Exodus 25, and
- The Passover meal, with particular emphasis on the **Paschal Lamb** in Exodus 12.

The Fathers Know Best

The **Fathers of the Church** picked up on this connection very easily and drew amazing analogies between the Passover and the Eucharist. St. Jerome is just one good example of so many:

"After the symbol had been fulfilled by the Passover meal and He had eaten the flesh of the lamb with His Apostles, [Jesus] takes bread which strengthens the heart of man, and goes on to the true **Sacrament of the Passover**. Just as Melchisedech, the priest of the Most High God, in prefiguring Him, made bread and wine an offering, He too makes Himself manifest in the reality of His own Body and Blood." ***(~ St. Jerome, Commentary on Matthew's Gospel)***

Liturgy and Truth

It is amazing how much solid theology of the Eucharist is contained in our Sunday liturgy, if only we have **hearts attentive** to the words of our Eucharistic Prayers!

"Be pleased to look upon these offerings with a serene and kindly countenance, as once you were pleased to accept the gifts of your servant Abel the just, the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith, and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek, a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim." ***(From Eucharistic Prayer 1, the Roman Canon)***

*"There are two things the devil is deadly afraid of: fervent Communions and frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament." **~ Saint John Bosco***

Eucharistic Revival Updates

Check out the Eucharist Revival Timeline, 2022-2025.
The Four Invitations of the Eucharistic Revival: reinvigorate worship | create moments of personal encounter | engage in robust formation | send Catholics forth as missionaries.

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EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

UPCOMING EVENTS
JULY 2023

JULY 6	ADORATION WITH BENEDICTION 7-8 PM AT ST. FRANCIS CHAPEL
JULY 13	'INTO THE BREACH" MEN'S NIGHT 6-9 PM AT ST. AUGUSTINE HIGH SCHOOL
JULY 21	HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS 4-5 PM AT ST. FRANCIS CHAPEL
EVERY WEDNESDAY	ADORATION 8:30-11:45 AM AT ST. FRANCIS CHAPEL BENEDICTION AT 11:45 AM

To learn more about these and other events,
contact the parish office or email
info@kofcparish.org

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EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL EDITION

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who promised to stay with us always, until the end of the age. Reawaken our wonder at His presence in the Most Holy Eucharist. May our hearts burn within us as He opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread. Give us the eyes of faith to recognize His presence in our brothers and sisters, especially in the face of the poor and the suffering. Nourished by the Eucharist, send us forth to walk faithfully as missionary disciples, proclaiming the Gospel to every heart and extending Your kingdom to every land. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Archbishop José H. Gomez

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

O Lord Jesus Christ, King of everlasting glory, behold I desire to come to You this day, and to receive Your Body and Blood in this heavenly Sacrament for Your honor and glory, and the good of my soul. I desire to receive You, because it is Your desire, and You have so willed it: blessed be Your Name forever. I desire to come to You like Mary, Your most holy Mother, that I may be delivered from all my evils, and embrace You, my only good. I desire to come to You, that I may be happily united to You, that I may henceforth abide in You, and You in me; and that nothing in my life or death may ever separate me from You. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

My Jesus, I love and adore You. You have come to me; I am one with You. I want You to remain with me forever, in this life and in the next. Thank You for allowing me to share Your Divine Life. May I become more like You through this Sacred Food. Let me never take You for granted, but always pray for those whose lives are dark with sin and ignorance and selfishness. Let me remember, in the words of Saint Paul, that "there, but for the grace of God, go I." Each day, I can become more like You, O Lord. And each day I can pray for those who have never heard the Gospel, or who have heard it and rejected it. **Amen.**

ANIMA CHRISTI

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from Christ's side, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within Thy wounds, hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from Thee. From the malicious enemy, defend me. In the hour of my death, call me. And bid me come unto Thee that I may praise Thee with Thy saints and with Thy angels forever and ever. **Amen.**

A partial indulgence is granted when reciting this prayer devoutly when the other conditions for receiving an indulgence are met (cf. Enchiridium Indulgentiarum).

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy his consolations. Through the same Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

MORNING PRAYER

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you all my works, prayers, joys, and sufferings of this day for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart. I offer them in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions of all my relatives and friends, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father. **Amen.**

ST. JOSEPH PRAYER

O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most Loving of Fathers.

O Saint Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. Saint Joseph, Patron of departed souls – pray for me. (Mention your intention) **Amen.**

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PRAYER

Saint Michael Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. **Amen.**

St. Michael, the Archangel has a special heavenly role in doing battle against the devil, protecting the Church and protecting Christians against assaults from the devil. This prayer to St. Michael originated with Pope Leo XIII in 1886.

ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because of thy just punishments, but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy grace to sin no more and to avoid the near occasion of sin. **Amen.**

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COR EDITION

Prayer, Formation and Fraternity

PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor.

Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast.

We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (Mention your request here…). Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome (here make your request).

My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR FATHERHOOD

Eternal God, originator of Fatherhood, I offer to you the blessed office of Father. May the men who occupy this dignified place protect and care for their children and wives with valiant honesty, heroic chastity, noble humility, and stern sobriety. Ignite a fire in the hearts of men, O God, so that they may respond to the Divine call to fatherhood, both natural and spiritual, and model themselves after the holy example of Blessed Joseph, Father of the Universal Church.

Through his intercession, may fathers be strengthened to flee from sin, subdue their flesh, wrestle with the powers of corruption, banish the darkness, and obtain victory over hell and its agents. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, sanctifier of all men, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

The Joyful Mysteries (Mon & Sat)

1. The Annunciation
2. The Visitation
3. The Nativity
4. The Presentation
5. The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

The Sorrowful Mysteries (Tue & Fri)

1. The Agony in the Garden
2. The Scourging at the Pillar
3. The Crowning with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion

The Glorious Mysteries (Wed & Sun)

1. The Resurrection
2. The Ascension
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit
4. The Assumption of Mary
5. The Coronation of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth

The Luminous Mysteries (Thursday)

1. The Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan
2. The Wedding Feast at Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God
4. The Transfiguration of Jesus
5. The Institution of the Eucharist

The Church has used three sets of mysteries for many centuries. In 2002, Pope Saint John Paul II proposed a fourth set of mysteries—the Mysteries of Light, or Luminous Mysteries.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of Heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into Hell.
The third day He arose again from the dead;
He ascended into Heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the
living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

THE FATIMA PRAYER

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us
from the fire of hell, lead all souls to heaven,
especially those who are in most need of
Thy mercy.

(Our Lady at Fatima, 13th July 1917)

HAIL HOLY QUEEN

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To you do we cry,
poor banished children of Eve.
To you do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
your eyes of mercy toward us,
and after this exile
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.
O clement, O loving,
O sweet Virgin Mary.

THE ANGELUS

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. (Hail Mary...)
V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me according to thy word. (Hail Mary...)
V. And the Word was made flesh,
R. And dwelt among us. (Hail Mary...)
V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy Grace into our hearts; that we to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by His Passion and Cross, be brought to glory of His Resurrection through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE MEMORARE

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. **Amen.**

OUR FATHER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. **Amen.**

HAIL MARY

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. **Amen.**

GLORY BE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be world without end. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Father in heaven, you sent us your only Son to redeem us and to build your kingdom on earth. Please give us the wisdom and strength we need to follow His call. Grant to the faithful a spirit of generosity, that Church vocations may flourish. Bless our priests with holiness and courage, that they may lead your people to Christ. Help all sisters and brothers to fulfill their sacred promises and so be effective signs of your kingdom. Lord, invite more men and women to your service. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

14 Great Ways to Use the Prayers in the Pew™ Prayer Cards

OUR FAITH: LEARN IT, LIVE IT, LOVE IT.

Thank you for being a prayer missionary with us to increase prayer, devotion, and depth of love for our Catholic faith! Many of our readers have asked for ideas on how they can use and promote these beautiful cards, so we've put together this basic list of ideas to assist all our missionaries of prayer.

For Devotion

If a person does no more than pray the prayers on these cards regularly, they will have achieved the primary goal of strengthening the faith, hope, and charity in their hearts. Beyond that, a few other ideas for individual use may also help.

1. **Mass Preparation:** Ask your children and other family members to bring them to church on Sunday (especially the *Church Edition*) and to use them for their spiritual preparation before Mass.
2. **Gifts:** Give these prayer cards to friends and family as gifts for any occasion or for specific celebrations (birthdays, First Communions, Confirmations, weddings, etc.). They can also be resold in parish bookstores or local religious shops.
3. **Union:** Spouses and families will find a convenient way to nurture the fires of love and devotion through the abundant and beautiful prayers on these cards, many of which are directly or indirectly related to marriage and family.
4. **Memorization:** Revive the habit of memorizing prayers, especially among children; many of the prayers on the cards are short and have been chosen for this purpose.
5. **Resources:** Share with your people in your prayer group or ministry, spiritual directors, priests, nuns, friends, etc. as resources for their own spiritual growth.

For Instruction

Each prayer card is dedicated to one specific theme (Eucharist, Mary, family, pro-life, etc.), and all the prayers on each card relate to its theme. In essence, the wording and theology of the prayers themselves can be used to educate others about the subject.

1. **Teachers:** Priests, catechists, and school teachers may distribute these cards in religious education programs (adult ed, RCIA, CCD, etc.), for general catechesis, and for teaching about devotions and basic Catholic issues.
2. **Parents:** These cards give parents a way to exercise their role as "primary educators in the faith" and to inculcate habits of prayer in their children. The cards offer abundant Catholic themes, teaching moments, and traditional prayers, many of which are from the great saint heroes of our faith.
3. **Leaders:** The use of these theme-oriented cards add an educational and devotional dimension to an active prayer group or ministry.

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January
12th to 20th

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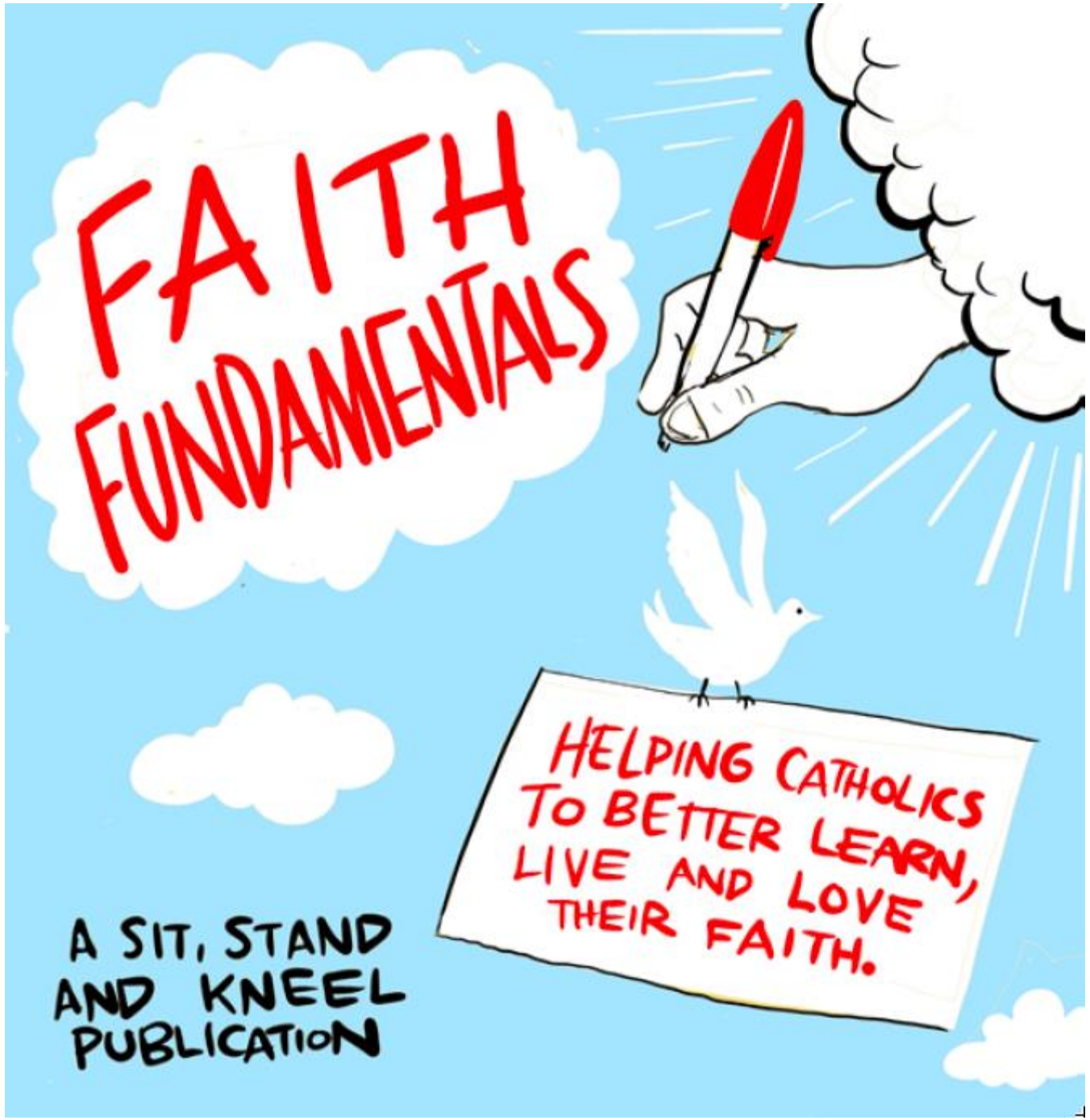
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Apples
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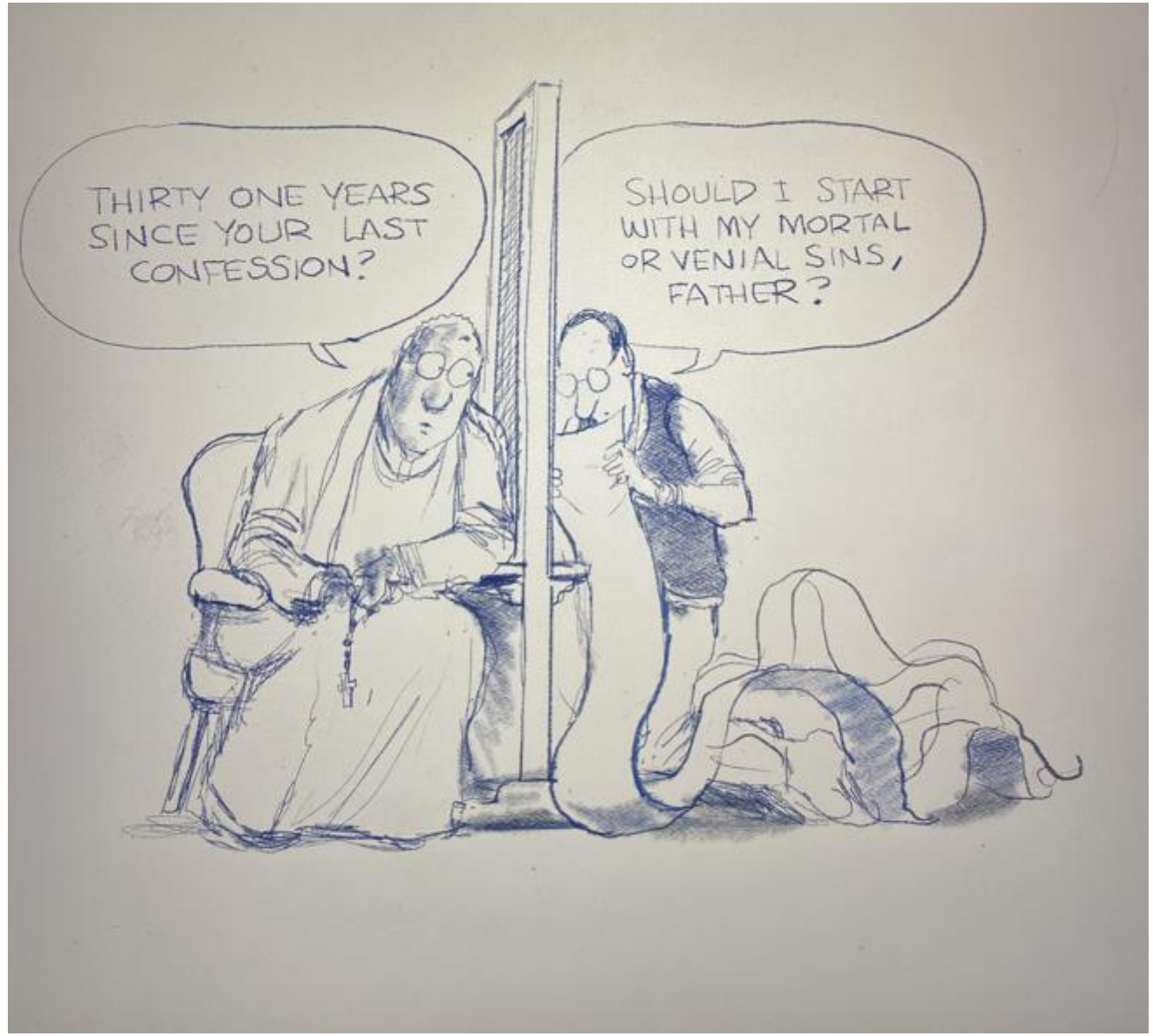
Bananas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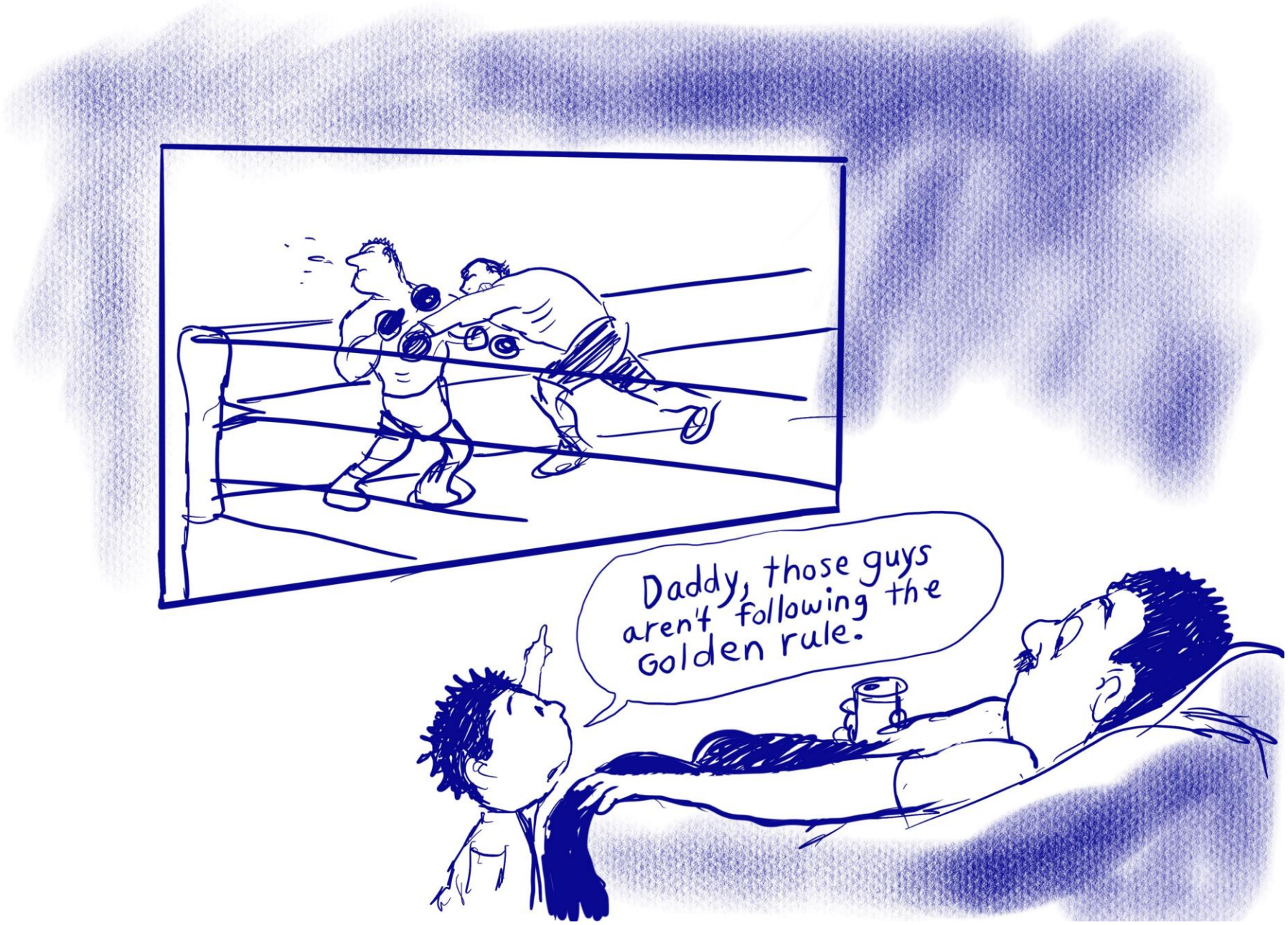
SHOULD I START WITH MY MORTAL OR VENIAL SINS, FATHER?

WHAT ARE THEY LOOKING FOR?
LOOPHOLES.


Daddy, those guys aren't following the Golden rule.

"MY WIFE IS HERE TO MAKE SURE I DIDN'T FORGET ANYTHING."