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The Garden of the Soul

You know very well that if you plant seeds in the garden, they require water, sunshine, fertilizer, weeding, etc.

So also, those supernatural seeds (Grace, Virtues & Gifts) which remain dormant until the use of reason, will gradually grow and produce the fruit of good works...if they are watered with PRAYER...if they are fertilized by the fruitful reception of the SACRAMENTS...if the garden of your soul is weeded by MORTIFICATION and SELF-DENIAL...and warmed by the sunshine of WORKS OF MERCY and the FULFILLMENT OF OUR GOD-GIVEN DUTIES.

Because of our weaknesses and selfish inclinations due to original sin and the temptations of the devil, there must be constant vigilance on our part to cultivate the garden of the soul.

<http://www.rosary-center.org/LL46n6.htm>

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THE CALL TO HOLINESS

By Father Paul A. Duffner, O.P.

*Remember the old Baltimore
Catechism; why were we created?
To know, love and serve God.*



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***A Call to Increasing
Our Holiness...***

To better understand
Our Catholic Faith
THINK / STUDY
To better live
Our Catholic Faith
DO / LOVE
To experience
God's Eternal Glory
HEAVEN
PRAY / WORSHIP

CCC: 1816

(Catechism of the Catholic Church)

The disciple of Christ must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it: "All however must be prepared to confess Christ before men and to follow him along the way of the Cross, amidst the persecutions which the Church never lacks." Service of and witness to the faith is necessary for salvation: "So every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven: but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven."

Faith Development Mission Statement

From the grace of God Our Father, His Truth is revealed to us through knowing His Son Our Lord Jesus Christ, with the help of His Holy Spirit, to the best of our ability carry on the goal of our beloved Founder Father Michael J. McGivney, with our founding members of the Knights of Columbus, the principles of charity, unity and fraternity, encouraging and assisting each other and Catholic men of all ages with "Increasing Our Holiness," that we may become a better version of ourselves, and openly profess our Catholicity, while growing as a Catholic layman in our vocation as a husband, father, religious or single person.

Within Our Council Meetings

Chaplain's Instruction, 10-15 minutes during the early part of each regular business meeting, to help provide additional insight and inspiration for helping members grow spiritually. The Lecturer, Grand Knight or other suitable leader should fill in for the Chaplain when he is not present.

Council Activities

- Encourage attendance at Degree Ceremonials and Installation of Officers focusing on the message
- Dedication to the Sacred Heart of Jesus with recognition at each meeting, recite Sacred Heart Prayer
- Marian Hour of Prayer Services
- Annual Memorial Mass for our deceased members, invite families
- Promote participation in Perpetual Adoration and Pro-Life activities
- Mini Faith Development Series available for download on WI State Council Website www.wikofc.com click on WI Programs, Church

Council Outreach

- Promote attendance at Catholic Men's Conferences: Esto Vir in the Diocese of Green Bay Men of Christ in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee
- Form group Bible studies, suggested use of Jeff Cavins' Great Adventure Series and additional resources, e.g. books, CDs, DVDs available through Ascension Press www.AscensionPress.com

Personal & Family Use

- Attend Holy Mass every Sunday, and daily as often as possible
- Family/Personal Holy Rosary daily
- Attend Sacrament of Reconciliation monthly; study the lives of the Saints
- Family/Personal Holy Bible reading, Catholic spiritual books, listening to Catholic CDs, daily fasting
- Prayer before and after each meal, during the day and night; use prayer cards; perform a daily examination of conscious
- Guided daily Catholic meditation, Magnificat, The Word Among Us, or Living Faith www.livingfaith.com
- Sister Anne Marie Lom's Sunday Holy Mass Scripture and Gospel reflection - subscribe free - annemarie.lom@gmail.com

Suggested Resources

- Holy Catholic Bible
- Catechism of the Catholic Church
- Knights of Columbus Columbia Magazine, Catholic Information Service, Luke E. Hart Series, Veritas Series, Catechism of the Catholic Church, Faith Formation Courses, Catholic Prayer and Devotions www.kofc.org: "Know Your Faith"
- Diocesan Newspaper Articles
- Parish Adult Faith Formation
- Lighthouse Catholic Media www.LighthouseCatholicMedia.org
- Relevant Radio AM/FM and EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network)
- ZENIT "The World Seen From Rome" www.zenit.org, Catholic News Service www.Catholicnews.com, Catholic Online www.Catholic.org