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## First Tuesday Update...FTU...May 7, 2024

### Our Faithful Companion



When I was approached to provide an opening missive for an FTU, I was so very grateful it was for the month of May, the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. From my earliest days at St. Thaddeus Catholic Grade School in Joliet, Illinois, until these very days as a Roman Catholic Priest of the Archdiocese of Las Vegas, Mary has been a “Faithful Companion” of mine along the way.

I remember learning from my first-grade teacher, Sister Barbara Marie Brylka, CSSF, how young Mary was (about 14 or 15?) when the Archangel Gabriel shocked her with what seemed to be a nearly impossible proposition to become the Mother of Jesus, who is God, thereby making her the Mother of God! “How can this be...” (Luke 1:34) was the question Mary asked? The answer from the Archangel was “The Holy Spirit will come upon you...for nothing will be impossible for God” (Luke 1:35-37). Her iconic response, “May it be done to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38) is the ultimate example of humility and trust for all of us as disciples of her most beloved Son, Jesus.

It was a little over 30 years ago, while I was a Conventual Franciscan Brother, that I felt the call to the ministerial priesthood. “How can this be?” was now my question, especially since I didn’t think I could endure the necessary studies! It was Mary’s humble example that allowed me to embrace her “fiat” as I put my trust in the call of her Son, the Good Shepherd.

With Mary as my “Faithful Companion,” and through the intercession of St. Joseph of Cupertino (Patron saint of students and member of the Conventual Franciscan Friars), the next five years saw me completing my Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Studies followed by earning my Master of Divinity degree, Cum Laude, of all things! I learned that “nothing will be impossible for God!” I was ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ at the age of 37 on May 8, 1999, a quick 25 years ago!

Moving quickly ahead with Mary as my “Faithful Companion,” I discerned my journey to embrace the diocesan Priesthood in the now Archdiocese of Las Vegas, where there was and still is such a need for priests. Arriving in Las Vegas in 2010, I was formally incardinated as a priest of the Archdiocese of Las Vegas in 2013. The rest is history. And so, appropriately in this month dedicated to “Mary, Mother of God,” I give thanks to God for the gift of the Blessed Virgin Mary, such a “Faithful Companion” of ours along the way!

Fr. Jim Jankowski, KCHS





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## Connie's Corner

Mary our Mother

Our Church has honored the month of May as a special time to contemplate and recognize the Mother of Our Lord. This has been part of our Church from early baroque times. May is the time of nature's awakening. We experience better weather and mother nature puts on a show like no other time of the year, with beautiful flowers, longer days and a reminder to be thankful. It only makes wonderful sense that our Mother would be celebrated during this beautiful time, not just with one day but for the entire period of Tricesimum (the 30-day devotion of Mary) to reflect on our Mother and see where this will lead you in your devotional time to her.

I know that many of us have set up an altar in our home as a place of mediation and prayer and also a reminder of taking time to be thankful and praise. If you have not, please consider setting one up. The area can be as ornate or simple as you like. I ask you, have you considered adding a statue of the blessed mother to the altar or a special corner in your home for the month of May. What ways can you honor her? I suggest taking time in the morning or whenever convenient to spend time reflecting and mediating on what she means to you. Pray extra rosaries. Make her a part of your daily devotional. Yes, you can also do your own May crowning. A wonderful family tradition to start. Bring her flowers. Let her know how special she is and how grateful you are that she said yes. Her fiat changed the world!

In His Service,

~Connie

**ROSARY...** May began with the Rosary of our Mother Mary with all your intentions lifted to her CARE and LOVE. This month and last had a number of our members visiting Fatima and Lourdes...enjoy the photos. We are planning a 2026 Pilgrimage to both! We are blest to have your love and commitment on these first Mondays...in abundance!



**We begin our summer Rosary Speaker Series June 3rd at 6pm at St. Joseph, Husband of Mary Parish. See the MM&E section for details.**

**YOUR LINKS TO THE HOLY LAND...** This special program, originated by our LV Council, can be described as a long-distance community outreach of our EOHSJ members to those working at the charitable facilities, seminary and local businesses within the Holy Land. All of these facilities and local business we support and utilize during our pilgrimages and FIAT program visits to the Holy Land.

We have 10 new additions to the Links to the Holy Land Program. We are continuing to accept participants to the program. A sign-up sheet will be available at all rosaries and the "after rosary social".

Here is a re-cap of the program participants. More details to follow.

Active Participating Members	21
To Be Assigned (to Holy Land Individual)	3-5
Newly Signed Up Members (to be assigned)	10

~Madalyn Dornak, DHS



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**SPIRITUAL LEADERS... 5 WAYS YOU CAN LOVE MOTHER MARY.** Based on an article written by Fr. Ed Broom, OMC from the Catholic Exchange.



The Blessed Virgin Mary was, is and always will be the best of all Mothers.

Let us honor her this month in these 5 ways.

**1. Talk to Mary**

Good friends think about each other and talk frequently! Mary is our Mother, but she is also our friend and confidant.

**2. Love Mary**

In the simplest of words when we say: "Mother Mary, I love you", then Mary the Mother of God experiences great joy in her most pure and Immaculate Heart. Therefore, during the course of the day we should simply say: "Mother Mary, I love you!"

**3. Walk With Mary**

When we travel, we should invite Mother Mary to come along with us. She is a good traveling companion and can protect us from many dangers in our travels, perils both physical and moral.

**4. Imitate Mary**

Ten principal virtues of Mary that we should strive to imitate: her deep humility, lively faith, blind obedience, unceasing prayer, constant self-denial, surpassing purity, ardent love, heroic patience, angelic kindness, and heavenly wisdom. (True Devotion to Mary, St. Louis de Montfort #108)

**5. Trust and Entrust to Mary**

God the Father entrusted His only begotten Son to the care of Mary. Therefore, we can entrust our lives totally to the care of Mary, our dearest and most loving Mother.

"Never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection was left unaided." (The Memorare, St. Bernard)

~Dame Julie McIntosh-Walsh DCHS (702) 596-6861

~Dame Jennifer Mallinger-McCormick DCHS (702) 493-0298

**MENTORING INITIATIVE...**The Mentoring Initiative falls under the "Engagement" Committee's purview and our goal is to welcome our newly-invested members into our Council. This initiative was begun this year, with twelve of our members serving as mentors to each of the twelve members who were invested last October in Pasadena.

We want to make each of you feel welcomed and appreciated – and integral to our Council because you are integral!

Please make a point to introduce yourself and others to these newest members at our Monthly Rosaries and our upcoming Summer Retreat in August. Answer any questions they may have about the Order and our own Council's projects. Our new members are the future of our Council and we appreciate you!

**WESTERN LIEUTENANCY WEB SITE...**remember, we do have a really good web site that can keep you up to date on so many aspects of our WL, the ORDER and the events of the other Councils. We do share our FTU with many folks but the larger picture of the Lieutenancy is best captured by staying in tune with our website at [www.eohsjwesternusa.org](http://www.eohsjwesternusa.org)



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**FIAT UPDATE...FIAT #1**...by the grace of God we are again getting closer to setting a date with our first four FPs (FIAT Pilgrims). They, along with us, are ready and willing to go! Obviously, we need to ensure their safety, but we are now targeting this coming January 2025 from just after New Years Day for three weeks. We will keep you updated each month. We plan on there being a number of FIATs per year. IF YOU are interested in a future FIAT, please contact Joe/Connie so that we may keep you updated on the coming opportunities to be a part of this 3-week service to God's family and thus serving our Lord 🙏



#### **PILGRIMAGES SPONSORED BY THE LV COUNCIL....**

**HOLY YEAR ALL ITALY...March 17-29, 2025...SOLD OUT**...phenomenal time in Rome, Assisi, and Florence, featuring day trips to Orvieto, Lucca, Pisa and Siena. Holy Year Masses at the four major Basilicas of Rome and visit to EOHSJ Headquarters at the Vatican. Blest to be led by three Spiritual Leaders: Bishop Higgins, KC\*HS, Fr. Roy Kurian, Deacon James Carabajal, KCHS. Coordinated by Joe/Connie Micatrotto.

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE...October 20 - November 1, 2025**...get on this list fast as it will get filled quickly. Includes stays in Galilee, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. 13 days of spiritual joy and exhilaration. There will be at least 2 Spiritual leaders including Fr. Daniel Rolland, KHS. Look for more info soon. Coordinated by Joe/Connie Micatrotto.

**HOLY LAND AND JORDAN / PETRA...March 1-15, 2026**...This magnificent pilgrimage will include Galilee, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Kerak, Petra and incredible sites throughout. Look for more info soon. Coordinated by Joe/Connie Micatrotto.

**FATIMA, LOURDES AND MORE...Spring 2026**...the exact dates are being decided upon and this Marian focused Pilgrimage will be a blessed event.



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## MEMBER ENGAGEMENT & ENHANCEMENT... SUMMER ROSARY SPEAKER SERIES

June 3rd at St. Joseph, Husband of Mary

Fr. Camillus Ogaraku, MSP

Pastor of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary



Fr. Cam was born in a small village in Nigeria. He belongs to the Igbo tribe, which has the strongest Christian base in Nigeria.

After high school, he joined the Missionary Seminary of St. Paul of Nigeria and after nine years of training, he was ordained a Roman Catholic priest into the Missionaries of St. Paul (MSP) on June 25, 2005 by his Eminence, Lars Anders Cardinal Arborealis, OCD, Bishop of Stockholm.

He served as associate pastor for one year, after which he was posted to Botswana, where he learned the native Setswana language and served as pastor at two different parishes, until 2020.

After 13 years in Botswana, Father was sent to the United States for his second missionary journey – as parochial vicar at St. Anthony of Padua parish where he served for nearly two years before he was named parochial administrator of the parish.

Last July, we welcomed him to St. Joseph, Husband of Mary, where he now serves as pastor.

Fr. Cam's passion is to see all hearts inflamed with the love and power of the Holy Spirit through a reawakening of the Eucharistic devotion

**FROM OUR AS WE COME INTO YET ANOTHER ELECTION CYCLE...** I received my voter registration card in the mail recently and that simple event raised my anxiety. You may have heard the joke-

-If you're not a Democrat when you're in your 20s, you have no heart.

-If you're still a Democrat when you're in your 30s, you have no brain.

My addition- -If you fit neatly into any political party when you're above 50...

Although the joke is demeaning, it points to a certain truth. Our ideas change over time. We learn! thank God. Sometimes through hard lessons.

Please let's not let politics become our creed! There is no salvation there.

Jesus says feed the hungry he doesn't get into whether you should buy them a fish, or teach them to fish. But we do know that he fed them.

We also know that the Bible teaches that each man should work. It is good, for them and society.

I once heard, we should filter what we hear, see, and espouse through the lens of our faith. The whole thing, not just the parts that seem to agree with our political views. Especially perhaps, we should look/pray for direction from the church/ bible that might offer a different view.

Life is not math, there are different ways to get the same solution/conclusion (Jesus).

Everyone's life looks different, some take more direct path, and some wander about in the wilderness. Once we begin to see the path, some follow along on the left some on the right. Neither is on the path, but they're headed in the same general direction. At some point we all need to get on the path.

Norman Lear, 100-year-old secular, Jew, who stood for everything I oppose converted, and was baptized before he died. Hopefully he found the path. If your first thought, upon hearing this news was not complete joy as with the angels in heaven...

Well, like me we may have work to do.

~Sir James D. Mersch, KCHS

**FROM OUR ABOUNA BERNARD POGGI / RECTOR BEIT JALA SEMINARY...**

Sir Joe and Lady Connie,

Greetings during this Easter Season, a season of joy and refreshment – Christ is Risen, he is truly Risen!

This period after Easter has been a very volatile period. On one hand we spent one week in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher praying both in the morning and in the afternoon. The Triduum was liturgically beautiful, but was sad because our people were not given permits to come attend the celebrations from the West Bank. In fact Palm Sunday saw the smallest crowds since COVID.

After Easter we went to Galilee, this had been a tradition for many years in the Seminary to do as the disciples did after the resurrection. There we spent time in the Holy Places, we visited our parish communities and we were able to spend some time in nature, which is always a source of refreshment for us. On Sunday the 7th and Monday the 8th, we were in the Basilica of the annunciation to celebrate the feast of the Blessed Mother. This year due to the feast being during Holy Week, it was transferred until after Divine Mercy Sunday.

Upon returning to the seminary things returned to normal, but then last Saturday, the bombs from Iran were overhead. We had to put in place our protocol, we woke all of the seminarians and sisters up in the middle of the night to take them to a safe area. We were thankful that it didn't last very long, and we were able to return to our rooms, though many remained sleepless.

In general, I think that God can bring some good out of every situation. In the midst of the bombings, there were so many who wrote and texted asking if we needed anything and to tell us that they are united in prayer. It is an incredible feeling to know that so many people care and are united to us. In a special way I want to thank HE Margie Romano who texted me immediately after hearing of the bombings, and with her so many dear members of the Western Lieutenancy.

Know that we are praying hard, our resolve is strong and our mission is clear. We have to do the work of the Blessed Mother with the disciples before the resurrection – keeping hope alive, keeping faith fervent and keeping the needs of the community met. With brothers and sisters like you, this mission is possible. Please keep praying.

I am your brother in Christ,

*Fr. Bernard Poggi*



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**BLESSINGS FOR ONE OF OUR OWN...** This new addition to our FTU will feature a "special something" from our members. If you have that, please email or contact the AC's!

Our own Sir John Mowbray, KGCHS, was named one of the 2024 LIBERTY BELL AWARD winners. This is bestowed upon those who uphold the rule of law, contribute to good government within our community, stimulate a sense of civic responsibility and encourage respect for the law in the courts. We would add he is a role model Roman Catholic gentleman and a GREAT member of the EOHSJ...CONGRATS John!!

### **A MAN OF GOD...A MAN OF COUNTRY...COL. THOMAS PEARSON...**

Our own Dame Debbie Barton, DCHS and Committee Leader (along with Sir David, KCHS) have an amazing and blessed Dad...at 99 we see his smiling and loving gaze at Mass weekly at St. Joseph's Husband of Mary. But, this week his AMAZING service to our country was made known throughout Las Vegas and all Nevada as he was to be honored on the special flight to Washington D.C. to recognize his fabulous accomplishments. It would take the whole FTU to delineate all he has done for the US and free world. The most impressive thing...is his love and commitment to God and family...below is a sliver of his awesomeness, we are proud to know him and grateful to God for the work he has done for the earthly freedom of mankind...



He retired after 29 years as a full Colonel, having entered the Army Air Corp in 1943; earned his wings at age 19 and began flying B-17's. At 19 he was already the FLIGHT COMMANDER with a crew of 10.

During WWII he flew the B-17 in Air and Sea RESCUE MISSIONS in the Pacific Theatre, off the coast of Japan, to search and rescue downed US pilots and crew members.

During the Korean War, just 5 years later, he was assigned to Barksdale AFB in LA where he and his crew flew numerous training and bombing missions in the US to maintain READINESS IN CASE the war in Korea escalated.

Colonel Pearson also flew a number of bombing runs as an IP (Instructor Pilot) in the B-52 over North Vietnam while assigned to a base in Thailand during the VN war. Throughout his entire career, he served in SAC, the STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND, flying the B-17, B-25, B-47, and B-52, despite having wanted to be a fighter pilot.

GOD BLESS YOU COLONEL PEARSON 🙏🏻✝️.....



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**ENGAGEMENT... MINUTE SPOTLIGHT...** During the April Rosary, we were delighted to introduce you to Sir Terrance and Dame Elizabeth Barry. They have each held the rank of Grand Cross for more than 20 years and were awarded Palms by the Grand Magisterium in Rome in 2019. These honors were built on a foundation of having been in the Order since 1987.



This is a theme of theirs, that a strong foundation builds connections. For example, Terry and Betty, as they are fondly known, met in LA over 60 years ago. But they were invested at St. Theresa's in Maui and this is a special connection because Betty is originally from Maui. Terry meanwhile was born in Idaho, moved to Colorado then LA where he moved in with 2 other guys working for Pacific Mutual who knew two girls who knew Betty. Another connection.

In 1984, Betty and Terry together started the Barry Company, a family real estate business in Orange County where they raised 7 adult children. They maintain strong connections with all their children and their 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Since their Holy Land Pilgrimage 25 years ago, they have travelled all over, including Lourdes eight times because of connections to the Knights of Malta. Here's one last connection: on their visit to Ireland 2 years ago, they discovered Barry Castle. Even though it was closed for construction; they were allowed in and now plan to return to see it completed.

~Dame Ruth Palileo, DHS

**JUSTICE & PEACE...** Cardinal Filoni, Grand Master of the EOHSJ recently said peace in the Holy Land requires a change of mentality, regardless of whether there is one state or two. The Vatican has long insisted on a two-state solution. His comments represent one of the first hints that at least some in Rome may be rethinking their stance.

Filoni stated the most important thing is to have "the rights of each one respected, without having citizens of first-class, second-class, third-class. A peace that is not just creates new wars, new hatred, new violence." He noted the Second World War broke out because citizens in Germany believed they were victims of injustice.

"When a people, a group, a reality, feels that they are the victim of injustice, if they are not listened to, it foments and hatred is born and grows and, at a certain point, becomes violent."

One of the main ways to promote peace is through education. He spoke about the schools in the Holy Land that the Order funds. 20,000 students are currently enrolled, around half are Muslim.

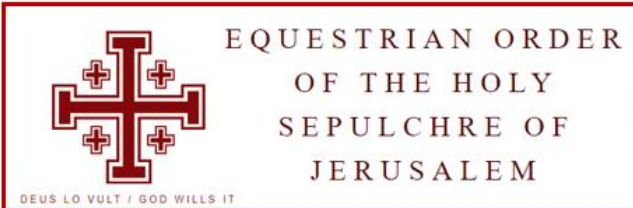
"We can teach peace from the base to young people, if we create a calm, respectful environment where we teach peace, mutual respect, and human rights (then) we are promoting peace" to both students and their parents.

"If we eradicate the concept of who is first-class, second-class, who has the divine right, then," peace would be easier.

The first and most important thing to work for, he said, is coexistence, "always in the right of all to live with justice and the recognition of everyone's rights, because if this is lacking, two states or three states, problems would exist."

~Sir Ray Murphy, KHS J&P Leader





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.... TRULY A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS....

Father David Neuhaus, SJ is a treasure to the world...most importantly to the Holy Land. If you missed his presentation on April 23, please watch the replay being posted soon! Many use the phrase..."a man for the ages", few fit this more comfortably than Fr. David.

South Africa, Israel, and Palestine have been more than locations of his birth, life

and growth...they have helped to form this man of God in ways that are providential for today's world in the deepest need to turn to Jesus Christ.

We could write pages concerning Father's life and affect upon so many in dealing with REAL JUSTICE and PEACE. We have been blest to visit on a number of occasions with him in the Holy Land and we always come away spiritually energized to do the work of our Lord in His Land, as well as in caring for His earthly family.

In closing this FTU in the month of our Blessed Mother, we want to underscore the presentations 4 KEY points he emphasized when asked..."WHAT CAN WE DO?" It took Father David no time at all to emblazon these 4 items upon our minds and hearts....

- 1) PRAY...with regularity and zeal for all in the Holy Land....
- 2) ENGAGE & SPEAK OUT...by all loving and peaceful methods to know and interact with the HL families and all those involved in creating a life in His Land for ALL..."know the TRUTH, and the TRUTH will set ALL FREE."
- 3) VISIT/PILGRIMAGE...come back and bring others regularly...
- 4) FINANCIALLY...assist the Holy Land through proven avenues, the Latin Patriarch and Franciscan's are superb pathways to help!

While each of us can do these 4 "pivot points" to a higher level, we are so PROUD of all YOU already do along these 4 points through the Western Lieutenancy and your LV Council. Each of you knows our ROLES and answers these CALLS.....

"This IS who we are and this is what we DO!"



HMMMM...A Priest (Fr. Neuhaus)...  
 A Bishop (Bishop Greg Gordon, KC\*HS)...  
 A Deacon (Deacon James Carabajal, KCHS)...  
 ...no, will not have a punch line!!!

In His Love, Grace, Peace, Joy and Service...Joe/Connie 