



# Knights of Columbus

In Service to One, In Service to All  
 Rev. Robert F. Houlihan, S.J., Council 10937  
 Business Meeting – April 8, 2017

## I. General

- 1st Degree Team Grand Knight Bill Miller called the meeting to order at 7:30. It was then suspended in order to do the 1st Degree Ceremony. Upon completion of the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Council Grand Knight Gary Mayfield then reconvened the meeting at 8:08 AM.
- Bill Hensen offered the opening prayers.
- The council recited the Pledge of Allegiance
- The Grand Knight called for the role of officers, status is: (P = Present; A = Absence; E = Excused)

Title	Status	Title	Status	Title	Status
Chaplain	E	Financial Secretary	P	Inside Guard	P
Grand Knight	P	Treasurer	P	Outside Guard	E
Dep. Grand Knight	P	Lecturer	P	Trustee 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	P
Chancellor	P	Advocate	E	Trustee 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	E
Recorder	P	Warden	E	Trustee 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	E

- The business meeting minutes for March 2017 were read and approved. Bill Hensen provided the motion, Roger Guidici seconded, no further discussion, unanimously approved.

## II. Applications for Approval – Dennis Thumann

- No new candidate Form 100s, one transfer Form 100 from St Thomas More, a Mr. Mike Tschetter. Alan Brown lead the discussion on Mike, Joe Musso provided the motion to accept, Bill Hensen provided the second, after no further discussion it was unanimously approved.

## III. Grand Knight Report – Gary Mayfield

- Correspondence,
  - Thank You note from Father Woody's for a \$400.00 donation (see attachment pg.7).
  - Associated supplemental thank you letter – Father Woody's (see attachment pg.8).
- Other
  - KOC Annual State Convention is scheduled for May 4 - 7 at the Marriott Hotel, Denver Tech Center, I-25 and Bellview.
  - Gary stressed that since both our council and assembly members interface with children at all of our events, we need to receive the church's Safe Environment Training classes, initial or refresher as applicable. Both are scheduled for April 24 starting at 5:30PM.
  - The parish block party is now scheduled for August 19, no food trucks this year. For various reasons such as cost, the plan is to have hotdogs, brats, and hamburgers.
  - Council's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party is scheduled for July 22.
- Pennies from heaven.
- Knight of the Month for March – Brennan Mendus.

- Family of the Month for March – The Neil Pugh family.

#### **IV. Chaplain's Report – Father Marek**

- None

#### **V. Treasurer's Report – Joe Regnery**

Report handed out at the meeting (see attachment pg.6).

- Bank Balance - \$26,093.00
- Outstanding Checks - \$2,224.21
- Hailey Funds - \$1,312.06
- Lady Knights - \$846.25
- Available Funds - \$21,711.32

#### **VI. Financial Secretary's Report – Dennis Thumann**

- Report handed out at the meeting (see attachment pg.6). The figures are in balance with the Treasurer's report.
  - Receipts - \$2,844.85
  - Expenses - \$3,237.11
  - Bank balance - \$26,093.00
  - There is a negative cash flow of (\$392.26), the result of recent activity.
- Donations:
  - Diocesan Donation, Returning God's Gifts campaign - \$1000.
  - Fr. Woody's - \$400.
  - VA support - \$100

#### **VII. Auditor and Trustees – Chris Kennedy/Paul Sciera/Joe Musso**

- Joe Musso made an additional pitch for attending the Annual State meeting.
- Nothing else to report.

#### **VIII. Chancellor's Update – Tim Pimmel**

- Two of the three seminarian sponsorship/support checks have been cashed.
  - All three are from the Colorado Springs Diocese, and all three are attending Lady of the Mountain Seminary, Emmitsburg Maryland.
  - Thank You note received from Will Dwyer, council sponsored seminarian (see attachment pg.9).
  - Tim will follow-up on the one still outstanding check.
- May 5 is vocations weekend and Father plans on doing something in support of.
- Tim led the prayer for vocations.
- Nothing else to report.

#### **VIV. Committee Reports – Facilitated by Bill Hensen**

##### **a. Membership – Roger Giudici/Brennan Mendus**

- Nothing new to report.
- As a reminder everyone's help is needed in recruiting new members, and one of the best ways to recruit is to ask.

- b. **Church Director Report** – **Dermot O’Doherty** (given by Bill Hensen)
- Sunday donuts are ongoing per the schedule.
  - Lenten Season reconciliation dinner for the priests was held on March 30.
  - Nothing else to report.
- c. **Community Report** – **Bob Luckner/Ford Fay/Dan Doran** (given by Bill Hensen)
- 40 Cans-For-Lent is over, food delivery date scheduled for April 8.
    - Food obtained will go to the Pax Christi St. Elizabeth food pantry and the Denver Rescue Mission.
  - Highway Cleanup is scheduled for May 20. Paul Sciera has for action, more to follow.
- d. **Council Activity Report** – **Nereus Lobo/Paul Sciera**
- Breakfast Burritos
    - The last one was on March 26, it raised over \$700.00
    - The next one is scheduled for April 30.
  - Due to a conflict the Denver Rescue Mission event is now scheduled for May 6.
  - The Lenten Friday Fish Tacos are over
    - At each of the three events, 75 to 100 people were served
    - A special thanks to Brennan Mendus and all the Brother Knights that helped.
  - Council monthly socials:
    - April, May, and June are TBD.
  - 25th Council Anniversary Dinner is scheduled for July 22<sup>nd</sup> after the 5PM mass. Part of the proceeds raised, approximately 1K, will go the Youth Group in support of next year’s mission trip.
  - The annual Peach Drive is slated to begin in July, with pickup from the grower on Aug 18, delivery on Aug 19.
- e. **Family Report** – **Tony Mancuso** (given by Bill Hensen).
- The next spaghetti dinner is scheduled for May 13, Mother’s Day Weekend.
  - The council is soliciting the membership for additional ideas.
- f. **Right to Life Report** – **Mike McGinnis**
- Current and future events/activities:
    - “40 Days for Life” devotional campaign will be completed on April 10. A closing ceremony was held in Colorado Springs
    - Mike is working with Father Bierbaum on the formation of a parish Right to Life Committee that will be composed of about 7 to 9 members.
      - The plan is to get started on this initiative after Easter.
      - Father is looking for volunteers to form this committee, more to follow.
  - Mike continues to encourage people to pray in front of the Planned Parenthood building. When this happens their no-show rate goes up to 75%, so our prayers are having an effect.
- g. **Youth Report** – **Alan Brown/Ben Stancati**
- The council college scholarship award contest.
    - High School seniors were required to turn in their completed entries by April 5th.
    - There are five applicants.

- Winner selection is scheduled to take place after the April 8th business meeting, reviewers are needed.
- Future initiative concerns the remodeling and renovation of the youth room:
  - Sketch of the proposed room is upstairs in the narthex.
  - Concerning demolition and construction, the guidelines from Father Krol is that council members can do the demo work, yet all construction work will be done by a bonded general contractor.
  - More information to follow.
- For a complete list of combined council-youth events for April, please see attachment page 10.
- As previously mentioned, council members are encouraged to attend the parish's Safe Environment Training classes, either the initial or refresher as appropriate. The next sessions are scheduled for April 24 starting at 5:30PM.

**h. Newsletter**

- Gary continues to send in the meeting minutes/agenda as our newsletter, nothing else to report.

**X. Advocate's Report – Dave Petteys**

- None.

**XI. Unfinished Business**

- None.

**XII. New Business**

- None.

**XIII. 4th Degree Report – Dave Petteys** (given by Roger Giudici)

- New list of assembly officers is complete except for a Scribe. So we are looking for a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights to fill this position.
- Assembly honor guard and regalia requirements:
  - Holy Thursday and Good Friday of Holy Week, April 13 and 14 respectfully.
  - Ushering mass and the bringing up of the gifts is scheduled for April 30.
    - 8:30AM mass, both.
    - 10:30AM mass, gifts only.
  - Color guard training on May 13.
  - Confirmation on May 23.
  - Father Krol has requested that twice a year, during the months of May and October, the assembly provide an honor guard for the family bringing up of the gifts.
    - May 7 – 8:30AM mass.
    - October 15 – 10:30AM mass.

**XIV. Field Agent Report – David Cary**

- David's discussion centered on why we as Knights should seriously consider being a participating insurance member, even if it is only the bare minimum which is a \$300.00 annuity. Dave argued the point that because KOC is a fraternal organization it cannot, by law, provide monetary assistance and support to the widow and the immediate family of a deceased Knight if he is not enrolled in the program. Therefore, he encouraged all council members that are not participating to join.

**XV. District Deputy Report – Bernie Kuta** (given by Roger Giudici)

- Roger being the District Warden filled in for Bernie Kuta.
- Roger discussed two items of interest:
  - One is that our by-laws state that the council should have a ‘Well-fare’ outreach committee, and unfortunately we do not. The task of this community is to visit those members of the council who are not able to participate in any events or activities due to some physical disability and/or ailment. Roger has taken for action to get things started, and is soliciting people to consider becoming a member of this committee.
  - The second is that Bill Hensen, as future Grand Knight, needs to touch base with Bernie concerning the installation of council officers.

**XVI. Good of the Order**

• **Lecturer – Alan Brown/Ben Stancati**

Alan’s discussion concerned some spiritually based material that could be used to enhance our spiritual journey through the Lenten season. This material encompassed a number of novena retreat videos. One in particular focused on the need for prayer and is entitled ‘8 Ways To Jump Start Your Prayer Life’ (see attachments pgs.11, 12, and 13).

- The following associated family members and friends are in need of both spiritual and/or material assistance: Bridget Mosley, Loren Hensen, Dennis and Michelle Cullen, Neal Pugh family and Calista, Dave Herskovits, Michael Lobo, Tom Sathre and Bob Ehle (good friends of Ben Stancati), George Hensen, Kattie Martindale (Ron Gerbers Grand Daughter ), Kathy Spence, Ilene Mayfield (Gary’s sister-in-law), Frank Hensen, Herb Engler, Ken Tahmassebi (Gary’s Good Friend ), Ben Stancati, Ann Sears, Kathy Martz, Brian Murphy, Art Meyers, Joe Musso, DeAnn Craig (good friend of the Mancusos), Jacob Donaldson, Dan Donaldson, Bob Luckner SR., Terri Mayfield, Mike McGinnis, Ray Otstott (Ben’s brother-in-law), Dorthy Thumann, Father Bierbaum (for the passing of his dad), members of our council that have passed, and those on the parish prayer chain list.

**XVII. Chaplain’s Summation – Fr. Marek**

- **None**

As part of the closing prayer, Tim Pimmel read out of the KOC blue prayer book for April 8.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:02 AM. Minutes recorded and reported by Ben Stancati**

**-----Attachments/Correspondence/ Other Documents-----**

4/1/2017			
Receipts	Dues	\$	708.00
	Burritos	\$	708.00
	Thanksgiving	\$	50.00
	DoNuts	\$	307.85
	Fish Fry	\$	797.00
	Shirts and Hats	\$	184.00
	40 Cans for Lent	\$	25.00
	Pennies From Heaven	\$	65.00
Total Receipts:		\$	2,844.85
Expenses	Diocesan Donation	\$	1,000.00
	Burritos	\$	269.37
	DoNuts	\$	151.47
	Supplies	\$	174.43
	Shirts and Hats	\$	161.06
	Pennies From Heaven	\$	359.28
	VA Support	\$	100.00
	Fr. Woody's Support	\$	400.00
	State Meetings	\$	110.00
	Pax Christi Donation	\$	45.00
	Fish Fry	\$	442.50
	Bank Charges	\$	24.00
Total Expenses:		\$	3,237.11
Cash flow:		\$	(392.26)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY TREASURER REPORT			
DATE:	3/31/2017		
	February	March	
BANK BALANCE	\$ 27,484.46	\$	26,093.84
OUTSTANDING CHECKS	\$ 3,222.57	\$	2,224.21
HAILEY FUNDS	\$ 1,312.06	\$	1,312.06
LADY KNIGHTS' FUNDS	\$ 846.25	\$	846.25
AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$ 22,103.58	\$	21,711.32

Reconciliation between Financial Secretary and Treasurer	
Bank Balance end of last month	\$ 27,484.46
Less Prior Month Outstanding Checks	\$ 3,222.57
Plus Current Month deposits	\$ 2,844.85
Less Current Month Checks	\$ 3,237.11
Plus Current Month Outstanding Checks	\$ 2,224.21
Expected Bank Balance	\$ 26,093.84
Actual Bank Balance end of current month	\$ 26,093.84
Difference	\$ -

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March 30, 2017

Pax Christi Church  
Attn: Knights of Columbus, Council 10937 (Gary Mayfield)  
5761 McArthur Ranch Rd  
Littleton, CO 80124

Dear Gary,

Thank you very much for your recent donation of \$400.00 which we processed on 3/30/2017.

We at Fr. Woody's are privileged to see on a daily basis the possibilities and benefits your donations make on the lives of our guests. We profit greatly from the constant feedback we get from them and can readily see the tremendous impact your assistance has on their lives. Unfortunately, you, who make all that we do possible, do not have the benefit of experiencing their gratitude and seeing their lives changed by your sacrifices.

Although it is not possible for you to share in the daily verbal thanks we get, we want to share with you a letter which we received recently from one of our guests expressing the very real difference you made in his life.

We are enclosing a copy of the letter as we received it without modifications by us.

We are so very grateful for all that you do for Fr. Woody's.

In sincere gratitude,



Vince Vecchiarelli

This letter acknowledges receipt of your tax-deductible gift and confirms that you received no tangible benefit, service, or item having monetary value in return for your gift.  
Our tax ID number is: 84-1479555

*Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me*

My name is Michael. I met hard times about 7 years ago. My first year in Denver was wonderful. I had a well paying job and a 4 bedroom house. My second, I lost my job. I thought "ok, no problem". After about 4 months I found myself pawning or selling all that I had. To the point, where I couldn't get a job because the interviewer saw my bag outside of his office that I walked with for 5 miles, and saw the sweat in my face, and could smell the stink from sleeping in a bus stop, or an open post office.

I am familiar with the shelters in Denver, one New Genesis, which charged more than half of what I could grub up in a week. And the Frances shelter, where if I needed a shirt to go to an interview for a job, I had to work for 2 hours to get let into a room to pick one, where in most cases....no shirt fit, and it was too late to go to an interview, and I had to stand in a line after to get a bus ticket. With the condition that the shelter would call the possible employer to confirm an interview. In ALL cases, the embarrassment, and the time constraints, and red tape cost me the job.

Not with Father Woodys. You made me feel like a real person, if just for a few hours, my ideas and dreams came alive. I was able to think, and feel almost like I was not hurting. It means a lot to feel like a real person, and I am not sure how many people realize this.

Since then...I now have gathered my family back, have a good job, and tuck my 9 yearold son into bed every night in a nice warm house. Everything I teach him involves being kind to people in need. I once gave someone on the street \$5, and told my son why its needed to do so. My son stopped in his tracks, and shuffled into his pockets and pulled out his savings to give him another 5. He promptly said "he, has a dog, and the puppy needs to eat too"

Father Woodys provides the NEEDED extras. Surviving is one thing, Providing the comfort to let someone think for a while, instead of having them dwell on what they are at the moment, and worrying about where they wont freeze for the night. Well, that allows for productive thought.

Just a while of feeling like a human being is what father woodys provided me, so thank you. The greatest of anything is kindness, and you provided that.

If there is any way I can help your mission, please let me know.

Michael





3/22/2017  
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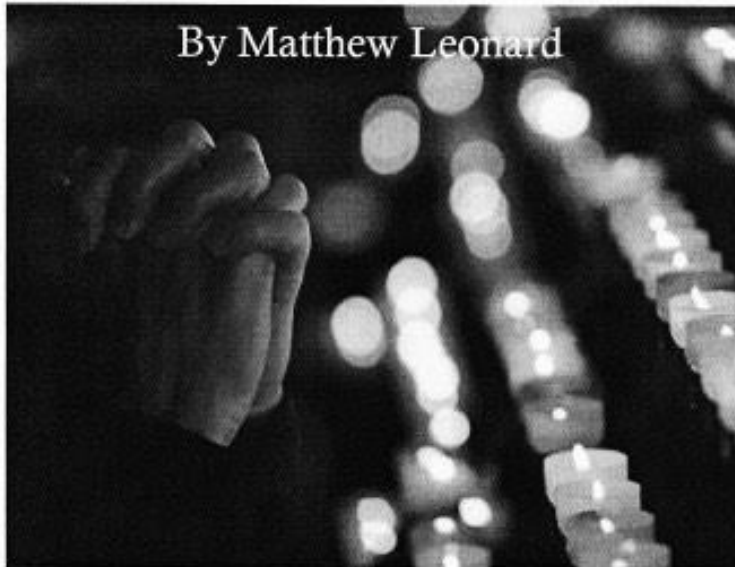
THANK YOU FOR THE KIND NOTE AND GENEROUS GIFT!  
IF YOU COULD SEE MY ROOM HERE AT THE MOUNT, YOU WOULD KNOW  
THAT I HAVE TOTAL SYMPATHY FOR MISPLACING PAPERS!  
HAPPY, YOUR GIFT HAS JUST ARRIVED IN TIME FOR MY BIRTHDAY,  
SO THE TIMING IS FORTUITOUS.  
I AM HAVING A GREAT TIME HERE, THOUGH I MISS HOME. THE  
SEMESTER IS NEARLY OVER & I SHALL BE HOME IN MID-MAY.  
I DON'T YET HAVE MY SUMMER ASSIGNMENT, BUT I WOULD LIKE  
TO TRY AND VISIT PAPA CHRISTI AND THANK YOU IN PERSON.  
PLEASE EXTEND MY GRATITUDE TO ALL YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS  
FOR THIS GIFT & ALL YOU DO FOR SEMINARIANS!  
SINCERELY HONORS IN CHRIST - WILL DWAYNE

# April 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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2 KofC Donuts, 8-12:30	3 KofC Planning meeting, 6:15-8:30 pm	4	5 KofC Stewardship application DUE DATE	6	7 KofC Stewardship references DUE DATE	8 KofC Stewardship scholarship awarded after council mtg, 7:30-9:30 am KofC 40 Cans of Lent collection, 7-10 am
9 Youth Donuts, 8-12:30 pm Youth Confirmation class, 3-7 pm	10	11	12	13 Knights help with the transfer and protection of the Blessed Sacrament, 5-9pm	14	15
16 EASTER KofC Donuts, 8-12:30	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Youth Edge, 3-5 pm and Lifeteen, 6-8pm KofC Donuts 8-12:30	24	25	26	27	28	29 KofC serve lunch at DRM 9-1:30 pm KofC Electronic Recycling 9-12 KofC 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary, 4:30-5p
30 Youth Guys night out, Paintball, 12-4 pm KofC breakfast 7-12:30 KofC 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Rosary, 4:30-5p						

## 8 Ways To Jump-Start Your Prayer Life

By Matthew Leonard



Prayer isn't optional. It's the way we relate to God. We are created to be in union with Him for all eternity, but that union doesn't start later. It starts now through prayer and the sacraments.

Even so, relating to God isn't always easy. Whether it's inexperience or simply a dry spot, we all are in need of a "jump start" every now and then. So I've created a list of eight ways to get you back on track and moving closer to God.

### **No. 1 Make Prayer A Non-Negotiable**

One thing is for certain, if you don't make prayer a priority it will be the first thing crossed off of your "to do" list when things get busy. This means you have to make it part of your daily schedule.

Because we're so busy, we often feel like there's no time to pray. I've been there. But I've learned that if you make time for God, He'll make time for you. He'll multiply your time so that you can get everything finished that He wants you to get finished. In fact, the busier I get, the more I know I need to pray.

### **No. 2 Set The Stage**

When entering the presence of God, environment is key. That means trying to pray at a bar during Happy Hour or during a bridal shower isn't going to cut it.

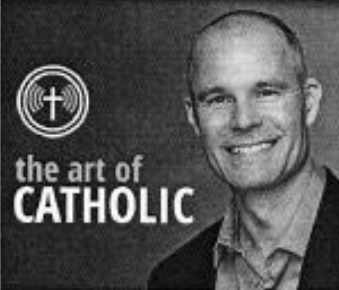
Given all the roadblocks that Original Sin already throws up when we try to pray, it's crazy to allow more distraction to compete for our attention.

Most people pray best in the morning, because it's when we're most fresh. It doesn't do any good to try to enter into God's presence when we're falling over tired. That doesn't mean I don't...(cont.)

# 8 Ways To Jump-Start Your Prayer Life

Want to Hear More?  
Check out  
the Art of Catholic Podcast!

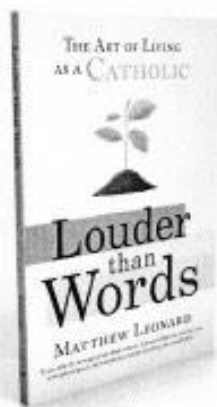
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—Mark Hart, Executive Vice  
President of Life Teen International



### No. 2 Continued...

pray at night. I enjoy ending the evening praying Night Prayer with my wife. But I'm most alert after being awake for an hour or so in the morning.

Setting the stage also involves getting rid of noise, which brings us to Number 3...

### No. 3 Silence

In today's world, we're constantly assaulted by images and sound. You can't even pump gas anymore without a speaker polluting the air with ads or "music." Since we're all a little spiritually ADD to begin with, silencing the world is a must when it's time to pray. We need quiet.

I think the absolute best place to pray is an adoration chapel. But there are plenty of other quiet places to pray.

Even so, sometimes it's really hard to quiet my minds even when I've achieved exterior silence. One "trick" I use to help calm things down is repeating the name of "Jesus" over and over. Repetition is a great tool to help our minds slow down and focus. Another option is to read a Gospel passage about Our Lord's Passion.

### No. 4 Quality Not Quantity

The spiritual life isn't a sprint. It's a marathon. Regardless of the manner in which we're praying, quality is always better than quantity.

What's the point of racing? Imagine if we tried to converse with our spouse or friends by racing through the conversation without even thinking about what we're saying? Not only would they not appreciate it very much, but our relationship with them wouldn't deepen. It's the same with God. Don't rush through your prayers.

St. Francis de Sales said that one fervent Our Father or Hail Mary is worth more than hundreds you say without focus. The goal isn't to finish. The goal is God.

### No. 5 Don't Be Afraid of Change

One reason we often get into a prayer rut is because we keep doing the same things over and over. If you find yourself having trouble making progress, change things up.

Remember that prayer is a movement of the heart toward God. The tools we use to help that movement are simply that – tools. Take a break from your normal routine. Oftentimes this will help you "jump start" a conversation with the Lord. 2



## 8 Ways To Jump-Start Your Prayer Life

### No. 6 - Resolve to Act

At the end of the day, prayer is meant to bring about change. There are no plateaus in the spiritual life. We're either moving toward God, or away from Him.

This means that movement must be the end result of praying. Resolve to act on whatever it is the Lord is telling you, so as to draw closer to Him.

### No. 7 Practice Ejaculatory Prayer

Simply thanking or praising God as we go about the day is one of the most powerful weapons in our prayer arsenal. It keeps us in the presence of God. As St. Phillip Neri says, "It is an old custom of the saints of God to have some little prayers ready and to be frequently darting them up to heaven during the day... He who adopts this plan will obtain great fruits with little pain."

This kind of simple prayer is one of the key ways we can follow the admonition of St. Paul to "pray always" (1 Thes 5:17).

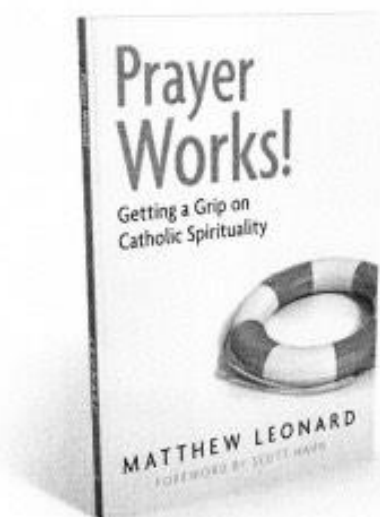
### No. 8 Ask For Prayer!

One of the first things we do when we're in trouble is to ask others to pray for us. Why not when we're having trouble praying?

Of course, we don't only ask people alive on earth. We're Catholic! We're part of the Communion of Saints. Anyone and everyone who is in Christ – no matter in what epoch – is available to help.

Revelation 5:8 says our family members in heaven are interceding for us by offering up "golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints."

So instead of being cut off, they're actively engaged in helping us grow closer to our family in heaven. You could say that one of their jobs is to pray for us. The saints "constantly care for those whom they have left on earth," says the Catechism (n. 2683). Your brothers and sisters *want* to help you. Let them!



*"Maybe you've read stories about millionaires who travel to Tibet to learn how to meditate. Maybe you know someone who visited a monastery for a month to learn how to pray. Maybe you don't have that kind of money or spare time, but you still want to learn to pray. The good news is prayer isn't something exotic or esoteric...not when Matthew Leonard talks about it. He makes the methods manageable."*

**"Everybody needs help to grow spiritually...Matt Leonard shows us the way." Dr. Scott Hahn**

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