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May 2011 Newsletter

We Miss You Mike!

It has been almost four months since our brother knight Mike Ledbetter followed his calling and entered the Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis. I recently visited with him at the seminary and received a tour of the facility and his living area. I was impressed with the peaceful solace of this 30 acre facility situated in the middle of urban St. Louis. This seems to be the perfect place for young men to grow in knowledge and commitment to serve others and to give their lives completely to Jesus. There are 115 seminarians and 11 priests who live there full time.

Seminary life has been a major change for Mike. He ended a successful 9 year technical career as a controls engineer, working on many of the largest building projects in this region including the Thomas F. Eagleton Courthouse, Scott AFB U.S. Transportation Command, River City and Lumiere Casinos, Barnes Jewish Hospital, St. Louis University and Jefferson Barracks Hospital. While we visited in his room, he pointed out that one of these big projects was the installation and programming of the heating and cooling units in each of the rooms at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, including the room he now lives in!

His life now consists of many opportunities for prayer, reflection and learning. He is taking three classes at St. Louis University: Theology, Philosophy and English. He travels to SLU every day by commuter van along with other seminarians who are attending college. There is a lot more reading and writing required in these classes, compared with the technical classes he had taken years ago.

He attends Mass every day, usually in the large and beautiful St. Joseph Chapel. There are two other smaller

chapels for prayer: St. Charles Chapel which is used primarily by the seminarians and the Mary, Mother of the Word Chapel used primarily by the priests who live at the seminary. There is also daily community prayer in the morning and evening, and every Tuesday evening is Holy Hour and Wednesday evening is Adoration. Every Saturday many seminarians go to the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic in St. Louis to pray the Rosary for an end to abortions.

His room is the size of a college dorm room with one window that overlooks a small courtyard and faces the stained glass windows of the St. Joseph Chapel. He does not need an alarm clock because the chapel bells provide a most effective wake-up call! His desk area was well supplied with books, so it was obvious the reading workload is significant. I also saw prominently displayed the black wooden crucifix that our council gave him at the last Christmas party.

Did you ever wonder what the large, stately tower structure is used for at Kenrick-Glennon? Mike confirmed it no longer has any operational use. It had been a water tower, but is no longer used. For me it serves as a visual locator as seen from Interstate 44 and many other locations in St. Louis and a reminder that the seminary is there.

Seminarians also have access to a very well equipped lounge, with wide screen TV, pool table, game tables and refreshments available. There are frequent movie nights and the guys can relax a bit and get to know each other better. They also have a gymnasium with a basketball court where Mike plays pick-up games to keep in shape.

The seminarians are very well fed by four Carmelite Sisters. Food is served cafeteria style and residents have open access to a well stocked kitchen anytime day or night! Mike is concerned that he has not just grown spiritually since he arrived there, but also physically! More basketball games may be needed!

Let's all keep Mike and his brother seminarians in our prayers as they prepare and devote their lives in service to Jesus. Mike has been a great example of selfless service to others, especially on behalf of our Council, the ICY kids and our parish, and we all miss him! I pray that many more of our members follow his example and volunteer to lead and work on our Council and parish projects. There are many opportunities to serve...call me at 618-978-8407 if you are able to help. We need you!

Vivat Jesus! Mark.

Calendar of Events

Every Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration

05/08 - Mother's Day Breakfast - 8:00am-11:00am ICS Cafeteria

Chicken Dinner - Cancelled for this Month Only

05/12 - General Membership Meeting - 7:30pm Meeting

05/15 - Abbie's Tootsie Roll Run - KC Hall Cahokia - All Vehicles Welcome-11am

05/17 - Card Lotto - Columbia Convalescent Home - 7:00pm

05/22 - Knights of Columbus Blood Drive - Parish Center - 8am-1pm

05/30 - Memorial Day Holiday - Parish Office Closed/No Mail

06/09 - General Membership Meeting - 7:30pm Meeting

06/12 - Chicken Dinner - Cancelled for this Month Only

06/19 - Father's Day - Hug your Dad

Knights of Columbus Council #6165 Milestones

First Name	MI	Last Name	Years of Service
Charles		Hopkins	66
Robert	L	Byerley	42
Calvin	W	Fries	42
Ralph	P	Herrmann	42
William	P	Kilian	42
Thomas	J	Kish	42
Arthur	L	Mc Auliffe	42
Donald	S	Mehrmann	42
Terry	L	Riebeling	42
William	G	Shaw	42
Daniel	G	Weilbacher	40
Albert	G	Kish	37
Larry	F	Laurent	33
Robert	K	Williamson	31
Tom	D	Adams	26
Allyn	J	Konrad	26
Stanley	J	Waide	26
Thomas	O	Fohne	25
Herman	J	Bellm	23
Ronald	C	Ettling	23
Lawrence	A	Hanegan	22
Dennis	A	Krupp	22
Darrell	G	Miller	22
Paul	M	Thoma	22
Mark	A	Tisdale	19
Ryan	R	Hicks	13
Jason	C	Ettling	10
Craig	G	Lundy	10
Kevin	P	Schmoll	10
Ronald	L	Archambault	7
William	M	Raisch	7
Adam	W	Randle	7
Michael	J	Thomas	3

Birthdays

First Name	MI	Last Name
Ronald	P	Bequette
Joseph	A	Butler
Kim	K	Feltz
Rick	J	Flinn
John	R	Fox
William	E	Friedrich
John	M	Hannon
Kevin	D	Hennes
Ralph	P	Herrmann
Michael	A	Hollman
John	R	Kish
Daniel	A	Kish
Jason	M	Laskowski
Edilberto		Maglasang
Steven	J	Merz
George	R	Naumann
Douglas	A	Newton
Walter	A	Novak
Randy	L	Rachell
Adam	W	Randle
Steven	E	Richter
Leo	F	Sander
William	J	Sander
Edward	A	Schaefer
Egon		Scheuring
Brian	C	Schutzenhofer
Lawrence	R	Toenjes
Allen	G	Wedel
Gerald	J	Weilbacher



Congratulations to the two newest members to the Council

**Tom Barrett
&
Mark Garcia**

Also for those of us who feasted on Rafael Perez's Paella - Rafael, we say Thanks. For those of you who missed it, this is what the feast looked like. And yes, there were seconds!!! And of course take home!!!

Our own Seminarian Mike Ledbetter led us through the Lenten Holiday Masses. Thoughts and Prayers for Michael, Father Carl, Father Gary and Father Eric.

First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Years of Marriage
Victor	J	Reichert	64
Forrest	D	Keim	56
William	P	Kilian	56
Norman	D	Kutterer	54
Earl	A	Reichert	52
Joseph	A	Knese	50
Nelson	Bruce	Overbey	48
Dennis	L	Voegele	46
Mark	A	Funfsinn	33
Mark	J	Schmersahl	27
John	S	Olsson	24
Steven	J	Merz	22
Ralph	P	Herrmann	21
James	D	Witges	17

