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Lecturer's Words of Wisdom

FATHER ANTON'S WORDS OF WISDOM:



Christmas is now less than a month away and if you're anything like me you're asking yourself: where did the time go? As I get older it seems that time seems to go by quicker, and oftentimes life seems like one big blur. As we anticipate the celebration of LOVE incarnated in the person of Jesus, I think all of us need to slow down a bit, myself included, and contemplate the miracle that we remember year after year. The readings through Advent help us to call to mind what is most important in our lives and how we can "re-centre" ourselves with the "Ground of our Being - God". Unless we allow ourselves to have the "God experience" we will never fully know just how much we are loved, nurtured and celebrated. We have heard in the readings since the beginning of the Pre-Christmas Fast sage advice that is really not that difficult to understand or to practice - all we need is the will to do so. We are told to deal with ourselves and others with humility and patience, learning to be tolerant of others and our perception of their shortcomings. We are asked to live lives united in the love of God through each other. (Ephesians: 4: 1-6) We are reminded that all that is expected of you and me is that we 'love our God

with all our hearts, all our souls and all our minds, and that we love others as we love ourselves." We are also told that we are all God's children regardless of the colour of our skin, our lifestyle, our religion, and whether we are rich or poor or in between. We are called through Christ to be servants of one another, and recognizing that in helping another, regardless how much or how little; we are to see in them the divine. (Luke 10: 25-3) We are also told to be careful where we lay our treasure. So often we use "things" to fill a void in our life that can only be filled by God. Things give us pleasure for a few moments and eventually we are looking for something more; but when we invite God to share our life he will always be our "enough." (Luke 12: 16-21) We know then that to achieve all of these wonderful gifts we must be aware of our lives. We must know what to celebrate and what to change in order that the God experience is possible. We must fill our lives with truth, justice, the gospel of peace which is nurtured by faith. (Ephesians: 6: 10-17) We must also have a faith that is unwavering; knowing that our encounter with Jesus will change our lives forever. We will come to understand that there is no right or wrong time to speak out against injustice, or to assist someone in need: now is the time! (Luke 13: 10-17) We must always reach far within ourselves to discover the Jesus within in order that we may reach out to others and discover the Jesus that walks among us. Christmas is the celebration of "God with Us!", and Advent, when properly observed is a joyful anticipation of remembering that first Christmas; when love embraced humanity, the world, and all that was in it, lifting us up as holy, and allowing us to experience the love of a God that is so great, that it has no boundaries. That love was, is, and continues to be unconditional, ever flowing and life giving.

Let us pray: Loving God, we anticipate the celebration of your entering human history and sharing our lives; not just our burdens and sorrows, but also our joy. As we prepare for the celebration of the Miracle of Christmas once more, help us to empty ourselves of all that would prevent your love to overflow from within us, so that through us, that same love may be experienced by another. Amen.



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*For the child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders and he named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

*His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness
from this time onwards and for evermore.*

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9:6-8

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Grand Knight's Message



Dear Brother Knights,

Christ is Born - Let Us Glorify Him!

ХРИСТОС РАЖДАЕТСЯ!

On behalf of the executive and myself, I wish to extend to all Brother Knights and their families the Warmest Wishes for a Very Merry Christmas, Health and Happiness through the coming year.

Also a sincere Thank You to all the Brothers who volunteered their services during the year.

Again Thank You for your support. Stay Safe, Stay Healthy!

Franternally Yours,

Don Krochak - Grand Knight

News Updates and Events

Morris Hucal is a leader among leaders.



The long-serving Superintendent of Education for the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board was recently elected President of the Ontario Catholic Supervisory Officers' Association (OCSOA) for 2020-2021. His appointment takes effect on August 1, 2020.

OCSOA is the professional association for Catholic supervisory officers across Ontario. Its mission, to serve the Roman Catholic education community through the exercise of the charisma of leadership, is carried out by its 204 members who use their gifts, talents and time for the building up of community.

Hucal's nomination was confirmed at an OCSOA virtual business meeting on June 1.

In words of acceptance, he thanked the many strong and dedicated Catholic leaders who make up the association and serve the interests of Catholic education.

"Renewing the Promise' reminds us that we are all called to model a life centred in the person of Jesus, and we are indeed privileged to give witness, personally and professionally, to the teachings of Christ as we offer our leadership in the service of others."

Noting the challenges of the past several months, he urged the regional representatives to ensure that the perspectives and voices of their areas continue to be heard.

"Your input will be key," said Hucal.

"During this Pandemic, we have learned the importance of wellness and that the well-being of all needs to be prioritized and taken into account. I have been impressed by the leadership of our various school boards in sharing resources and protocols and/or plans to support staff, students and parents during these challenging times."

He cited Steven Hayes, a leader in psychology who, in his book "The Ordinary Corona Hero," wrote: "There will be many heroes when we all write our story following this pandemic. If we can all be a hero in our own small way – drawing upon our strengths, digging deep to take care of ourselves, and showing others great compassion – we can make this process less painful and emerge from it with immeasurable strength. As a society, as a leader, as a person."

This, too, said Hucal, is how Catholic supervisory officers are called to lead and to serve.

"Our OCSOA prayer reminds us to LEAD and SERVE, to be women and men of faith, hope and love, to lead with vision, courage, and compassion and serve with humility, gentleness and kindness."

"These important qualities will shape and guide my leadership and service as president."

Hucal's appointment follows earlier leadership roles as OCSOA Vice-President (2019-2020), Regional Representative on the Board of Directors (2017-2018) and member of the Mentor-Coaching Steering Committee (2016-2017).

(The Buzz Board)



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The crowded school bus pulled to the curb to make way for the fire truck, zooming and clanging down the street. The kids were entranced with the Dalmation seated beside the driver. "Why did the firemen have that dog with them?" said one boy, "To bark at the crowds and keep the people out of the way," answered another. "I know why," said another, "He's there for good luck," The argument ended when one lad insisted: "They use the dog to find the fire hydrant."



NOTABLE DATES

December 08	Wednesday	Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 14	Tuesday	Virtual Council meeting 7:00pm
December 18	Saturday	Bingo Princess Bingo 9am Covid Restrictions in effect
December 21	Tuesday	Winter Solstice
December 24	Friday	Christmas Eve
December 25	Saturday	Christmas Day
December 26	Sunday	Boxing Day
December 31	Friday	New Years Eve
January 01	Saturday	New Years Day
January 06	Thursday	Feast of the Epiphany
January 07	Friday	Ukrainian Christmas

Happy Birthday to the Following Members

December 08	MORRIS M ZADVORNY
December 11	PETER N HARKAY
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