



Knights of Columbus – Chevaliers de Colomb

Fourth Degree

Bishop Emeritus Albert Thevenot, District Friar- Saskatchewan

My Dear Brother Knights,

May the peace and joy of Christ be with you.

The Covid experience has changed all of us. Having our meetings online through Zoom or whatever means was very different from sharing an in-person one. Hopefully we will be able to meet in-person soon.

Brother Chris, in his letter, stressed on the importance of Patriotism. This is one of the pillars of the Order. As we find ourselves in the midst of an election, it is up to each one of us to be well informed of the platform on each of our leaders. Our order wants us to be involved in the political and social process of our country. Indifference would be harmful to our commitment of being a Knight or even being a Christian. I am aware that our political view may vary yet our Holy Father reminds in Fratelli tutti that we are all brothers and sister of this planet that we live on. We must work in creating opportunities of building bridges. We must find ways to bring together the people of all nations. Forgiveness must be extended to all. Harmony and respect of one another is a must in building a nation with a purpose. Laudato si, the previous Encyclical of Pope Francis, speaks of Brother earth and sister Moon. The respect of our environment is challenging to all of us. Searching for the truth in all this information that we are bombarded with, on these issues invites us to do some research on what is best for us, our family, children and grandchildren. What policies would help us leave a positive legacy to our loves. What we decide today will affect that wellbeing of our children and grandchildren, tomorrow. Getting to the truth of all this can be quite a challenge. Don't be afraid of the truth. It is very unfortunate that many aspects of life have been politicized. It is a time to be patriotic. Be proud of the nation in which you live where freedom means to accept our differences as a Gift from God. Let us be present in the transformation which is happening before us.

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