



# Knights of Columbus®

ST THOMAS MORE COUNCIL #7826

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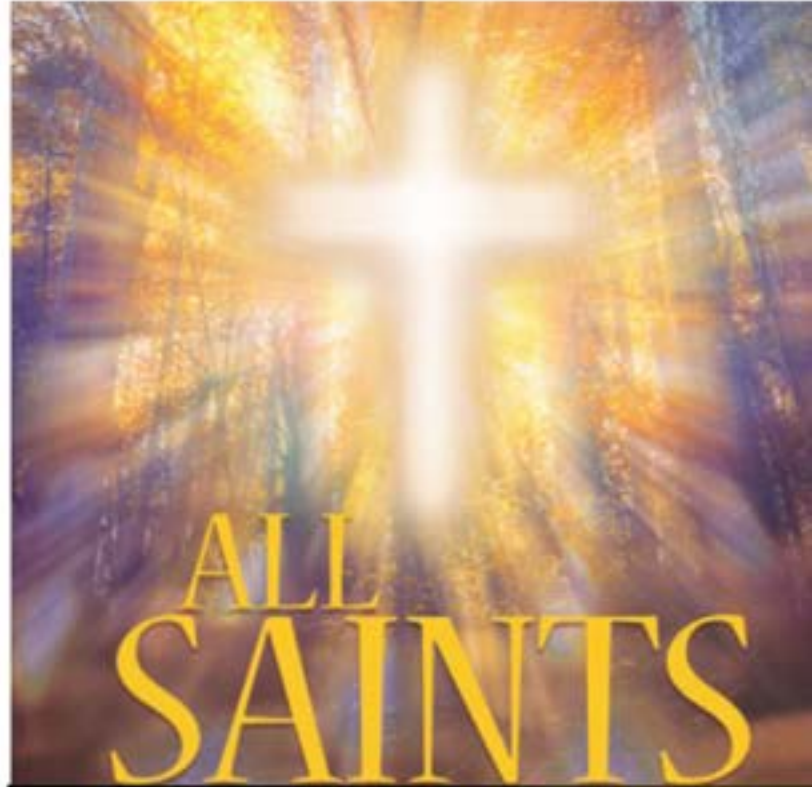
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*All Souls' Day*

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November 2  
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## Grand Knights Report

**ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS MONTH** - All Saints and All Souls comprise the two-day celebration of the Communion of Saints – those who are with God in heaven and those who are on their way to heaven. On the Solemnity of All Saints, November 1st, the Church celebrates those Christians who achieved spiritual excellence. It is a day to venerate all the holy men and women who have been canonized by the Church. A day later, on the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), the Church remembers and prays for the faithful departed: our brothers and sisters who have died marked with the sign of faith. Particularly, we pray for all the souls in purgatory.

**A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** - In the US and many other countries, All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation and a day not just for remembering the saints, but for honoring and paying respects to our departed loved ones, usually with prayers, flowers, and good offerings.

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN** - Last month was dedicated to Respect for Life in our Council with our annual Baby Bottle Campaign and the 40 Days for Life initiative. Although the final tally is not yet in for the Baby Bottle donations it appears to be an outstanding success. Thanks to all the volunteers both Knights and family members in passing out and accepting returns of the Baby Bottles. Special "Thanks" to Frank & Imelda Moeslein for their leadership and organization of this year's campaign!





## Grand Knights Report

**FRATERNAL BENEFITS NIGHT** - This month we held our 1st Fraternal Benefits Night (FBN) on Tuesday, October 24th. Our Worthy Insurance Agent, Brian DeBlauw, presented the many financial and insurance benefits of being a Knight of Columbus. We had 15 members and their wives in attendance. The presentation was centered on *"The Keys to a Happy Retirement!"*. Brian did an outstanding job of presenting the many financial and insurance benefits available to every member.



**KNIGHT'S MASS** - On October 11th we had our monthly "Knight's Mass" at the 8:00 a.m. Mass with almost 30 Knights and wives in attendance. Also, the rosary was prayed before the Mass starting at 7:30 a.m. with Adoration following the Mass. Both the rosary and the Mass were dedicated to those on the Good of the Order list with a special intention for Brother Jack Shaw. Please join your Brother Knights for this special "Knight's Mass" this month on November 8th.



**STAR COUNCIL AWARD - 2022-'23** - Congratulations to our PGK, Jim Meyd, and all the Officers and volunteers over the past year for their hard work and dedication to our Council. Our District Deputy, Dr. Steven Wyer and our District Warden, Charlie Culkin presented the "STAR COUNCIL" award at our October meeting. [CONGRATULATIONS TO COUNCIL #7826!](#)





## Grand Knights Report

**ASSEMBLY MEETING** - The Our Lady of Charity Assembly 3089 held its annual Bourbon/Scotch & Cigars fundraiser at Maduro's Cigar & Wine Bar on October 28th. Proceeds will benefit a local veteran's support organization - *Operation Warrior Resolution*. In support of our Assembly and our veterans, St. Thomas More Council #7826 was well represented at this annual fundraising event.



**NEXT MEETING** - The next Assembly meeting is scheduled for November 13th at STM. If you're interested in becoming a 4th Degree "Sir Knight" please contact Dr. Steve, Charlie Culkin, Joe Tiffany or the GK for details.

## Grand Knights Report

**3rd DEGREE CEREMONY** - On October 17th the Exemplification Team held the 3rd Degree ceremony where we welcomed a new Brother, Thomas Lacrasto (*top right*) to our council and Brother Richard Lamb (*center right*) as 3rd Degree Knights. Congratulations to both Thomas and Richard as our latest 3rd Degree Knights!

The Honoree for this Exemplification ceremony was Rob Carver (*bottom right*). This well deserved recognition results from his contributions as a past Officer, his role on the Exemplification Team and his many volunteer activities in our Council.

This makes five new members towards our goal of 10 for this fraternal year. We need to recruit five more members to make our goal. Together we can do this!

*MAKE A FRIEND!  
BE A FRIEND! and  
BRING THAT FRIEND TO THE KNIGHTS!*





## Faith In Action

**RESPECT FOR LIFE DINNER** - Our STM Council #7826 was a major sponsor together with St. Martha's Council in support of SOLVE's "Respect for Life" dinner held on October 7th at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Several of our members attended including Ray Paleczny (pictured below), with many other notable guests including Art Reilly, SMPC Board Member, and Brian Kerwin, Head of Development for SOLVE (pictured right). There were several speakers including Rich Owens and Fr. Chris from St. Martha's church.



### THANK YOU LETTER FROM BRIAN KERWIN

THIS PAST WEEK, WE AT SOLVE MATERNITY HOMES RECEIVED A GENEROUS CHECK FOR \$1,000 FROM THE ST. THOMAS MORE KNIGHTS COUNCIL. I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS OUR SINCEREST THANKS FOR THIS THOUGHTFUL PROVISION. YOUR KNIGHTS CAN REST ASSURED THAT THESE FUNDS WILL BE ALLOCATED TO THE DIRECT BENEFIT OF THE WOMEN AND BABIES WHO RESIDE IN THE FOUR HOME SOLVE PROGRAM. IT IS A TRUE HONOR TO BE RECOGNIZED AND SUPPORTED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COMMUNITY, AS OUR NATION'S MANY COUNCILS HAVE SO STRONGLY HELPED COUNTLESS PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTERS IN SAVING LIVES.

AT A KNIGHTS MEETING LAST WEEK, I SHARED THAT BECAUSE OF THE KNIGHTS ABUNDANT PROVISION OF ULTRASOUND MACHINES, IMAGING TECHNOLOGY HAS MADE GREAT STRIDES IN ADVANCEMENT. THIS IS LARGELY BECAUSE OF THE VOLUME OF MACHINES HAVING BEEN HISTORICALLY FUNDED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR USE IN PREGNANCY CENTERS. THE KNIGHTS ARE TRUE WARRIORS FOR LIFE!

BECAUSE OF THIS, NO ONE CAN DARE QUESTION THE COMMITMENT OF THE K. OF C. MEN WITH REGARDS TO LIFE ISSUES - PARTICULARLY ABORTION.....

AGAIN, OUR THANKS RALPH FROM SOLVE MATERNITY HOMES.

BRIAN KERWIN  
DEVELOPMENT



**RESPECT LIFE**



## Faith In Action



Once again our Brother Knights and Spouses demonstrated their unwavering commitment to defend the most innocent of God's creation. On Thursday, October 26th during the 40 Days for Life Vigil outside of Sarasota's Regional Planned Parenthood location by praying peacefully for babies, families and planned parenthood workers and volunteers. This fall vigil we were blessed with four new prayer warriors, Fr. Daniel Scanlan, Dr. Mike Giudici, Chris Pariseau, and John Regan who joined fellow Brothers at various 1-2 hour time periods between 7AM and 6PM. A special thank you to Brother Knights who could not join us but prayed that we would have a successful day.



### The Fall 40 Days for Life Vigil

The fraternal fellowship we share while we pray, chit chat and get to know one another on the sidewalk is a truly special bonding experience! We are standing for Christ, with a smile on our face, often holding a sign with a hopeful message. We see and greet people ranging from those driving by PP, schoolchildren, parents, neighborhood folks, homeless, and most profoundly, visitors / clients going to Planned Parenthood. We hear words of support, ridicule, and curiosity and learn wonderful stories of babies saved (24 so far this year!) from the beautiful nurses at the nearby pro-life *Community Pregnancy Center*. What an awesome gift to know that we play a role by our presence in saving the life of a baby and possibly softening the hardened heart of PP clients and their family.

Please consider joining us on the 4th Thursday of every month between the hours of 9-1 as part of our commitment to 40 Days for Life 365. We are always joined by a wonderful group from St. Paul's RC Church in Arcadia, who are there every Thursday and are an inspiration to us by their prayerful witness.

For Life,  
Brian and Neal



## Faith In Action

**Food Pantry** - Thank you to all the Food Bank volunteers and their spouses for your in-person participation and your monetary support. As you may know, the supply chain remains a challenge and food supplies are in still in short supply. Given today's economy, we have 75-100 families in need every week. Please continue to support the pantry with both food and monetary donations. The pantry continues to purchase additional basic items each week to supplement what we receive from All Faiths Food Bank.

The weekly bulletin lists the items we critically need. Your donations are greatly appreciated by the pantry and those families we serve.



## A DAY OF SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR.** On Saturday, November 18th, St. Thomas More Council 7826 will host a day of Spiritual Reflection. The session will be held in the Chelsea Center. It will begin at 10:00 am with coffee and donuts, and conclude at 3:45 pm. At the conclusion of the program, participants can attend the 4:00 pm Vigil Mass.

The session's focus is "Eucharistic Revival." Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharistic. The Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharistic.

The program topics will be "Holy Eucharistic: Sacrifice, Real Presence and Holy Communion" and "The Power of Confession and Holy Communion." The speaker will be Jim Gontis, Director, Department of Evangelization, Diocese of Venice. After each presentation, there will be a breakout session for the participants to discuss the topic matter.

During the morning introduction and the lunch break, our Council Chaplain, Father Daniel Scanlan and our Pastor, Father Gordon Zanetti, will say a few words. Below is the program agenda:

- 10:00 am – Coffee, Donuts and Introduction
- 10:30 am – Speaker Presentation: "Holy Eucharistic: Sacrifice, Real Presence and Holy Communion"
- 11:10 am - Break
- 11:20 am – Breakout Session
- 12:10 pm – Lunch
- 12:55 pm – Speaker Presentation: "The Power of Confession and Holy Communion"
- 1:35 pm – Break
- 1:45 pm – Breakout Session
- 2:35 pm – Session Summary and Closing
- 3:15 pm – Adoration and Confession
- 4:00 pm – Vigil Mass

To register for this program, please contact Deputy Grand Knight Charlie Culkin at 941-504-5490 or by e-mail at [cinandchas@verizon.net](mailto:cinandchas@verizon.net). If you want to attend, you must register so we can properly plan meals and materials. This will be an inspirational program. Please plan on attending.



## Faith In Action

**October Social** - The October Social was held at the WATERFRONT Restaurant in Venice on October 27th with 70 Brothers and their wives to celebrate and recognize several special people and their role in our Council family.

This social was an extraordinary event for our Council as three priests were present: Fr. Gordon (Pastor), Fr. Daniel (Chaplain) and Fr. Lawton (former Chaplain). During the social PGK Jim Meyd and GK Ralph Neller presented Fr. Lawton Lang with a gift of \$500 in appreciation for his spiritual guidance and leadership over the past 2 years under PGK Jim Meyd.

We also celebrated Fr. Gordon's Birthday and his Priesthood Anniversary of 18 years with cake and our gratitude for all you do for our Council.

Thank you Brother Dave and Sue Bracy for organizing and co-ordinating this very special social for our Council!





## Faith In Action

# KNIGHT / FAMILY OF THE MONTH

### **Knight of the Month - Fr. Gordon Zanetti**

Our Pastor and Brother Knight has served the St. Thomas More Parish with care and spiritual guidance. He was responsible for the many improvements on the campus and the leader of the Capital Campaign for the Diocese of Venice.



### **Family of the Month - Max and Pat Streibel**

Our October Family of the Month is Max and Pat Streibel. Max is an exemplary Knight in our Council with his volunteer work on the Golf Committee and as a Hospitality Minister while Pat is a Lay Distributor. This family is very involved in our parish activities.





## Parish News



**Construction Update** - Much of the parking lot repair and asphalt coating has been completed. However, the areas directly in front of the church are scheduled for November 6, 7, and 8th and will be restricted. Several damaged areas require re-paving and a fresh coat of sealer will need to be applied. Following the repair and sealing the spaces will need to be re-painted. This work should not require us to reschedule any meetings planned this month e.g. Council Business, Exemplifications, and Committee meetings.



**Ministries** - St. Thomas More is in need of Hospitality & Eucharistic Ministers. There is a need for Hospitality Ministers for Sunday 12:00 Mass. If you are a current Minister, please consider changing to assist in covering these masses. This is a great way to volunteer your time to assist our parish and increase the visibility of all we do as a Council. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested in volunteering. Thank you to those who have responded to this call.

**Catholic Faith Appeal (CFA)** - Our Council continues to contribute to the St. Thomas More CFA goal from the Diocese of Venice. At this point in the campaign we are still in need of approximately \$85,000 to meet our parish goal. To all those Knights and their families who have contributed to the CFA - "Thank You!"

If you have not yet contributed to the CFA please consider a donation to support our parish before the end of this year.

**"Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest." (Gal 6:9)**

**Veterans Day Mass** - This year marks the 14th consecutive year the Diocese of Venice is holding a Memorial Mass on Veterans Day in honor of the men and women who have served our country and continue to serve and protect us today. Bishop Frank J. Dewane will celebrate the Mass at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 11, at the Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Road 72/Clark Road, approximately five miles east of I-75. The Priests, Deacons and Knights of Columbus in the Diocese will join Bishop Dewane for this important event. All are invited to attend, and active military personnel are asked to wear their uniform. Attendees are also encouraged to wear sunscreen and bring a hat. There is ample seating and parking at the cemetery.





## Committee Corner

**Social Media** - Our Council provides several internet opportunities to stay in touch with our Members via Facebook, #7826 K of C website, the STM K of C Parish website, Emails, Telephone contact and the "Good of the Order".

### Facebook - "KofC Council 7826"

Many thanks to Brother Steve McElroy and his wife, Carol, in managing our FACEBOOK account. If you need assistance to sign up on our FACEBOOK account or to post information - contact Steve and Carol at his email address: mcelroyfs@verizon.net

STM K of C Websites - The STM parish web page and our STM Council 7826 website have been updated to ensure current information and events are available in a timely manner to all members. Many thanks to Brother Dan Martin for taking on the administration of these important social media platforms for our Council. Our Council website address is [www.kofc7826.org](http://www.kofc7826.org). Please use this website and pass it along to your friends, relatives and associates that may have an interest in the Knights of Columbus and our St Thomas More Council.

We have the need on many of our committees for new members. To our new members, this is a great way to become involved in our Council activities. Please see Deputy Grand Knight Charlie Culkin and Chancellor Chris Pariseau to assist you in joining a committee.

### **Right to Life -**



November continues our "40 Days for Life" campaign and the need for more "prayer warriors". You can sign up by contacting our Right to Life Co-Chairs, either Brian Harkins at [bjharkins1@gmail.com](mailto:bjharkins1@gmail.com) or telephone # 908-451-7454 or Neil Corrado at [fdny0261@gmail.com](mailto:fdny0261@gmail.com) or telephone # 941-993-1520.

**Membership** - Our New Member Goal this fraternal year is ten New Members. We currently have five new members. We have 8 more months to recruit five more members and make Star Council again this year -with YOUR help!!

New Members must be a practicing Catholic, 18+ years of age. We need your help to reach out to K of C "prospects". You can contact Chancellor Chris Pariseau, at his email [pariseau314@outlook.com](mailto:pariseau314@outlook.com) or his telephone # 443-994-7397. Membership growth is essential to the success of the Knights of Columbus.

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BE A FRIEND!  
BRING THAT FRIEND TO THE KNIGHTS!!**





## Committee Corner

**Special Olympics** - Volunteers are the backbone of the Special Olympics organization. Volunteers range from coaches, unified partners, mentors, officials, and event coordinators. Volunteers are needed for bowling, swimming and Fall Classic competitions. We are in search of incredible individuals who are willing to volunteer as Coaches.

### Sports:

- Basketball, Tennis, Athletics, Cycling, Soccer (January - May)
- Stand Up Paddle (May - August)
- Bowling (May - September)
- Swimming (May - October)
- Flag Football, Pickleball, Powerlifting, Softball (July - November) - [Register for upcoming sports season](#)
- Golf (August - December) - [Register for upcoming sports season](#)
- Equestrian (January - April)

If you are interested in becoming involved in Special Olympics please reach out to Brother John Cesare for details.



**Awards and Memorial Cabinet** - The next time you're in the Spirit Center check out the newly restored and reorganized Awards & Memorial display cabinet.



### Special "Thanks"

A special "THANK YOU" to those responsible for the restructure and reorganization of our Council's Awards & Memorial display cabinet. They are:

*Joe Sommer Jr.,  
Hank Peppard,  
Bob Lewandowski, and  
Lynn Quartermaine.*



## Council Good of the Order

### Please include the following individuals in your prayers:

Jerry Hayes  
John & Kay Maier  
John McAlonie  
Erin McAlonie Brady (daughter of John McAlonie)  
Johnnie Turner  
Alec & Shirley Berardinelli  
John & Craig Spinale (John's son)  
Sheree Levanti (wife of Ken Levanti)  
David & Donna Woodford  
John Baldelli (son of Charles Baldelli)  
Hank Peppard  
Christopher Peppard (son of Hank Peppard)

Nancy Risbano (wife of George Risbano)  
Ted Bogusz  
Dan Borgmeyer  
Ron McCluskey  
Fr. Gordon Zanetti  
Judy Moore (wife of Joe Sommer)  
Gary Ellis  
Don & Jeanne Leonard  
Dave Bracy  
Steve Wyer  
Pat Cesare



If you know of any Brother Knight in need, let us know, and we will make sure that he is contacted. If you have any questions or needs, please contact (Ralph Neller, Grand Knight) at his email address [meller65@outlook.com](mailto:meller65@outlook.com) or my mobile 513-708-0528.



Please continue to keep Nancy Risbano, Mary Dusoe, Janice Leroux, the family of Jack Shaw, and recently deceased Jim Beck in your prayers.

### SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Brothers James Alexander and Dan Martin for their kind assistance with this Newsletter!



## Council Birthdays

### November Birthday Celebrations



November 6 - John Malloy  
 November 9 - James Sherman  
 November 18 - Robert Levanti  
 November 23 - Scott Deahna  
 November 27 - Jeff Noccioli  
 November 29 - James Beck  
 November 29 - Raymond Paleczny  
 November 30 - Henry Rauche Jr.

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## Council Upcoming Events

**Thank you for your support of  
these futures events!**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Our Officers Meeting is scheduled for November 8th at 7:00 p.m. in the Spirit Center
- Our monthly "Knight's Mass" will be on November 8th at the 8:00 a.m. Mass. We will pray the rosary prior to the Mass beginning at 7:30 a.m. with Adoration to follow the Mass.
- Our next Council Business Meeting will be on November 9th at 7:00 in the Spirit Center.
- A special Veteran's Day Mass lead by the Bishop Frank J. Dewane will be held on November 11th in the Amphitheater of the Sarasota National Cemetery, with opening ceremonies beginning at 2:45 p.m.
- Membership Sunday led by our Chancellor, Chris Pariseau, is scheduled on November 11th and 12th after all the Masses.
- Our Lady of Charity Assembly Meeting (4th Degree) will be held on November 13th at STM at 7:00 p.m.
- Our "Spiritual Day of Reflection" retreat will be on Saturday, November 18th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Chelsea Center and hosted by Fr. Daniel with a guest speaker, Jim Gondis, from the Dioceses of Venice with Fr. Gordon attending.
- The monthly Exemplification Ceremony is scheduled for November 21st beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Spirit Center.
- The monthly Right to Life Prayer Walk will be on November 30th between 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. in front of Planned Parenthood.



**HAVE A BLESSED & HAPPY THANKSGIVING !**  
(There will not be a Council social in November.)

## Insurance Advisor

### NEWS FROM OUR FRATERNAL BENEFITS ADVISOR

Hello my Brothers,

November will be a busy month for the Insurance and Asset Advisor's business. As you all know, the Knights of Columbus is the only true Catholic based financial services company offering a full line of personal insurance, investments and financial services offered like no other company in the world. We continue to help families guard, grow and give.

Our business is posed to continue to grow and continue to reach deeper in the general Catholic population as individuals continue to ensure their finances are aligned with their faith. When you invest or have purchased insurance products from the Knights of Columbus, you personally continue to help give to the countless charities we hold so close to our hearts. As important, by investing with the Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, you can have a diversified, managed portfolio, that gives you the performance you want, keeps fees low, and also keeping your values.



As part of the services we provide, and that I personally provide, we occasionally have the chance to bring in special guest speakers to give you the additional benefits of knowing what is happening in the company and in the world.

The recent webinar presented by Mr. Tony Minipoli was a grand success. We look forward to continuing this virtual access with future guest speakers in order to allow you the maximum opportunity to partake in the many financial benefits offered through the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus!

Brian DeBlauw



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## Calendar - November, 2023



# Knights of Columbus®

ST THOMAS MORE COUNCIL #7826

SC – Spirit Center

CC – Chelsea Center

C - Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	1 All Saints Day	2 All Souls Day	3	4
5	6	7	8 Knight's Mass 8:00 AM - C Officers' Mtg. 7:00 pm SC	9 Council Mtg. 7:00 PM SC	10	11 Veteran's Day - 3:00 PM Mass at Sarasota National
12 Membership Sunday	13 7:00 PM - Assembly Mtg. STM -CC	14	15	16	17	18 10:00 AM Spiritual Reflection Retreat -CC
19	20	21 Exemplification 6:30 PM SC	22	23 THANKSGIVING	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 9-11:00 AM Prayer Walk - Planned Parent		
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