

# WHEN CAN WE RETURN TO NORMALCY

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## WHERE DO WE BEGIN...AND HOW TO WE GET BACK TO NORMAL?

Whether you were quarantined at home or were an essential worker that went to work every day, you surely have felt the sense of emptiness. When I last wrote an article, we were still in Lent and preparing for Easter. Celebrating Holy Week and Easter Services virtually online was truly a surreal experience. As Catholics, Easter is the foundation of our faith and the pinnacle of our Liturgical Year. When I think of the "emptiness" we have experienced, I can't help but think of the "emptiness" of the tomb! Surely, during this Easter Season and the current situation, we have felt that emptiness that Mary Magdalene and the other women experienced on that first Easter Sunday!

So, where do we go from here? How do we begin to fill that emptiness? I would hope none of us had lost our faith during this time, but if you are like me, you have certainly been challenged to focus on Jesus and His love and mercy for us. As Catholics, we are accustomed to having blind faith; so we can relate to not having answers as to when or how we will get back to normal; but we know that we will. What we do know is that as Catholics, we are people of faith and not despair, people of hope and not anxiety, people of love and not hate. As we begin to slowly come together for Mass, we will surely see changes. The world has changed, but it does not have to be "the new normal" as seems to be the popular consensus. Let us work together to one day fill the church to capacity, fill our schools with students, fill our gyms and stadiums with fans and get back to the normal that we knew before this crazy pandemic suspended our lives!

Your Foley Council have been working these past two months behind the scenes. Our April membership meeting was cancelled, and our May meeting was held virtually through ZOOM. During this time, our council welcomed four new members: **Sean Armstrong, Steve Wygonik and Dan Miancki** all became new Knights of Columbus through a virtual exemplification held by Supreme Council; and **Dave Sichterman** transferred into Foley Council and is a new parishioner at Divine Child. We continue to work to aid our parish and community.

Sadly, like many organizations, we had to cancel a few of our programs. Our Palm Sunday Tootsie Roll Drive that raises funds to help the Mentally & Intellectually Challenged was cancelled as well as our Mass for Special Needs. These two Life Programs are important to the mission of our Order. We also had to cancel our Annual District Clergy Appreciation Dinner which recognizes the clergy and religious in the area and honors Foley Members for their achievements. However, it was agreed by the Council and the DCES Chess Club that we would waive our annual Chess Scholarships and in turn donate the money to the Divine Child School Covid Relief Fund. This fund will help school families who were financially affected by the virus.

Lastly, I would like to thank the parishioners and community who supported our Lenten Fish Frys. Earlier in the year, Fr. Bob had asked us to take over the Fish Frys. It was a big undertaking for our Council, but our Brother Knights were up to the challenge. Even with the obstacles that we and the parish faced with the constant changing directives from the archdiocese and the governor, we managed to hold it together and serve the parish need. In the Foley Way, our brother Knights rose to the occasion and successfully served good, fresh, hot fish and chips. Although it turned out not to be the best opportunity for community building, the fraternal bond of many Knights who volunteered was strengthened to make Bishop Foley a stronger council. In our eyes it was a plus/plus opportunity.

So, where do we go from here? We continue to stay strong in our faith and serve the parish and community in ways that we are able. We continue to grow in membership; always looking for good Catholic men who want to work together to build their faith and have a bond with other Catholic men. We move into a new fraternal year with new leadership in our council. And we pray along with you that we can soon return to the "old normal" that we somehow took for granted.

## *Pray for an end to the Coronavirus Crisis*

*Loving God, we come before You in our time of need. We lay before You our concerns and fears over the spread of the coronavirus.*

*We know that You are mightier than all our fears and that the name of Jesus is the name above all other names.*

*We ask, in the name of Jesus, that You stop the spread of the coronavirus.*

*In Your mercy, heal those who are sick and lead those who have died into your heavenly kingdom.*

*We ask this in the mighty name of Jesus.*

*Amen.*

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