

《 人民的聲音是教會的聲音 》

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「... 在見證了墮胎的影響四十年之後，
對其在政治或道德上所造成的結果感到不安。」

在今天的政治世界，「爭取民心」也許已經變得有點兒老生常談，但是，為菲律賓這個亞洲唯一天主教徒佔多的國家來說，用這個說法來形容教會長達一年的抗爭並不為過。當地教會在挑戰總統阿基諾（Noyonoy Aquino）所提出的《盡責父母與生育健康法案》的抗爭中落敗。

雖然多個天主教機構已經向馬尼拉最高法院提出呈請，認為該法案違憲，但去年十二月中，國會兩院以壓倒的票數通過法案，這意味著教會在這場政治決戰中失敗。

菲律賓主教團曾經借助大型街頭示威活動反對該法案，他們表示該法案助長墮胎，且損害家庭生活在社會中的穩定作用。

不少評論集中在投票結果如何反映教會在菲律賓政治上失去了傳統的控制力量，但真正的問題或許是，到底政治舞台是否教會爭取民心的合適地方。

一些頭腦比較冷靜的評論員指出，由中產控制的菲律賓教會之所以失敗，是因為教會在國內龐大的下層社會當中做得不夠，在牧靈關顧、教育和教理講授等基本使命方面亦有不足。

這些話聽起來苛刻，但是想法的轉變應是要通過經驗，而非只標榜排山倒海的政治口號及一大堆抽象理念，儘管這些理念在學術上理據多麼充分。

教會在反對避孕和墮胎合法化的政治抗爭中，差不多在全球所有國家均告失敗。

美國天主教徒政治人物與一些主教，經常就墮胎合法化議題的公開立場針鋒相對；更有部分政治人物認為，在多元化社會中，國會兩院並非發表反對聲音的地方。他們表示法例只會隨著人心態的轉變而改變，而不會在一個講求票數的國會中發生。

美國在墮胎合法化數十年之後，有意見調查顯示，要求加強限制墮胎的受訪者激增；在過去數月，通過墮胎限制法例的州份顯著增加。

天主教慈善組織「哥倫布騎士會」的安德遜（Karl Anderson）今年初就一項調查的結果表示：「美國人在見證了墮胎的影響四十年之後，對其在政治或道德上所造成的結果感到不安。」該項調查顯示，有六成受訪者現時認為墮胎在道德上是錯誤的，而超過八成三的受訪者認為應當嚴加限制墮胎。

菲律賓教會就家庭生活和婚姻的倡議也許包含崇高而不容爭議的價值觀，但大部分人能否經驗這些價值，值得商榷。

教會從菲律賓和美國的經驗中所汲取的教訓也許就是，福音信息的力量應在人們日常生活體驗中實現出來，而非於政治舞台。

天主子民發自生活體驗的聲音，才是社會中有力的聲音。



《哥倫布騎士會》創辦人麥堅夫尼神父(Fr Michael McGivney)

每月例會 Monthly Meeting
每月第三個星期二
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Only an encounter with Jesus can inspire authentic Christian witness in a spirit of charity and unity

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Last December, the Knights of Columbus was privileged to join the Pontifical Commission for Latin America in sponsoring a historic meeting at the Vatican. Held to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Synod of Bishops for America, the meeting brought together participants from throughout North and South America to address questions concerning the future of the Catholic Church in our hemisphere.

Blessed Pope John Paul II had called for the 1997 synod to address “the problems of the new evangelization” under the theme “Encounter with the Living Jesus Christ: The Way to Conversion, Communion and Solidarity in America.” Two years later, the pope issued his apostolic exhortation, *Ecclesia in America*, in order to integrate the work of the synod more fully into his pastoral ministry and magisterial teaching. The document provided a blueprint for the new evangelization as the Church approached the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000.

In my address on the opening day of the meeting in December, I stated that to carry out the work of the new evangelization we must acknowledge that we confront a new situation in our hemisphere: Although great majorities of people still consider themselves Christian, many who profess a familiarity with Christ are at the same time ignorant of him. This often results in a mischaracterization of Christ and of the Church’s mission.

In his address to the meeting Dec. 9, Pope Benedict XVI took up this very issue by stressing the continued importance of the synod’s theme — the encounter with the living Jesus Christ — to the variety of problems confronting us today.

“All these important questions require careful study,” he said. “Yet in addition to their technical evaluation, the Catholic Church is convinced that the light for an adequate solution can only come from the encounter with the living Christ, which gives rise to attitudes and ways of acting based on love and truth. This is the decisive force which will transform the American continent.”

In *Christifideles Laici*, the 1988 apostolic exhortation on the mission of the laity, Blessed John Paul II wrote that the laity has an “essential and irreplaceable role” (7) in the work of the new evangelization.

As members of the Knights of Columbus — a Catholic fraternal organization whose first two principles are charity and unity — we must ask what this means for us.

In *Ecclesia in America*, Blessed John Paul II recalled the words of his predecessor, Pope Paul VI, at the close of the Second Vatican Council: “On the face of every human being, especially when marked by tears and sufferings, we can and we must see the face of Christ” (12, cf. Mt 25:40). We should add that every human being, especially when marked by suffering, must be able to see the caring face of Christ in his followers. This Gospel mandate of charity is the inescapable prerequisite of the new evangelization. It is our challenge today as Knights of Columbus.

In his recent document *On the Service of Charity*, Pope Benedict reminded us that charity is “a constitutive element of the Church’s mission and an indispensable expression of her very being.” All believers, he said, have a duty to devote themselves to charity. And as the pope has so often said, the method that speaks strongest of Christ is love. As Knights, we should be prepared to let charity be our measure of the new evangelization. In this way we can truly promote “a charity that evangelizes.”

As Catholics we are well positioned, because of the leadership of our popes and our bishops, to offer concrete solutions to the problems of our hemisphere. No other institution has proposed a single vision that can transcend cultures and languages. This vision is not a political vision, but a vision of humanity encountering Christ.

Achieving this unity, though, can only be done by a hopeful, loving Christian witness. Such an authentic Catholic identity must be formed and strengthened by the sacraments and lived in total faithfulness to the Church and in commitment to Jesus Christ.

If we are able to do all this in the work of the new evangelization, then as Knights of Columbus we may truly say,

Vivat Jesus!

《哥倫布騎士，基督的精兵》

Rev Fr SK Dominic Hoang, CMCC Council #15463

二零一二年十一月二十四日，我參加了哥倫布騎士會「第四階騎士」晉昇典禮。當日，中華殉道聖人屬會中的十二位兄弟，連同甘立祖神父及我，一同獲晉昇成為哥倫布騎士會「第四階騎士」。

在晉昇典禮中，哥倫布騎士會區域總監 Sir Knight Ken Ranghel 訓示我們：你們今天既成為「第四階騎士」，就應同其他騎士兄弟一樣，分享同一個使命，藉著行善、團結、友愛和效忠的精神，為保護教會的信仰，發展教會而努力，成為教會的精兵。

『成為教會的精兵』，這一句話勾起了我的一個回憶。回想二、三十年前，當我領受堅振聖事的時候，主教勸勉我們：「你們今天領受了堅振聖事，就是領受了聖神，成為教會的士兵。始後，你們要奮力維護教會的信德，為天主作證，努力傳揚天主的福音，擴大教會的版圖。」當時我小小的心靈立時受到聖神的感染，而熾熱起來。而且，我覺得很驕傲，因為在教會內，我已是一個成人，要肩負一個重大的責任，盡力保護教會。但隨著時間的過去，這個使命漸漸被淡化了。

感謝天主！通過區域總監的訓勉，天主喚醒了我的責任，更新了我的使命。提醒我藉著祈禱、犧牲及哥倫布騎士會的精神，繼續服務教會，保護教會，為教會作證，擴大天主的國的版圖。將天主的愛傳遍普世，做基督的精兵。



(上) 與黃神父及甘神父同時獲晉第四階騎士的部份兄弟領取證書時拍攝留念



發揚關顧弱小者精神 騎士寒流送暖顯愛心

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哥倫布騎士中華殉道聖人屬會聯同聖曹桂英屬會的騎士和家人在2013年1月13日(星期日)到多倫多市中心聖博德聖堂為每年都舉辦的『寒流送暖』提供服務，出錢出力，為露宿者提供一頓熱騰騰兼美味可口的熱食，今年更得到一位騎士兄弟慷慨捐贈領巾送給他們，實踐哥倫布騎士的第一條守則：行善，並讓露宿者在嚴寒的天氣下，感受到天地有愛、人間有情。



(圖) 參加寒流送暖之騎士及家人們努力工作。



堂區《騎士屬會》最近行事錄（2013年1月至2月）



（左）1月21日參加在St Justin Martyr Parish舉行之神職人員晉昇第四階典禮後留影。



（左）1月19日屬會三位騎士接受《新時代》電視臺「大城小聚」訪問，向社區推介《哥倫布騎士會》之精神及工作。



（上/右）1月12日假萬錦市議會放映室舉辦了一場電影 "For Greater Glory" 欣賞會。



（下）1月13日騎士們應 Good Sheppard Parish邀請參加她們主任司鐸就職典禮後與主教合照。

（下）1月13日四位新兄弟加入第一階騎士行列。



（上）1月13日屬會「第一階騎士晉階審議」委員獲騎士總會確認，並獲頒發證書及名牌，成為全球第一隊以中文進行入會晉階之委員隊伍。



（圖）2月4日聯會第四階騎士舉行周年重申發願慶典，場面莊嚴隆重。