

## Statement of Supreme Knight Carl Anderson on the Retirement of Pope Benedict XVI

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**In** these remaining days of his papacy, our thoughts and prayers are with Pope Benedict XVI, who has worked so hard in leading the Church, and has always been such a good friend to the Knights of Columbus. We wish him all the best in his retirement. In addition, we pray for all those cardinals who will take part in the conclave, and for his successor, that God may inspire them as they carry out the mission with which they are entrusted.

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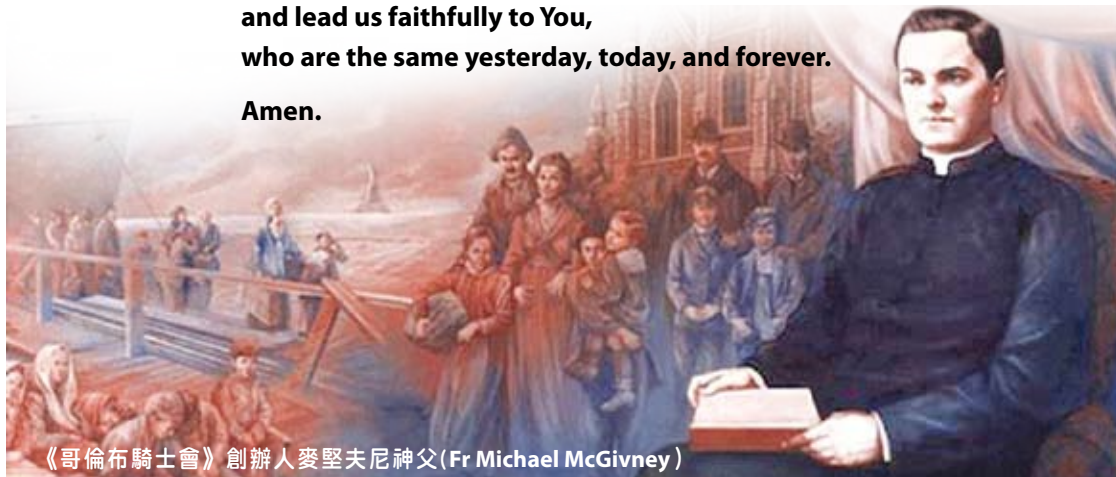
## Prayer for the Church

**O Lord Jesus Christ, Supreme Pastor of Your Church,  
we thank you for the ministry of Pope Benedict XVI  
and the selfless care with which he has led us  
as Successor of Peter, and Your Vicar on earth.**

**Good Shepherd, who founded Your Church  
on the rock of Peter's faith  
and have never left Your flock untended,  
look with love upon us now,  
and sustain Your Church in faith, hope, and charity.**

**Grant, Lord Jesus, in Your boundless love for us,  
a new Pope for Your Church  
who will please You by his holiness  
and lead us faithfully to You,  
who are the same yesterday, today, and forever.**

**Amen.**



《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  
晚上 7:30pm  
聖堂203室舉行

( 本月例會 : 3月19日 )



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# Religious Freedom is a Natural Right

Our duties and rights in relation to religious liberty precede the government  
and go beyond mere toleration

by **Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson**

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**R**ecently, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued new rules under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Many hoped that the Obama administration would abandon the so-called HHS mandate of contraception, sterilization and abortion-causing drugs in employee health care plans, considering the

extraordinary criticism that's been given by a wide spectrum of religious leaders. Others hoped the rule would move beyond exempting only houses of worship. But the new rules have done neither. Instead, the government stated that "the universe of employer plans that would qualify for the exemption" would not be expanded "beyond that which was intended in the 2012 final rules."

Since the legislation was first introduced more than a year ago, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has repeatedly said that the HHS mandate violates our fundamental right to the free exercise of religion.

Historian Steven Waldman, in his book *Founding Faith: How Our Founding Fathers Forged a Radical New Approach to Religious Liberty* (2009), reminds us that from the time of the Declaration of Independence to the Bill of Rights and shortly thereafter, a transformation took place in the United States in the way that religion was treated. In drafting these documents, the Founding Fathers rejected the old European model of an established state religion in which religious minorities were only granted some level of toleration by government.

Thomas Paine put the matter very clearly in his book *Rights of Man* (1791): "Toleration is not the opposite of intolerance but the counterfeit of it. Both are despotisms: the one assumes to itself the right of withholding liberty of conscience, the other of granting it."

Likewise, James Madison and others would not accept the idea that Americans were to petition their government for permission to exercise their religion. Instead, Madison argued that the "free exercise of religion, according to the dictates of conscience," was a "natural and absolute right."

According to Waldman, this shifted the terms of debate "from toleration to liberty."

In his famous Memorial and Remonstrance Against Religious Assessments (1785), Madison wrote: "The Religion then of every man must be left to the conviction and conscience of every man; and it is the right of every man to exercise it as these may dictate. This right is in its nature an unalienable right."

Madison's concern went beyond diversity or pluralism to something far more important. "It is the duty of every man to render to the Creator such homage, and such only, as he believes to be acceptable to him," he wrote. "This duty is precedent, both in order of time and in degree of obligation, to the claims of Civil Society. Before any man can be considered as a member of Civil Society, he must be considered as a subject of the Governor of the Universe."

Today, we must ask whether we see in the intransigence of government a regression — a shift away from liberty first and a return to a form of government-granted toleration, which is followed quickly by government intolerance of our free exercise of religion.

Though we now face unprecedented challenges to religious liberty, history tells us that the cause of freedom in America is not an isolated event, but a journey. This is the lesson of the great Civil Rights Movement of the last century, which told us to envision a day when "all God's children" could say, "Thank God Almighty we are free at last."

Every legal system rests upon a certain vision of the human person. Our laws affecting religious liberty are no exception. As we look to safeguard our liberty, it is essential that we do so with a clear explanation of how freedom is rooted in the dignity of each person.

As Madison observed in *The Federalist Papers* No. 51, "What is government itself, but the greatest of all reflections on human nature?" And since that is true, in the days ahead our country will need the clear voice and enduring wisdom of the Catholic Church.

*Vivat Jesus!*



## 堂區《騎士屬會》最近行事錄（2013年2月－3月）

（左/下圖）3日4日部份第四階騎士獲騎士聯會 (Assembly) 頒發出勤服務獎狀，以茲鼓勵。當中包括中華殉道聖人屬會之SK Jason Kwok, SK Eddie Leung, SK Jimmy Lee, SK Roger Cao, SK Joseph Cheung, SK Moses Lam, SK Fong Yui, SK Peter Ho, SK Peter Li, SK Ian Chung, SK Bosco Au Yeung, Thomas Cheung；聖曹桂堂之SK Johnny Lee及SK Thomas Ho。除外亦有其他堂區屬會之...，全部共 25 位。



（左上）2日7日騎士們參加聖曹桂英堂歡迎陳日君樞機之感恩祭。

（左中）1日31日參加堂區聖鮑斯高瞻禮日感恩祭與各共祭神父合照。

（下圖）2日10日參加堂區農曆新年感恩祭。



（上圖）2日7日部份騎士兄弟與家人參加陳日君樞機之講座後合照留念。

（左/左上圖）2日10日騎士參加農曆除夕感恩祭及歡迎陳日君樞機之聚餐留念。







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## FUND-RAISING BANQUET

### 日期 Date

2013年4月5日(星期五) • April 5, 2013 (Friday)

### 時間 Time

晚上七時 • 7:00 pm

### 地點 Venue

**Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall**  
60 McDowell Gate, Markham, Ontario L6G 1B5  
(N/W 14th Avenue / Kennedy Rd)

### 節目 Program

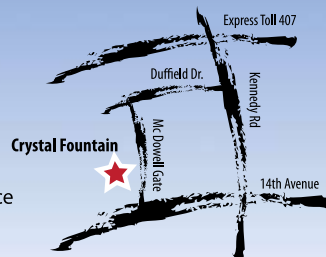
歌唱 Singing • 跳舞 Dancing • 表演 Performance  
幸運抽獎 Lucky Draw • 拍賣 Auction

### 票價 Tickets

每位 \$50 per person ( Dress Code : Semi Formal )

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