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Catholics and the Immigration Debate (*Excerpts*) by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

The fierce battle over immigration legislation that has roiled Washington since the House of Representatives passed a controversial bill last December generally reflects a deep division among Americans. It is an issue that divides Democrats, Republicans and, frankly, Catholics. How should the faithful Catholic think about the subject?

If any group within American society ought to be able to weigh the issue with charity and understanding, it is the Catholic community. Although nearly every American can trace his lineage to immigrants who came here from somewhere else, Catholics bore the brunt of some especially virulent nativist resistance to their arrival, which began early in the 19th century and continued well into the 20th. The Knights of Columbus was founded by immigrants and the sons of immigrants, and we struggled long and hard to demonstrate to those who feared and hated us that we were just as fervent about being patriotic Americans as they were. Moreover, Catholic Americans bring a unique perspective to our country's relationship with Latin America, since it is populated largely by fellow Catholics, our brothers and sisters in Christ.

There can be little doubt that ours is a Christian hemisphere, indeed, largely a Catholic Christian hemisphere. Our goal should be to create a vibrant (North, Central and South) American Catholic community in which our shared faith and values become a light to the entire world. But we can hardly do so if we view immigrants from elsewhere in the hemisphere with suspicion and hostility. This is not to say that the United States must accept uncontrolled immigration. For many, there is both a sense of being overwhelmed by migration that is effectively uncontrolled, and a fear of the crime that has too often accompanied it. It is entirely appropriate for Congress to take steps to ensure more effective control over traffic across the border, and in the process deal effectively with drug traffickers and other criminals. But legislation that takes undocumented immigrants who have come here simply out of a desire to escape poverty and provide for their families and turns them into felons, or which criminalizes those who provide them with humanitarian assistance, is mean-spirited, unjust and wrong.

Immigrants do not give up their innate human dignity at the moment when they cross a border seeking a better life. U.S. bishops, in their 2003 pastoral letter, "Strangers No Longer," made clear that "the Church recognizes the right of sovereign nations to control their territories," but added that "policies that respect the basic human rights of the undocumented are necessary." Those of us who now live in great comfort in the United States sometimes too easily forget the abject poverty and desperate circumstances that drove our ancestors to come to America.

As Catholics, we are well advised to ponder carefully Pope John Paul II's words: "In Jesus, God came seeking human hospitality. This is why he makes the willingness to welcome others in love a characteristic virtue of believers. He chose to be born into a family that found no lodging in Bethlehem and experienced exile in Egypt. Jesus, who 'had nowhere to lay his head,' asked those he met for hospitality. As Catholic Christians, and as Americans who are ourselves descended from immigrants, we must allow the light of Christian love to guide our efforts to develop a humane and rational immigration policy."



The Grand Knight's Message...

I hope that each of you had a blessed Easter with your families. We had a successful April thanks to the dedicated forces of our volunteers. The month started with the completion of the Lenten Meals and the preparation for the Easter Egg Hunt. I would like to thank the Ladies' Auxiliary and the Girl Scout troops who participated in stuffing goodie bags for the Easter Egg Hunt and all those who helped make the event a success. The month of April finished with the Council's participation in the annual KOVAR Tootsie Roll Collection. A special thanks to Brian Tumulty for his dedication to this worthy cause and all of those who helped him.

April's last business meeting included the publication of the slate of officers for the next Columbian Year. I would like to thank all of the Brothers who volunteered to run on the slate of candidates. To all those who are still considering a leadership position within the Council, please remember that there are still some officer positions that still have no nominee, committee chairmanships, and other positions available. Please see Deputy Grand Knight Chris Moniz or myself for more information.

April's activities concluded with the last Parish Breakfast of the Columbian Year. This is a great service activity that the Council provides to the Church. I would like to thank all those Brothers and their families who dedicate their time and energy to making this event such a big part of our parish life. If you have not participated in a Parish Breakfast, I encourage you to look for the opportunity during the next Columbian Year.

A brief look forward leaves us with many opportunities to serve the Parish and the Knights throughout the month of May and June. Upcoming events include coffee and donuts, this is a great way to introduce your friends who are not Knights to the Council. We also have the Senior's luncheon, a great way to bring your older children to serve the community and to give the Seniors a 'thank you' for all they have done for us, our parish, our community, and our country. In addition, the Council will be looking for Brothers to help Father Weymes with the Annual Parish Garage Sale.

Wednesday, June 21 will be the last meeting of the Columbian Year. I would like to make this a social meeting where families are invited to attend. I wish to honor all those Brothers who helped us complete another successful Council year. Your continued dedication to your families, the Knights of Columbus, your parish and most of all God are a true testament to living out the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Vivat Jesus!

A.J. Zadrozny

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April Knight of the Month

April's Knight of the Month goes to **Kris Staton**. Her dedication to the Easter Egg Hunt this year was exemplary. Kris worked to devise a new way to host the Easter Egg Hunt, while gathering ideas and supplies for the prizes and goodie bags. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to the parish community!

April Family of the Month

For their family's dedication to the Father Nudd Council, the Knights of Columbus, and the St. Tim's community, I have selected PGK Joe and Joan Jones as the April Family of the Month. We thank you both for everything you have done for us, past and present.

From the Pen of the Worthy Chaplain...



Dear Brother Knights,

This is the day the Lord has made, let us be glad and rejoice. He has risen from the tomb and lives in each and every one of us.

I wish to offer a special thank you on behalf of the priests and deacons of the parish for all of your assistance with the Easter liturgies. This also includes the Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the parish. We wish a Blessed Easter to you and your families.

The Columbian Year has a few months to go and I know that there are still some important activities left to perform. In addition to KOVAR and the Senior Luncheon, I know you are in the process of nominating a slate of new officers for the next Columbian Year. I pray that more good men will step forward to serve in one of these key roles, or possibly as chairman of an important committee. It is both an honor and a privilege to serve our Council and our Order.

Again, thank you for all of your hard work. May God bless each and every one of you and your families.

Fr. Weymes

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<i>May 2006</i>						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 7:30 PM Council Meeting	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 7:30 PM Director's Meeting	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 7:30 PM Rosary and Council Meeting	18	19	20
21 Coffee and Donuts After AM Masses	22	23	24 7:30 PM Degree Team Meeting	25	26	27
28 1:30 PM Seniors Spring Luncheon	29 MEMORIAL DAY	30	31			