

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

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Mission Statement — *As Brothers of the Knights of St. Columba we are resolved through our own efforts, prayer and the guidance of the Holy Spirit to increase the Membership of our Order so that we can more effectively work for Christ's Kingdom.*

2021 The Year of St Joseph.

Pope Francis has dedicated the year 2021 to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of St Joseph's proclamation as Patron of the Universal Church.

During the coming year the Order will commemorate this by various Talks and Prayers, please keep up with us on Bulletins and where possible Social Media.

Most Rev Philip Tartaglia PhB STD Archbishop of Glasgow

The Supreme Knight reflects on his time spent with the Archbishop . . .

Archbishop Philip Tartaglia was the Order's Ecclesiastical Advisor for only six months, but before that time I had met him on numerous occasions, but it always seemed to be to a fleeting moment. On my initial introduction to him, I was told beforehand that he was a shy man, as indeed he was then.

In the Order's Centenary Year 2019, we met many times and chatted at Holy Mass and at various other events, dinners etc.

He was always open for a chat about the Knights and what we were doing. He also enjoyed the discussions that I had on my trips around, up and down, over and across the country, and the various members of the Hierarchy who would say to me, "Say Hello to Philip" when you see him.

It was not until the Order's Centenary Year that both he, Pauline and I were seated together at the banquet that I really got to have a great chat with him, and that shyness seemed to fade away.

He regaled us on the size of his family, Brothers and Sisters, nine in total. As he would comment to me "same as an Irish family". It was then, also, that the gentleness of the man came out. His absolute love of football, in particular his Celtic team. The vast knowledge he held within him, so easily to recite great Celtic team names of today and yesteryear. Indeed, it was asked of me afterwards, "What have you got, he talked all night to you both, I have never known or seen him so chatty".

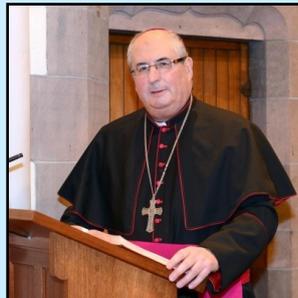
His Grace always had a smile, made time for me even if it was only a few words, but it was in his devotion to the Eucharist, the Blessed Sacrament that I will forever remember him. Indeed, it will be something that the Board of Directors will be asked to associate him with, as we move forward.

Archbishop Philip was proud to be with his Knights, proud to assist and to help us, always willing to point out a path for us to follow, a proud gentle shepherd full of God's Holy Spirit.

Requiescat in Pace.

Bertie Grogan

Supreme Knight



The Season of Lent

During lent we will be streaming live the Stations of the Cross on a Monday night at 7.00pm.

The first occasion will be on the 22nd February and it will be led by Province 3 Chaplain - Fr Paul Lee who will be reading "The Way of the Cross" from the Simple Catholic Prayer Book.

The following six Mondays will be as follows:-

- ◆ 22nd February Province 3
- St Andrews & Edinburgh.
- ◆ 1st March Province 1
- Glasgow.
- ◆ 8th March Province 5
- Leeds.
- ◆ 15th March Province 18
- Birmingham.
- ◆ 22nd March Province 30
- Westminster Western.
- ◆ 29th March Province 37
- North Wales.



National Action Project

News from the home in India is that it has been allowed to re-open and at this moment in time there are 10 boys currently staying there. Please keep your donations coming in to Head Office, and for those who are looking for a 'Just giving page' the trustees of the home are in the process of setting it up.



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