

News Knight – January 2026

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We exist to support the mission of the Catholic Church and at the same time to work for the spiritual, intellectual and material welfare of our members and their families.

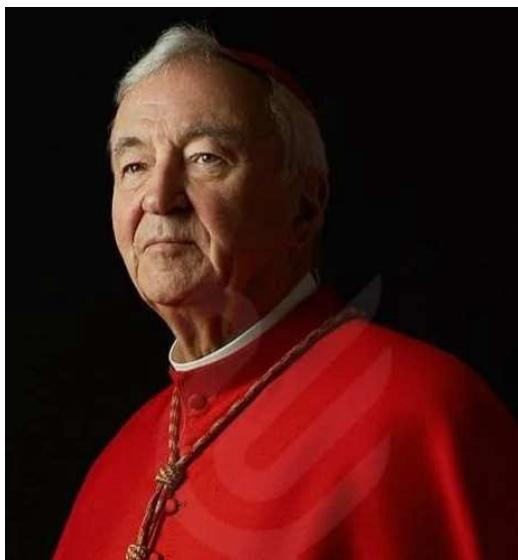
Faith Family Fraternity

Members are encouraged to play an active role in the Catholic Church

They support Members, families, Parish and the local Community

They support our Widows and pray regularly for the Deceased Brothers

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"We need to return to Columba, then we'll return to Christ and that is all we need for the Knights of St Columba to succeed"

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, 23 May 2023

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Welcome to the January 2026 Edition of News Knight. This features a number of events and campaigns taking place in the new year, as well as some past events.

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has made the following appointments:

Appointed Bishop Charles Phillip Richard Moth, who has served as Bishop of Arundel and Brighton since 2015, as Archbishop of Westminster.

Archbishop-elect Moth said that after the Installation Ceremony his "first task will be to get to know the Priests and people of Westminster and I look forward, now, to serving them and building on the firm foundations that have been laid by so many down the years, I look forward to continuing the great adventure that is the life of the Church and witness to the Gospel."



Appointed Canon Gerard Bradley as an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Southwark.

Welcoming the news, the Most Reverend John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark, said: "It fills me with great joy to welcome Bishop-elect Gerard Bradley as Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark. I thank the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, for his generosity and care in providing for the needs of our Archdiocese. Bishop-elect Gerard has served our Archdiocese with a prayerful and impassioned love of the Lord Jesus, and I know he will continue in this same spirit as a Bishop."



Accepted the Retirement of Bishop Terence Patrick Drainey as Bishop of Middlesbrough and appointed Bishop Marcus Stock, the Bishop of Leeds, as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Middlesbrough. Bishop Emeritus Drainey will remain living in the Diocese and hopes to be of assistance to Bishop Stock and to the Diocese in his retirement.





A STATEMENT FROM THE BISHOPS OF SCOTLAND

The Scottish Parliament is currently considering amendments to the Children (Withdrawal from Religious Education and Amendment of UNCRC Compatibility Duty) (Scotland) Bill, which would seek to change the current religious opt-out provisions in Scottish schools.

A spokesperson for Scotland's Catholic Bishops said the Church is disappointed and confused with the Scottish Parliament Equalities, Human Rights and Civil Justice Committee's decision to agree an amendment that has the effect of separating Religious Education (RE) and Religious Observance (RO) in schools.

The spokesperson said: "There is an intrinsic link between RE and RO in Catholic schools. Religious Education gives knowledge of faith, while Religious Observance is the living expression



One without the other risks empty ritual or solely 'head' knowledge. "Separating them suggests that the Scottish Government, and those who voted for this Amendment, do not value their role in Catholic Schools. Furthermore, we are concerned that this Amendment has the effect of changing the long-standing Conscience Clause in Section 9 of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 and removes important rights for parents. "We continue to be disappointed with the policy of the Scottish Green party, as confirmed by Maggie Chapman during the Committee session on Tuesday, to campaign for the removal of Denominational Schools from the Scottish Education system. The inclusion of Denominational Schools in the state system in Scotland continues to be an example of a diverse, pluralistic, democratic education system in action.

"The Catholic Church looks forward to constructive engagement in Stage 3 of the Bill, and to working collaboratively with Government, Parliament, and other stakeholders to ensure that any final legislation respects both parent and children's Rights and the rich heritage of Catholic Education in Scotland."



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pray the Rosary

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Passcode - 694846

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As the Jubilee Year has officially ended, we now start a new Rosary. This year it has been agreed that we will pray for Vocations, not only to the Priesthood but also to all Religious, which includes our Order.

Please share this far and wide in your Catholic Community and please do join us.

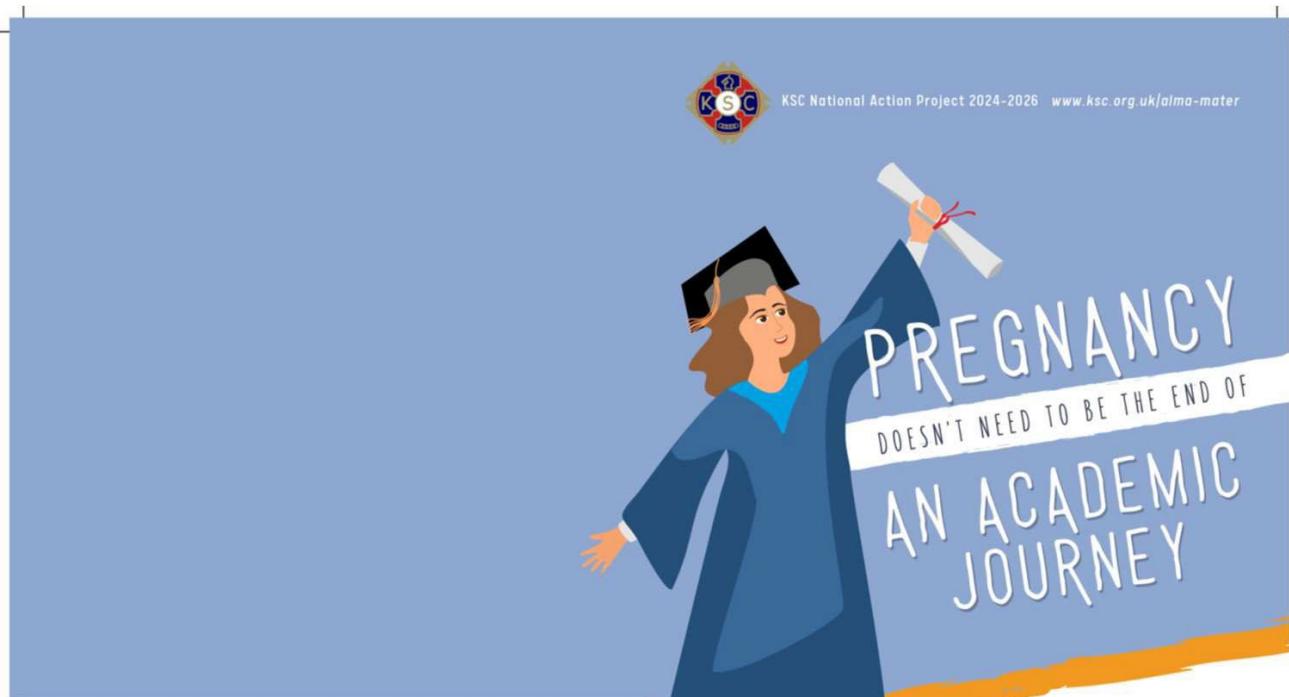


At our 2024 Supreme Council we selected the Alma Mater at its national project for the coming two years. Alma Mater says ...

We are incredibly grateful that the Knights of St Columba have chosen the Alma Mater Fund for their National Action Project from 2024 – 2026. In so doing, this Catholic Lay Fraternity has shown a commitment to protect vulnerable women and their babies – and to support these women in pursuing the best for themselves and their children. To learn more about how you can be involved, or to donate please visit: www.ksc.org.uk/alma-mater



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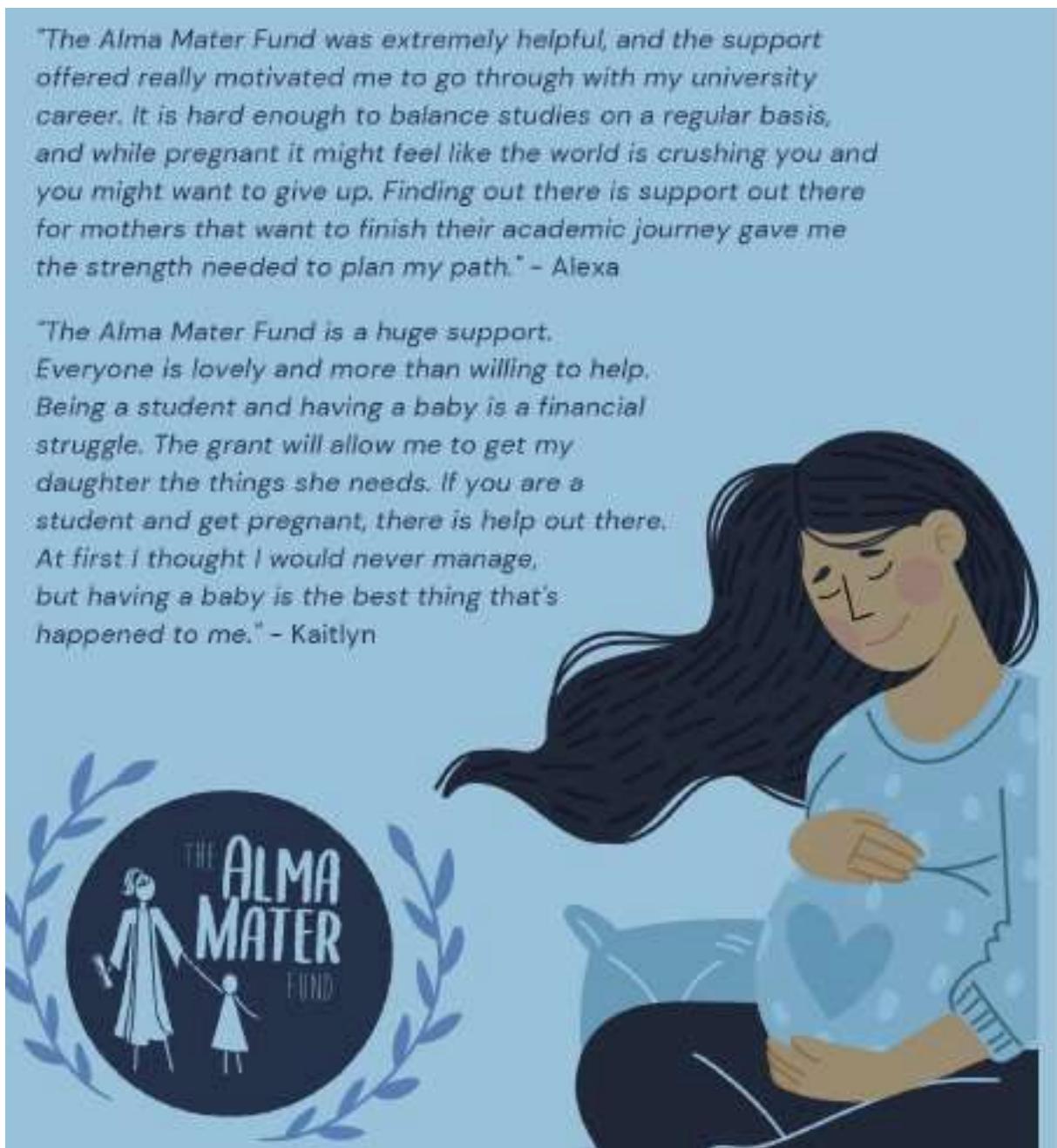


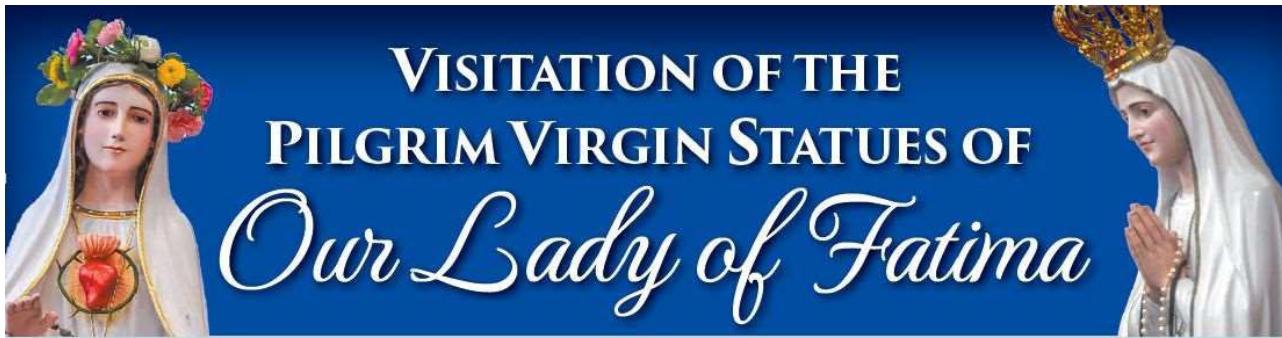
What is the Alma Mater Fund? The Alma Mater Fund is an initiative of SPUC that provides financial grants to pregnant students facing difficulties at universities across the UK in order to support them in pursuing their academic and personal goals. Through the work of the initiative the Alma Mater Fund coordinator can also direct students to further sources of support and advice.

How does a student apply? First, a student should contact the initiative: Call, Text, WhatsApp: 07849 088244 | Email: info@almamaterfund.org.uk | Social Media: @almamaterfund. Then the Alma Mater Fund coordinator will walk through the very simple application process with her.

"The Alma Mater Fund was extremely helpful, and the support offered really motivated me to go through with my university career. It is hard enough to balance studies on a regular basis, and while pregnant it might feel like the world is crushing you and you might want to give up. Finding out there is support out there for mothers that want to finish their academic journey gave me the strength needed to plan my path." - Alexa

"The Alma Mater Fund is a huge support. Everyone is lovely and more than willing to help. Being a student and having a baby is a financial struggle. The grant will allow me to get my daughter the things she needs. If you are a student and get pregnant, there is help out there. At first I thought I would never manage, but having a baby is the best thing that's happened to me." - Kaitlyn





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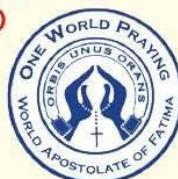
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CATHEDRAL VISITATIONS

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10 May	Cathedral Church of St. Mary & St. Boniface (Diocese of Plymouth)
17-18 May	Metropolitan Cathedral Church of St. George (Archdiocese of Southwark)
23-24 May	Cathedral Church of St Alphonsa of the Immaculate Conception (Syro-Malabar)
1-2 June	Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King (Archdiocese of Liverpool)
7-8 June	Cathedral Church of St. Mary (Diocese of Middlesbrough)
21-22 June	Cathedral Church of Our Lady Immaculate & St. Thomas (Diocese of Northampton)
28 June	Metropolitan Cathedral of St. Chad (Archdiocese of Birmingham)
2-3 August	National Shrine of Our Lady of the Taper New Town, Cardigan SA43 1LT
13 September	Cathedral Church of St. Mary (Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle)
4-5 October	Cathedral Church of St. John the Evangelist (Diocese of Portsmouth)
13 October	Cathedral Church of St. Anne (Diocese of Leeds)
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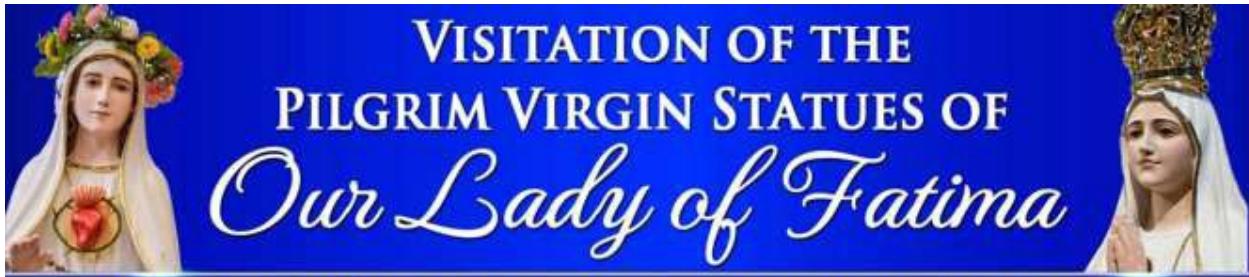
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24-25 April	Cathedral Church of St. Marie (Diocese of Hallam)
2-3 May	Cathedral Church of St. Michael & St. George, Aldershot, Hampshire GU11 2BY
20 June	Cathedral Church of St. Peter (Diocese of Lancaster)
12 Sept	Cathedral Church of St. Mary & St. Helen (Diocese of Brentwood)
26-27 Sept	Cathedral Church of Saints Peter & Paul (Diocese of Clifton)
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3 October	Cathedral Church of Our Lady Help of Christians (Diocese of Shrewsbury)
10-11 October	Metropolitan Cathedral of St. David (Archdiocese of Cardiff-Menevia)
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Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) - Accompany, Serve, Advocate

The year 2025 in review

2025 has been a challenging year, yet, it has shown us something deeper: if we get together and support each other, we can still hope for a future where nobody is left behind.

This year has marked a dangerous change for the lives of the most vulnerable. We have witnessed first-



hand the shift towards a new world order in which solidarity, care, and the equal dignity of all people have come under severe attack.

Escalating violence across the world, increasing natural disasters, and growing scarcity of resources continue to displace millions. Still, the international system created to support refugees and forcibly displaced people is being dismantled.

There is growing hostility and indifference towards refugees and migrants, who are subjected to cruel and inhumane treatment. In this new global environment, the most vulnerable are no longer just neglected, they are now being actively excluded.

Despite this, we have learned that hope can endure even in the most desperate circumstances when we get together. If we cultivate a culture of solidarity we can create a future in which peace and human dignity prevail.

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Faith Formation Series at St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth

This Autumn and Winter, St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth near Guildford invites you to a thought provoking six-part Faith Formation programme led by Benedictine Monk Fr John Seddon OSB.

Titled "The Mystery of God: Who God Is and Why He Matters" and based on Bishop Robert Barron's acclaimed series, the sessions explore atheism, the nature of God, the Trinity and the problem of evil.

Running monthly on Saturday mornings from 13 September 2025 to 14 February 2026 (10:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m., with refreshments), the gatherings will be held in the Assisi Room at the Monastery, with free parking provided.

Booking is essential at £10 per person per session (plus booking fee) via <http://www.ticketsource.co.uk> (search 'Chilworth') All proceeds support the Monks' life and work.



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Catholic Union Pub Talk: Forgiveness, Peace & Hope



Join Margaret and Barry Mizen in conversation with Catherine Pepinster at 6.30pm on **Monday 2 February 2026** in Victoria. Booking is essential.

Margaret Mizen, Founder of the Mizen Foundation, says: "I am looking forward to the Catholic Union's Pub Talk, there is much to be discussed as it is through education, early intervention, and engagement, that we strive to address the root causes of violence. Our young people need to know they are loved, they are valued, and they do matter".

[The Mizen Foundation](#) was established to honour Jimmy Mizen's legacy by promoting a message of forgiveness, peace and hope, and empowerment among young people and communities.

Catherine Pepinster, Journalist, says: "The Catholic Union aims to champion engagement by Catholics for the Common Good and The Mizen Foundation is certainly a good example. It works with those of all faiths or none and has done so much to help ignite a fire of change. It will be interesting to hear how Margaret and Barry go about this important work and what we, as lay Catholics, can do to support their invaluable effort".



Province 3 Christmas lunch with the Bishop of Dunkeld

Province 3 held a Christmas lunch with the Bishop of Dunkeld Andrew McKenzie as the honoured guest. The very convivial luncheon followed the Provincial Council meeting during which Bro MichMel McCourt was elected as the next Provincial Grand Knight for Province 3. Bro Michael can be seen at the bottom right of the photograph.



During the Council Mass on Monday 8th December Bro Nicholas Ng was admitted into the Order and received his Cord and Jewel. Bro Nicholas can be seen in the front centre of the photograph. The Aberdeen Council 88 monthly Council Meeting followed and concluded with singing of Christmas carols and the consuming of Christmas mince pies. Bro Kenneth Uyabeme was elected as the next Grand Knight of Council 88.



Brother Bob Doyle RIP, formally of the recently closed Swindon Council, died on December 31st 2025, aged 96 years. Brother Bob was a long-standing Member of our Order, may he rest in peace and rise in glory.



RIP



Father Joesph Edem was installed as Parish Priest at St Anthony of Padua Church, Anerley on Friday December 5th, 2025. Canon Victor Darlington performed the induction after which there was a wonderful celebration in the school hall. Pictured here are Members of Council 204 Anerley with Past Director Brother Melvin Carty.



On Saturday December 13th Council 117 Arsenal celebrated the Centenary of its founding, an amazing milestone to achieve. To mark the occasion there was Mass celebrated by Bishop Emeritus Patrick Lynch, pictured here with out WSK Brother Michael Akinrele

In the evening there was an amazing dinner, which was well attended by the Council as well as Brothers from other local Councils too. The evening began with some beautiful violin music, involved the lovely singing of Christmas Carols and even some dancing. The food was excellent, and the Council were extremely generous in the provision of wines and beers on the tables. This was a fine example on how to celebrate your Centenary!

A picture of the Centenary Cake can also be seen.





Presentation of Columba Cross award

On Sunday December 7th, 2025, Brother Melvin Carty was presented the highest award normally open to a Member of our Order, the Columba Cross. These awards are only given annually, with a Supreme Knight only able to present three of them during his tenure as Supreme Knight.



The award was presented by our Supreme Knight Brother Michael Akinrele at St. Bartholomew's Church, (Norbury), at the 11:30 Mass on Sunday December 7th. It was obvious that Brother Melvin was well known and respected in the Parish and there was a very good turnout of Knights from across Province 12 for the Mass and presentation. Afterwards there were refreshments provided in the Parish Hall where Brothers and members of the congregation could socialize in very relaxed environment. Brother Melvin's enormous contribution to our Order is an example to us all. Besides being present at an incredible number of events, Brother Melvin has served both as PGK for Province 12 and as a Supreme Officer.



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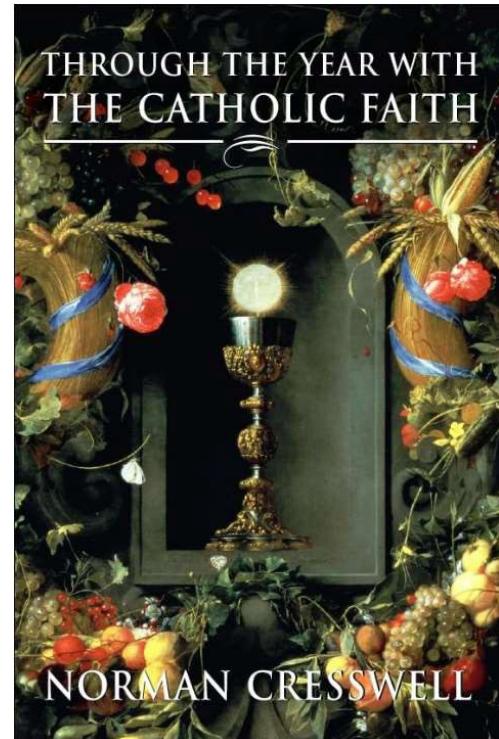
the News Knight. Remember this goes out every month.

Some topical Reading

As we begin a new year, why not try to make new year's resolution that helps to strengthen your faith?

In this book, each day offers a reading to give readers something to reflect on.

Some will make them laugh; others will be poignant and sharp. Some will be based on the special Feast Days and Saints' Days, taking readers through the Christian calendar.



Pope's Intentions for January 2026

Let us pray with Pope Leo that the Word of God may be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.





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