

**Newsletter of Dr. Briggs Council #4597  
Comox Valley  
May 2012**

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Knights of Columbus  
Doctor Briggs Council, No. 4597  
Grand Knight's Report  
For May 2012

Brother Knights, our 101<sup>st</sup> BC/Yukon State Convention scheduled for the last weekend in April is now over. As usual, much business was conducted and a huge amount of numbers bandied about. Fortunately, between Brother Kyle Jones and myself, we were able to catch a few. One of the most striking numbers was the total amount of monies raised in our "Pennies for Heaven" programme. Over \$106,000.00 was raised and each Bishop received approximately \$15,000.00, quite an achievement. It is with your dedication and continued support that this programme was such a success. At least two of the Bishops, one our very own Bishop Gagnon, will be using the funds to assist the pastoral outreach to the First Nations community. It is my understanding that the others will be using the funds within their own diocese at their discretion for various worthwhile and much needed projects. Your continued support is appreciated.

Another number, more dear to our hearts, was the "Charity Appeal" programme which resulted in \$1,282,233.00 being raised within the BC/Yukon jurisdiction. The 775 books sold by our Dr. Briggs Council resulted in Commission payable to our council of \$1,551.00 and a total rebate of \$6,134.21. The \$1,551.00 is for our council to disperse as we see fit, without having to follow strict government rules. The larger amount, the rebate, falls under the guidelines of the BC Gaming Commission, and comes with more stringent restrictions.

The prizes for the 2012/2013 Charity Appeal program will be much the same as last year:

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| #1- \$50,000.00 Cash, | #3- Ford Mustang Convertible |
| #2- Chevy Silverado   | #4- Dodge 6-cyl Journey      |

Our BC/Yukon State was once again the leader within the whole organization of the Knights of Columbus in Charity funds raised and volunteer hours executed. So you see, brother Knights, those hours that we continually stress and harp on for our Quarterly Report are important in the overall scheme of things. So please keep them coming.

Vivat Jesus

Phil Riley

Grand Knight

Dr. T. Briggs Council # 4579

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## THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR May

The Holy Father's general prayer intention for May is *"That initiatives which defend and uphold the role of the family may be promoted within society."*

And his mission intention is *"That Mary, Queen of the World and Star of Evangelisation, may accompany all missionaries in proclaiming her Son Jesus."*

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### Pro Life



The Comox Valley Pregnancy Care Centre is once again having their Baby Bottle fund raiser. Bottles will be available for pick up at all Masses the weekend of May 12/13. Please make sure you enter the correct bottle number against your name on the sign out sheet.

Like many charities, the Pregnancy Centre has had cuts to its funding, so every cent is appreciated. The idea is to put spare change in the bottles – but bills will be accepted! Remember, the penny is being discontinued by the mint, so why hoard them?

The Pregnancy Centre is having its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Lake Run on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Cumberland Empire Days. You can walk or run 5K or 10K. It starts at 12 noon, and the entry fee is \$10.00.

Registration starts at 9:00 at the Cumberland Village Park. Pre-registration can be done through the Pregnancy Care Centre 785 - 6th Street Courtenay

*Barry Beardon, Editor*

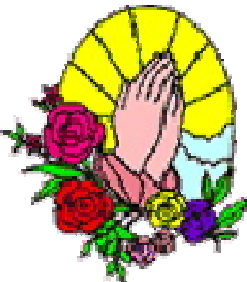
# Pilgrim Statue MAY/JUNE



Rollie & Jane Tassé 250-339-9140	May 8 <sup>th</sup> – May 14 <sup>th</sup>
Rose Fogarty 250-897-1386	May 15 <sup>th</sup> – May 20 <sup>th</sup>
Hal & Sybil Laprise 250-338-5759	May 21 <sup>st</sup> – May 27 <sup>th</sup>
Wayne, Melissa & Paul Riley 250- 331-9364	May 28 <sup>th</sup> – June 3 <sup>rd</sup>

If you would like to be included in the Pilgrim Statue schedule, please contact **Brother Paul Riley** at **250-331-9364**.










*Brothers, some of our widows would like to welcome the statue in their homes, but cannot, because they are unable to drive. If there are any Knights who feel they could help out in this situation, please contact Brother Paul who is also unable to drive.*



**Please remember the following in your prayers:**

Iowna Mason, Dot Harvie, Bernice McPherson,  
Andrew Taylor, Mike Madden, Luke & Gary Faubert,  
Molly Cunningham, Sean Mahoney's daughter Olivia,  
Corrina Mahoney, Steve Hendrix, Bill Bradshaw,  
Gerald & Nellie Choquette.

# What's Up

	May 10 <sup>th</sup> – Victoria March for Life
	May 13 <sup>th</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Honour Guard, Port Alberni
	May 12/13 – Mother's Day weekend. Please remember to pick up your baby bottle.
	May 19 <sup>th</sup> – Mobile Food Booth, Highland Games, Cumberland
	June 1 <sup>st</sup> – 9:00 am First Friday Mass for deceased Knights
	June 6 <sup>th</sup> – Executive meeting 7:00 pm lower level
	June 13 <sup>th</sup> – Regular meeting 7:00 pm lower level following Rosary in the church at 6:30 pm.
	June 15 <sup>th</sup> or 22 <sup>nd</sup> ? – Installation of new executive.
	June 16/17 – Father's Day weekend. Please return your baby bottle.

During construction of the church extension the lower level glass doors will be blocked off. If you are attending a Knights meeting and find the main side door locked, please use the emergency door down the steps a few feet to the left.

## Volunteer hours for month of APRIL, 2012.

Activity	Name	# Hours	Total hours

Remember to forward your volunteer hours to Bro. Ted Fortosky, DGK

# Knight & Family of the Month



**APRIL**

**Jean-Guy Maltais**

**Brian & Shari Gordon**



Congratulations to **Brother Joseph Richard** and his wife **Joycelyn** on their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Coincidentally, as each had previously been married over 25 years, they are also celebrating 50 years of marriage.

*The following article was written by our Brother Gus Cunningham, our Pro Life Chairman*

## **A Study of the Mode of Action of Hormonal Contraception**

I have always been pro-life but my belief is that so called hormonal "contraception" is the problem that must be tackled, more so than surgical abortion.

When the hormonal birth control pill was introduced it was said to prevent ovulation and hailed as a boon to women, relieving them of the burden of an unwanted pregnancy.

The pill consists of two components ethynyl oestrogen and progestin, and was said to have a 2% failure rate. That is if 100 women took the pill regularly for a year then 2 would become pregnant (Pearl index). There was however a 40% break through of ovulation, that is ovulation occurred four times a year.

The secondary effect was to cause thickening of the vaginal mucous, and delays of sperm penetration to the fallopian tubes, and should a spermatozoon penetrate and fertilize the ovum then changes in the mobility of the fallopian tubes would delay the transport of the embryo and it would starve to death.

The third mode of action was that the progestin altered the mucosa of the uterus so that the embryo would be unable to implant and would die and be aborted.

In a standard medical text, "Textbook of Physiology" by Professor Sheila Jennett, the first sentence of Chapter 15 states "The life of an individual begins at conception, the fertilization of an ovum by a spermatozoon." So either the second or third method makes the "pill" an abortifacient.

Furthermore, the original pill contained 150 mcg of ethynyl oestrogen which causes serious complications of clotting and embolism so the amount of oestrogen was reduced to 50 mcg, then 35 then 20 mcg yet the pill was still said to have a 2% failure rate and a 40% ovulation breakthrough. So the mini pill was introduced containing only progestin yet the rates remained the same. So it is clear the oestrogen was not preventing ovulation. The mini pill allowed periods of bleeding so the oestrogen was replaced.

Professor Sheila Jennett says "For psychological reasons concerning the assurance of 'normality', the menstrual cycle is usually imitated by withdrawing the Pill for one week in four, which causes some bleeding". Thus the woman taking her pill is deceived into thinking her period is normal.

In the book "Hormonal Contraception" page 32. Dr. Joseph Goldzieher says "None of the hormonal contraception regimens are physiological".

When mothers had larger families they knew that for about three months after pregnancy they are infertile, because it takes an average of three months to restore the fertile cycle after any normal birth, miscarriage or abortion.

It is interesting that even in Biblical times the Jews had observed that a woman was 'unclean' 80 days after a female birth and 40 days after a male birth. This explained why

bleeding was irregular on progestin alone and that on average with such a short term abortion a woman can have at most four ovulations and therefore four abortions per year. (See Leviticus C 12.2-5).

So what has hormonal contraception led to:

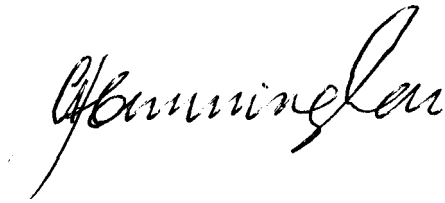
1. It created a demand for surgical abortions when the pill failed.
2. If in Canada two million women are taking the pill, they are causing eight million abortions a year.
3. Because of a reduced reproduction rate below replacement value, the population is aging, and since they did not have sufficient children, there is a shortage of taxpayers, and an increasing call for euthanasia.
4. Because of a reduced labour force more women are needed in industry etc. This leading to a demand for state day care and indoctrination of children by the state, both there and in public school.
5. Our Western world is being taken over by other races who welcome children and are pouring in as immigrants. Of course, "A country that will not populate itself will be populated by others".

This massacre of the human beings is supported by wealthy companies and money-making organizations. I'm not sure what I can do about it, unless I listen to our Catholic teaching by various Popes, then maybe we can lead by example.

1. Firstly we should pray the rosary every day as Our Lady requested at Fatima in 1917, for conversion of Russia to the Catholic Church and peace in the world.
2. Everyone who has not yet done so should read or be instructed in high school on, *Humanae Vitae* by Pope Paul VI, noting that he said, **all** contraception is gravely sinful, that includes the pill, condoms, vasectomy, tubal ligation etc. Natural family planning is permissible for serious reasons.
3. We should not support organizations that promote abortions, either directly or through our taxes: e.g. Planned Parenthood, UNICEF, etc. Speak to your MP's.

4. We should read Leo XIII's encyclical *Rerum Novarum* on labour and just wages. A working man should be paid enough to raise a family in reasonable comfort and permit of savings for emergencies and old age. Also, John Paul II's encyclical *Pvangelun Vitae* Verse 99 is very consoling to any women who may have had an induced abortion.
  
5. If Catholic families throughout the world were informed on the "Pill" and stopped using it then maybe the big drug companies would take notice.

So, my conclusion is the pill does not prevent ovulation nor conception. It works by causing the death of the early embryo i.e. abortion.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Cunningham'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'A' and a long, sweeping tail.

Cunningham, DPII, FRCP (C)

Augustine J.

# The Discoverer is the newsletter of Dr. Briggs Council 4597 of the Knights of Columbus

Dr. Briggs Council represents the Knights of Columbus in Christ the King, and Our Lady of the Sacred Heart parishes in the Comox Valley.

General Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month.

Rosary begins at 6:30 P.M. at Christ the King.  
The Rosary is said for victims of abortion. Both those who die and those who survive

Meeting begins at 7:00 P.M. in the lower level.

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