Stand Your Ground



We are now at mid-summer here in **Michigan and we have seen a number of issues** facing us in our daily lives due to this Coivid Virus as well as some protests in our area. Unfortunately, Catholic Churches, statues, cemeteries and even priests around the country and throughout the world have become targets for destruction, desecration and assault. As Knights, we need to be consciously aware of what is going on and if necessary, be prepared to stand counter to those who are anti-Christian and would inflict damage and or harm to our churches and our religious and our Christ centered lives.

By standing up for Christ we need to employ our patience and be prayerful towards those who may oppose Him and us. With Gods intercession, they may be granted repentance leading to knowledge and understanding of his divine truth. In addition, in order to stand up for Christ, we must also pray for those who oppose and persecute the Church and us.

Standing up for our faith in what has become an overly secular and anti-Christian world means that we a living a life of faith through reverence and integrity. As catholic gentleman, we should know we need to treat others with love and respect. And through our daily lives, be the example to those who may have strayed from the faith or do not know Christ that their hearts will soften and be drawn to Him. We do this by allowing God to work in us, and give us strength and courage to stand in Him.

These are tumultuous time for all and it can be trying to stand for our faith when so many appear to be opposed to it and us. Through our journey of life and faith we have come to know that suffering builds endurance, and with endurance comes character and hope. And it is with hope that we share in God's love, which can fill our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Our seeking courage will be fulfilled and allow us to be steadfast during these difficult times. Remember, that Jesus has overcome the world and it is in Him that we can stand strong in our faith.

I served as a State Trooper for over 30 years and am greatly dismayed with discussions taking place throughout the country in regards to defunding police agencies. When police truly "Protect and Serve" I believe they are doing good and godly work. Law enforcement officers serve all among us and protect us from all kinds of evil. It is a noble vocation that has always been fraught with danger that equates God's desire for justice and righteousness in our lives.

Ephesians 6:10-13 - Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

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