

'Moving Forward Together'

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Today, Pope Leo XIV celebrated Mass at the Basilica of the Sagrada Família in Barcelona, Spain, to mark the centenary of the death of Venerable Antoni Gaudí, chief architect of the church from 1883 until his death in 1926. The Holy Father also blessed the newly completed central Tower of Jesus Christ, which makes the Sagrada Família the tallest church in the world. Tomorrow, on the eve of the solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, U.S. bishops will convene in Orlando, Florida, to consecrate the nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Mass will begin at 4 p.m. EDT and will be livestreamed [here](#).



Supreme Officers and state deputies gather outside St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn., during the Organizational Meeting of State Deputies on June 5. (Photo by Paul Haring)

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Knights of Columbus leaders from around the world gathered in New Haven, Connecticut, for the annual Organizational Meeting of State Deputies, held June 4-7, to unite in prayer and prepare for the upcoming fraternal year.

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Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly accepts the John Cardinal O'Connor Award on behalf of the Knights of Columbus from Mother Mary Concepta, superior general of the Sisters of Life, during the community's annual gala in Rye, N.Y., on June 5. (Photo by Tamino Petelinšek)

A Fruitful Partnership

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly received the John Cardinal O'Connor Award from the Sisters of Life at a gala honoring their founder, the late Cardinal John O'Connor, in Rye, New York, on June 5. "Speaking for the Knights, we will keep doing everything we can to support the Sisters of Life, and to protect vulnerable mothers and their children," the supreme knight said. "As we prepare for the work ahead, we take comfort in the knowledge that Jesus Christ will continue to guide us."

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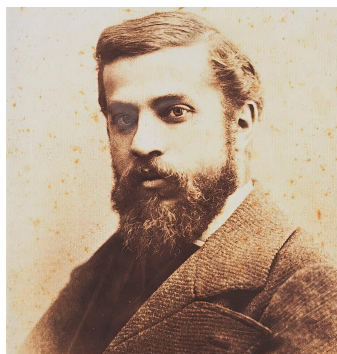


The sun sets on the Basilica of the Sagrada Família in Barcelona, Spain, designed by Venerable Antoni Gaudí (1852-1926). (Photo by Guillermo Simon-Castellvi / Fiamc Press Services)

God's Architect

The Basilica of the Sagrada Família in Barcelona, which has been under construction since 1882, is a living testament to the architectural vision of Venerable Antoni Gaudí. Gaudí devoted the last 12 years of his life exclusively to the basilica's design and construction, and 100 years after his death, the world's tallest church is nearing completion. "A church is the only thing worthy of representing the soul of a people," Gaudí said, "for religion is the most elevated reality in man."

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A Collaborator of the Creator

Antoni Gaudí viewed each of his architectural accomplishments as a participation in the divine act of creation. His legacy, which culminated in the Sagrada Família, is an open-ended dialogue with God, nature and his fellow man. Last year, Pope Francis declared Gaudí venerable, recognizing his heroic virtue and advancing his cause for canonization.

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Filipino Knights participate in a pilgrimage to historic churches in Pampanga, Philippines, during the Jubilee Year of Hope in 2025.

A Reflection of Faith

During the Jubilee Year 2025, Filipino Knights organized a *Cor* pilgrimage to visit several historic churches in Pampanga, each with its own unique design and deep expression of faith. Throughout the pilgrimage, participants put the *Cor* pillars of prayer, formation and fraternity into practice. “In this pilgrimage ... I see how deeply rooted, how grounded, each member of the Knights of Columbus is,” said Gerard John Reyes, a past grand knight of Labrador Council 7665 in Luzon North, “in how we pray, and how each one unites in a single purpose.”

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