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From the Grand Knight



As many of you know by now, I am a Scout Leader here at St. Joseph and a volunteer through out the Crossroads of America council. I bring this up again for two reasons that I would like to address this month. Both reasons are focused on the Holy Father's intention for the month of September 2026 - "care of water". Many Brothers may say, "We get it, you're a scout leader and you care for the environment," but, I challenge you read to the end you may learn to become a better Brother/Catholic man.

Reason 1:

Ask yourself this question: "Is it a responsibility as a Catholic to care for the environment, especially water as the Pope asks?" If you read the Bible God says in Genesis that He entrusted humanity to work (till) and keep (protect or guard) the Earth. With that verse alone it would seem to be directly against the will of the Father to pollute or misuse any of the natural resources He put on this Earth for us. The Catechism of the Catholic Church also say that we are to care for the goods of the Earth because they are meant for all humanity. Many leaders in the church over years have echoed this statement, most like Bartholomew calling the destruction of ecosystems and the waste of water a sin against God. So..... I would argue that yes, it is your responsibility.

But Mark, "What can I do? I'm just a small farmer/mechanic/nurse/computer tech/etc. here is the middle of Indiana." There are many things that we can do that will greatly impact our community, state, and country. Start with the easy one - be mindful of how much water your household uses. Many think that the lowering of many of the natural water reservoirs is due to climate change and other factors. But in reality how many more households depend on that water source now vs 10 or 20 years ago? There are more of us using more water and we need to be conscious of that. Another thing you can work on is how am I affecting the water near me? Where do my farm fields run off to? Where will this trash I left while fishing end up? Where will the oil/coolant I spilled end up?

Everything we do or don't do has an effect, good or bad.

"But, we don't have a water problem here in the middle of country why should I worry about it?" We don't have a water problem..... Yet. Every year more and more pollutants make their way to our drinking water. Everything from oils, metals, toxins, and even

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"The more I study nature, the more I stand amazed at the work of the Creator. Science brings men nearer to God." - Louis Pasteur



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medications are turning up in water supplies. As scout leaders, we teach many different things about how to care for the environment to include what you can dispose of and where. It is important to know how to care for the gifts God has given us.

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Reason 2:

Ask yourself a second question: "Who's responsible for teaching the Church?" Can we just sit in the pews and say, 'Well, Father didn't mention the Pope's intention this month, so I guess it's not important. Or "that's not my responsibility, I'm just a _____." Brothers, I will tell you that every one of us Catholic men are responsible for teaching and mentoring the Church. We must stay informed of what is going on within the Church as a whole and with that the intentions of each month/year. What does this have to do with the "care of water?" I would argue that this falls directly in line with the intention of the Holy Father this month. If we do not teach those around us the right things to do inside and outside the Church, then who will? Who will ensure that we are caring for the gifts God has given us? Who will stand up for those who need help? If your answer is not "Here I am Lord, Send Me" then maybe you need to talk with a fellow Brother and learn from him. As a scout leader I am extremely grateful that I get the opportunity to teach many of the young people in our community on this topic and many others. I see it as one of my responsibilities to mentor the young men/women in our community. It is our duty as Catholic men to help teach, mentor, and grow God's Church here on Earth. Every one of us should find some way to help bring up the next generation of the Church to ensure they care for the gifts that God has given us.

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There are multiple organizations withing the church that you can help "Care for Water" - visit them to learn more.

- ◆ The *Laudato Si'* Movement, whose mission is "To inspire and mobilize the Catholic community to care for our common home and achieve climate and ecological justice, in calibration with people of good will"
- ◆ Caritas Internationalis – A global confederation of Catholic relief organizations that monitor drought and water mismanagement.
- ◆ Catholic Relief Services WASH program – They build sustainable water infrastructure around the world.



ROSARY FOR LIFE

OCT 3 & 4, 2026

St Joseph Parish

**A SPECIAL RECITATION
OF THE HOLY ROSARY
PETITIONING OUR LADY TO
PROMOTE RESPECT FOR LIFE**

*A compilation from Pope Leo
XIV on the evils of abortion*

*A compilation from Pope
Benedict XVI against
euthanasia*

*A compilation from Pope
Francis opposing capital
punishment*

***At the Saturday evening
Vigil Mass and the Sunday
10am Mass at St Joseph***



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Catholicism and Science

Why Faith and Reason are not Abstract Enemies, but rather Empirical Allies



The history of science is sometimes told as though faith and reason are natural enemies. The truth is both more subtle and more profound.

Papal encyclicals do not typically set out to teach formal science, but modern papal letters frequently engage with scientific findings, technology, and human ecology. Popes use these official letters to address how scientific progress impacts faith, morality, and creation. Encyclicals such as *Laudato Si'* (2015, by Pope Francis, on the environment and ecological stewardship), *Humani Generis* (1950, by Pope Pius XII, on human origins and evolutionary theory), and the most recent, *Magnifica Humanitas* (2026, by Pope Leo XIV, on artificial intelligence and digital technology,) are but some examples.

Similarly, the lives of many Catholic scientists show a more interesting story. Across astronomy, biology, mathematics, physics, chemistry, and medicine, Catholic clergy and laypeople made discoveries that changed how human beings understand nature. Some saw scientific research as a way to study the order of creation; others simply pursued evidence with discipline while remaining people of faith.

Nicolaus Copernicus



Nicolaus Copernicus (1473–1543) was a Polish astronomer, mathematician, physician, and church canon whose book *On the Revolutions of the Heavenly Spheres* transformed astronomy. He proposed that Earth and the other planets move around the Sun, challenging the older Earth-centered model. Copernicus did not possess all the evidence later supplied by telescopic astronomy, but his heliocentric theory gave scientists a simpler and more powerful way to explain planetary motion. His work helped launch the scientific revolution and reshaped humanity's picture of the cosmos.

Gregor Mendel

Gregor Mendel (1822–1884), an Augustinian friar in Brno, is known as the father of genetics. Working patiently with pea plants in the monastery garden, Mendel studied how traits such as seed shape and flower color passed from one generation to the next. His experiments led him to formulate the basic laws of heredity, including dominant and recessive traits. Although his discoveries were not widely recognized during his lifetime, they became foundational for modern biology after they were rediscovered around 1900.



Georges Lemaître



Georges Lemaître (1894–1966) was a Belgian Catholic priest, physicist, and astronomer. He proposed that the universe is expanding and developed the idea that it began from a “primeval atom,” an early form of what became known as the Big Bang theory. Lemaître took care to distinguish scientific explanation from theology, insisting that cosmology should be argued from evidence, not forced into religious conclusions. His work became one of the central achievements of twentieth-century astrophysics.

Blaise Pascal

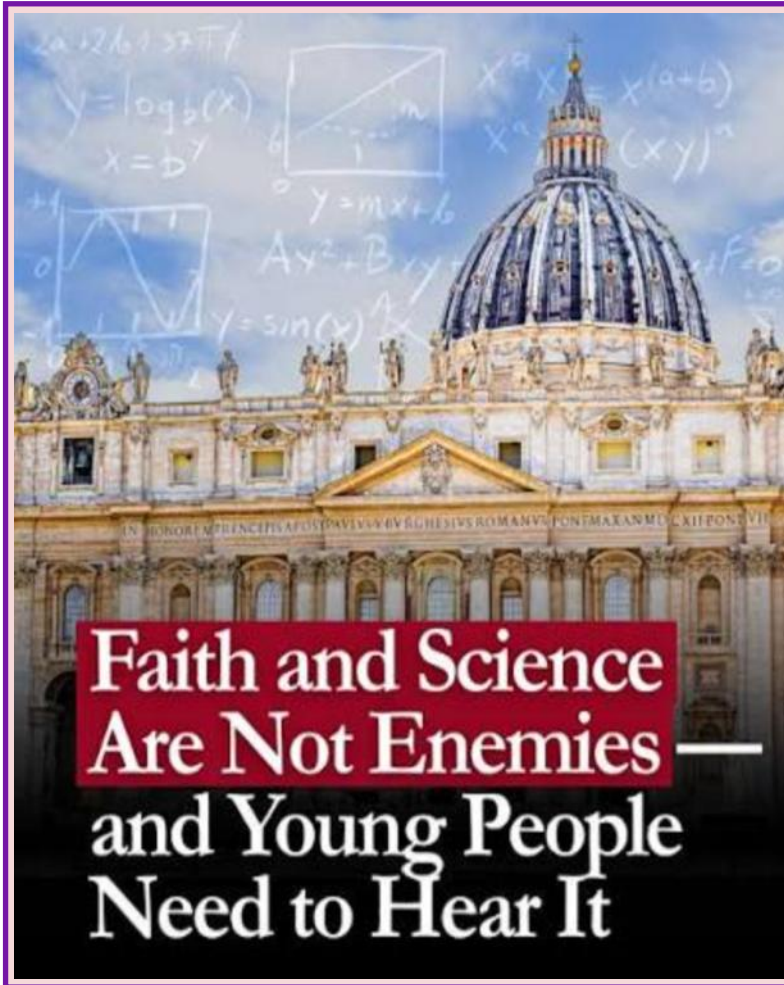
Blaise Pascal (1623–1662) was a French mathematician, physicist, inventor, and religious thinker. As a teenager he made important contributions to geometry, and he later helped develop probability theory through his correspondence with Pierre de Fermat. Pascal also investigated fluids and pressure, giving his name to Pascal's law and to the SI unit of pressure, the pascal. His mechanical calculator, the Pascaline, was an important early computing device. Pascal's scientific brilliance was joined to a serious Catholic spiritual life, especially in his later writings including the must-read *Pensées*.



André-Marie Ampère



André-Marie Ampère (1775–1836) was a French physicist and mathematician whose research helped create the science of electromagnetism. After the discovery that electric currents affect compass needles,



Ampère developed mathematical explanations of the forces between currents. His work connected electricity and magnetism in a way that later scientists built upon. The ampere, the SI unit of electric current, is named in his honor. Ampère was also remembered for his Catholic faith, intellectual humility, and wide-ranging curiosity.

Alessandro Volta



Alessandro Volta (1745–1827) was an Italian physicist best known for inventing the voltaic pile, the first practical electric battery. His invention allowed scientists to produce a steady electric current and opened the way for advances in chemistry, physics, and electrical technology. Volta's name lives on in the volt, the unit of electric potential. A practicing Catholic, he saw no contradiction between studying nature and religious belief. His battery became one of the most important inventions in the history of electricity.

Maria Gaetana Agnesi

Maria Gaetana Agnesi (1718–1799) was an Italian mathematician, philosopher, and philanthropist. A child prodigy, she mastered several languages and became one of Europe's most respected intellectual women. Her textbook *Analytical Institutions* explained algebra, calculus, and analytic geometry with unusual clarity and



became an influential work in mathematics. Agnesi later devoted much of her life to charitable service and religious commitment. Her career shows that Catholic scientific achievement was not limited to clergy or to men.

Louis Pasteur



Louis Pasteur (1822–1895) was a French chemist and microbiologist whose discoveries helped save countless lives. He showed that microorganisms can cause fermentation and disease, supported germ theory, developed pasteurization, and created vaccines for diseases including rabies. Pasteur's work changed medicine, public health, and food safety. Though historians debate the details of his religious practice at different points in life, he is commonly counted among Catholic scientists and was shaped by a Catholic cultural world.

St Albert the Great - Albertus Magnus

St. Albert the Great, also known as Albertus Magnus, is the patron saint of scientists and students, especially those who study science. Born 1206 in Lauingen, Bavaria, Albert is considered one of the greatest German philosophers and theologians of the Middle Ages. He is known throughout history as a philosopher, theologian, and was the instructor of St. Thomas Aquinas and Peter of Tarentasia, who later became Pope Innocent V.

Albert had a spiritual encounter with the Blessed Virgin Mary, who convinced him to enter Holy Orders. Against the wishes of his family, Albert became a member of the Dominican Order in 1223. In 1254 he was appointed provincial of the Dominican Order and six years later was appointed Bishop of Regensburg. During his tenure as Bishop, Albert enhanced his reputation for humility by refusing to ride a horse in accord with the dictates of the Dominican Order.

His tomb is in the crypt of the Dominican church of St. Andreas in Cologne, and his relics are at the Cologne Cathedral. Albert the Great was beatified in 1633. He was canonized a saint and proclaimed Doctor of the Church in 1931 by Pope Pius XI.

Albert the Great is the patron of medical technicians, natural sciences, philosophers, school children, scientists, students, and students of theology.



SPECIAL EVENT - OCT 10 - 6:30pm
in the St Joseph school gymnasium
A Film That You Must See



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**The Last
Days and
Final
Triumph of
Saint
Maximilian
Kolbe**

*on the
anniversary
of his
canonization*

The movie is not rated - recommended for ages 13+ due to the graphic depictions of events in a Nazi concentration camp.

"For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving."



Lecturer's Report



- Good evening, Brother Knights,
- Recently, I was at the grocery store Aldi in Greenfield awaiting my wife as she ran in to grab a couple things.
- From where I was parked I could see the front door and the area surrounding it. From that spot I observed many different small acts of kindness that worked like a well-oiled machine.
- I saw multiple people give their carts to a neighborly stranger, forgoing getting their 25¢ back and instead choosing to pass it on to someone else.
- I saw a receipt fly out of a bag on accident and the person not notice, only for an unrelated stranger to pick it up moments later and put it into the trash.
- I observed many small acts of kindness that these folks did and most likely never told a soul about it, but also did not hesitate to make the world a better place while benefiting complete strangers.
- We as a population, country, and/or world get a LOT of bad news in our face, lives, and pockets everyday.
- It can be very easy to assume the world is a horrible place, the country you reside in is a horrible place or that you yourself are a terrible person due to some broad reason such as race, religion, location, etc.
- Brothers, as we transition into the months with less and less sunlight and less warmer days, it can be easy to fall into a trap of sadness or hopelessness especially with upsetting news a couple taps away in our pockets.
- My short people-watching session at Aldi reminded me of a simple Bible school question, "Who are you and what are you doing when no one else is watching?"
- That day reminded me that most people, despite what we hear, are good and want this big blue rock to keep spinning and going in a positive direction.
- 1 Timothy 4:4 says, "For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving."
- Paul writes that physical creation, including food, is inherently good because God made it.
- Your life is inherently good because God made you and blessed you with all that you have.
- To further drive home the point, Genesis 1:31 says very plainly, "God saw all that He had made, and it was very good."
- This is one of the reasons why personally, most of my prayers are acts of thanksgiving and praise. We are all blessed everyday simply by waking up and being able to see the sun.
- Brothers, my challenge to you for the next month is to do something good when no one else is watching. Help someone (maybe at Aldi) and brighten their day in a small way. Most of you I imagine have already done this without thinking twice about it today!

Randy Foreman, Worthy Lecturer - presented at the September 2026 council meeting

For the Intentions of the Holy Father



Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



Your Council and Your Impact



In order to continue our good works, we rely on you - Thank you for your dues, donations, and support!

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Monday-Friday, 3p - close; Saturday, 9a - close



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Recurring Events

- » 1st Tuesday of the month: Council business meeting, 7p. All Knights welcome.
- » 3rd Tuesday of the month: Columbian Homes meeting, 7p. All Knights welcome.

FOR MEALS AND BAR TABS, THE CLUB ACCEPTS CREDIT CARDS AT THE BAR!

- » Wednesday nights: choice of wings or shrimp dinner (6-8p), drawing & 50/50 raffle. Open to the public.
- » Thursday nights: BINGO! (6:30p). Open to the public.
- » Friday nights: dinner (6-8p) - Open to the public.
- » Saturday lunch: Hamburger, cheeseburger, breaded or grilled tenderloin. Open to the public.
- » See more information about Columbian Homes at www.ShelbyColumbianHomes.org

Please email story suggestions to our Recorder, Michael Daniels, at mdanielscmh@gmail.com.



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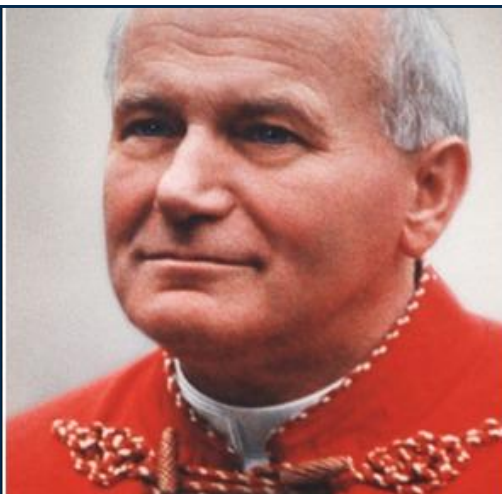
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Science can purify religion from
error and superstition. Religion can
purify science from idolatry and
false absolutes.

— Pope John Paul II —