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Time for trick or treat!

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have their own special feast day
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Veterans are thanked for their
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- 4 Mass & Christmas Party
Kolping 88th Street

october

Kolping-On-Hudson Closeout Dinner & Dance

7:00pm • Saturday, October 13, 2012

Please join us for our final event at Kolping-On-Hudson for 2013.

The cost is \$50 per person, which includes open bar, roast pork and roast beef dinners with all the fixings, dessert and coffee.
Dinner will be served Family Style.

So gather your friends and family together and reserve a table or call and reserve space just for you.

After dinner we'll go up to Fr. Assmuth Hall for more drinks, music by Joe & Mario, and dancing.

Snacks will be served later in the evening.

Call Heidi Umland for reservations at 718-805-0552.

COMMUNION BRUNCH AT KOLPING-ON-CONCOURSE

Sunday, November 4 at 12 noon

The Mass in memory of our deceased members—Bert Bruegger, Richard Seidl, and Christine Vogl—will be held at St. Philip Neri Church, located at 3025 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10468 (718-733-3200).

A luncheon will follow immediately after Mass at Kolping-On-Concourse. The menu includes Chicken Cutlets, Baked Potatoes, Asparagus, Salad, Dessert & Coffee.

The recommended donation is \$12 per adult and \$6 per child. For reservations, please call Ann Horan Hemsing at 914-391-2142.



MISSION STATEMENT: We, the members of the Catholic Kolping Society of America, extend the vision of our founder, Blessed Adolph Kolping, by promoting the development of the individual and family; we foster a sense of belonging and friendship through our program of spiritual, educational, charitable and social activities.

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Milestones & Passages



Everyone could use the power of prayer now and again. If you or anyone you know is in need of prayer, please let us know and we will be happy to include them within the "in our prayers" list. Please contact Muriel Fullam (914-582-8379) or email MurielFullam@msn.com when you know of a member who is ill, in the hospital, or has passed away. We want to be sure to remember them.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN OCTOBER:

Evelyn Ahrens, Brian Bellett, Steven Berg, William Breining, Father Richard Bretone, Heide Bruegger, Kevin Peter Bruegger, Monica Buckel, Anneli Nicole Cantu, Peter Carruthers, Lisa Caruso, Maggie Crilly, James Crowley, Anna Dengler, Anton Dengler, Christina Dengler, Debra Dengler, Marilyn Dengler, Carol

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SPECIAL OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

Special Birthday wishes to **George Kummer** and **John Noonan**. In the September bulletin we sent special birthday wishes to **Wilma Endrich**, but we neglected to send special birthday wishes to her TWIN sister, **Herta Konig!** So now we are wishing them both a very Happy September Birthday.

If you know someone celebrating a milestone birthday or anniversary, please let us know so we can include it in the Bulletin. Please email either me at editor@kolpingny.org or Muriel Fullam at MurielFullam@msn.com.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES:

Best wishes to **Bill & Irene Leili** and **Don & Dagmar Simons**. Both of these couples celebrated their 50th Anniversary in September.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Hans & Doris Lechner have a new baby granddaughter. **Claudia Jean** was born on September 1st at 6:06am.

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Thank you to Dennis & Carol Noll, Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Specht, Eugene & Elfriede Orkowski, Herta Koenig, Ernst & Wilma Endrich, Gary & Theresa Ostroff, Walter & Katherine Weigand, Stephen & Alina Lovasz, Jean Weltner, Helene Zampelli, Kim & Robert Weltner, Ines Wallach Gross, Wolfgang Hahn, Gerard & Hannelore Farley and Bob & Ann Hemsing for your donations in **memory of Christine Vogl and/or Bert Bruegger**.

Thank you to Ingrid & Reinhold Stehle. They were the lucky winners of the 50/50 at our Oktoberfest on August 25th. They very graciously and generously donated the \$350 that they won to the Joe Sartorius Scholarship Fun. We all thank you—especially the kids!

Thank you so much to Mark & Diane Franzoso for donating the use of Jumping House for the kids to play in on Family Fun Day. The kids thoroughly enjoyed it.

Thank you to Janet Mahoney. Janet donated money to KOH in honor of her cousin Bob Hemsing.

A NOTE FROM THE ENDRICH FAMILY

Christine, our beautiful daughter and loving Mom of A.J. went to heaven to join the angels. HEARTBROKEN, we would like to say "Thank You" to all of you for your outpouring of support.

Classified Ads

All members are invited to submit advertisements for items that they want to sell, give away or own. The ads will expire after one month unless other arrangements are made. We reserve the right to charge a fee in the future, if needed, to cover expenses. Email your classified ads (or any questions) to: classifieds@kolpingny.org or mail them to: Ingrid Reslmaier, Kolping Classifieds, 6 Green Ave., Lynbrook, NY 11563. Ads can be posted directly on www.kolpingny.org. Please include a description, contact name, phone number, and/or email address.

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GERMAN MASS

St. Joseph's in Yorkville, 404 E. 87th St.

Every first Sunday of the month, the Holy sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated in German at 10 am. Confessions in German before Mass. For information please call Julia Winter (347-852-3184). For information regarding counseling and sacraments in German, please contact Rev. James Boniface Ramsey, Pastor (212-289-6030).

News & Notes

FATHER BRETONE'S ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Please join Father Bretone & Eternal Flame of Hope Ministries for their 2012 annual fund raiser on Saturday or Sunday October 13 or 14 noon to 6pm at Heaven's Embrace (lower Catskills 2 hours from NYC). Full buffet, spiritual talks, celebration of Mass, 46 acres, waterfall, trails, shrines. Raffles and prizes. \$55 per adult, \$25 per youth (for those attending both days, the donation is \$100 per adult, \$40 per youth). Bring a friend for an amazing day of healing, holiness & hope.

Contact: Marianne@718-745-3502, Mary Ann@718-738-1805, or Fr. Richard@718-274-4919 or 718-636-3584 (fr.richardbretone@eternalflameofhope.org).

CUT OUT AND MAIL TO: Fr. Richard Bretone, c/o Eternal Flame of Hope Ministries,
74-18 Ditmars Boulevard, Jackson Heights, NY 11370

Please send me _____ tickets for the Fund raiser.

I will be attending on _____ (write day and date).

Enclosed is my tax deductible donation made to: **Eternal Flame of Hope Ministries**

Mail my tickets to: Name: _____

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BAVARIAN CLUB EDELWEISS OKTOBERFEST

The Bavarian Club Edelweiss is having their annual Oktoberfest on **Sunday, October 7th** at the Holy Rosary Church Auditorium, 170 Bradhurst Avenue, Hawthorne, NY 10532. Admission is \$10 (children 14 and under are free). Doors open at 1:00 pm, and the band starts at 2:00 pm. Music by the Spitzbuam. Schuhplattler and folk dances performed by the Bavarian Club Edelweiss. German and American food, beer, wine and soda available for purchase. For reservations call: 845-896-2771. www.bavarianclubedelweiss.org // email: bavarianclubedelweiss@yahoo.com. Follow us on Facebook: Bavarian Club Edelweiss, Westchester.

HOLY NAME OF MARY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OKTOBERFEST

Join us on **Saturday, October 20th** for Oktoberfest! Holy Name of Mary Church, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520. Menu includes: Bratwurst, Potato Salad, Sauerkraut Hot Dogs, Chicken Fingers, Potato Pancakes and Dessert. Cost: \$25/adult, \$7/kid \$55/family... \$10/bottomless refills! **LIVE MUSIC!**

R.S.V.P. by Wednesday 10/10/12 to kofc4730@yahoo.com or Patrick DeLasho @ 914-261-3965. K of C Holy Name of Mary Council #4730, PO Box 273, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520. **PAYMENT IN ADVANCE IS REQUIRED FOR A RESERVATION.**

BAVARIAN CLUB EDELWEISS CHRISTKINDLMARKT

Join us for our German Christmas Market on **Saturday, November 3rd, 2012** from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Free admission, free parking. Cash raffle prizes: 1st prize \$500, 2nd prize \$300, 3rd prize \$200. Traditional German food! Live entertainment! Many vendors! St. Nikolaus! Homemade desserts! Mt. Pleasant Community Center, 125 Lozza Drive (off Columbus Ave.), Valhalla, NY. For more information, check our Facebook page: Bavarian Club Edelweiss, Westchester, NY or contact Gloria McSweeney at 845-240-3227.

OUR HOLY FATHER'S OCTOBER 2012 INTENTIONS

Each month, the Holy Father gives us one general intention and an intention for world missions.

New Evangelization. That the New Evangelization may progress in the oldest Christian countries.

World Mission Day. That the celebration of World Mission Day may result in a renewed commitment to evangelization.

Kolping National Convention Report 2012 submitted by *Katrina Dengler*

On Saturday, while non-delegates enjoyed a bus tour of San Francisco, the delegates met for an all-day meeting to discuss business and exchange ideas. The meeting opened with a flag ceremony, in which the National Flag was transferred from Cincinnati, who hosted the last convention, to San Francisco.

Then, the National Officers were voted for:

President: **Bernhard Preisser**

Vice President: **Walter Amrein**

Treasurer: **Ted Wilke**

Secretary: **Helene Schrand**

Trustees: **Lisa Brinkman**, *San Francisco*; **John Reitter**, *New York*; **Marilee Uhlhorn**, *Cincinnati*;

Betty Amrein, *Cincinnati*, **Robert Meyer**, *Chicago*.

Robert Meyer is new to the Board and has been a Kolping member since 1993, and on the Chicago Board since 2008. It's great to see new faces on the National Board and thanks to **Frank Fon** for his time serving as Vice President.

Fr. Engelbert Michel of Philadelphia was elected as the new National Praeses.

Ted Wilke, as Treasurer, gave his report. The National finances had a bottom line of a positive of \$3,000.00. NY contributed \$3,000 to help support the cost of the Banner, which is about \$6,000. The circulation of the Banner was reduced to every other month to cut costs. Also, the National Board meetings are now done by teleconference, to cut the travelling cost. (As you can see, the National is operating on a very tight budget, and is supported largely by the Raffle Tickets—so send in your generous contributions!)

There were several proposals that were discussed:

Proposal #1: To review the expenditures of the National Office. International, under Msgr. Axel Werner, wanted to have a Grant Writer in the USA in order to solicit grants from charitable organizations. The Grant Writer would need an office in order to meet with different institutions. At a previous convention, both Chicago and NY submitted proposals to house the office, with NY being chosen and \$80,000 from the Renaissance Fund was allocated to the building of the office. NY gutted and renovated the Ratskellar at 88th Street to be turned into the National Office. The actual cost of the renovation was \$170,000. NY funded the additional cost, in order to have a fully functional space.

Proposal #2: To have a representative from each US family represented on the National Board. While full representation of the US at the National level is to be desired, the cost of sending all the representatives to the convention would be too expensive. In order to have full participation, it was decided instead to invite representatives of all US Families to the National Board teleconference call. Also, it was recommended that a recap of the meeting would be published in the Banner.

Proposal #3: To re-introduce the National Leadership Seminars: National used to host Leadership Seminars to assist the newly elected local officers to guide their Families and their operations. Topics to be discussed were the uniformity of the implementation of the Kolping Philosophy, new member initiation, the issues around 501(c)3 and all its intricacies, Robert's Rule of Order, etc. As it turned out, the participants wouldn't necessarily bring back the knowledge or teach back what they learned to their Families and therefore was not cost effective. While a good idea, the cost involved to National cannot be supported at this time, but this would not prevent local Families from doing them on their own, and possibly Skyping the seminar to other interested Families.

Proposal #4: To update the National Handbook: The National Handbook has not been updated for many years and is out of date. A committee was formed. Also discussed was a uniform way to use recent technology to make information sharing easier and a Technology Committee was formed. If anyone is interested in either being on the Handbook Committee or the Technology Committee, please contact Helene Schrand.

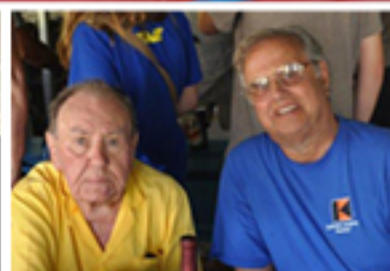
We discussed the **Lenten Project** and whether to do a national project, local or both. Also the problems each Family is facing with membership. Some ideas discussed: at volunteer events, give out name tags to foster meeting people and hosting Superbowl and March Madness Parties. Cincinnati has a Tuesday Workers group: where people volunteer their time each Tuesday to help around their center doing things such as plumbing, electrical work, gardening and fix-up projects, then have lunch and a get together afterward (Sounds similar to our Kolping on Hudson Clean-up!). One Family makes sure widows and widowers still have transportation to events. In several Families, they have issues how the older members don't want to deviate from tradition. Other Families host clothing drives and collect soap and shampoo samples for homeless shelters.

Our own **John Reitter** gave the U.N. report. Kolping has representation at the U.N. as an NGO (Non-government organization) and is a part of the Committee on the Family and the Committee on Social Development. Some current issues are on women's inheritance laws and on soil replenishment.

The next convention will be held in **Chicago**, in **2014**. See you there!

K-O-H Oktoberfest submitted by Muriel Fullam, photos by Al Sartorius, Jr. and Charles Ruppmann

This year's Oktoberfest was a big success. Over 400 people joined us at KOH. The main reason for the success was our wonderful and amazing members who volunteered their time and muscle to get the job done. Here is a list. I hope I did not leave your name out, but if I did, send me an email—I will have an additional list in the November issue. Thank you to: Al & Linda Ahrens, Albert & Anita Buchholz, Nick & Lou Colletti, Phyllis Coletti, Ted & Joan Dengler, Ernst Endrich, Lisa Giaquinto, Margaret Halvey, Bob & Ann Hemsing, Bobby Jaki, Mercia Kenna, Karen Kid, Jerry & Christine Kern, Matt Kern, Danielle Kern, Jan Kessler, Gerry Ladenhauf, Stephen Lovasz, Izzy Lovasz, Christina Lovasz, Walter McDonald, John & Johanna McGreevy, Gerti Mohapp, Dennis Noll, Kayla Noll, Doris Petsche, Helmi Pinner, Richie Povilonis, Cathy Reilly, Barbara Roche, Erich & Wilfriede Roessler, Christel Scheuermann, Jen & Mike Scheuermann, Gerhard & Alex Schmitt, Ed & Lisa Specht, Maria Stang, Gerda Steinke, Heidi Umland, Stefan & Barbara Weber, Matthais Weber, Mike, Kathy, Emily & Kelly Weinborg. We are so thankful for all your work, ideas, and talents.



55th Steuben Day Parade & Party submitted by Lou Colletti

About 37 Kolping Members met on sunny, Saturday, September 15th on 70th Street between Madison and Park Avenues. We got our orange and black sashes and proudly marched off to 5th Avenue. We were behind a float that had really lively German & American music and it helped to put an extra spring in our step. The parade was televised and our family at home and members of our Kolping family did see us on TV as we marched. After the march we went back to 88th Street for the big party. Over 100 people joined us as we listened to Scha-Musi and ate wonderful food. Here are those who helped make Saturday's Post Steuben Parade Party at Kolping on 88th Street possible: Doris Petsche: Our Great Chef; Elfie Orlowski: Our Great Baker; Jen Ahems-Scheuermann: For getting us our Pretzel's from Germany; Hans & Doris Lechner for the music provided by: Schachtelgebirger Musikanten Scha-Musi; Nick Colletti: For selling the tickets at the door & Teddy Dengler, Jr. (who is 5th Generation Kolping Member) for collecting the meal tickets. With the great meal & desert we had our servers who served with a smile: Donna & Jenna Richardson, (Jenna is 3rd generation Kolping Member) & Elfie Orlowski. Our 50/50 Tickets sold & drawn by: Alex, Carina & Stefan Schmitt, (both Carina & Stefan are 3rd generation Kolping Members. Also Carina was crowned Miss Plattduetsche 2nd Princess of the Plattdeutsche Volksfest Verein & marched with them in the Seventh Division. A very special thanks to Julia Specht, who 5 years ago at age 10, made the After Party flyer that we continue to use today. Julia is a third generation Kolping Member. Karen Staub, Kolping member who is the Kolping Delegate on the Steuben Day Parade Committee. She provides us with up-to-date line up information. The Staff at Kolping House on 88th Street: Ernst & Wilma Endrich, Ray, Ken Rose, Giovanni, Chris & Gilbert for all their hard work. Last but not least thanks to all those who marched with us. Mark your calendar—The 56th Steuben Day Parade is on Saturday, September 21, 2013.

[photos submitted by Terri Ostroff, Charles Ruppmann, and Lou & Nick Colletti]



Kolping Golf Outing submitted by Donna Richardson

The wonderful companies listed to the right donated money to Catholic Kolping and became sponsors for our 2012 Golf Outing. Please consider them when you are looking for services for your own home or business. They have been very good to the Catholic Kolping Society. Our biggest thank you is to our President, Bob Hemsing & his staff at Dooley Electric, for spending many hours contacting these companies (most of whom are his business associates) and asking them to sponsor the event. Thank you too to all of our golfers, members as well as friends, and business associates who participated in this fun event. We also thank our board member, Donna Richardson, for once again setting up this wonderful day for the golfers at The Doral Arrowwood Resort & Golf Club. She always gets us the best rate, the best food and I think she must have an "In" with THE MAN upstairs—because so far we always have good weather on golf day.

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JOE SARTORIUS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We are ready to award \$250 to a member's child or grandchild (the award will be presented at our Christmas Party on December 2, 2012). All you have to do is send Muriel Fullam a letter about the child. He or she should be in grade school and committed to doing good deeds in school, at home, or in the community. We give this award in memory of Joe Sartorius who was dedicated to working with children and always made sure they had fun things to do when they came to Kolping. Please send your letter to Muriel Fullam, Kolping On Hudson, 95 Montrose Point Road, Montrose, NY 10548.

**BUILDING
BRIDGES TO
THE FUTURE**
39th Convention - 2012



"Building Bridges to the Future" was the theme of the 2012 Kolping Convention in San Francisco. "The city by the bay" put on a wonderful show and the convention committee, plus the entire San Francisco family worked hard and very efficiently to give all of the attendees a wonderful look at their unique organization. The convention hotel was the Embassy Suites in South San Francisco and it proved to be a great headquarters for exploring this fascinating city. The convention Banquet was held at the Basque Cultural Center. The Basque community in San Francisco originates in the North West corner of Spain and the natives of this region immigrated to our west coast and developed a thriving community in San Francisco. The food at the center was delicious and while many worthy Kolping members were the recipients of the distinguished service awards what was really thrilling was that the New York Kolping Family won the membership trophy for the very first time.

Guests and delegates were treated to several great bus tours around the city featuring San Francisco's unique neighborhoods, including the never to be forgotten magnificent but fog shrouded Golden Gate bridge. The definite highlight of the convention was the traditional Mass, this one held at the Mission Dolores the oldest building in the city. San Francisco's retiring Archbishop, also gave a very sensitive and touching homily regarding the Kolping Society and its work worldwide. Brunch afterward at the Irish Cultural Center was the crowning touch to the week end and we finished off with a "wee dram" of Irish whiskey.

Chicago will be our next convention destination in 2014 and we all look forward to many more visits with all of our Kolping families from coast to coast.

Stories of Interest

German-American Internment in World War II submitted by Martin A. Kelly



During WWII the U.S. Government interned 15,000 German-American civilians, including citizens and 4,058 Latin-American Germans brought here and later exchanged for Nazi-held Americans.

The devastating attack on Pearl Harbor, on December 7, 1941, shocked American conscience. Up to that time, the average American wistfully hoped that America could remain neutral.

With the rapid advances of the Japanese forces in the Pacific and the carnage and cargo loss on the Atlantic coast because of U-boat attacks, President Roosevelt feared an Axis "fifth Column," on the home front would cripple America's defenses. The racial, Japanese-American internment policy has been well documented in the media, but her Axis partners, German and Italian aliens and suspects' detention has not.

The internees held the longest were the Germans. After the fall of the fascist government in 1943, the feeling in Washington was that Italian-Americans presented no danger. Their counterparts, the German-American aliens and suspects, were held in three camps—Ellis Island, in New York; Seagoville in Texas, and Fort Lincoln in North Dakota. They had been removed from "sensitive areas." After peace was declared they were released after signing a pledge of secrecy.

Actually, the only German sabotage attempt was a dismal failure. Eight agents were landed by U-boat (operation Pastorius) to be rounded-up by security forces within a few days.

On the other hand, in 1942 a Japanese sub shelled an oil field in California, and a catapult-launched "zero," from another sub dropped incendiary bombs into the forests of Oregon.

On the whole, German-Americans served valiantly for America in World War II. The list is headed by Admiral Nimitz, General Willoughby, (McArthur's aide), and Col. Zemke (a top P-47 fighter ace).

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What's Happening in New York This Month

By Jack McGee (718-478-0573)



FALL COURSES AT ST. FRANCIS

The Fall sessions of Mini Courses, Religious and Secular, will begin this month at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, 31st Street and 7th Avenue, NY, NY 10001. Tuition for the average course of six, one-hour meetings is 25. Class meetings are a choice from 12 noon to 1pm or evenings at 6pm or so. A sample of the presentations include:

- Broadway 101: History
- Loneliness
- Christology
- Building a Just and Good Society
- More Obstacles on the Spiritual Life

For a complete listing, write to the above or call Father Tortorelli at 212-736-8500, Ext. 311

PARKING CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

October 1 and 2 / Monday and Tuesday / Succoth

October 8 / Monday / Columbus Day & Shemini Atzereth

October 9 / Tuesday / Simchas Torah

October 26-28 / Friday to Sunday / Idul-Adha

WORDS WORTH NOTING

We could never learn to be brave and patient, if there were only joy in the world.

—Helen Keller

What you don't do can be a destructive force.

—Eleanor Roosevelt

If a man wants his dream to come true he must wake them up.

—Anonymous

Courage is the ladder on which all other virtues mount.

—Claire Boothe Luce

Joy is a net of love by which we catch souls.

—Mother Theresa

If you want a place in the sun you've got to put up with a few blisters.

—Abigail Van Buren

Fear knocked at the door. Faith answered. No one was there.

—Anonymous

We change whether we like it or not.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Nothing is so exhausting as indecision and nothing is so futile.

—Bertrand Russell

Remember Ginger Rodgers did everything Fred Astaire did but she did it backwards and in high heels.

—Faith Whittlesey

HUMOROUS QUIP *submitted by Martin A. Kelly*

While dining in a German-American restaurant, a husband remarks to his wife as they patiently await the appearance of the waiter with their order, "The 'wurst' is yet to come."

NEWS FROM PHILADELPHIA KOLPING

The Second Vatican Council began in 1962. This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the beginning of the council, which kept meeting until 1965. The most notable outcome of the council was the introduction of the Mass celebrated in the local language instead of Latin, and the practice of installing an altar "facing the people". Until that time, the Priest celebrated Mass with his back to the people. In truth, the 2nd Vatican Council touches our lives even today. The most memorable way that the 1962 council touched us in 2012 was probably the new English translation of the Mass. The original translation into English in the late 1960s sought to express the message of the Mass in a flowing ordinary English. At the beginning of the 21st Century, Pope John Paul II asked that all translations into the national languages be a strict translation of the Latin. The English version of the Mass, probably needed the most radical changes. Since the new translation finally came out in 2011, we are adjusting—for example, saying "And with your Spirit" instead of "And also with you", for the Latin "Et cum spiritu tuo."

Vatican Council II also made a bold call to re-evangelized our modern world. Not much was done in that area, also, until Pope John Paul II and now Pope Benedict XVI started proclaiming the need for a "new evangelization". Yes, we live in a very secular culture, a world that seeks to exclude God. The New Evangelization is a call for the faithful, not just the clergy, to renew their mission to transform our world back to a more God-centered society.

Our Father Kolping lived 100 years before the 2nd Vatican Council began. Yet, in his time and by his message in word and action, Fr. Kolping was encouraging a new evangelization. As he noticed that young men coming away from farm life or ranch life were losing their faith in the industrial cities, he began activities to renew their faith, especially by opening boarding houses for these young workers that required that they pray together and learn about their Catholic religion. In some developing countries, even to this day, that plan of Fr. Kolping is still being used. In 1985, at an International Kolping Convention, Pope John Paul II said: "It is my prayer for you that all grow in a deeper Faith and giving of Christ-like witness as was encouraged by your founder, Father Kolping. Then you will become Apostles as Christ wishes, and your presence and action will also help fulfill the ideals of Fr. Kolping." As we celebrate the 200th birthday of Fr. Kolping in 2013, keep looking for the ways you can continue to fulfill Fr. Kolping's plans in our 21st Century world!

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