

Brother Knights, welcome back to CUA! We begin another fraternal year together. This year will not be like any other year. While in October the people of the United States will be focused on the coming Presidential election, the Church will be opening the Year of Faith on October 11<sup>th</sup>, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Opening of the Second Vatican Council and the opening of Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith. This important year will offer us Knights a prime opportunity to reflect both individually and as brothers.

At the 130<sup>th</sup> annual Supreme Convention held this past August in Anaheim, California, the following resolution was passed by the delegates:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, in the upcoming Year of Faith, we pledge to continue our 130-year tradition of lay Catholic leadership and thereby serve as true agents of the New Evangelization; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we will continue to lead the catechetical and spiritual formation of our members through our Catholic Information Service and its series on the New Evangelization; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we will exemplify our principle of charity by promoting good works through which our love of God and neighbor will be evident; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that through our principle of unity we will join together to develop programs for our councils and communities so that they serve as beacons of light for the Universal Church; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that our spirit of fraternity will form the cornerstone of the New Evangelization in the countries where we are active and thereby aid our bishops and priests in this great work.”

Over the next five months, I will offer reflections on each of the five points of the resolution. As you already know, you, as members of CUA Council, are engaged in excellent leadership throughout our campus community and beyond. In all of our efforts, may we Knights be as the first point of the resolution says, “true agents of the New Evangelization.”

As always, please know that you are all in my prayers!

A link to the full resolution on the Year of Faith is below:

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/conv/2012/resolutions/yearoffaith.html>

For more information about the Year of Faith:

<http://www.catholicapostolatecenter.org/year-of-faith.html>