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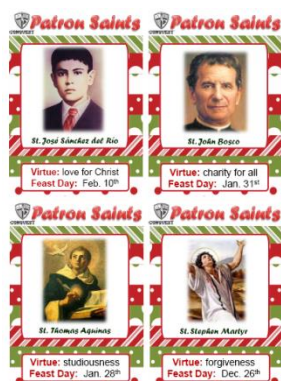
DEAR CLUB LEADERS,

I hope you are all having a Blessed Advent Season! Be assured of my prayers for you and your families this Christmas. Thank you for all that you do and Merry Christmas!

God bless!

Todd Brechbill
Conquest National Director

Christmas Tradition: BOYS PATRON SAINT CARDS



Receiving a saint card to learn about and to pray for their intercession in the next year is a great Catholic tradition. Conquest offers patron saint cards that you can download, print out and have the boys randomly pick at the final Conquest meeting before Christmas. These cards also contain a virtue that goes along with the particular saint that the boys can work on in the next year. The idea is that the Holy Spirit will provide the right saint/virtue that the boy really needs to help him progress in his spiritual life.

The Conquest saint cards can be downloaded [HERE](#). Make sure to make it a special ceremony, perhaps starting a new tradition that can be done each Christmas in the Conquest program. Have the dads choose a card too! Make sure they all commit to learning more about their saint, and to saying a daily prayer for their help and intercession. You can also send the links to the cards to the Conquest families, suggesting that a card in each stocking would make a great tradition. Challenge patron saints for girls can be found [HERE](#). Have fun!

DECEMBER SAINT OF THE MONTH

SERVANT OF GOD ELIA COMINI



Elia Comini was born in 1910 in Italy. He went to school with the Salesians and decided to join the seminary, went to university and was ordained a priest. He was assigned to a school as teacher and educator. He was known especially for his kindness and his warm character. During the summer of 1944, Fr. Comini practiced brotherly love to a heroic degree. He had gone to his hometown, Salvaro, to be with his mother who was alone and at the same time to be of help to the elderly parish priest. That area had become the epicentre of the war between the Allies and the Germans. The people were terrified and the destruction was almost total. For more than two months, Fr Elia gave himself

totally to God, celebrating holy Mass, preaching, teaching catechism, visiting and comforting the refugees and caring for the sick. He buried the dead, acted as a peace-maker between the people, the Allies and the Germans, even at the risk of his own life. In the parish, filled with refugees in hiding, news came that after a battle that the SS had taken 69 people hostage amongst whom were some close to death and in need of comfort. Fr. Elia under enemy fire, set out to bring them the sacraments, knowing they would probably die. He was taken prisoner, thought to be a spy for the other side. He was thrown in with other prisoners but after a time, he was allowed to go free. He refused the offer because he was the only one given freedom - not the other hostages - and he said, "Either all or none!" He preferred to remain with the prisoners and be of help to them. They were condemned to death. Before he was executed he heard confessions and had his confession heard by another priest who was there with him. He was declared a servant of God in 2001.

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

DEDICATION & HARD WORK

Pope Paul VI once said "Those who have everything given to them become lazy and selfish. The very striving and hard work that we so constantly try to avoid is the major building block in the person we are today.

“ I am sure that you don't want to be duped by a false freedom, always at the beck and call of momentary fads. I know that you are aiming high, at long-lasting decisions which will make your lives meaningful. - POPE FRANCIS ”

YOUCAT # OF THE MONTH

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How does the Church help us to lead a good, responsible life?

In the Church we hear the living Word of God and learn how we must live if we want to please God. Through the sacraments that Jesus entrusted to his disciples, the Church builds us up, strengthens, and consoles us.

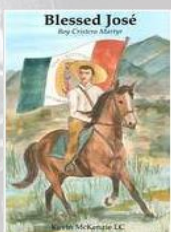
CONQUEST NEWS

Advent CatholicQuiz.com Contest!



The Advent online CatholicQuiz.com Conquest programs contest is off to a great start! If you have not signed up your Father & Son or Junior Program yet, you still have time! The contest is to see how many online CatholicQuiz.com games your boys can play – answering the most questions correctly. CQ points are awarded to each boy and to each program. A \$75 pizza party and parish membership to CatholicQuiz.com is the 1st Place Prize! We are also going to award individual boys this contest for the most points accrued in each category – they will receive an official Conquest ball cap! Play away! Visit www.catholicquiz.com for more information or email michael@catholicquiz.com

Good Read: New book on Blessed Jose! BLESSED JOSE - BOY CRISTERO MARTYR



The author, Fr. Kevin McKenzie, LC was inspired by the story of Blessed Jose when he was just 12 years old.

Visit <http://www.blessedjose.com/> to view a chapter and buy the book!

GREAT CATHOLIC WEBSITE!



Looking for great Catholic Christmas gifts? Shop at our partner store – Majestic Works for a great selection of high quality Catholic items.

<http://majesticworks.com/>

DID YOU KNOW?

NEWSLETTERS: You can use this template to create your own Club Newsletter. You can find the editable PPT file on the CL Resource Center.

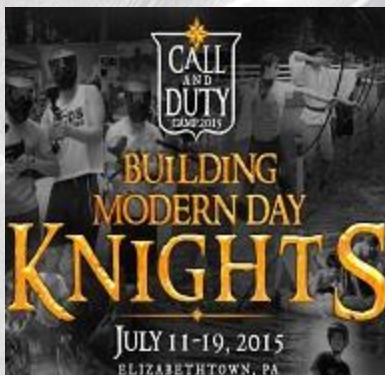
INFO PRESENTATION: The updated presentation about Challenge & Conquest can be found [HERE](#).

AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM



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Conquest National Camp 2015 – Call & Duty! BUILDING MODERN DAY KNIGHTS



Announcing the official Conquest National Camp for 2015 – Call & Duty – Building Modern Day Knights

The camp will be held July 11-19, 2015 in Mount Joy, PA. What a perfect Christmas present for boys! Please pass the link to your Conquest families!

www.conquestclubs.com/events

- **Laser Tag (onsite)**
- **Knight Games**
- **Leadership Activities**
- **Spiritual Talks**
- **Horseback riding**
- **Sports & Fun!**

TRACKS:

\$349 - 10-14 year old boys – REGISTER [HERE](#)

\$199 - 15-17 year old officers – APPLY [HERE](#)

\$75 - Fatherhood Track – REGISTER [HERE](#)

Click [HERE](#) to view the official flyer!

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