

# CONQUEST

## NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2015

### DEAR PROGRAM LEADERS,

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that it is 2015! I hope that you and your family had a peaceful and blessed Christmas. It is tough to get back into the swing of things, but the mission calls, and I am sure the boys are excited to return to Conquest for the second half of the year.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your program this year!  
God bless!

**Todd Brechbill**  
Conquest National Director

### COMING SOON!

#### NEW CONQUEST WEBSITE! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are very excited to be developing a new Conquest website that will be launched this spring. However, we need your help! We want each and every program to be involved in this project, and you can do your part by sending us:

- Pictures of your activities
- Stories about your apostolic projects
- Stories about your events
- Stories about your fundraisers
- QUOTES from:
  - Adult leaders (including you!)
  - Dads and Moms
  - Team Leaders
  - Boys
    - What do they like about Conquest?
    - What was their best experience in Conquest?
    - What would they say to others about Conquest?



Please send your pictures, stories, names and quotes to [info@conquestclubs.com](mailto:info@conquestclubs.com)  
Thank you for your participation and help in building an awesome new website!



# JANUARY SAINT OF THE MONTH

## SERVANT OF GOD JERZY CIESIELSKI



When John Paul II (then Karol Wojtyla) was a local parish priest, he taught and guided a group of university students who would soon become mothers and fathers. One of them was engineering student, Jerzy Ciesielski. He was born in Krakow in 1929. He was 9 years younger than John Paul II. This age difference meant that Ciesielski met Wojtyla when he was studying at University of Krakow and Karol was still a young chaplain. Jerzy spent much of his university life attending meetings at the Basilica of St Florian's Church with his friends that met regularly with Fr. Karol. Jerzy had been a scout and shared two great passions with Wojtyla: the mountains and canoeing. It was in this catholic group that Jerzy met his wife Danuta whom he married in 1957. John Paul II was the priest who married them. "Fr. Karol came with us on trips, to concerts, to the theatre and the cinema - Mrs. Danuta explained. John Paul II said that Jerzy spoke about the fact that regular catholics were also called to become saints. Jerzy became a professor at the university and he had 3 children with his wife. By that time, Fr Karol had become the Archbishop. But the bond between him and the catholic students remained the same as ever. In 1968 Jerzy decided to join a catholic movement called the Focolare. Jerzy was offered the opportunity to teach young engineers for a semester at a university in Africa. He gladly accepted. In fall of that year Jerzy's family went to visit him, and they decided to take a boat ride on the Nile River. The boat capsized and only his wife Danuta and their elder daughter survived. Jerzy and his two boys died in 1970, when he was only 39 years old. John Paul II was there at his funeral and expressed the extreme sadness at the passing of his friend. Jerzy's beatification process began in 1985 and Pope Francis has recognized his heroic virtues in 2014.

## VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

## KINDNESS

Kindness is being gentle, thoughtful, helpful, and forgiving at times when it would be so easy to be angry. Christians should be kind. Mark Twain wrote : " Kindness is the virtue that the deaf can hear and the blind can see."

**“ I cannot imagine a Christian who does not know how to smile. May we joyfully witness to our faith. - POPE FRANCIS ”**

## YOUCAT # OF THE MONTH

**#311**

### What are the fruits of the Holy Spirit?

The fruits of the Holy Spirit are charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, & chastity.



# FEBRUARY SAINT OF THE MONTH

## SERVANT OF GOD FRANK PARATER



Francis Joseph Parater was born in 1897 in Richmond, Virginia. His mother was a convert to Catholicism. He grew up in a close knit family and in the large Catholic Community. Frank's father was a city employee and he also took care of the garden at the Monastery of the Visitation located two blocks from their home. From their home Frank could easily walk to the monastery for daily Mass where he served as an altar boy from the day of his first communion until he left Richmond for college. Frank was educated at the Xaverian Brother's School in Richmond. He graduated in 1917, top in his class and valedictorian. In his late teens, Frank became very active in youth groups. His involvement was so exemplary that he was asked to serve in roles of leadership even at his young age. A remarkable young man, Frank was known for his ideals and practical judgment. Frank was well thought of by Catholics and non-Catholics alike. In fact, newspaper accounts note his achievements, his natural talents and his gifts of heart and mind. In 1917, Frank began studies for the priesthood at Belmont Abbey Seminary College in North Carolina. He continued to lead a very devout life as is detailed in the journal he kept while there. His stated goal was: "To strive by every possible means to become a pure and worthy priest." During this period, he continued to go to Mass and receive Holy Communion daily, prayed the Rosary daily, and went to confession weekly. During the summers, he was active in the Knights of Columbus summer activities for youth and was director of the summer camps. Frank was sent to study to be a priest in Rome. Frank was instantly popular among his fellow seminarians and displayed a warm sense of humor. In late January 1920, Frank Parater got rheumatic fever causing him tremendous suffering. He was taken to the hospital and the director of the seminary explained to Frank that his illness was grave.. Frank Parater died the following day.

## VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

## COURAGE

Someone who practices fortitude and courage perseveres in their commitment to do good, even in the case when they must sacrifice their own self for it. We need to find our strength in knowing he loves us and is with us.

**“We cannot be tepid disciples.**

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**The Church needs our courage in order  
to give witness to truth.”**

**- POPE FRANCIS**

## YOUCAT # OF THE MONTH

## #1

### For what purpose are we here on earth?

We are here on earth in order to know and to love God, to do good according to his will, and to go someday to heaven. To be a human being means to come from God and to go to God.



# CONQUEST NEWS

## ADVENT CONTEST WINNERS!



Each Advent and Lent, we have a Conquest CatholicQuiz.com contest where Junior and Father & Son groups from all over the country compete in fun online games helping them to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith.

### 1<sup>st</sup> place – Conquest Holy Rosary – Milton, Ontario



Marvin Duarte's Junior Program takes the prize! They had the **Highest Number of CQ-IQ Points** for a total of **62,664 points!** The boys answered **46,132 Questions!** They received a \$100 pizza party and a parish annual membership to CatholicQuiz.com! Congrats!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Conquest Holy Redeemer – Pickering, Ontario



Timothy Hayes Junior group had the 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest Number of CQ-IQ Points and **averaged 481 games played per player** for the duration of Advent! They received a \$75 pizza party and a parish annual membership to CatholicQuiz.com! Congrats!

### Special honors:

#### TOP BOYS IN CATHOLICQUIZ.COM CONTEST - WIN CQ HATS!

- Ethan Hayes – played 2713 games!
- Noah Duarte – played 1,666 games!
- Nathan Duarte – played 1,369 games!



# CONQUEST NEWS

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



Conquest National Camp for 2015 – Call & Duty – Building Modern Day Knights is open for early bird registration!

The camp will be held July 11-19, 2015 in Mount Joy, PA. Please pass the link to your Conquest families!

[www.conquestclubs.com/events](http://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!

## 28 Conquest Summer Camps in 2015!



Conquest will offer approximately 28 summer camps for boys June ~ August 2015. Check the Conquest website in early February for a complete list of dates and locations around the USA and Canada. This is a great opportunity for boys to receive excellent Catholic formation while having a great time with sports, fun and friends!  
[CLICK HERE](#) to check for updates!

### 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](#).



## Catholic Interest:



Join thousands of Catholics across the country coming together in prayer for a "culture of life". There are a number of ideas and resources to organize prolife activities locally. There are also apps and social media outlets with daily updates. This is a great way for the boys and dads in the Conquest group to really support and pray for life. [Check it out here](#) on the USCCB website.

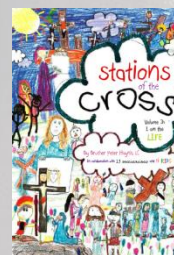
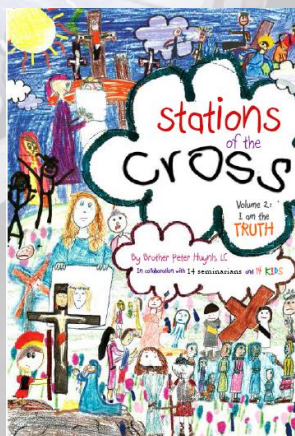
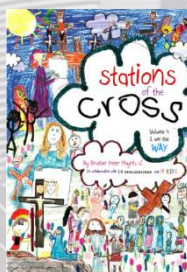
## LENT 2015 – STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR KIDS

Ash Wednesday is on February 18<sup>th</sup>, and we have some great resources for your Conquest Father & Son and Junior Groups. You can download a series of 3 booklets - Stations of the Cross for kids – written by kids for kids. Each booklet is about 36 pages, and it teaches kids how to pray the Stations of the Cross. Each station has a picture, reflection and prayer to Jesus. Download them anytime with the links below, or in your Club Leader Resource Center online.

[VOLUME #1 – I AM THE WAY](#)

[VOLUME #2 – I AM THE TRUTH](#)

[VOLUME #3 – I AM THE LIFE](#)



## CONTACT US

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