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Dear Friends,

This Sunday we celebrate Father's Day! An important gift that we can give to the men in our lives who provide fatherly love and care to us is to pray for them, and to encourage them in their vocations. The Knights of Columbus sponsors an initiative called "Fathers for Good" (available in English, Spanish, and Polish). It provides fathers with inspiration, advice, spiritual support, and resources to help them live out their vocations. Please check it out, or let the fathers in your life know about it!

www.fathersforgood.org

An excerpt from this website offers the following encouragement and reflection on fatherhood:

- A Father is...a work in progress. Indeed, a dad's work is never done – in what he can learn from his family and what he can teach his children, in the sacrifices he can make and the rich rewards he can be given, in the love he can live out and also receive.
- A Father is...called by God the Father. This is the vocation that is the foundation of fatherhood. Of course, no earthly father will be like "our Father who art in heaven," but God does give certain graces to fathers who seek him out and follow his way.
- A Father is...an ordinary man who is called and equipped to do extraordinary things from day to day – work, provide, protect, pray, get involved with his family and be there as an example for his children and faithful to his wife.

Finally, let's pray to St. Joseph, the patron saint of fathers:

O Faithful St. Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer, to whom the Child Jesus lovingly called out "Abba", pray for all our fathers!

Happy Father's Day!

Mary, Queen of Peace, pray for us!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Chad Green". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.