



June, 2019

Dear Kolping Members and Friends,

### **Happy Summer!**

I thought I would put a few Kolping notes together to send along with the enclosed flyer.

**General Meeting:** Our next event is coming up on Sunday, June 30 at 1:30PM, a luncheon and general meeting at the Kolping Center. We will enjoy a nice meal together, then there will be some announcements and a short program. We plan to induct new members that day, so we hope you will plan to join us and help them feel welcome. All are welcome-this is a good time to bring along friends and introduce them to our Kolping Family. There is no charge for our members, and we are asking for a \$5 dinner donation from non-members. We just ask that you call and let us know you are coming so we are sure to have enough food on hand for everyone. *(see enclosed flyer for contact information)*

**Kolping Family Fall Mass and Communion Supper:** Our next Kolping Mass is set for Saturday, September 28 at 5PM at the Kolping Center.

**Kolping Halloween Party:** A group of our members are planning a Halloween party all age groups at the Center on Saturday, October 19. Expect more details over the summer.

**The Kolping Family Christmas Party:** This year our Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 7. Hopefully it will be more fun than ever! We need kids to make this party a success and it's not too early to reserve the date.

**REMEMBER—The St. Matthias Parish Food Pantry and Homeless Program is our charity project.** We collect nonperishable food items, supermarket gift cards, cash and *new* men's socks and underwear for St. Matthias at EVERY gathering we have at the Center. The box will be out at our upcoming General Meeting. We hope you will support our efforts.

**Condolences** are sent to the members of the Heller and Blatz families on the passing of our long time member Frank Heller, 87 on Monday, May 20. Frank comes from a family that goes way back to the beginnings of our Kolping family. His dad, Frank Sr. resided in the old Kolping house on Wierfield Street when he first came to America and became a member. Frank and his older sister Evelyn were pretty much born into Kolping. Frank was part of the legendary Young Kolping group of the 1940's, and later became an adult member. He married and his wife Arlene became

a member and still is. Frank was a man who practiced and lived his Catholic Faith. We got to see him and visit at our Kolping Mass last October, and he seemed very happy to be with us. He was

a friendly and generous guy-for example, to the delight of some of the children at our October

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Mass, he bought them raffle tickets so they could participate with the grown-ups! He also had a great sense of humor-it is a trait in this family to see the humor in any situation, however adverse. You were always assured of an opportunity to laugh when you were around Frank Heller. Finally, he truly had Kolping in his heart. ***Our best wishes to his family.***

**Welcome!** We inducted four new members this spring. Please welcome Gillian Guille, Larisa and Gordon Heiser and Reinhard Schmuck into our Kolping Family. We hope you will feel at home and enjoy your association with the Kolping Society.

**Congratulations** to Albert Heurich and Erika Zinser who mark their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as Kolping members this year. They received their Silver Kolping pins at our General Meeting. Thank you for your dedication to Kolping.

**We welcomed a group** of 43 people at our **Spring Mass and Communion Supper** back on April 6. We were especially happy to welcome Father Chris' mom and dad, his sister in law, her mom and his two nephews. We cherish our time with Father Chris and appreciate the special touch he brings to Mass at our Center-spiritual yet informal enough for everyday people. After Mass we enjoyed a delicious bratwurst dinner which was prepared and served by Chris Gerage. Our newest member Gillian Guille helped sell raffle tickets with Sonia Juran Kulesza. Lots of others who were present lent a hand and everything went smoothly. Thanks to everyone who helped along for another nice evening at the Kolping Center.

**A big Thank You to** Chris Gerage for managing repairs to the Center. As is the case with any old building, sometimes our Center needs attention. If you passed by in April you may have noticed there was scaffolding in front of the Center. We learned late last fall we needed to have some exterior repairs to the brickwork in second floor façade of the building. Chris interviewed contractors and guided us-we got a reliable contractor at a good price. Then he coordinated getting the work done. When you pass the Center, look above the second floor windows and you will notice the where the repair took place.

Honorable mention also goes to Alice Kokasch and John Jellen who opened the Center for the workmen. We are a small group, but we are lucky to have such dedicated members.

That is all for now. We hope to see as many of you as possible at the June meeting. Wishing everyone a wonderful summer.

Treu Kolping, Bill Conte, President