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## From the President's Desk ...

I've always had a love/hate relationship with roller coasters. I remember going to Santa Cruz as a kid and riding the Big Dipper. It probably couldn't even compare to many of the rides today, but nevertheless, I was always caught between exhilaration and fear. Even though I knew when we reached to top of the ride that a steep drop was about to come, it never got less scary or more exciting.

I kind of feel that way these past weeks, watching the stock market soar and plummet, day after day. While I understand the long-term goal, the short-term ride has been rough. It's interesting reading the various commentary and listening to the news and talking heads. While fundamentally, almost everyone agrees that something has to be done, there seems to be a thousand different opinions on how to do it.

Some might call it a stretch, but in many respects it's kind of like life – we all have ideas on where we want to be in a one, two or ten years and often the “end goal” may be the same, but each one of us makes our own decision on which path to take and how the journey might look. And just to stretch the comparison even further, you can say Kolping has been faced with similar challenges. At one time our membership soared. For some Families, it may have taken a sharp decline during Covid, and for others, they are seeing small growth, a few bumps and new enthusiasm.

The National Kolping has been tasked with updating our brochures and pamphlets to help attract and recruit new members. While this is a project everyone agrees is necessary, how we do it and where we end up requires the voice and input of our members. We will be looking to answer: “Does our mission statement still reflect who we are and who we want to be?” And, if the goal is for the Kolping Society to be viable and relevant in another 50 years, how do we get there?

By the time you read this, we will have a section on our website asking you, our members, for input and ideas. Our organization thrives due to the heavy lifting done at the Family level. You, our members, understand better what Kolping means in your life and what you would like to see in the future. We hope you will share this with us so we can share your dedication, enthusiasm and commitment with others.

Check the website at [kolping.org](http://kolping.org) and feel free to share your thoughts.

### OTHER NEWS:

L.A. Fires – thankfully none of our Kolping members were directly affected by the fires in Los Angeles. I'm hoping our prayers helped.

Scholarships – the program has been open for all of April and our committee will be reviewing submissions in May and announcing the recipients in June – good luck everyone!

Lenten Project – if you haven't already, you still have a chance to contribute to the Lenten Project. Just go to our website and click on the button at the top of the page “Donate to Lenten Project” We now take credit cards. If you want to send a check, please send it to:

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Lisa Brinkmann

*“Sometimes good things fall apart so better things could fall together.”*  
- Marilyn Monroe

# A Praeses Proclaims...

## A SEASON OF RENEWAL AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

By Fr. Christopher Heanue  
Praeses of the Brooklyn Kolping Society



To My Family in Faith,

It's beginning to look a lot like...Easter!

As we find ourselves rushing through this beautiful season of Lent, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on its significance. Lent is a time of introspection, prayer and self-reflection, leading up to Easter. It's a time for us to grow closer to God, examine our hearts, and make positive

changes in our lives. It's a season of renewal and spiritual growth.

And guess what? Easter is just around the corner! A time of great joy and celebration is quickly approaching as we prepare to commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It's a reminder of God's love, forgiveness, and the promise of eternal life. Let's embrace this season with open hearts and minds and let the spirit of Easter

fill us with gratitude and hope!

I'm very hope-filled as we approach this blessed time. I'm hopeful that the great celebrations we have planned will be successes for every parish and all parishioners.

Wishing you all a blessed Lenten season and a joyous Easter!

Rev. Christopher R. Heanue

## Cell Phones vs. The Bible

Have you ever looked at a group of people and noticed that almost everyone is looking at his or her cell phone, completely engrossed in whatever is on its screen? Or have you ever noticed that many drivers on the road are looking at their cell phones instead of where they are going? Have you ever wondered what the world would be like if we gave the same treatment and attention to our Bibles?

What if we carried it around with us all the time, whether we are home or out?

What if we flipped through it several times a day- just out of habit?

What if we felt a panic when we think that we may have lost it?

What if we turned back to get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it to receive important messages from the texts?

What if we gave it to children as a gift?

What if we used it when we need to go somewhere and aren't sure how to get there?

What if we used it when we have emergencies?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

The average price of a cell phone is around \$800 dollars. Would we pay that much for a Bible?

Unlike our cell phones, we will never have a dropped call and we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected, because Jesus already paid the bill.

Where is your Bible?

B-asic

I-nstructions

B-efore

L-eaving

E-arth



# Kolping San Francisco starts its Centennial Celebration in Style!

Members and friends of San Francisco Kolping showcased their Kolping pride and announced the beginning of their centennial celebration by participating in the 2025 San Francisco St. Patrick's Day Parade.

20 longtime Kolping members, some new faces, and potential recruits [2026 Kolping Convention New Member Trophy, we are looking at you!] traveled from Kolping House to downtown SF and settled into our parade spot, which was right in the middle of the festivities. Gunther Ehrich served as our onboard Grand Marshall, with Barbara Eckart as our green-haired Ambassador of Shenanigans.

We were lucky to be placed in the middle of the parade lineup, which was exciting! The group decorated the trolley with Kolping banners, balloon arches, shamrock banners,

twinkle lights, and green and gold swags. Although we likely deserved first place for float decorations, we deferred to the Irish Center in honor of their 50th anniversary, wishing them the same success as Kolping. (wink) We enjoyed onboard entertainment through the speaker system, (a short dance by Muffy) and, Irene and Steve Lambly helped distribute corned beef sliders, Irish bread with butter and jam, and Irish Coffee!

Imagine riding along Market Street in SF in a trolley car, surrounded by nothing but love. We felt like German Elvis! The affection for Kolping was obvious. It was wonderful to participate in such a lively celebration from such a unique viewpoint. I highly recommend trying this in your city! Or, come visit us next year and ride with us into our 101st year in San Francisco!



## 2026 National Convention

Hosted by Kolping Society of New York

Explore the Big Apple with your Kolping family and friends (old and new)!

Save the dates

**September 11-13, 2026.**

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# Kolping New York's Ski Trip to Killington

(Courtesy of Kolping New York *Bulletin*)

Our annual Kolping Ski Trip was another fantastic success—this time at the incredible Mt. Killington! It was amazing to reunite with friends and hit the slopes together for a fun-filled winter getaway. Ski enthusiasts of all ages joined in, making the weekend truly special. From exhilarating runs on the mountain to shopping adventures, a joyful birthday celebration (happy birthday again, Jen!), and a delightful group dinner, every moment was filled with laughter and great company. We put our puzzle-solving skills to the test, played an exciting poker tournament, and shared plenty of unforgettable memories. A huge thank you to everyone who joined us! We can't wait to see even more of you next year for another amazing adventure on the snow!



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Love is anterior to life,  
Posterior to death,  
Initial of creation, and  
The exponent of breath.  
- Emily Dickenson



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## Kolping USA Executive Director

If you are reading this *Banner*, I think that it is safe to say that Kolping Society is special to you in some way. At a minimum, it's arrival in the mail reminds you that you belong to something much larger than your city, your state, and even your country. Kolping Society is not a building or a geographic area. It is a group of people unified by the power of Blessed Fr. Kolping's ministry. His personal ministry was based solely on loving and serving God first and others second.



Over the last year my husband Jim and I have spent some time in Portugal. It is amazing that this tiny country, smaller than our home state of Indiana, has had such a deep and complicated history and has significantly impacted the world as we know it today. Beginning with the birth of the country in 1139- one king and a small army, then with the new monarchy being recognized by the Pope 1179, this tiny nation ushered in the age of discovery, which brought Portuguese influence throughout a global empire, upon which the sun never set.

All great things start with something small and humble. Jesus, a baby born in a barn in Bethlehem, was the beginning of the Heavenly Kingdom on Earth. Adolf, a young cobbler longing to be a priest and to serve God in his own way, was the beginning of a global ministry.

Why is Kolping Society special to you? Why have you received this *Banner*? I ask that each time you read your *Banner* issues, please think of it as a reminder that you are part of something lovely and special. You are part of a global society, where you don't have to explain yourself - you just belong because of the unifying power of Blessed Fr. Kolping's ministry and his desire to serve God in his own way.

Anna P. Stukenborg