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I would like to pass on two quotes from Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore. The first one is regarding the new challenge and opportunity the Roman Catholic Church has in a post-‘Roe’ world. The second one is a call to action for the Knights of Columbus that applies to all of us in doing our part for the National Eucharistic Revival these next two years.

As the Chairman of the USCCB’s Pro-Life Committee, Archbishop Lori said the following as quoted in this week’s Our Sunday Visitor July 10-16, 2022 available in the Sacred Heart Church gathering space: “This is a countercultural moment to be sure. The Church has taken a prophetic stance on the sanctity of life. Prophetic stances ignite opposition, virulent opposition.” He goes on to say, “Polling shows when people understand now that under *Roe v. Wade* there are few restrictions - right up to the birth of the child. A great many want some restrictions in place, especially in the later stages. It is not enough to be countercultural; the goal is to change the culture.”

As the Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, Archbishop Lori, addressed 70 State Deputies from throughout the United States and other countries including Canada, the Phillippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic, South Korea and France. (They represent about 2 million members.) He spoke to them about doing their part in the National Eucharistic Revival which applies to all of us. An excerpt follows: “It turns out that the original call for us to be ‘Knights of the Eucharist’ comes not only from our supreme knight but indeed from Father McGivney himself. ... As leaders, we need to begin with ourselves and with our families to ensure that our own faith in the Eucharist is strong, well-informed, and nurtured by prayer. As Knights of the Eucharist, we need to do everything in our power to encourage all our brother Knights and their families to attend Holy Mass each and every Sunday without fail.”

He also told them the following as quoted in the South Dakota Knights of Columbus Crusader June 2022 Issue: “As Knights of the Eucharist, we need to do everything in our power to encourage our brother Knights and their families to attend Holy Mass each and every Sunday without fail ... to have the courage to speak with fellow Catholics who absent themselves from Sunday Mass ... and, as the Bishops’ eucharistic revival program unfolds, we need to promote it across the United States as well as within our parishes.”

What We Must Do: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Deuteronomy 30:10–14; Psalm 69:14, 17, 30–31, 33–34, 36–37; Colossians 1:15–20; Luke 10:25–37

We are to love God and our neighbor with all the strength of our being, as the scholar of the Law answers Jesus in this week’s Gospel.

This command is nothing remote or mysterious—it’s already written in our hearts, in the book of Sacred Scripture. “You have only to carry it out,” Moses says in this week’s First Reading.

Jesus tells His interrogator the same thing: “Do this and you will live.”

The scholar, however, wants to know where he can draw the line. That’s the motive behind his question, “Who is my neighbor?”

In his compassion, the Samaritan in Jesus’ parable reveals the boundless mercy of God, Who came down to us when we were fallen in sin, close to dead, unable to pick ourselves up.

Jesus is “the image of the invisible God,” this week’s Epistle tells us. In Him, the love of God has come very near to us. By the “blood of His Cross”—by bearing His neighbors’ sufferings in His own body, being Himself stripped and beaten and left for dead—He saved us from the bonds of sin and reconciled us to God and to one another.

Like the Samaritan, He pays the price for us, heals the wounds of sin, pours out on us the oil and wine of the sacraments, and entrusts us to the care of His Church until He comes back for us.

Because His love has known no limits, ours cannot either. We are to love as we have been loved, to do for others what He has done for us, joining all things together in His Body, the Church.

We are to love like the singer of this week’s Psalm—like those whose prayers have been answered, like those whose lives has been saved, who have known the time of His favor, have seen God in His great mercy turn toward us. This is the love that leads to eternal life, the love Jesus commands today of the scholar and of each of us: “Go and do likewise.”