



Our Holy Redeemer is blessed to have vibrant groups of believers who help make *coming home what it's all about*; not only in our absolutely beautiful church at 37 South Ocean Avenue in Freeport, New York, but anywhere and everywhere those believers walk by faith. Two of those groups worthy of note are *the Catholic Daughters of the Americas* (CDA) and *the Knights of Columbus* (KOC).



Every Advent Season these women and men help the Church in Freeport to *prepare ye the way of the Lord*: the CDA with their "Getting Ready for Christmas Birthday Party for Jesus" and the KOC with their "I Can't Wait for Christmas Pasta Dinner". In years past, I have attended the before-Christmas celebration of the CDA, and there-at experienced the joyful anticipation that the Holy Season of Advent inspires. This year however, duty kept me home in our absolutely beautiful church where I was privileged to welcome Bishop Perez, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, for the celebration of our Parish' s first bi-lingual *Our Lady of Guadalupe* Feast Day Mass. And what a joy it was to venerate the Gift of Mary: the woman, "daughter", wife, mother, and believer *par excellence* who is more than just a gift to North America, South America, and Central America, but like *the Catholic Daughters of the Americas*, Mary is for ALL of the Americas.

Men and women from "all of the Americas" were not only well-represented at the Mass in celebration of Our Lady, but they also found their way to the *KOC* pre-Christmas dinner that took place after the 5:00 P.M. Mass on 10 December in the lower church. The Pasta was definitely worth waiting for, and the Raffle Prizes were definitely worth hoping for. Thank you Knights of Columbus. You, like your sisters in Christ, have helped make our waiting and hoping for Christ and Christmas.



Now that our Advent-waiting and hoping for the coming of our annual *CDA* and *KOC* celebrations have been satisfied, and the *Fourth Sunday of Advent* is upon us, we have an opportunity to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Christ's first coming by preparing ourselves for that *unexpected hour when He* (as we heard on the First Sunday of Advent) *will return*. (Saint Matthew XXIV:44) That opportunity will present itself this Tuesday night, 20 December at 7:30 P.M. in the church when Bishop Andrzej will return home to Our Holy Redeemer to help us prepare for the coming of: Our Holy Redeemer.



AN ADVENT NIGHT OF RECOLLECTION "WORD MADE FLESH" – A CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

20 December 2016

7:30 P.M. in the Church

to help us prepare for the coming
of Christmas and the coming of Christ.

Please welcome him home!