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| <p>Confirmation 2017: Witness of Christ – to a Veteran.</p> <p>A. Introduction.</p> <p>A Navy veteran died in December at age 70. <i>Jerry Wayne Pino</i> had made arrangements for his funeral and burial. But he had no family. But he had no friends. Who would be <i>pallbearers</i> at his funeral, the people who carry the casket with Jerry's body?</p> <p>--Would you help, even though you did not know what a pallbearer did?</p> <p>--Would you volunteer, even though you have not helped at a funeral before?</p> <p>--Would you be an active <i>witness</i> to someone you did not even know, not just watching the funeral from a distance?</p> <p>--Would you <i>imitate Christ</i> and serve Jerry, who was forgotten, alone, and was in need after his death?</p> | <p>Confirmación 2017: Testigo de Cristo - a un Veterano.</p> <p>A. Introduccción.</p> <p>Una veterano de la marina murió en diciembre a la edad de 70. <i>Jerry Wayne Pino</i> había hecho arreglos para su funeral y su entierro. Pero él no tenía familia. Pero él no tenía amigos. ¿Quiénes serían los <i>portadores</i> en su funeral, las personas que cargan el cajón (el ataúd) con el cuerpo de Jerry?</p> <p>--¿Ayudarían ustedes, sin saber que hace un portador?</p> <p>--¿Se dieran de voluntarios, sin haber ayudado en un funeral anteriormente?</p> <p>--¿Serían <i>testigos</i> activos de alguien que ni siquiera conocen, no sólo ver el funeral a la distancia?</p> <p>--¿<i>Imitarían a Cristo</i> y servirían a Jerry, que fue olvidado, estaba sólo y necesitado después de su muerte?</p> |
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B. Witness of Christ.

The Sacrament of Confirmation *strengthens* your Catholic Faith. With a stronger faith, you can imitate Christ better. You will be a better *witness* of Christ. A witness gives evidence or testimony to an action or belief. What belief did Jesus teach us? What actions did he do that showed us examples, that showed us actions that we should imitate?

Jesus often visited the sick, and healed them. Many gospel stories told of Jesus casting out demons. He saved the woman caught in adultery from death by stoning. Our Lord forgave sinners. Jesus spoke with the Samaritan woman at the well about living water, about eternal life. How do we imitate these examples of Christ?

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B. Testigo de Cristo.

El Sacramento de la Confirmación *fortalece* su Fe Católica. Con una fe más fortalecida, ustedes pueden mejor imitar a Cristo. Ustedes serían mejores *testigos* de Cristo. Un testigo muestra evidencia o da testimonio a una acción o creencia. ¿Qué creencia nos enseñó Jesús? ¿Qué acciones hizo él que nos dan ejemplos que nos muestran acciones que nosotros debemos imitar?

Jesús muchas veces visitó a los enfermos y los sanó. Muchas historias de los evangelios nos cuentan de Jesús expulsando a los demonios. Salvó a la mujer adúltera de la muerte a pedradas. Nuestro Señor perdonó a los pecadores. Jesús habló de la agua viva, de la vida eterna con la mujer samaritana en el pozo. ¿Cómo imitamos estos ejemplos de Cristo?

C. The guys at Long Beach High School in Mississippi.

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JT, Bailey, Joseph, Jake, Kenny, and James stepped forward to be Jerry's pallbearers on December 27, during their Christmas break.

-- they may have not known just what to do, but they volunteered (in minutes) for this *experience*, even before an explanation.

-- the 6 high school classmates were inspired to assist, following *this cause from their hearts*, without a need for a reason.

-- these guys *changed their own lives*, and profoundly influenced those around them by their sacrifice, not observing superficially, not merely being outsiders.

C. Los muchachos de la Secundaria Long Beach en Mississippi.

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JT, Bailey, Joseph, Jake, Kenny, y James se ofrecieron a ser los portadores de Jerry el 27 de diciembre, durante sus vacaciones de Navidad.

-- ellos hubieron no saber que hacer, pero se dieron voluntarios (en minutos) para esta *experiencia*, aun antes de alguna explicación.

-- los seis (6) compañeros de estudios secundarios fueron inspirados a asistir, siguiendo *esta causa de todo corazón*, sin ninguna necesidad de alguna razón.

-- estos muchachos *cambiaron sus vidas*, y profundamente influeciaron a los que los rodeaban por su sacrificio, no observando superficialmente, no siendo solo espectadores.

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| <p>D. Accept this Call?</p> <p>Confirmation Candidates, <i>do you accept this call by God to experience, to be moved by your heart, to change your life and the lives of those around you?</i></p> <p>If so, Confirmandi, please stand.</p> <p>Now, before you receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, I ask you to renew the profession of faith you made in Baptism, or your parents and godparents made in union with the whole Church,</p> <p>[continue with Renewal of Baptismal Promises]</p> | <p>D. ¿Aceptan este Llamado?</p> <p>Candidatos para la Confirmación, <i>¿aceptan ustedes este llamado de Dios a experimentar, a ser movidos por su corazón, a cambiar sus vidas y las vidas de los que los rodean?</i></p> <p>Si es así, Confirmandos, por favor pónganse de pie.</p> <p>Ahora, antes de recibir los dones del Espíritu Santo, conviene que renuevan personalmente la profesión de fe, que sus padres y sus padrinos hicieron, en unión con toda la Iglesia,</p> <p>[continuar con la Renovación de los Compromisos Bautismales]</p> |
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Long Beach students JT Tripp, Bailey Griffin, Joseph Ebberman, Jake Strong, Kenny McNutt and James Kneiss serve as pallbearers Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2016, for a Navy veteran who had no family (Long Beach High School, Mississippi). Courtesy Cathy Warden

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Pallbearer: ‘No one should be buried without people who care present’

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Six young men from Long Beach High School gave up a morning of their Christmas vacation to pay final respects to a man they didn't know.

The teens, all upperclassmen, served as pallbearers for Jerry Wayne Pino, who died Dec. 12 at age 70.

He served his country in Vietnam and wanted to be buried at Biloxi National Cemetery. Pino pre-arranged his service, but something was missing. Pallbearers were needed.

“He was an unclaimed veteran,” said Cathy Warden, who works at Riemann Family Funeral Homes, which handled Pino's services. “Eva Boomer, who also works at Riemann's, is a veteran, too. She asked me, ‘Do you think we could get (Warden's son) Bryce and some upperclassmen to come out?’ ”

Unfortunately, Bryce already had accepted an invitation out of town, which he nearly canceled to serve as one of Pino's ballbearers. But he texted some classmates and within minutes, Boomer had six young men to serve as pallbearers.

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JT Tripp, Bailey Griffin, Joseph Ebberman, Jake Strong, Kenny McNutt and James Kneiss served as Pino's pallbearers Tuesday morning.

Pino was a Navy veteran who lived on the Coast after Vietnam. The Baton Rouge man had joined the military in 1970 in New Orleans and left the service as a petty officer third class.

“Bryce sent the text and asked them to wear khaki pants, shirts and ties. ‘Let's do this!’ he told his classmates. Almost immediately, they said yes,” Warden said.

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One of the boys' moms posted on Facebook about what the teens had done.

"This morning, JT and fellow Bearcats will be pall bearers at a veteran's funeral service," Stacie Tripp wrote. "Proud mom when he told me that no one should be buried without people who care present, especially a veteran.

"Exposure to patriotism and respect comes from the home, schools and community. Proud of all these boys!"

The Navy provided the honor guards, who folded the American flag that draped Pino's casket and presented it to Jim Hudson, the funeral director for the service.

Hudson, in turn, gave the flag to the boys, four of whom are on the Long Beach football team. All six decided they would have it placed in the Bearcats' locker room. Warden said she would have a case made with a plaque that bears Pino's name to display the flag.

"It doesn't cost anything to take some time to do something like this," Warden said. "If our young people can figure this out, our country is going in the right direction."

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