

Letter of Bishop Nickless in support of Knights of Columbus  
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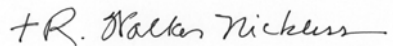
Dear Knights of Columbus of the State of Iowa,

May our Lord Jesus Christ bless you abundantly for your witness and service to Him! I am most pleased to be able to offer you my prayerful support by means of this letter. Your good works in the Church are an invaluable support to me as Bishop of Sioux City in my efforts to serve the poor as Christ's vicar.

You are well-named as Knights! You are indeed "milites Christi," soldiers for Christ, defending the poor against oppression and exploitation. Your work to resist the greatest forms of modern poverty – especially the many current violations of the inherent and sacred dignity of every precious human life, from natural conception to natural death – leads the most important battle of our time and place. Especially in spiritual ways, your constant prayers, your many concrete good works, and your formation of men and of families to live a "culture of life" proclaim again our Lord's faithful love for His people.

In these and so many other ways, the Knights of Columbus have been and continue to be a great witness to faith and hope in Jesus Christ. May you always flourish in union with His most sacred heart, and in communion with our Holy Father and the College of Bishops. May you always receive countless blessings and consolations in your labors.

Your brother in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. Walker Nickless".

Most Reverend R. Walker Nickless  
Bishop of Sioux City