

IOWA BISHOPS ENDORSE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Iowa Knights of Columbus State Deputy Patrick O'Keefe received letters of endorsement from each of the Iowa Bishops. Following are excerpts of these letters:

“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.”

Most Rev. R. Walker Nickless
Bishop of Sioux City

“I am pleased to offer support and high commendation for the dedicated services and presence of the Knights of Columbus in the Diocese of Des Moines and the State of Iowa. Knights of Columbus’ programs and commitment to the life of the Church have been sources of inspiration to your members and welcome leaven in our parish communities.

It is my prayer that the future of my brother Knights and their families as well as the organization itself be abundantly blessed.”

Most Rev. Richard E. Pates
Bishop of Des Moines

“The Knights of Columbus have been an important presence in the Diocese of Davenport since the founding of Davenport Council 532 in 1900, the second Council formed in Iowa. Today there are over forty Councils in the Diocese filled with men who make an important contribution to furthering the work of the Kingdom of God. I hope more men of the Diocese of Davenport will give their time and energy to the work of the Knights of Columbus.”

Most Rev. Martin Amos
Bishop of Davenport

“As Archbishop of Dubuque, I heartily endorse the presence, programs, and goals of the Knights of Columbus. Among the various programs sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, I especially commend those in favor of Family Life, Pro-Life, Church Vocations, Special Olympics, and efforts to support our priests.

I encourage more Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus, bringing their families into the circle of this wonderful fraternal organization.

May God bless the Knights of Columbus. Vivat Jesus.”

Most Rev. Jerome Hanus, O.S.B.
Archbishop of Dubuque