



# *Knights of Columbus*

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Worthy Faithful Navigators and Faithful Commanders,

I write to you to review and clarify the instructions on swords in the Church. I want to reinforce that whatever the parish priest, bishop, or person in charge of the Mass that day wishes, their rules are to be strictly followed. As Knights of Columbus and Catholic gentlemen, we must never question this decision. Remember we are there to serve the Catholic Church.

Please contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Patrick O'Keefe  
District Master - Iowa  
Father Padilla Province  
Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus

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Most Rev. Martin J. Amos, Bishop of Davenport  
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