



IOWA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

January 10, 2017

Dear Reverend Father:

This is an invitation for you as a pastor to assist your local Knights in inviting Catholic men from your parish to consider membership in the Knights of Columbus. Participation in the many charitable and fraternal activities of the local council often have a great spiritual impact on the Catholic man and his family.

The real work of the Knights of Columbus occurs in local Councils. A Knight's main responsibility is to his family's financial and spiritual welfare. Standing together with his Brother Knights, men can find support and encouragement to build up the faith of his family and put that faith into practical action helping those in need.

Together with his parish a Knight and his family reach out to defend the unborn, care for the dignity of all persons, uphold the value of marriage as a lifelong bond between one man and one woman, feed the hungry and clothe the needy. As faith is expressed together through Charity lives are changed.

We are blessed in Iowa to have the full support of our Bishops as partners in this endeavor. Enclosed you will find a letter from your Bishop encouraging all Catholic men to consider membership. We are asking you to share the Bishop's letter with your parishioners by placing it in your Parish bulletin and suggest it could be read at the end of Mass. The suggested week-end is one of your choosing as fits your parish schedule. On following weekends members of the Knights of Columbus will make themselves available to provide more information to parishioners after Masses.

If there is a Knights of Columbus presence in your Parish, we trust they are working with you to fulfill their mission of being a part of the new evangelization. If there is an issue with a Council in your area, please let us know so that we may help to address it. If there is not a Knights of Columbus presence in your Parish, we would very much appreciate the opportunity to share with you how a local Council can be of benefit to you and the men of your Parish.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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