My Brothers in Christ,

Catholic men as disciples of Christ are called to a life of loving service. We are called to care for our families, to attend to the poor and to defend those in need, especially the weakest among us. A wonderful opportunity exists for Catholic men to answer this call to serve by becoming members of the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882, by the Fr. Michael J. McGivney, a diocesan parish priest who had a vision of an organization which would provide Catholic men the opportunity to live their faith through charitable works while at the same time protecting their families through a fraternal benefits society.

Today, the Knights of Columbus are strong in our local diocese and in 14 countries around the world. Each year, this organization of Catholic men collectively donates millions in dollars and hours to charity while offering members access to financial protection for their families. In addition members through participation in various Knights sponsored activities have the opportunity build up the church, save lives, support vocations and develop leadership skills while sharing a fraternal brotherhood with men of similar values.

As a Knight of Columbus myself, I have personally witnessed the tremendous work that these men have accomplished in our diocese. However, there is still much work which needs to done in the name of charity. There is some task by which each of us can fulfill charitable service: defending the least among us in the unborn and the terminally ill, caring for the dignity of the intellectually disabled, opposing capital punishment, upholding the value of marriage as a lifelong bond between one man and one woman, feeding the hungry and clothing the needy.

I strongly encourage each man in this diocese who is a practicing Catholic and is at least 18 years old to consider joining the Knights of Columbus. When members of the Knights of Columbus contact you, please take time to visit with them so that you may make an informed decision to join in the Knight’s mission to promote Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. It will make a great difference in your life.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Michael O. Jackels
Archbishop of Dubuque
Why Join the Knights of Columbus?

Why you should become a Knight

*Inner peace is priceless and starting is easily a little attendance and paperwork as a registered Catholic.*

*If you're interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.*

Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support your parish, give back to your community, deepen your faith and gain exclusive access to great insurance options.

We are a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbor.

**What we provide**

**SERVICE**

Charity is the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. Knights are men who get things done. We volunteer our time to serve our parishes and our communities. And by working together, we were able to donate more than $1.4 billion and 664 million volunteer hours to worthy causes in the past decade.

**SUPPORT**

Unity and Fraternity are the second and third principles of the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus was founded so that men could work together to serve their parishes and communities, protect the well-being of their Catholic families, and support each other in faith and in many other ways along life's journey. The Knights of Columbus offers its members the opportunity to grow in their faith through living the example of a charity that evangelizes and personifying what it means to be a Catholic gentleman through the practicing of good works.

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