



ARCHBISHOP OF DETROIT

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Dear Brothers in Christ,

We Catholic men are called to a life of generous and meaningful service. One exceptional way that this calling is answered is by membership in the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus were founded in 1882 by Fr. Michael McGivney, a young priest who saw a serious need among his parishioners. His solution to the problems facing American Catholics at that time has resulted in a Catholic fraternal organization of over two million members today who put their faith into action through charitable works, defending the faith, and caring for their families. The Knights of Columbus are now active in 16 countries and donated more than \$185 million dollars and 50 million man-hours to charity in the last year alone!

As a Knight of Columbus myself, I have personally witnessed the tremendous work accomplished by these faithful men across our Nation and here in our Archdiocese. However, the work is never done and the organization needs to grow for the Knights to continue their good works for the Church. I strongly encourage every man in our Archdiocese who is a practicing Catholic and at least eighteen years of age to prayerfully consider joining the ranks of this exemplary Catholic men's organization.

Members of the Knights of Columbus will be available in parishes throughout our Archdiocese after Masses on a weekend in September with more information for you. Please take some time to visit with these men so that you can learn more about their mission to promote the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Membership will enhance your faith, your life, and your community in ways you cannot imagine.

Very sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

+ *Edward J. Weisenburger*

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