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Dear Gentlemen,

As Catholic men, we are called to a life of service. We are called to care for our families, serve our communities, and serve our faith communities. I am excited to share with you a great and wonderful opportunity that exists for Catholic men to answer this call to serve by becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus.

This exemplary Order of Catholic men was founded in 1882 by a parish priest who had the vision and foresight to conceive of an organization which would provide Catholic men the opportunity to live their Faith through charitable works, caring for their families, and defending the Catholic Faith. Today, the Knights of Columbus are almost 2 million members strong in 17 countries, providing a strong moral example in an age where culture promotes secularism over service to others.

As a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus, I have personally witnessed the tremendous work these men accomplish in this diocese. However, there is much work which needs to be done in the name of charity. I strongly encourage each man in this diocese, who considers himself to be a practicing Catholic and is at least 18 years old, to prayerfully consider joining the ranks of this fine organization.

Sincerely, in the name of the Lord Jesus,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Michael J. Hoepfner".

Most Reverend Michael J. Hoepfner  
Bishop of Crookston