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Office of the Bishop

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Dear Catholic Men,

Are you a Catholic man who is looking to serve the Church in a significant way? Are you looking for a way to join with other Catholic men to do good works in the name of Our Lord? Then there is a place for you in the Knights of Columbus.

My dad was a Knight of Columbus for many, many years. So, I grew up with a Knight of Columbus in the home. I could tell that my dad was proud to be a Knight. He wore his KC ring with pride. He was also a member of the "Degree Team" for many years. Through him, I met the other Knights who were on the team. They were good Catholic men. I was impressed.

I was a senior in college when I became a Third Degree Knight. That was in 1968 and under the old ceremony. That was a harrowing experience. As a priest, I then became a Fourth Degree Knight in 1985.

Over the years, I have come to appreciate more and more the men that the Knights are and the work that they do. They are men of action and service. They are men of prayer and men of the Church. The priorities of the Knights are in the right order: God first, then family, work, and country.

As a bishop, I can count on the Knights to help the diocese and the parishes. They are always ready to lend a helping hand. They are joyful in the service that they give. Wherever there are Knights, there is always good humor and laughter.

The leadership of the Knights is solid as well. Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Knight, and Archbishop William E. Lori, Supreme Chaplain, have led the Knights into the 21st century as a relevant Catholic voice in the public square based on firm Catholic principles. The Knights of Columbus magazine, *Columbia*, is an instrument of catechesis and evangelization.

It is with these thoughts in mind that I encourage Catholic men to become a Knight of Columbus. There is a place for you in the Knights!

In Christ,



The Most Reverend John M. LeVoir
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