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Dear Brothers in Christ,

Peace in Christ.

As we enter into our Easter season with renewed hope, I encourage you to look for new ways to grow in your faith and become more active in serving our Church. One wonderful way to do that is by joining with other men who are serving together as brothers in the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus, established in 1882, was founded on the principles of charity, unity and fraternity by Father Michael M. McGivney. Their membership, as well as the fruit of their labors, continues to grow, reaching almost two million members around the world. The Knights are dedicated to strengthening and defending family life and living our Catholic Faith. They are wonderful examples of dedicated service in our community. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, the Knights of Columbus has donated more than \$150 million to charity and hours of volunteer services.

I have witnessed the commitment to service, strengthened by the fraternal support of the Knights of Columbus. While supporting the seriousness of religious liberty, defense of life, vocations, community and family, the Knights do so with purpose and dignity, enjoying the fraternity of time spent with their Christ – centered brothers. It is within this group they inspire and challenge one another to be better husbands, fathers, friends, community members and Catholics.

Together with my brother Knights, I invite and encourage each man in this diocese over the age of 18 to prayerfully seek out a council in or near your parish, to pray with, serve with, laugh with, and grow together in holiness.

In prayer and thanksgiving, I remain,

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Andrew H. Cozzens STD, DD  
Bishop of Crookston