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Dear brothers,

In the face of the challenges of the past several years, Catholic men of the Diocese of Duluth are yearning, perhaps without always even fully knowing it, for ways to live their faith more deeply or even to reconnect to their faith. That is the deepest desire of every human heart.

We have experienced many hardships in our diocese, from the COVID-19 pandemic to the death of Bishop Paul Sirba. Yet, in my travels getting to know the faithful of the Duluth Diocese, I have discerned a hopeful sense of possibility — what I've called a “dawning moment” — as we begin to step out of the shadows and into the light, discerning the next step in the mission the Holy Spirit has given us. God is always generous beyond our expectations and always equips us for the mission to which He has called us.

As we mobilize to that mission, one of the most outstanding ways for men to go deeper in their faith is to join and participate in the Knights of Columbus. Founded in 1882 by Father Michael McGivney, who was beatified and given the title “Blessed” in 2020, the Knights especially shine when it comes to living out our faith in Jesus Christ in giving and in acts of service, whether it's in our parishes or in our broader communities. Nationally, the Knights of Columbus gave more than \$187 million to charitable causes and contributed more than 77 million hours in service in 2019. The Knights are also a great public witness bringing our faith to the public square.

If you are a man over the age of 18 and are not already a member of the Knights of Columbus, I urge you to consider it and pray about it. It could be just the thing you need to put your faith into action.

May God bless you and those you serve,

Most Reverend Daniel J. Felton  
Bishop of Duluth