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Dear Gentlemen,

In our world today, there is a great need for good and holy men, men who are willing to stand up for the truth, to protect those who cannot protect themselves, and to serve generously, in the same way that Jesus Christ himself served all humanity by dying on the cross for our sins.

The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 by Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney, 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. The Knights of Columbus provide a strong moral example in an age where culture promotes secularism over service to others.

There are currently 51 Knights of Columbus councils across the Diocese of Winona-Rochester. I strongly encourage all men in our diocese, who are at least 18 years old, to prayerfully consider joining a council. The Knights of Columbus are dedicated to the service of Christ and through Him, to all their brothers and sisters throughout the world.

Being part of a council is a wonderful opportunity to develop friendships, serve your community and deepen your faith through charity and service to others, all in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. I know you will find a warm welcome among the men who share your love for the Church.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. John M. Quinn
Bishop of Winona-Rochester