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Dear Parishioners,

Nearly 140 years ago, Father Michael McGivney, recently declared Blessed by Pope Francis, founded the Knights of Columbus in Connecticut. Since then, this Catholic organization has taken root throughout the world, including in Utah.

I want to invite all Catholic men, eighteen years of age or older, to join the Knights of Columbus. As faithful Catholics, members embrace the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism that guide their relationships with God, their family, Church and society. The Knights have significantly impacted our parishes, schools, and other good works throughout the Diocese of Salt Lake City.

For the Knights, commitment to family and personal responsibilities are first. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the Sacraments, along with devotion to the Blessed Mother and Saints help strengthen their faith and their commitment to serve throughout the community. The Knights involve themselves with the youth, the elderly, the Carmelite Sisters and other parishioners. They participate in the various ministries, events and programs, such as marriage enrichment, fundraising and other good works that support life and enhance the common good through their prayers, charity and service, especially for the most vulnerable.

For over forty years I have been a Knight of Columbus and have witnessed the impact of the Knights on their families, our society and in our Diocese. The Knights have been strong partners with the priests in the mission of evangelization and are always ready to respond generously when their bishop or pastor request their assistance. Their support for the sanctity and dignity of human life, for vocations to the priesthood, religious life and seminarians has been a significant contribution to the work of the Church.

I encourage all Catholic men to prayerfully consider becoming members of the Knights. We need more gentlemen to be role models, whether single or married, as devoted fathers, loving husbands and Catholics who are active in the Church. For more information, speak with a member of the Knights of Columbus or send an email to StateDeputy@UtahKnights.org.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Oscar A. Solis".

The Most Reverend Oscar A. Solis
Bishop of Salt Lake City