



Resolutions Submitted to Committee for the 123rd DC State Convention

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RESPECT, COMPASSION, AND SENSITIVITY TO LGBTQ CATHOLICS

THIS RESOLUTION, is hereby executed, declared and made by the undersigned officers, on this ____ day of _____, the Two Thousand and Twenty First Year of Our Lord (2021),

WHEREAS, the Washington Council #224, Knights of Columbus (“the Council”), founded on April 25th, 1897, is the oldest and continuous Knights of Columbus council in Washington, DC and supports Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Annunciation Catholic Church, St. Ann’s Catholic Church, and the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Furthermore, the Council’s members dedicate themselves to serving these parishes and their needs in the spiritual principles and virtues of charity, unity, and fraternity;

WHEREAS, Christ teaches the members of his Church, “You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, your whole soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments the whole law is based, and the prophets as well.” See Matthew 22: 35-40.; and

WHEREAS, the Catholic Church has long held that, “[men and women who experience an exclusive or predominant sexual attraction toward persons of the same sex] must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity.” See Catechism of the Catholic Church § 2358.; and

WHEREAS, the Catholic Church has also long held that, “Sacred Scripture beings with the creation of man and woman in the image and likeness of God and concludes with a vision of ‘the wedding -feast of the Lamb.’” See Catechism of the Catholic Church § 1602. Moreover, the Catholic Church teaches that the sacrament of marriage shall be a “a baptized man and woman, free to contract marriage, who freely express their consent; ‘to be free’ means: not being under constrain; not impeded by any natural or ecclesiastical law.” See Id. at § 1625; and

WHEREAS, Justice Anthony Kennedy who is Catholic wrote that “Liberty presumes an autonomy of self that includes freedom of thought, belief, expression, and certain intimate conduct. The instant case involves liberty of the person both in its spatial and more transcendent dimension.” See Lawrence v. Texas, 539 U.S. 558, 558 (2003) (Kennedy, J., majority opinion). The Lawrence v. Texas case held that criminalizing same-sex conduct violates the Constitutional principle of substantial due process found in the 14th Amendment of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, commencing from Lawrence, state legislatures and courts began legalizing same-sex marriage. Moreover, the USCCB and the Knights of Columbus opposed local legislation and judicial intervention recognizing same-sex marriage as it opposes Catholic teaching; and

WHEREAS, in July of 2013, Pope Francis responded to the question regarding gay priests, “If they accept the Lord and have good will, who am I to judge them? They shouldn’t be marginalized. The tendency is not the problem...they’re our brothers.”; and

WHEREAS, our Past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson explained that, “Pope Francis is calling upon all Catholics to cast aside what he has described as a growing ‘globalization of indifference’ and instead to build ‘a



community of brothers and sisters who accept and care for one another.’ This, he stated, is our ‘vocation to fraternity.’” See Our Mission Statement by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, September 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, in December of 2014, Pope Francis said “We have to find a way to help that father or that mother to stand by their [LGBTQ] son or daughter.” See Nuva Interview; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court held that same-sex couples have a fundamental constitutional right to marriage. See Obergefell v. Hodges, 576 U.S. 644 (2015). Justice Anthony Kennedy, who authored the majority opinion, wrote that, “No union is more profound than marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice, and family. In forming a marital union, two people become something greater than once the were...It would misunderstand these men and women [with same-sex attractions] to say they disrespect the idea of marriage. Their plea is that they do respect it, respect it so deeply that they seek to find its fulfillment for themselves. Their hope is not to be condemned to live in loneliness, excluded from one of civilizations’ oldest institutions. They ask for equal dignity in the eyes of the law. They ask for equal dignity in the eyes of the law. The Constitution grants them that right. Id.; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Constitution also maintains the fundamental rights of free speech which includes freedom of belief and opinions guaranteed by the First Amendment. Specifically, the U.S. Supreme Court has also held that persons with religious objections to performing service for same-sex weddings that violate that individuals religious and moral conscience are also protected by the Constitution. See Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission, 584 U.S. ____ (2018). Justice Kennedy further noted that the government cannot be hostile towards religious beliefs and must be remain neutral. See Id.; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus has long promoted the “Defense of Marriage” policy advocating that marriage is confined solely to one man and one woman; and

WHEREAS, Father James Martin has, S.J. called for greater respect for LGBT Catholics in his work Building Bridges: How the Catholic Church and the LGBT Community into a Relationship of Respect, Compassion, and Sensitivity based on the Catechism’s teaching for “respect, compassion, and sensitivity” towards LGBT persons. Specifically, Fr. Martin encourages members in our Catholic Church to be practice “respect, compassion, and sensitivity” by finding common ground and avoiding decisive language that would alienate LGBT persons from the Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, several American Catholic bishops, parishes, and religious orders have joined with the Tyler Celmenti Foundation “in standing up for at-risk LGBT youth in our country.” See God is on your Side: A Statement from Catholic Bishops on Protecting LGBT Youth. The “God is on your Side” campaign calls on all people including Catholic “to help, support, and defend LGBT you; who attempt suicide at much higher rates than their straight counterparts; who are often homeless because of families who reject them; who are rejected, bullied and harassed; and who are the target of violent acts at alarming rates. See Id.;

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus has long supported the Catholic Church’s call for a “Culture of Life” promulgated by St. Pope John Paul the Great. “Culture of Life” issues also pertain to mental health, school bullying, protecting vulnerable populations such the unborn, children, youth, disabled person, etc.; and



WHEREAS, LGBT Catholic youth and teens continue to struggle with mental health issues that result in suicide, drug abuse, homelessness, etc. Christ and his Church teach that LGBT Catholic youth are also to be loved and care for with “respect, compassion, and sensitivity.”; and

WHEREAS, there is a need supported by Catholic Bishops, parishes and religious order to support LGBT teens who are suffering from mental health including suicidal thoughts, drug abuse, homelessness, etc.; and

WHEREAS, local parishes are establishing LGBT ministries in compliance with the Catholic Church’s teaching of “respect, compassion, and sensitivity” towards LGBT Catholics without violating Catholic teaching on the requirements for the sacrament of marriage; and

WHEREAS, the “Defense of Marriage” policy position has become outdated in that same-sex marriage is legal under the U.S. Constitution; however, religious organizations cannot be compelled to recognize or perform same-sex marriage as protected by the Constitution.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the forgoing premises which are incorporated herein, the Council declares, publishes and makes known that:

RESOLVED, that the Council recommends that the Supreme Convention abandon the “Defense of Marriage” position because said position is now outdated in light of the Obergefell and does not practice “respect, compassion, and sensitivity” for LGBT Catholics; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Council recommends that the Supreme Convention supports the joint statement of Catholic Bishops entitled God is On your Side: A Statement from Catholic Bishops on Protecting LGBT Youth as a Culture of Life issue; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Knights of Columbus maintains that Catholic LGBT youth and teens as created in the image of God are entitled to the dignity of the human person and “are to be treated with ‘respect, compassion, and sensitivity’”. Moreover, the alarming rate of LGBT youth suicide due to bullying and harassment go against a Culture of Life; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Knights of Columbus permit local Councils to support local parishes who have LGBT Ministries as approved by the local ordinary; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Council prays that our Church Leaders and Catholic Schools work towards ending bullying and harassment for all youth including LGBT persons so that LGBT youth are able to grow in their faith and contribute to our society and build towards the Kingdom of God.

Nicholas Shields
State Advocate

Le Nguyen
State Secretary



COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDATION

Adopt	Reject	No Action	Refer to State Executive Committee
	X		



PROMOTING RACIAL JUSTICE IN THE UNITED STATES

THIS RESOLUTION, is hereby executed, declared and made by the undersigned officers, on this 24th day of February, the Two Thousand and Twenty Second Year of Our Lord (2022),

WHEREAS, the Washington Council #224, Knights of Columbus (“the Council”), founded on April 25th, 1897, is the oldest and continuous Knights of Columbus council in Washington, DC and supports Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Annunciation Catholic Church, St. Ann’s Catholic Church, and the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Furthermore, the Council’s members dedicate themselves to serving these parishes and their needs in the spiritual principles and virtues of charity, unity, and fraternity;

WHEREAS, the United States has a shameful history of racism starting from the slave trades from Africa by European settlers which resulted in the American Civil War.; and

WHEREAS, after the Union defeated the Confederates, the U.S. Congress and the States approved and ratified three important Amendments to the Constitution, i.e. the 13th Amendment which abolished slavery; the 14th Amendment which granted citizenship rights to former enslaved person and guaranteed all citizens with the rights of equal protection and due process under the law; and the 15th Amendment prohibits the states from discriminating the right to vote based on “race, color, or previous condition of servitude;” and

WHEREAS, in 1896, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the immoral doctrine of “separate but equal” that continued racial discrimination in Plessy v. Ferguson. “Separate but equal” gave way to the “Jim Crow Era laws” which enforced segregation in schools, buses, and public facilities and permitted the criminalization of interracial marriage; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus have long decried the sin of racism in American history and society. Moreover, the Knights of Columbus have supported Irish, Polish, and Italian immigrants when Catholic prejudices were on the rise; and

WHEREAS, in 1924, the Knights of Columbus commissioned and published W.E.B. DuBois’s seminal work The Gift of Black Folk: The Negroes in the Making of America. DuBois work gave a compelling tale and history of the impact of black Americans to American society and culture; and

WHEREAS, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has long held that “Racism is an evil which endures in our society and in our Church. Despite apparent advances and even significant changes in the last two decades, the reality of racism remains. In large part it is only external appearances which have changed. In 1958 we spoke out against the blatant forms of racism that divided people through discriminatory laws and enforced segregation. We pointed out the moral evil that denied human persons their dignity as children of God and their God-given rights. (1) A decade later in a second pastoral letter we again underscored the continuing scandal of racism called for decisive action to eradicate it from our society. (2) We recognize and applaud the readiness of many Americans to make new strides forward in reducing and eliminating prejudice against minorities. We are convinced that the majority of Americans realize that racial discrimination is both unjust and unworthy of this nation.” See Pastoral Letter on Racism 1979; and

WHEREAS, Father Bryan N. Massingale, S.J. writes “The society we live in is the outcome of human choices and decisions. There is nothing necessary or fated about racial hierarchies or white racial privilege. They are the result of human agency; it does not have to be so. What humans break, divide, and separate, we can –



with God’s help – also heal, unite, and restore. What is now does not have to be. Therein lies the hope. And the challenge.” See Racial Justice and the Catholic Church, p.180; and

WHEREAS, recent support for the “Black Lives Matter” campaign has gained considerable traction due to its opaque support for equality for black Americans. However, the Catholic Church has expressed concern for the “Black Lives Matter” organization for its Fascist and Marxist positions which go against Catholic Social Teaching.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the forgoing premises which are incorporated herein, the Council declares, publishes and makes known that:

RESOLVED, that the Knights of Columbus unequivocally deplores the sin of racism in all its forms in the United States and abroad and continues its support for racial equality and justice for all Americans regardless of race, color, or ethnicity; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Knights of Columbus acknowledges the sin of racism as a violation of Christ’s commandment to love your neighbor as yourself. The Knights of Columbus resolves to combating racial injustice within our Country and within ourselves; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Knights of Columbus supports Catholic Social Teaching that supports “Racial Justice” as the appropriate means to end racism. As Fr. Massingale explains the sin of racism is a culmination of individual choices that be avoided and changed; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Knights of Columbus continues to adhere to its non-discrimination policy based on race, color or ethnicity in its membership or other endeavors.

Nicholas Shields
State Advocate

Le Nguyen
State Secretary

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDATION

Adopt	Reject	No Action	Refer to State Executive Committee
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**DIGITAL RECORDS AND CREATING AN ONLINE PLATFORM FOR COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

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WHEREAS, according to the Knights of Columbus’ Constitution, “the Recorder shall keep a true record of the doings of his council upon books approved by the Board of Directors and furnished by the Supreme Secretary.” See Sec. 138; and

WHEREAS, the approved green Record books and its predecessors have served Councils well since the Order’s founding on March 29, 1882. Moreover, many councils are able to review their histories through written these written records; and

WHEREAS, previously, many Councils had home corporations which owned buildings where Councils could store these important records; and

WHEREAS, currently, many Councils have forgone having home corporations and now rent or lease space in their home parishes. Moreover, Councils with home corporations are running out of room to store these important historical documents; and

WHEREAS, modern technology provides online and electronic platforms to store important records; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus current “Officers Online Platform” already provides storage of Council’s Bylaws, membership data, financial data, etc.; and

WHEREAS, since the COVID19 Global Pandemic, Councils have turned to hybrid or virtual meetings making it difficult for Councils to keep the written minutes in the approved books; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for Council’s to retain their “doings” through minutes and reports in an online platform for historical preservation and organizational integrity.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the forgoing premises which are incorporated herein, the Council declares, publishes and makes known that:

RESOLVED, that the Council recommends that the Supreme Council authorize local councils to store Council Meeting Minutes and Records digitally in the cloud to be operated by the Supreme Council or by other appropriate electronic means to preserve the local council’s records; and be it further,



RESOLVED, that the Council recommends that instead of paying for hardcopy record books, local Councils may pay a storage fee to the Supreme Council for this service; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Council recommends the following change to the Knights of Columbus’s Constitution in that local Council may opt for an online platform. Specifically, the proposed new language would be set forth as:

“The Recorder shall keep a true record of the doings of his council upon books or electronic database approved by the Board of Directors and furnished by the Supreme Secretary.”

RESOLVED, that the changes are to promote local Council’s historical preservation, organizational integrity, reduction of paper, avoidance of potential firehazards, and updating council record retention into the 21st Century.

Nicholas Shields
State Advocate

Le Nguyen
State Secretary

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDATION

Adopt	Reject	No Action	Refer to State Executive Committee
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INTEGRAL ECOLOGY AND ACCEPTING THE CALL TO PROTECT OUR COMMON HOME

THIS RESOLUTION, is hereby executed, declared and made by the undersigned officers, on this 24th day of February, the Two Thousand and Twenty First Year of Our Lord (2021),

WHEREAS, the Washington Council #224, Knights of Columbus (“the Council”), founded on April 25th, 1897, is the oldest and continuous Knights of Columbus council in Washington, DC and supports Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Annunciation Catholic Church, St. Ann’s Catholic Church, and the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Furthermore, the Council’s members dedicate themselves to serving these parishes and their needs in the spiritual principles and virtues of charity, unity, and fraternity;

WHEREAS, Plato observes that “Everything that becomes or is created must of necessity be created by some cause, for without a cause nothing can be created.” See Timeaus; and

WHEREAS, Aristotle explains that “Every art and every inquiry, and similarly every action and pursuit, it thought to aim at some good; and for this reason the good has rightly been declared to be that at which all things aim.” See Nicomachean Ethics, Book I; and

WHEREAS, Holy Scripture describes that “In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth – and the earth was without form or shape, with darkness over the abyss and a mighty wind sweeping over the way. See Genesis 1:1-2. After God created light, the sky, the earth, the sun, the stars, the animals and human being, “God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good.” See Genesis 1:31; and

WHEREAS, Plotinus holds “that all the loveliness of this world comes by communion in Ideal-Form” in that One source of being is pure gift – always giving of itself for the world to be created. See Ennead I, Tractate 3 Beauty; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis warns of “the urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change. The Creator does not abandon us; he never forsakes his loving plan or repents of having created us. Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home.” See Laudate Si § 13.

WHEREAS, Pope Francis calls for “a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all.” See Id. at § 14. Moreover, “All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to his or her own culture, experience, involvements and talents.” See Id.; and

WHEREAS, U.S. President Joe Biden, Jr., America’s second Catholic President, has announced that “the United State and the world face a profound climate crisis. We have a narmor moment to pursue action at home and abroad in order to avoid the most catastrophic impacts of that crisis and to seize the opportunity that tackline climate change presents...Together, we must listen to science and meet the moment.” See Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad, January 21, 2021; and



WHEREAS, Pope Francis also warns about “Modern anthropocentrism” when human being prioritize “technical thought over reality.” Pope Francis further explains that “since ‘the technological mind sees nature as an insensate order, as a cold body of facts, as a mere ‘given’, as an object of utility, as raw material to be hammered into useful shape; it views the cosmos similarly as a mere ‘space’ into which objects can be thrown with complete indifference.’ The intrinsic dignity of the world is thus compromised. When human beings fail to find their true place in this world, they misunderstand themselves and end up acting against themselves: “Not only has God given the earth to man, who must use it with respect for the original good purpose for which it was given, but, man too is God’s gift to man. He must therefore respect the natural and moral structure with which he has been endowed” See Laudate Si’ § 115.

WHEREAS, Pope Francis also explains that “Once the human being declares independence from reality and behaves with absolute dominion, the very foundations of our life begin to crumble, for ‘instead of carrying out his role as a cooperator with God in the work of creation, man sets himself up in place of God and thus ends up provoking a rebellion on the part of nature.” See Laudate Si’ § 117.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the forgoing premises which are incorporated herein, the Council declares, publishes and makes known that:

RESOLVED, that God created the earth as the Common Home for human beings who serve as guardians and protectors of the earth as part of God’s creation. Moreover, God has created the world, earth and human beings as part of His infinite Love that outpours over all of us; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Council recommends that the Supreme Convention accept Pope Francis’ call to protect our Common Home as outlined in Fratelli Tutti and Laudato Si and affirming that protecting our Common Home is part of our Catholic faith and part of serving the common good; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that Knights of Columbus continue promoting charitable programs that promote the environment such as neighborhood clean-ups, community gardening, participating in recycling programs, donating resources to the poor of our communities in response to ecological integrity; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Knights of Columbus continue to explore ways to promote ways to protect our common home at home and abroad.

Nicholas Shields
State Advocate

Le Nguyen
State Secretary

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDATION

Adopt	Reject	No Action	Refer to State Executive Committee
X			



PROMOTING GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

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IN CONSIDERATION, THEREFORE, of the forgoing premises which are incorporated herein, the By-laws, Rules and Regulations Committee has recommended for the Council’s approval the following resolutions. Upon review of the forgoing, the Committee’s recommendations, and discussion among the members, the Council, upon proper motion, duly seconded, and approved by a majority of the eligible members on the 26th day January, 2021 present declares, publishes and makes known that:

RESOLVED, that the Council recommends that the Supreme Council authorize local councils to use electronic means to sign Form 100s and other Council documents.

Nicholas Shields
State Advocate

Le Nguyen
State Secretary

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDATION

Adopt	Reject	No Action	Refer to State Executive Committee
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COUNCIL OFFICERS

THIS RESOLUTION, is hereby executed, declared and made by the undersigned officers, on this 24th day of February, the Two Thousand and Twenty-Second Year of Our Lord (2022),

WHEREAS, the Washington Council #224, Knights of Columbus (“the Council”), founded on April 25th, 1897, is the oldest and continuous Knights of Columbus council in Washington, DC and supports Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Annunciation Catholic Church, St. Ann’s Catholic Church, and the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Furthermore, the Council’s members dedicate themselves to serving these parishes and their needs in the spiritual principles and virtues of charity, unity, and fraternity;

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus’ *Constitution* prescribes that “the Officers of each subordinate council shall be Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chaplain, Chancellor, Recorder, Financial Secretary, Lecturer, Advocate, Warden, Inside Guard, Outside Guard, and Board of Trustee.” See Sec. 126:

WHEREAS, each of the prescribed local Council officers historically provided an important function to each Council for maintaining each’s Council’s call towards the Order’s principles of charity, unity, and fraternity; and

WHEREAS, currently several council officer positions have either become obsolete or have duplicitous functions with the newer service personnel directors, to wit: Chancellor and Membership Director, Lecturer and Program Director; and

WHEREAS, certain prescribed council officers no longer have any substantial duties or said duties are only performed on seldom and rare occasions, i.e. Advocates are used for disciplinary proceedings which rarely happen at local councils; Wardens and Guards have become obsolete since the Order has lift the requirement of secrecy at meetings; and

WHEREAS, local Councils are encouraged or sometimes required to maintain professional liability insurance which covers all officers of the organization. Since each Council has fourteen (14) required officers, the insurance premiums are much higher due the multitude of Council Officers; and

WHEREAS, subordinate councils have differing needs and should be permitted to establish service personnel directors and chairmen, i.e. recruitment, retention, sick and memorials, etc.; and

WHEREAS, permitting local Councils the option to reduce its Council officers would better aid local Councils organize to address areas of need, i.e. membership, program, communications, etc. rather than obliging local councils to fill unnecessary or redundant positions.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the forgoing premises which are incorporated herein, the Council declares, publishes and makes known that:

RESOLVED, that the Council recommends that the Supreme Convention amend the Knights of Columbus Constitution regarding subordinate Council officers by eliminating the mandatory requirement for the offices of Chancellor, Lecturer, Advocate, Warden, Inside Guard, and Outside Guard; and be it further,



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
District of Columbia State Council

RESOLVED, that the Supreme Convention to permit local Councils to elect a Chancellor, Lecturer, Advocate, Warden, Inside Guard, and Outside Guard pursuant to the Council’s by-laws. Moreover, each local Council may designate said positions as Council Officers or service personnel; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Supreme Convention amend Section 126 of the Knights of Columbus Constitution as follows:

“(A) The Officers of each subordinate council shall be Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chaplain, ~~Chancellor~~, Recorder, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, ~~Lecturer, Advocate, Warden, Inside Guard, Outside Guard~~, and Board of Trustees.

(B) Each subordinate council may through their bylaws have the following additional council officers, Chancellor, Lecturer, Advocate, Warden, Inside Guard, and Outside Guard who may be elected by the Council or appointed by the Grand Knight as needed.”

Nicholas Shields
State Advocate

Le Nguyen
State Secretary

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDATION

Adopt	Reject	No Action	Refer to State Executive Committee
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CONCERNING THE ENUMERATION AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS

WHEREAS, Section 126 of the Laws and Rules of the Knights of Columbus provides that each subordinate council shall be led by a: Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chaplain, Chancellor, Recorder, Financial Secretary, Lecturer, Advocate, Warden, Inside Guard, Outside Guard, and Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 the Supreme Council announced the new Faith in Action program model focused on the areas of faith, family, community, and life, which are central to the mission and charitable nature of the Knights of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, over the last several years, the Supreme Council has introduced new and innovative ways to execute the charitable works, business, and membership efforts of the Knights of Columbus including, but not limited to, online membership and Member Management; and

WHEREAS, as councils work to become central to the lives of each parish, the leadership of subordinate councils should best reflect the needs of the parish as envisioned by the Supreme Council and our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the delegates assembled for the 140th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council recommend to the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus that a review of the Laws and Rules of the Order be conducted as concerns the enumeration and duties of council officers and directors with the intention of reducing the number of prescribed council officers and directors in a way that best reflects the mission and needs of the Order and the challenges faced by subordinate councils; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be submitted for consideration to the Supreme Council.

Nicholas Shields
State Advocate

Le Nguyen
State Secretary

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDATION



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
District of Columbia State Council

Adopt	Reject	No Action	Refer to State Executive Committee
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PROMOTING GREATER UNDERSTANDING ON COLUMBUS DAY AND NATIVE AMERICANS

THIS RESOLUTION, is hereby executed, declared and made by the undersigned officers, on this 24th day of February, the Two Thousand and Twenty-Second Year of Our Lord (2022),

WHEREAS, the Washington Council #224, Knights of Columbus (“the Council”), founded on April 25th, 1897, is the oldest and continuous Knights of Columbus council in Washington, DC and supports Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Annunciation Catholic Church, St. Ann’s Catholic Church, and the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Furthermore, the Council’s members dedicate themselves to serving these parishes and their needs in the spiritual principles and virtues of charity, unity, and fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney gathered a group of Catholic gentlemen on October 2, 1881 to form “a lay organization to prevent Catholic men from entering secret societies antithetical to Church teaching, uniting Catholic men and helping families of deceased members.” See Knights of Columbus History § “Knights of Columbus Founded;” and

WHEREAS, these Catholic gentlemen “to demonstrate their loyalty to their country as well as their faith...took Christopher Columbus – recognized as a Catholic and celebrated as the discover of America – as their patron.” See Id.; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Columbus was a Catholic gentlemen and explorer who sought the patronage of the Spanish Catholic monarchs Queens Isabell I and King Fernidad II to make a voyage west of Europe to the East Indies; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 1492, Christopher Columbus reached what is now known as the Bahamas naming the island San Salvador (“Holy Savior”). Christopher Columbus would make three more voyages to discovery new lands in what is now known as the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean islands; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 1892, U.S. President Benjamin Harrison declared October 12th as “Columbus Day” for the year of 1892 in celebration of Christopher Columbus’ 400th anniversary of landing in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 1934, due to lobbying from the Knights of Columbus, the United States Congress enacted a statute requesting the President of the United States to proclaim October 12th as Columbus Day every year and “inviting the people of the United States to observe Columbus Day...with appropriate ceremonies that express the public sentiment befetting the anniversary of the discovery of America.” See 36 U.S.C. § 107, ch. 184, 48, Stat. 674. In 1934, U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt proclaimed October 12th as Columbus Day. In 1942, U.S. President Roosevelt also lifted the “enemy designation” on Italian-Americans who were predominantly Catholic.; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 1968, U.S. President Lyndon Johnson signed into law the United States Congress’s “Uniform Monday Holiday Act” which permanently added Columbus Day as National Holiday on the second Tuesday of October. See Pub. L. 90-363; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, the United Nations’ sponsored International Conference on Discrimination against Indigenous Populations in the Americas initiated a movement to replaced Columbus Day with



“Indigenous People’s Day.” Consequently, these supporters began organizing protests and demonstrations on Columbus Day. In 1992, the Berkeley City Council declared October 12 as a “Day of Solidarity with Indigenous People.” See; and

WHEREAS, currently fifteen states, i.e. South Dakota (1898), Alaska (2015), Minnesota (2016), Vermont (2016), Iowa (2018), North Carolina (2018), California (2019), Louisiana (2019), Maine (2019), Michigan (2019), New Mexico (2019), Wisconsin (2019), Virginia (2020), Oregon (2021), and Texas (2021) as well as the District of Columbia (2019) celebrate “Indigenous People’s Day” or a variation thereof on the second Tuesday of October. Of these states, twelve no longer celebrate Columbus Day; and

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2021, U.S. President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., the second Catholic U.S. President, declared “October 11, 2021 as Indigenous People’s Day.” See [A Proclamation on Indigenous People’s Day, 2021](#), The White House, October 8, 2021. Specifically, President Biden states, “Our country was conceived on a promise of equality and opportunity for all people — a promise that, despite the extraordinary progress we have made through the years, we have never fully lived up to. That is especially true when it comes to upholding the rights and dignity of the Indigenous people who were here long before colonization of the Americas began. For generations, Federal policies systematically sought to assimilate and displace Native people and eradicate Native cultures. Today, we recognize Indigenous peoples’ resilience and strength as well as the immeasurable positive impact that they have made on every aspect of American society. We also recommit to supporting a new, brighter future of promise and equity for Tribal Nations — a future grounded in Tribal sovereignty and respect for the human rights of Indigenous people in the Americas and around the world.” See Id.; and

WHEREAS, historical evidence including testimonials from Christopher Columbus’s voyages corroborate that the Indigenous people of America lived on America continents before the European explorations. Further testimonials and historical research may suggest that Christopher Columbus imposed taxes on indigenous people, gave indigenous women to his fellow voyagers, enslaved indigenous people through colonization of the Americas; and

WHEREAS, further historical research is warranted to determine the facticity and authenticity of these varying accounts. However, Pope Francis warns us not to be “blind to the precious of creation and the fragility of humanity.” See [Let us Dream: The Path to a Better Tomorrow](#), p 14.; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis also teaches that “if we truly desire positive change, we have to humbly accept our interdependence, that is to say, our healthy interdependence. Interaction, however, is not the same as imposition; it is not the subordination of some to serve the interests of others.” See [Address of the Holy Father](#), Section 3.2, Participation at the Second World Meeting of Popular Movements, July 19, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis also proclaims, “Let us say NO, then, to forms of colonialism old and new. Let us say YES to the encounter between peoples and cultures. Blessed are the peacemakers. Here I wish to bring up an important issue. Some may rightly say, “When the Pope speaks of colonialism, he overlooks certain actions of the Church”. I say this to you with regret: many grave sins were committed against the native peoples of America in the name of God. My predecessors acknowledged this, CELAM, the Council of Latin American Bishops, has said it, and I too wish to say it. Like Saint John Paul II, I ask that the Church – I repeat what he said – “kneel before God and implore forgiveness for the past and present sins of her sons and daughters”.^[6] I would also say, and here I wish to be quite clear, as was Saint John Paul II: I humbly ask forgiveness, not only



for the offenses of the Church herself, but also for crimes committed against the native peoples during the so-called conquest of America. Together with this request for forgiveness and in order to be just, I also would like us to remember the thousands of priests and bishops who strongly opposed the logic of the sword with the power of the Cross. There was sin, a great deal of it, for which we did not ask pardon. So for this, we ask forgiveness, I ask forgiveness. But here also, where there was sin, great sin, grace abounded through the men and women who defended the rights of indigenous peoples.” See Id.; and

WHEREAS, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (USCCB) finds that “Native American cultures and the Good News are not two competing ideas. They can and do merge, as can be seen in how God’s grace fulfills the lives of so many Native Americans. With a deeper understanding of the Native American Catholic community, we as a Church, are better able to unify both the faith and the cultures that guide Catholic Native American ministry into a great gift to Christ and his Church.” Two Rivers, A Report on Catholic Native American Culture and Ministry, USCCB Subcommittee on Native American Affairs 2019.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the forgoing premises which are incorporated herein, the Council declares, publishes and makes known that:

RESOLVED, that the Council acknowledges the complex and painful history of Christopher Columbus and Indigenous People of America and encourages all people to review the history of Christopher Columbus and the Indigenous People with open-mindedness and fairness; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Council supports the recognition and observation of Indigenous People’s Day as a means for further study, reflection, and acceptance of our “interdependence” with the Indigenous People; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Council recommends that the Supreme Convention consider these important issues facing the Indigenous People including Catholic Native Americans. Specifically, the Supreme Convention should study the USCCB’s *Two Rivers Report* and promote greater awareness and inclusion of Catholic Native Americans into our Order; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that celebration of Columbus Day must be nuanced in conjunction with Indigenous People’s Day to give a full historical account of the achievements of our Catholic founders and the Indigenous People who are also connected by blood and spirit to our Native American Catholics.

Nicholas Shields
State Advocate

Le Nguyen
State Secretary

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDATION



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
District of Columbia State Council

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PROMOTING A CULTURE OF LIFE FOR ALL PEOPLE IN ALL STAGES OF LIFE

THIS RESOLUTION, is hereby executed, declared and made by the undersigned officers, on this ____ day of _____, the Two Thousand and Twenty First Year of Our Lord (2021),

WHEREAS, the Washington Council #224, Knights of Columbus (“the Council”), founded on April 25th, 1897, is the oldest and continuous Knights of Columbus council in Washington, DC and supports Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Annunciation Catholic Church, St. Ann’s Catholic Church, and the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Furthermore, the Council’s members dedicate themselves to serving these parishes and their needs in the spiritual principles and virtues of charity, unity, and fraternity; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus have long supported promoting a “Culture of Life” in our local Councils, parishes, neighborhoods, communities, and country.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the forgoing premises which are incorporated herein, the Council declares, publishes and makes known that:

RESOLVED, that the Council recognizes that to promote a Culture of Life is more than promoting political policy against the sins of abortion, euthanasia, genocide, unjust war, and improper capital punishments; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that to promote a Culture of Life and combat the sins against a Culture of Life require service and charity to all persons including aiding young women with unwanted pregnancies, people facing terminal illnesses, people of color and different ethnicities, the poor, the homeless, people with disabilities, and people suffering from mental illness and addiction; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Council’s programs are geared to helping these people in their current situations, i.e. fundraising and support for pregnancy aid shelters, orphanages, young adult ministries, Special Olympics, the Christian Refugee Relief Program, food donations, and Coats for Kids; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Council challenges the Country to fund alternatives to abortion and euthanasia, i.e. pregnancy centers, shelter programs for the homeless, fair wages for all people, wrap around services for women; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Council acknowledges that the sins against a Culture of Life are entwined with racial injustice which actively reduces the birth and life of persons of color. The Council resolves that all people regardless of color or race are bestowed with the dignity of the human person by God.

Nicholas Shields
State Advocate

Le Nguyen
State Secretary



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**IN SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE AND PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THE PRESENT
CONFLICT**

WHEREAS, the country of Ukraine is presently suffering an unprovoked military invasion by the forces of the Russian Federation; and

WHEREAS, the aggression of the invading forces violates basic norms of international law, universal morality, and human dignity; and

WHEREAS, this conflict has led to the death, injury, and displacement of countless men, women, and children; and

WHEREAS, Ukraine has throughout its history been a land where saints and martyrs shed their blood for the faith, as well as for freedom and independence; and

WHEREAS, the conflict imperils, in a special way, the freedom and apostolic mission of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, which has suffered tremendously throughout modern history, along with Latin rite Catholics, Orthodox, and various religious minorities; and

WHEREAS, the conflict has impacted the lives of Ukrainians and Ukrainian-Americans in diaspora, as well as their friends and neighbors; and,

WHEREAS, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and numerous hierarchs have called for peace and encouraged the faithful to show solidarity for Ukraine through prayer and fasting; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus has been established in Ukraine since 2018 and witnessed phenomenal growth in recent years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we condemn the unjustified violence against the Ukrainian nation and pray for speedy and peaceful resolution of hostilities; and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we stand in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and offer them our continued prayers and spiritual and moral support; and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be forwarded to the Supreme Council for consideration at the Supreme Convention in Nashville, TN on August 2–4, 2022.

Nicholas Shields
State Advocate

Le Nguyen
State Secretary

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CEASE BUSINESS OPERATIONS WITH CHINA

Whereas the Communist Party of China (CPC) controls the People's Republic of China (China); and

Whereas, the CPC has been documented engaging in numerous human rights abuses, including but not limited to forced abortions, mass interment based on religion and ethnicity, and exploitation of the working poor; and

Whereas, the CPC has imposed harsh restrictions against the freedom of religion, harassment and detainment of Catholic clerics, forced management of the Catholic Church and Protestant communities, and a cleansing campaign against Muslims; and

Whereas, China exports to the world significant amounts of dangerous and illegal items, such as fentanyl and items with dangerous chemicals, leading to the poisoning deaths and incapacitation of many.

Therefore, let it be resolved, that the Knights of Columbus shall not engage in any business operations in or with China and shall not purchase any items that are manufactured in China or by a Chinese-owned organization; and

Therefore, let it be resolved, that the Knights of Columbus will end all business dealings with China and Chinese-owned corporations; and

Therefore, let it be resolved, that the Knights of Columbus will not source any items from China and will work with partners to not sources any items from China; and

Therefore, let it be resolved, the Knights of Columbus will work with partner organizations and charities who obtain items from China to take the steps necessary to end their sourcing of items from China; and

Therefore, let it be resolved, this resolution shall apply to all aspects of the Knights of Columbus, including but not limited to, councils, assemblies, squire circles, state councils, Supreme, and Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors; and

Therefore, let it be resolved, that an exception to this resolution would be the obtainment and purchase of ultrasound machines whose critical components are widely sourced and manufactured in China with no other reliable sources available; and



Therefore, let it be resolved, that missionary activities and outreach to the Chinese people to preach the Gospel and the Catholic faith will not be interrupted by this resolution; and

Therefore, let it be resolved, that we the Knights of Columbus shall continue to pray for the Chinese people who are victims of the current regime.

Nicholas Shields
State Advocate

Le Nguyen
State Secretary

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SUPPORT PERESECUATED NIGERIA CHRISTIANS

WHEREAS, BOKO Haram terrorist group and its affiliates target Christians in Northern Nigeria and elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, Boko Haram continues to murder and kill Christian men, women, children and pregnant women; and

WHEREAS, these terrorist groups loot properties of their slaughtered Christian victims; and

WHEREAS, these terrorist groups rape both women and children of these vulnerable Christian victims and sold some into slavery; and

WHEREAS, these groups have driven the Christians away and have burned down their churches and places of worship and in some cases killed their pastors; and

WHEREAS, these Christians having escaped death and survived by either a husband, wife or child(ren) are now desperately in need of shelter and food; and

WHEREAS, these killings and displacements by Boko Haram have created refugee crises of orphans in most parts of Nigeria and these orphans are in need of basic need; and

WHEREAS, Blessed Tansi Nigerian Council #11496 is poised to seek out these orphans and extend aid to them in their orphanages especially in Eastern Nigeria; and

WHEREAS, Blessed Tansi Nigerian Council #11496 stands ready to serve as a conduit to reach these persecuted Christian victims in Nigeria with aid in cash or goods; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis has urged the international community to respond to these human tragedies and Christian persecutions; and

WHEREAS, local and private response are lacking due to mass poverty to extend aid on a measurable scale to alleviate the suffering of these victims; and

WHEREAS, the Nigerian government's inaction and or limited resources to deal with these crises abound; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus Refugee Relief Fund can assist in no small measure to aid these victims; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Columbus stand in support and solidarity with all Christians around the world who suffer from persecutions because of their faith and call on all people of goodwill to do same; and

FURTHERMORE, that we call on governments around the world especially the Nigerian government to take concrete measures to resolve the crises; and

FURTHERMORE, the Knights of Columbus pledges to continue to give assistance to these victims and call on all councils to lend a helping hand; and

FURTHERMORE RESOLVED, that this resolution will be submitted for adoption to the Supreme Council.



Nicholas Shields
State Advocate

Le Nguyen
State Secretary

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THE CAUSE OF FATHER VINCENT R. CAPODANNO

WHEREAS, on September 4, 1967, Servant of God Vincent R. Capodanno, a United States Navy chaplain assigned to a Marine Corps infantry unit during the Vietnam War, was killed in action while tending to the spiritual needs of wounded and dying Marines in the midst of battle; and,

WHEREAS, Vincent Robert Capodanno, born on February 13, 1929, in Staten Island, New York, was the tenth child of Italian immigrants, Vincent Robert Capodanno, Sr. and Rachel Basile Capodanno. Through the example of his parents, Vincent Jr. experienced the dignity of hard work, pride of family, strength of ethnic solidarity and most especially, love of their Catholic faith. These values sustained the family during the Great Depression and following the sudden loss of their patriarch on young Vincent's tenth birthday. He graduated from Curtis High School on February 4, 1947, and attended Fordham University for a year while also working as an insurance clerk. In 1949, he entered the Maryknoll Missionary Seminary in Ossining, New York, which included extensive studies in Illinois and Massachusetts. He was ordained a Roman Catholic priest by Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York on June 14, 1958; and,

WHEREAS, his first assignment as a missionary was with aboriginal Taiwanese in the mountains of Taiwan, where he served in a parish and later in a school. After six years, he returned to the United States for leave and then was assigned to a Maryknoll school in Hong Kong. Shortly after, he requested to serve as a military chaplain in Vietnam as the American presence escalated; and,

WHEREAS, On December 28, 1965, Capodanno received his commission as a lieutenant in the Navy Chaplain Corps. He then requested and was assigned in April 1966 to the 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division in South Vietnam. As the chaplain for the battalion, his immediate focus was the young enlisted troops or "Grunts." Later transferred to a medical unit, Father Capodanno was more than a priest ministering within the horrific arena of war. He became a constant companion to the Marines: living, eating, and sleeping in the same conditions of the men. He established libraries, gathered and distributed gifts and organized outreach programs for the local villagers. He spent hours reassuring the weary and disillusioned, consoling the grieving, hearing confessions, instructing converts, and distributing St. Christopher medals. ; and,

WHEREAS, In June 1967 after a one-month leave, he returned to Vietnam for a voluntary six-month extension, and in July was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines. In August, he was assigned to H&S Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division. he was widely known for his willingness to share the hardships of suffering Marines – "Radiating Christ" to those around him, in the terminology of Father Raoul Plus, a World War One chaplain studied by Maryknollers – or simply the "Grunt Padre"

WHEREAS, the decree recognizes that It was during his second tour on September 4, 1967, with the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines that Father Vincent Capodanno made the ultimate sacrifice. When he heard that two platoons of M Company from his battalion were taking casualties and about to be overrun by the enemy, He went among the wounded and dying Marines of Second Platoon, helping them and giving last rites. After



hours of heavy fighting from a North Vietnamese ambush, Father Capodanno, himself seriously injured and refusing medical evacuation, sighted and ran to the assistance of a wounded corpsman and the Marine he was assisting who were pinned down by an enemy machine gunner where he administered medical and spiritual attention. Despite being unarmed, the enemy opened fire and Father Capodanno, the victim of 27 bullet wounds, died faithfully performing his final act as a good and faithful servant of God; and,

WHEREAS, Secretary of the Navy Paul Ignatius notified the Capodanno family that Lieutenant Capodanno would posthumously be awarded the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as Chaplain of the 3d Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division (Reinforced), FMF, in connection with operations against enemy forces in Quang Tin Province, Republic of Vietnam; and,

WHEREAS, USS Capodanno (FF-1093) was named in honor of Lieutenant Capodanno, commissioned November 17, 1973, and became the first ship in the US fleet to receive a Papal Blessing when it was blessed by Pope John Paul II on September 4, 1981, the anniversary of the chaplain's death; and,

WHEREAS, the decree affirms that Servant of God Vincent R. Capodanno showed tangible concern for the conditions of the Marines he served, and exhibited both the practice of the virtues and a ready response to the action of grace, which in every age signifies holiness; and,

WHEREAS, On May 19, 2002, Father Capodanno's Cause for Canonization was officially opened. In May 2004, the initial documentation was submitted to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. On May 21, 2006, Father Capodanno's official designation as a Servant of God was announced in Washington D.C., by Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA and, on October 1, 2013, Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio presided over the formal renewal of the opening of the Cause for Beatification

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we will pray for the beatification of Servant of God Vincent R. Capodanno, and encourage all Brother Knights and their families to become active members of the Father Vincent R. Capodanno Guild; and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we will pray for the intercession of Servant of God Vincent R. Capodanno for our needs and the needs of all our loved ones, and report any favors received; and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commit ourselves to follow his courageous example by leading lives of heroic virtue in our marriages, our families, our parishes and our places of work; and be it,



FURTHER RESOLVED, that we will honor the vision of Servant of God Vincent R. Capodanno through a commitment to charity, unity and fraternity that will cause our Order to grow and, through acts of charity, reach ever more people in need; and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be submitted for adoption by the Supreme Council.

Nicholas Shields
State Advocate

Le Nguyen
State Secretary

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**FELICITATIONS AND GRATITUDE TO THE ARCHBISHOP OF THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA,
AND HIS BROTHER BISHOPS**

WHEREAS, the Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church, as successors of the Apostles, define the magisterial teachings of the Church and are charged with leading their churches for the greater glory of God; and,

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus form the, “strong right arm of the Church,” and, as such, stand together in support of our bishops; and,

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia State Council has pledged itself, in a particular way, along with the Order at-large, to serve the Archdiocese of the Military Services, USA, whose headquarters is located within our territorial boundaries, but whose archdiocese is spread throughout the world.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we express to the Most Reverend Timothy Paul Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop of the Military Services, USA, our gratitude and affection for his pastoral care and leadership of the Church with special recognition of his concern for the welfare and growth of the Catholic military chaplaincy throughout the world; and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we also express our felicitations and support for the Auxiliary Bishops of the Military Services, USA: Most Rev. William (Bill) Muhm, Most Rev. Frank Richard Spencer, Most Rev. Neal James Buckon, and Most Rev. Joseph L. Coffey.

Nicholas Shields
State Advocate

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HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES

WHEREAS, Knights of Columbus support for the armed forces dates back to the early 20th century, most notably with the establishment of the Knights of Columbus morale centers supporting the welfare of Allied troops during the First World War; and,

WHEREAS, the Order operated centers in more than 100 locations throughout Europe serving the physical and spiritual needs of soldiers under the motto, “Everybody Welcome, Everything Free;” and,

WHEREAS, the Order’s support for the armed forces continues to the present day, most notably with the distribution of 500,000 military prayer books, including an English and French version, to U.S. and Canadian troops around the world; and,

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus maintains 64 active military councils around the world and have five war-zone roundtables in Iraq and Afghanistan with another in the war-torn Horn of Africa; and,

WHEREAS, our Brother Knights, along with thousands of other servicemen and women, are presently deployed in hostile and unstable regions around the world in efforts to combat terrorism, maintain order and promote peace; and,

WHEREAS, the families of those courageous servicemen and women now deployed are praying for their safe return; and,

WHEREAS, many of these men and women have heroically given their lives or sustained serious or debilitating injury while deployed in the service of their country; and,

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus is committed to “serving those who served” through the Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services program, with Brother Knights donating more than 100,000 hours of volunteer service at over 136 Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers last year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we reaffirm our unequivocal gratitude, support, and encouragement for the men and women of the armed forces who defend our liberties and freedoms; and be it,



FURTHER RESOLVED, that we will never waver in our commitment to recognize the contributions of every service member on Active Duty, in the Guard, in the Reserves, and all veterans and retired service members; and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we prayerfully support and encourage the families of those servicemen and women who are deployed overseas; and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we continue to pray for the mission success and the safe return of all military personnel, especially those deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan, the Horn of Africa, and other combat zones throughout the world; and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we now pay tribute to those men and women who have served, especially those who have suffered serious combat injuries, and we pray for the souls of those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in the service of their country; and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be submitted for adoption by the Supreme Council.

Nicholas Shields
State Advocate

Le Nguyen
State Secretary

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17611 RESOLUTION

First Official welcome of Knights of Columbus to Africa. Congratulations !

WHEREAS ,On August 29 2013,District of Columbia State Council instituted Round tables in St. Peter’s Catholic Parish at Uzinaumu Mgbidi, and St. Anthony’s Catholic Parish in Umudioka-ukwu all in IMO State of NIGERIA in AFRICA, AND,

WHEREAS, On October 27 2020, The Supreme Council of Knights of Columbus officially approved and chartered a new Council known as DIVINE MERCY AFRICAN COUNCIL NO. 17611, with headquarters in St. Anthony’s Parish Umudioka –ukwu,in Orlu Diocese , Imo State Nigeria serving the Archdiocese of Washington and the entire African Continent, AND,

WHEREAS, the new Council No. 17611 has already established three Roundtables and are still expecting more Roundtables, AND,

WHEREAS, the said new Council renders Fraternal aids to its Members and Families ,Parishes , Promotion of Domestic churches known as Families. Financial assistance to the Sick, Disabled and Needy, promoting Religious, Intellectuals , Charitable and Educational Activities, AND,

WHEREAS, still true to its founding Principles of CHARITY,UNITY,and FRATERNITY, the Knights of Columbus will be known as the largest LAY CATHOLIC organization in AFRICA ,AND,

WHEREAS, everyday Catholic lay men bound in a common association to RESPECT LIFE .They fight bitterly against ABORTION and the bad group known as BOKO HARAM that was responsible for kidnapping school children in Nigeria, AND,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that all the entire members of Knights of Columbus , especially the Supreme Council should be congratulated for the great accomplishment of our Great Order around the world , particularly the AFRICAN Continent. WELCOME ! and CONGRATULATIONS!! AND,

FURTHER RESOLVED that we pray for the elevation to SAINTHOOD of both:

BLESSED MICHAEL ,McGivney and

BLESSES CYPRAIN MICHAEL IWENE TANSI. AND,

FURTER RESOLVED that we should all pray for the return of WORLD PEACE ,Especially for RUSSIA to return to the PEACE negotiating table to stop the 3rd world war in UKRAIN.

Nicholas Shields

State Advocate

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State Secretary



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BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus has a deep and historic commitment to oppose any government action or policy that promotes abortion, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning, euthanasia, assisted suicide, or other offenses against life; and

WHEREAS, the Order supports programs that provide women facing crisis pregnancies with alternatives to abortion, including adoption, and that we support projects that provide spiritual support to those women suffering from the traumatic emotional and psychological aftereffects of abortion; and

WHEREAS, our Ultrasound Program has provided a window into the womb by placing more than 1,500 ultrasound machines in 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Republic of Korea, and a growing number of Canadian provinces; and

WHEREAS, we reaffirm our commitment to building a “culture of life” by promoting policies that favor the family, and by recognizing that it is within strong and healthy families that moral values are taught and the spiritual heritage of the nation is transmitted; and,

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus has a long history of supporting marches and rallies for the cause of life in the countries where we have a formal presence; and

WHEREAS, Pope Benedict XVI reiterated that “Catholic politicians and legislators, conscious of the grave responsibility before them, must feel particularly bound, on the basis of a properly formed conscience, to introduce and support laws inspired by values grounded in human nature;” and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis has called abortion the product of a, “widespread mentality of profit, the throwaway culture, which has today enslaved the hearts and minds of so many;” and

WHEREAS, in his apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis reminded us that, “Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us...this defense of unborn life is closely linked to the defense of each and every other human right. It involves the conviction that a human being is always sacred and inviolable, in any situation and at every stage of development;” and

WHEREAS, in his encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, the Holy Father reiterated that “Since everything is interrelated, concern for the protection of nature is also incompatible with the justification of abortion;” and



WHEREAS, in remarks to the leadership of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Pope Francis reiterated that “protection of the unborn is a preeminent priority” and it is not first a religious issue, but rather an issue of human rights.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we will continue to speak out to our elected representatives about the need to enact legislation protecting human life in all its stages; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we believe women deserve better than abortion and will continue to support alternatives to abortion, including adoption, and that we support projects which provide spiritual support to those women and men suffering from the traumatic emotional and psychological aftereffects of abortion; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Knights of Columbus will continue to uphold the Catholic Church’s authoritative teaching on the sanctity of life from conception to natural death, as explained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, *Laudato Si’*, and other documents; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we reaffirm our long-standing policies of not inviting to any Knights of Columbus event, persons, especially public officials or candidates for public office, who do not support the legal protection of unborn children, or who advocate the legalization of assisted suicide or euthanasia, and that we prohibit such persons from renting or otherwise using facilities over which our members have control, or speaking at Knights of Columbus events, or bestowing on them honors or privileges of our Order of any kind, or inviting them to serve as honorary chairpersons of events, celebrations, or committees, or hold any office in the Knights of Columbus; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we once again commit ourselves to praying the Rosary frequently, to fasting and to doing penance in reparation for the evils perpetrated against the gift of life and that we seek the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who herself said “yes” to life, to intercede on our behalf for the establishment of a “culture of life;” and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be submitted for adoption by the Supreme Council.

Nicholas Shields
State Advocate

Le Nguyen
State Secretary



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IN DEFENSE OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

WHEREAS, the Second Vatican Council declared in *Dignitatis Humanae* that the right to religious freedom is based upon the inherent dignity of the human person, which requires that all people are to be free from coercion in matters of belief and conscience, and that no one should be forced to act in a manner contrary to his or her own beliefs or conscience; and

WHEREAS, the right to religious freedom is guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and other documents recognizing religious freedom; and

WHEREAS, religious freedom is not a benefit that a government confers out of a sense of mere tolerance, which can be removed, but rather it is an inalienable right, rooted in the transcendent dignity of every human being; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis has called religious freedom “a fundamental right of man,” that is “not simply freedom of thought or private worship” but “the freedom to live according to ethical principles, both privately and publicly;” and

WHEREAS, since its founding, the Knights of Columbus has worked to defend religious freedom for all people and has done so out of a commitment to our faith and our unshakeable belief that religious freedom is a basic human right; and

WHEREAS, the Order’s work on behalf of religious freedom included efforts in the U.S. Supreme Court case *Pierce v. Society of Sisters*, which affirmed the right of children to a Catholic education in opposition to the efforts of the Ku Klux Klan; and

WHEREAS, our work for religious freedom also included protesting the persecution of Catholics in Mexico in the 1920s; efforts to combat the anti-religious worldview of Communism; and the inclusion of the phrase “under God” in the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance to distinguish the United States from anti-religious governments; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis has urged the Knights of Columbus to draw the attention of Catholic Americans “to contribute to the reasoned defense” of religious freedom and reminded us that “to the extent that this right is menaced...there is a need for a mobilization of consciences on the part of all those citizens who, regardless of party or creed, are concerned for the overall welfare of society.”



NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that as citizens and as Knights of Columbus, we will remain steadfast in our support for the free exercise of religion as it is enshrined in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and other documents recognizing religious freedom; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we stand firm in our conviction that the full guarantee of religious liberty cannot be limited to “freedom of worship” as some have claimed, but must include full “freedom of religion,” which necessarily encompasses the public dimension of religion, the freedom from persecution or discrimination on the basis of conscience and belief, and the fact that believers are called to play an active role in building the social order; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call on the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to maintain robust religious and moral exemptions as part of its contraceptive mandate and any other regulations concerning the Affordable Care Act, abortion, healthcare, or health insurance that it may promulgate; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we support the passage of the Conscience Protection Act which would codify in law that no person can be forced to participate in an abortion against his or her will; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we urge all government officials, in all of the countries where we are active, to enact legislation that will protect the right of religious institutions and individuals to be free from government coercion; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we will always speak out against any effort to impose religious tests on candidates or nominees for government positions; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we will remain steadfast in our opposition to future governmental actions or policies that force institutions and individuals to violate their deeply held religious beliefs; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be submitted for adoption by the Supreme Council.

Nicholas Shields
State Advocate

Le Nguyen
State Secretary



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DECENCY IN THE MEDIA AND ON THE INTERNET

WHEREAS, pornography, sympathetic depictions of promiscuity, excessive violence, and profanity in the entertainment media, on social network platforms, and on the Internet are leading to a coarsening of our cultural life; and

WHEREAS, the ready accessibility of pornography on the internet and the pervasive presence of objectionable sexual content, excessive violence, and profanity in movies, the music industry, the video game industry, and on television and radio are making it more difficult to raise children in a healthy atmosphere that protects their innocence; and

WHEREAS, pornography, objectionable sexual content, excessive violence, and profanity in the media offends the dignity and integrity of the person and have a destructive impact on marriages and on family life; and

WHEREAS, pornography is frequently connected to other criminal activity and is often a contributing factor leading to the crimes of human trafficking and the sexual abuse of children.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Columbus condemns pornography, objectionable sexual content, excessive violence, and profanity in the media and calls upon the entertainment industry, the video game industry, social media companies, and internet providers to maintain high standards of decency that will protect children and promote healthy family life; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commend those in the entertainment and retail industries who produce and/or sell family-friendly media products; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commend and thank those law-enforcement officials who enforce laws against child pornography, human trafficking; and selling adult rated materials to minors; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be submitted for adoption by the Supreme Council.



Nicholas Shields
State Advocate

Le Nguyen
State Secretary

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SUPPORTING A CULTURE OF MARRIAGE

WHEREAS, marriage is a natural institution, pre-dating the state, that is based on ancient human values and that has been recognized over time as a unique and deeply rooted social, legal, and religious institution; and

WHEREAS, marriage reflects the natural biological complementarity between a man and a woman, which is woven into the social and religious fabric of every major culture and society; and

WHEREAS, on numerous occasions, Pope Francis has reminded us of the importance of the Order’s role in the protection and promotion of marriage, including in his message to our 131st Annual Meeting in San Antonio, his first as pope, and invited all Knights “...to bear witness to the authentic nature of marriage and the family...and the beauty and truth of human sexuality;” and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis declared in his Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* “that only the exclusive and indissoluble union between a man and a woman has a plenary role to play in society as a stable commitment that bears fruit in new life.”

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Columbus renews its commitment to supporting the Catholic Church’s teaching on marriage; and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be submitted for adoption by the Supreme Council.

Nicholas Shields
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IN HONOR OF CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

WHEREAS, in 1492 Christopher Columbus obtained permission and financial support from the King and Queen of Spain to sail west across the Atlantic Ocean in search of new trade routes; and

WHEREAS, on October 12 of that year, Columbus' expedition landed in what is today the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, immediately erecting a cross and naming the island San Salvador, in honor of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World; and

WHEREAS, Columbus established a policy that his men were to treat the native people in the new world with respect, pursuant to which he sentenced to death men who disobeyed this order, which resulted in his own arrest and return to Spain in chains; and

WHEREAS, the 16th-century historian Bartolomé de las Casas, who exposed terrible abuses of native peoples, defended Columbus's motivations saying, "...I knew him well and I know his intentions are good;" and

WHEREAS, on the 400th anniversary of Columbus' first voyage to the Americas, Pope Leo XIII reflected on Columbus's strong Catholic faith writing, "it is fitting that we should confess and celebrate in an especial manner the will and designs of the Eternal Wisdom, under whose guidance the discoverer of the New World placed himself with a devotion so touching," and ordered the celebration of Solemn Mass of the Most Holy Trinity in honor of the occasion; and

WHEREAS, U.S. President Benjamin Harrison similarly commemorated the anniversary by declaring a national Columbus holiday that year to provide, "expressions of gratitude to Divine Providence for the devout faith of the discoverer, and for the divine care and guidance which has directed our history and so abundantly blessed our people;" and

WHEREAS, following this anniversary of Columbus's voyage, memorials and celebrations in honor of Columbus became popular in the United States as ways to celebrate the Catholic history of the Western Hemisphere and to counter-act anti-Catholicism in the United States; and

WHEREAS, at the height of the nativist and anti-Catholic sentiment of the late 19th century, Columbus was chosen as the Order's namesake because he was one of the few Catholics considered a hero of American history, and because the founding members of the Order wished to show that faithful Catholics can also be patriotic American citizens; and



WHEREAS, in 1906 the Knights of Columbus advocated for the construction of a monument in Washington, DC in honor of Columbus and, when it was completed in 1912, President William Howard Taft presided at the dedication ceremony, which was attended by several foreign ambassadors, thousands of Knights of Columbus, and thousands more spectators, leading to the observation that “every possible vantage point was filled;” and

WHEREAS, in the following decades, several states established holidays in honor of Columbus and, following the strong urging of the Knights of Columbus and several civic organizations, the United States declared Columbus Day a federal holiday in 1937; and

WHEREAS, the strong Catholic identity associated with Columbus Day led the Ku Klux Klan to denounce the celebration of the holiday as a “papal fraud” and to commit acts of violence and intimidation, including burning a cross at a Knights of Columbus celebration of Columbus Day in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, to further accomplish its anti-Catholic goals in the United States, the Klan, and other nativist forces, initiated a campaign to disparage Columbus, claiming that he was not a hero, but rather just another foreign conqueror who was guilty of genocide, slavery, and oppression; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, these claims have been repeated, with misinformation about Columbus, leading to the elimination of favorable references to Columbus and the removal of monuments commemorating him, many of which were first established by Catholic immigrants seeking to establish their place in American society; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus includes many members of Native American and First Nation tribes among its ranks and works with these brother Knights and their families to address the challenges faced by indigenous communities, as well as to develop specific programs promoting the unique traditions of their Catholic faith; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of Columbus, who sought to partner with the peaceful indigenous people he encountered, the Knights of Columbus is sharing the culture of Native American and First Nation communities through its documentary, *Enduring Faith: The Story of Native American Catholicism*, promoting devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe, and establishing a shrine dedicated to St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the first indigenous American saint.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Columbus remains steadfast in its support of Christopher Columbus as our namesake, state and federal holidays established in his honor, and, public monuments and commemorations dedicated to his life and historical contributions; and



FURTHER RESOLVED, that we will, without diminishing the unique contributions of native peoples to the remarkable cultural tapestry of the Americas, encourage our public officials to preserve the intended spirit of the public holiday tradition with its cultural and patriotic implications, and not allow it to be undermined or diminished by neglect, dilution, or replacement; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call on state and local leaders to establish separate monuments, or other commemorations, that properly honor the contributions and centuries-long history of the native people of North America; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commit our prayers for greater civility, peace, and understanding between all peoples to the intercession of our Blessed Mother, Patroness of the Americas, and namesake of Columbus' lead ship on that historic 15th century journey; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be submitted for adoption by the Supreme Council.

Nicholas Shields
State Advocate

Le Nguyen
State Secretary

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IN SOLIDARITY WITH PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

WHEREAS, people of faith are widely targeted for persecution around the world by non-state actors such as the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) and Boko Haram, and by the policies and actions of states classified by the U.S. Department of State as “countries of particular concern;” and

WHEREAS, on several occasions Pope Francis has urged the international community to respond to the persecution of Christians, including during his recent apostolic journey to Iraq; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus played a major role in the United States’ 2016 declaration that ISIS was committing genocide against Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East by preparing and distributing a 300-page report detailing the atrocities and by successfully advocating for unanimous passage of congressional resolutions in support of such a declaration; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus signed a memorandum of understanding with the U.S. Agency for International Development to collaborate on relief efforts and to share information to help increase the effectiveness of the government’s response to this crisis; and

WHEREAS, persecution of Christians in Africa continues unabated, especially in Nigeria where the terrorist organization Boko Haram, the West African branch of ISIS, and other anti-Christian entities have murdered more than 55,000 Christians since 2010 and where nearly half of all religiously-motivated murders of Christians occurred in 2020; and

WHEREAS, religious persecution in East Asia is enabled by dictatorial regimes that reject the tenets of religious freedom and enact punitive laws that ban religion, decree certain practices illegal, or subvert religious observances in favor of fealty to the state; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus dedicated its 18th Marian Prayer Program to Our Lady, Help of Persecuted Christians, thereby encouraging all Knights of Columbus families to pray that the Blessed Mother intercede on behalf of all those persecuted for their faith in her divine Son; and

WHEREAS, in July 2019 Past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson addressed senior government officials from around the world on these issues at the State Department’s Ministerial on Religious Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Pope Francis has expressed his appreciation to the Knights of Columbus for our support of those “brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the world suffering from...violent persecution,”



which has been accomplished through our Christian Refugee Relief Fund, which has now committed nearly \$30 million to support these communities in need.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Columbus stands in solidarity with all Christians around the world who are suffering from violent persecution, and we call on all Christians and people of good will to do the same; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we commend those nations providing support to religious minorities seeking to rebuild their lives after persecution and call on all governments and legislative bodies around the world to recognize this genocide against Christians and other religious minorities and to assist these persecuted communities; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call on the Government of the United States to continue an aggressive pursuit of religious liberty abroad through its engagement in international organizations and by the authority granted it in the International Religious Freedom Act, the Iraq and Syria Refugee Relief and Accountability Act, and other applicable statutes; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Knights of Columbus pledges to continue providing assistance to those who are victims of atrocities, especially those Christians who have faced violent persecution because of their faith; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be submitted for adoption by the Supreme Council.

Nicholas Shields
State Advocate

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State Secretary

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IN RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS AND OTHER CIVIL SERVANTS

WHEREAS, the United States operates embassies and consular offices throughout the world which are staffed by professional foreign service officers who work hard every day to represent our country to the outside world; and

WHEREAS, the United States government relies on the dedicated service of many civil servants throughout the world whose service is critical to the preservation of peace and the American way of life; and

WHEREAS, these Foreign Service Officers and civil servants put their lives on the line every day and, in some cases, pay the ultimate price in defense of American ideals and peace; and

WHEREAS, many members of the Order are current or former Foreign Service Officers or members of the civil service; and

WHEREAS, in at least in one instance Former District Warden and State Ceremonials Director Brian D. Adkins of the District of Columbia, a member of the United States Foreign Service, gave his life in this service of peace.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we thank our foreign service officers and civil servants for all their efforts to preserve peace in the world; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be submitted for adoption by the Supreme Council.

Nicholas Shields
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EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR OUR BISHOPS AND PRIESTS

WHEREAS, the call to the priesthood is a holy call from God that should be encouraged, nurtured and celebrated by Catholic families and the entire Catholic Church community; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus was founded by a parish priest whose own life and ministry mirrored that of St. John Vianney, the patron saint of priests, and has inspired our Order’s long history of support for the priesthood as part of our critical mission of service to the Church.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Knights of Columbus expresses our gratitude and appreciation for the many wonderful and gifted bishops and priests who have labored in our parishes and in our various dioceses; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon all Knights of Columbus families to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and for all councils to support those in formation for the priesthood through the Refund Support Vocations Program with the hope that more young men in the mold of St. John Vianney come forward to guide the faithful and become the future leaders of our Church; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be submitted for adoption by the Supreme Council.

Nicholas Shields
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**FELICITATIONS TO THE ARCHBISHOP OF WASHINGTON
AND HIS BROTHER BISHOPS**

WHEREAS, the Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church, as successors of the Apostles, define the magisterial teachings of the Church and are charged with leading their churches for the greater glory of God; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus form the, “strong right arm of the Church,” and, as such, stand together in support of our bishops.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we express to our local ordinary His Eminence Wilton Cardinal Gregory, Archbishop of Washington, our gratitude and affection for his pastoral care and leadership of the Church with special recognition of his concern for the welfare and growth of the Knights of Columbus in the District of Columbia; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we also express our felicitations and support for the Auxiliary Bishops of Washington: the Most Reverend Mario Dorsonville and the Most Reverend Roy Campbell, Jr; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we also express our felicitations to and support for our former local ordinary and Auxiliary Bishop: His Eminence Donald Cardinal Wuerl, Archbishop Emeritus, and the Most Reverend Francisco González, S.F., D.D.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we also express our felicitations and support to the Most Reverend John Huston Ricard, SSJ, former Bishop of the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahssee and Superior General of St. Joseph’s Society of the Sacred Heart.

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CAUSE OF BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY, PRIEST AND FOUNDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

WHEREAS, on Oct. 31, 2020, Father Michael J. McGivney, diocesan priest of Hartford and Founder of the Knights of Columbus, was raised to the honors of the altar and accorded the title “Blessed” by decree of Pope Francis at a Mass celebrated in the Cathedral of Saint Joseph in Hartford, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, this auspicious event marked a significant step in our Founder’s Cause for Canonization, which was opened in the Archdiocese of Hartford in 1997, with the Knights of Columbus serving as Actor; and

WHEREAS, Father McGivney is only the third U.S.-born male to be beatified, and needs a second miracle attributed to his intercession to become eligible for canonization.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members and families of the Knights of Columbus join in offering fervent prayers of thanksgiving for the beatification of the Order’s Founder; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, with full knowledge that a second miracle is needed for canonization, call upon all Knights and their families to invoke the proven intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney for their own needs and intentions, and to promptly report all favors received to the Father McGivney Guild, in the hope that our Founder’s cause will continue to advance so that he might soon number among the saints; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Order fully supports the mission of the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center, previously known as the Knights of Columbus Museum, as it provides greater focus on the spirituality and charitable vision of our Founder, while continuing the museum’s original mission of preserving and presenting the Order’s history.

Nicholas Shields
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