



DIOCESE OF LINCOLN

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings in the Lord! The Knights of Columbus provide a welcome and irreplaceable support to the Diocese of Lincoln in our many efforts to provide for the spiritual and material needs of families, parishes, schools and many missionary efforts beyond the borders of our diocese.

I know the Knights of Columbus are faithful in asking the Lord and our Blessed Mother to intercede for our world and for the grace of conversion. Their intercession also bears witness in action as they serve those in most need among us: the unborn, the disabled, the elderly, and the poor. And they support those who bring Christ to souls as they assist seminarians, priests, and religious. I am especially grateful for their promotion of the up building of the domestic church, which is so important in our time.

Several years ago, while preaching at Fatima, Pope Benedict XVI reminded us: "Only with . . . fraternal and generous love will we succeed in building the civilization of love and peace." As missionary disciples we are called to bear witness to the Father's mercy and build the civilization of love and peace. I highly encourage Catholic men of the Diocese of Lincoln to consider membership in the Knights of Columbus for their own spiritual formation and the benefit of the Church throughout the Diocese.

Thank you also for your fidelity to Holy Mother Church. Know that you and your families are kept in my prayers. With renewed sentiments of esteem, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James D. Conley', written in a cursive style.

The Most Rev. James D. Conley
Bishop of Lincoln