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Worthy Grand Knight:

As Knights of Columbus, we have the privilege of encouraging and supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Our Order was founded by a parish priest who called laymen into the service of the Church, so it is only fitting that we laymen help young men and women to respond to God's call to serve within the heart of the Church.

With this in mind, it is my pleasure to present this year's Vocations Resource Folder to guide you and your brother Knights in fulfilling your obligation to the Church. I am sending this folder in advance of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, observed this year on May 3rd. But the materials should be used throughout the year by you, your vocations chairman and your council's chaplain.

We have a special opportunity to distribute these materials now that Pope Benedict XVI has announced the Year of the Priest, from June 19, 2009, to the same date next year.

Work with your pastor to make sure that your parish observes the World Day of Prayer for Vocations with appropriate prayers, activities and announcements, which are found in the enclosed materials. With your pastor's permission, hang the enclosed poster on a parish bulletin board and request that one of the sample intercessions for vocations be added to the Prayers of the Faithful for each Mass on the May 3rd weekend.

I also urge all Knights to look within their own families – to our sons, daughters, nieces, nephews and grandchildren – for possible priestly or religious vocations. Remember, vocations start at home, and it may well be your home.

Finally, let us ask our founder, the Venerable Servant of God Father Michael J. McGivney, to help us in our prayers and works for more holy vocations. In this way, we will go forward in confidence as we serve the Church in this worthy endeavor.

Fraternally,



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