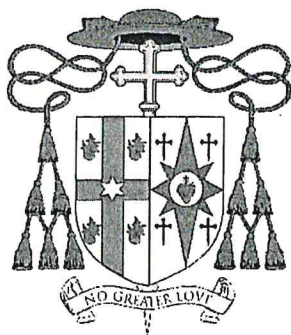


**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT
SAINT MICHAEL PARISH OF MAPLE GROVE
THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 20th AND 21st**



DIOCESE OF SAGINAW

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

September 9, 2025

Dear Brothers in Christ,

We Catholic men are called to a life of service. We are called to care for our families, serve our communities, and participate in the life of the Church. This Call to service is answered on a regular basis by the men who are the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus were founded in 1882 by Fr. Michael McGivney, a young priest who saw a need in his parish. His solution to the problems facing Catholic Americans at that time has become an organization of over 2 million members who live their faith through charitable works, defending the faith, and caring for their families.

The Knights of Columbus, which began in the parish of St. Mary's in New Haven, Connecticut, are now active in 16 countries. Last year the Knights donated more than \$185 million and 50 million man-hours to charity.

As a Knight of Columbus myself, I have personally witnessed the tremendous work that these men accomplish in our diocese. However, the work is never done, and for the Knights to continue their good works of charity the organization needs to grow. I strongly encourage every man in this diocese who is a practicing Catholic and is at least 18 years of age to prayerfully consider joining the ranks of this exemplary organization.

Members of the Knights of Columbus will be available in parishes after Masses on a weekend in September with more information. Please take some time to visit with these men so that you may join us in our mission to promote the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Membership in the Knights of Columbus will enhance your life in ways you cannot imagine.

Peace and joy in Christ,

+ Robert D. Gruss

Most Rev. Robert D. Gruss
Bishop of Saginaw