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Arizona Knights of Columbus Congratulate Phoenix Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted on Appointment by Pope Francis

PHOENIX – The Diocese of Phoenix announced today that Pope Francis has appointed the Most Reverend Thomas J. Olmsted, as the Apostolic Administrator Sede Plena of the Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix. The Knights of Columbus offer their congratulations and support to Bishop Olmsted upon learning of his appointment.

Tom Kalisz, State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus Arizona State Council said, “The Arizona Knights stand firmly with Bishop Olmsted of the Phoenix Diocese and Bishop Pazak of the Phoenix Byzantine Catholic Eparchy. We are here to help. We offer our support and our prayers for success with Bishop Olmsted’s Appointment.”

The Knights of Columbus is the World’s largest Catholic family fraternal service organization. It was founded by Father Michael J. McGivney, an Irish Priest, in 1882. Working under its founding principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, the Knights boast nearly 2 Million members worldwide. Last year K of C members donated \$185.6 million in donations and 75.6 million hours of service provided worldwide. Arizona ranks in the top ten in charitable works among the Knights of Columbus.

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