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*Solemnity of Saint Joseph*

Joseph C. Rahtelli  
State Deputy  
Connecticut State Council  
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Worthy State Deputy and dear Brother Rahtelli:

In my own name, and on behalf of my fellow Supreme Officers and the Board of Directors, I extend greetings to you and the entire Connecticut jurisdiction.

Again this year, thanks to your work and that of your brother Knights, the Knights of Columbus reached new milestones in charity and service. This past November marked the distribution of the one millionth coat through the Order's Coats for Kids program — an achievement fourteen years in the making. Meanwhile, in just two years, our members have provided more than \$10 million to pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes, through the Aid and Support after Pregnancy (ASAP) program. While there are too many examples of your selfless service to list, allow me to say it again: thank you for everything you did and everyone you served!

Blessed Michael McGivney established the Knights of Columbus "to unite the men of our Faith" (Letter of April 1882). It is this unity in the faith that animates our charitable work, and it is with that same understanding in mind that the Supreme Council released *Cor*. Over the past year, adoption of *Cor* has grown throughout the Order and new resources, like our *Men of the Word* Bible Study, have only accelerated this process. If you have not attended *Cor* yet or are interested in starting *Cor* at your parish, I would encourage you to take the initiative now, laying the groundwork for the next Fraternal Year and furthering Father McGivney's call 142 years ago.

Worthy State Deputy, I express sincere gratitude to you, your fellow state officers, district deputies, grand knights, council officers, general and field agents, and to every brother Knight in Connecticut.

May Saint Joseph, Protector of the Holy Church, guide your deliberations, and may Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us.

Fraternally,

*Patrick E. Kelly*  
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Supreme Knight