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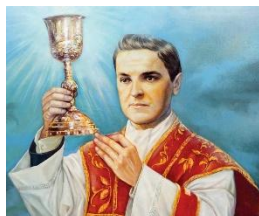
*On Mission! Knights... We continue to
take up the challenge of bringing Christ to
the world and do it with hope and joy.*

Resolutions

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Resolutions to be presented at the State Convention 2025



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*The mission of our Knights of Columbus Cor program is to refocus Catholic men on Jesus Christ and to form and strengthen them in faith and virtue through a brother-hood committed to **prayer, formation, and fraternity**. The goal of each Cor gathering is to provide the opportunity for men to encounter Christ, to pray together, to be formed in their faith, and to strengthen their bonds of brotherhood, preparing them for courageous leadership and the **mission of evangelization** for their families and communities.*

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Resolution No. 1: Pledge Support to Supreme Knight –

Whereas, the Newfoundland and Labrador State Council of the Knights of Columbus has always been a strong supporter of policies and programs put in place by the Supreme Council Officers and Board of Directors.

Be It Resolved that the Newfoundland and Labrador State Council of the Knights of Columbus, at the State Convention 2025 reaffirm our loyalty to the Worthy Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly, the Supreme Council Officers, and the members of the Board of Directors; and,

Be It Further Resolved that we pledge our total support for the policies and programs which will be developed during Supreme Knight Kelly's administration; and,

Be It Further Resolved that the Worthy State Deputy be requested to convey this message to the Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, as soon as possible, following our State Convention.

Submitted by: State Executive Board

Recommendation: Accept

Action: **Approved** /

Resolution No. 2: Greetings to Newfoundland and Labrador Bishops

Whereas, our annual State Convention is a most auspicious and captured moment in time for us to show and share our unique fraternity, and exemplify commitment to our Church, and its leaders;

Be It Resolved, that the Newfoundland and Labrador State Council of the Knights of Columbus, at the State Convention 2025 hereby convey our greetings to His Grace Archbishop Peter J. Hundt of St. John's, His Excellency Bishop Robert A. Daniels of Grand Falls, and His Excellency Bishop Bart Van Roijen of Corner Brook.

Be It Further Resolved, that on behalf of all councils in the jurisdiction, we affirm our loyalty and continued commitment to their pastoral leadership.

Submitted by: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: **Approved** /

Resolution No: 3 In Honor of His Holiness Pope Francis

Whereas, Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio, served as the 266th Pope of the Roman Catholic Church and was the first Pope from Latin America, embodying humility, compassion, and a deep commitment to social justice;

Whereas, throughout his papacy, Pope Francis championed the causes of the marginalized, the poor, and the environment, inspiring millions with his messages of hope, inclusion, and mercy;

Whereas, his leadership revitalized the Church, promoting mercy, forgiveness, and inclusivity, and his actions reflected a profound dedication to the teachings of the Gospel;

Whereas, , Pope Francis' legacy includes his groundbreaking encyclical *Laudato Si'*, which called for global action to combat climate change and protect the planet, emphasizing the moral responsibility of all people—regardless of faith—to care for the Earth.

Whereas, Pope Francis collaborated closely with the Knights of Columbus on initiatives such as faith formation, humanitarian aid for persecuted Christians and war victims, a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, and supporting the renovation of St. Peter's Basilica. That this shared values of charity, faith, and service benefitted the global Catholic community.

Whereas, his passing on April 21, 2025, at the age of 88, marks the end of a remarkable life dedicated to the service of God and humanity;

Be it resolved, that we honor the life and legacy of Pope Francis, recognizing his profound impact on the global community and his unwavering commitment to justice, mercy, and solidarity;

Be it further resolved, that we extend our deepest condolences to the Catholic Church and all those who mourn the loss of this extraordinary spiritual leader; and that we commit to continue upholding the values Pope Francis championed, striving for a world marked by compassion, humility, and care for one another and our planet.

Submitted By: State Executive

Recommendation: Accept

Action: **Approved** /

Resolution No. 4: In Support of our State Chaplains and our Priests, who serve throughout our province:

Whereas, our annual State Convention is a most auspicious and captured moment in time for us to show and share our unique fraternity, and exemplify commitment to our Church, and its leaders;

Be It Resolved, that the Newfoundland and Labrador State Council of the Knights of Columbus and our families offer our prayers and to all Past State Chaplains, and to our current State Chaplain, Father Edward Terry, as well as to all Council Chaplains and all our Priests for their spiritual leadership, devoted work and their dedication to the growth of the faith and the Order;

Therefore, be it further resolved: that we thank all of them for their service and we look forward to more years of their spiritual guidance and pastoral service.

Submitted by: State Executive Board

Recommendation: Accept

Action: **Approved** /

Resolution No. 5: Salutations to the Supreme Chaplain

Whereas, our annual State Convention is a most auspicious moment to show and share our unique fraternity, and exemplify our commitment to our spiritual leaders;

Be It Resolved that the Newfoundland and Labrador State Council of the Knights of Columbus, at the State Convention 2025, affirm our fidelity, and express our loyal and full support to Archbishop William E. Lori as he continues to fulfill his duties as Supreme Chaplain.

Submitted By: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: **Approved** /

Resolution No. 6: Greetings to Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

Whereas, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops plays such an integral role in guiding the Church in Canada;

Be It Resolved, that we commend and support our Cardinals and Bishops and thank them for the strength and wisdom they have shown in their leadership and governance of the Church; and

Be It Further Resolved, that we render faithful and loyal service and stand in solidarity with our Cardinals and Bishops in the fulfillment of the duties of the Holy Offices to which they have been called

Submitted By: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: **Approved** /

Resolution No. 7: Continued Support for the Cause for Canonization of Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney:

Whereas, The State of Connecticut in the United States of America March 29, 1882 was the birth place of the Knights of Columbus, under the guidance of Blessed Father Michael J McGivney. That under Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney's vision, the Knights of Columbus continues to serve our church and societies through its many charitable endeavors throughout the world.

Therefore, be it resolved: that the members of the Knights of Columbus for Newfoundland and Labrador and their families pray for the cause and continued promotion for the canonization of the founder of our Order, Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney, and we encourage all the faithful to pray for his canonization and to continue to seek his intercessions.

Submitted By: Darrell E Long

State Advocate

Recommendation: Accept

Action: **Approved** /

Resolution No: 8 Prayer for World Peace and an End to Worldwide Conflict, especially for the Ongoing Conflicts in Ukraine, the Middle East, the Republic of Haiti and the continent of Africa

Whereas, the Catholic Church has consistently advocated for peace, compassion, and social justice throughout its history;

Whereas, the Church emphasizes the importance of fostering a “culture of care” for the sake of world peace and the well-being of humanity;

Whereas, the Knights of Columbus, guided by principles of charity, unity, and fraternity, seek to serve humanity and uphold Christian values;

Therefore, let it be resolved that the Knights of Columbus pledge their unwavering support to the Catholic Church in its mission to foster dialogue, promote understanding, and address global challenges;

Be it further resolved, we stand in solidarity with the Catholic Church, praying for wisdom, courage, and strength as it inspires all people toward a more compassionate and harmonious world.

Submitted by: State Executive

Recommendation: Accept

Action: **Approved** /

Resolution No. 9: Commitment to Family Life

Whereas, the fundamental unit of society is the family; and

Whereas, certain philosophies that lessen the values of Christian, Judaic or other traditional world religions, can play havoc with this fundamental and sometimes vulnerable unit of society; and

Whereas, the Knights of Columbus is committed to Family Life, and being the largest Catholic Family Organization in Newfoundland and Labrador;

Be It Resolved, that the Newfoundland and Labrador State Council of the Knights of Columbus, at the State Convention 2025, encourage subordinate councils to participate in the following initiatives for the Columbian Year 2025-2026.

1. Initiate an activity through the general program such as family of the Month/Year to openly and actively engage in bringing 'Family Life' into focus.
2. Endorse and promote 'Family Week' during August and 'National Family Week' in October.

Submitted by: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: **Approved** /

Resolution No. 10: Catholic Missions in Canada

Whereas, Catholic Missions in Canada seeks to sustain and extend the Catholic Faith in isolated, poor, and hard-to-reach mission areas in Canada; and

Whereas, these are communities where diocesan resources are insufficient to keep the Church alive; and

Whereas, until last year, the northern dioceses of Canada were given some support financially by the Roman Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith.

Whereas, starting in 2017 these dioceses would be treated like other Canadian Dioceses and no longer receive the support of the Congregation; and

Whereas, the Canadian Association of the Knights of Columbus is encouraging all Knights throughout Canada to support the Catholic Missions in Canada; and

Whereas, Catholic Missions in Canada provides more than \$450,000 in grants annually to Dioceses and Parishes in Newfoundland and Labrador;

Be It Resolved, that the Newfoundland and Labrador State Council, and subordinate Councils, strongly support the Catholic Missions in Canada spiritually and financially and encourage all Brother Knights and their families to provide spiritual and financial support.

Submitted by: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: **Approved** /

Resolution No. 11: RSVP Program (Refund Support Vocations Program)

Whereas, the Knights of Columbus acknowledges the present shortage of candidates to the priesthood and religious life; and

Whereas, the Knights of Columbus as '**the strong right arm of the Church**' does support the Church and hierarchy in every possible way;

Be It Resolved, that the State Council of the Knights of Columbus of Newfoundland and Labrador renew the commitment to support and promote vocations to the priesthood and encourage the subordinate councils to take an active role in doing the same through participation in the RSVP program.

Submitted by: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: **Approved** /

Resolution No. 12: Development and Peace

Whereas, the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace was established in 1967 by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, and is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada; and

Whereas, Development and Peace is widely promoted throughout the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador; and

Whereas, the Knights of Columbus remains committed to the cause of the poor and underprivileged of the world;

Be It Resolved, that all subordinate Councils in the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador, be encouraged to become actively involved at the Parish level, in the promotion and support of the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace.

Submitted by: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: **Approved** /

Resolution No. 13: Support for Armed Forces, Veterans, First Responder and Health Care Workers serving and retired:

Whereas:

- First responders, health care workers, and military personnel are essential pillars of our society.
- Their unwavering dedication, sacrifice, and service contribute significantly to the safety, well-being, and security of our nation.

Whereas: We acknowledge:

1. First Responders:

- These brave individuals are the first to arrive at emergencies, providing immediate assistance and saving lives.
- They face risks daily, ensuring public safety, maintaining order, and safeguarding our communities.

2. Health Care Workers:

- Health care professionals work tirelessly in hospitals, clinics, and ambulances.
- They provide critical medical care, compassion, and support..
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3. Military Personnel:

- The Canadian Armed Forces protect our nation from external threats, participate in peacekeeping missions, and support allies.
- Their commitment to national security and defense is unwavering.

Therefore, Be It Resolved:

that the members of the Knights of Columbus Newfoundland and Labrador and their families honour the members of our Canadian Armed Forces, Veterans, First Responders and Health Care Workers, both serving and retired for their heroic service dedicated to our communities and country.

Let this resolution serve as a testament to our unwavering support and appreciation for those who serve our nation with courage and compassion.

Submitted by: State Executive Board

Recommendation: Accept

Action: **Approved** /

Resolution No. 14: For the Knights of Columbus Continued Support for the Newfoundland and Labrador National War Memorial

WHEREAS, the Newfoundland War Memorial stands as a solemn tribute to the brave men and women who sacrificed their lives in service to our province, Newfoundland and Labrador, and our country, Canada; and

WHEREAS, the memorial holds deep historical significance, commemorating the **Dominion of Newfoundland's** contributions during the First World War; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus Newfoundland and Labrador, as an organization committed to service, patriotism, and community since 1909, recognized in 1924 the importance of actively participating in the dedication of the War Memorial; and the importance of its rededication in 2024; and

WHEREAS, the internment of the unknown soldier at national war memorials around the world symbolizes the ultimate sacrifice of those who remain unidentified but are remembered with eternal reverence and gratitude;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Knights of Columbus Newfoundland and Labrador pledges its unwavering support for the Newfoundland War Memorial, which serves as a testament to our gratitude and reverence for those who gave their all.

Submitted by: State Executive Board

Recommendation: Accept

Action: **Approved** /

Resolution No. 15: Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Whereas, we hold that every person should be fed and clothed; and

Whereas, we support the belief that all persons have that right; and

Whereas, an organization that supplies those needs should have financial support;

Be It Resolved, that impelled by our moral obligation, we are bound to feed and clothe others according to our corporal works of mercy, we the Knights of Columbus, call upon all right-minded people of good will, to join with us in these good works; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the State Council urge all Subordinate Councils to support their Societies of St. Vincent de Paul in our jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador; and

Be It Further Resolved, that we support such a cause in remembrance of former State Advocate Brother Francis Fleming, who served in that capacity; and

Be It Finally Resolved, that the State Council of the Knights of Columbus of Newfoundland and Labrador, on behalf of all Subordinate Councils, make an annual contribution of One Hundred dollars (\$100.00) to each of the St. Vincent de Paul Societies in our jurisdiction of

Newfoundland and Labrador.

Submitted by: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: **Approved** /

Resolution No. 16: Keep Christ in Christmas Programs

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Whereas, the Knights of Columbus in the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador sponsors the 'Keep Christ in Christmas' Program throughout the province; and its significant message to all, that Christ needs to remain as an integral part of Christmas; and

Whereas, there is a great deal of concern that Christmas has become too commercialized; and its more important that the focus of Christmas be the celebration of the birth of the Christ Child;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Knights of Columbus pledge their unwavering commitment to the KCIC Program, aiming to:

- **Promote the true spirit of Christmas** in homes, schools, parishes, and communities.
- **Evangelize society** through faithful acts, celebrations, and meaningful activities.
- **Shift the focus from materialism to the light of Christ** and the spirit of giving.

Be It Resolved, that the 'Keep Christ in Christmas' program be held throughout the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador starting on the First Sunday of Advent.

Be it further Resolved, we stand united in our mission to keep Christ at the heart of Christmas, honoring the Holy Family and the Nativity of Our Lord. We encourage councils to engage in KCIC activities, fostering love, compassion, and the message of hope during this sacred season.

Submitted by: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: **Approved** /

Resolution No. 17: Catholic Religious Education

Whereas, the Knights of Columbus of Newfoundland and Labrador, as the 'strong right arm of the Church' is strongly committed to the religious upbringing of our children; and

Whereas, preparation for the Sacraments is no longer available through our schools, but is now the responsibility of parents and Parishes; and

Whereas, there are many young people enrolled in the province's school system that are not exposed to catholic religious education;

Be It Resolved, that the State Council encourage subordinate Councils to financially support and distribute religious articles, pamphlets, and posters to catholic children in their communities, to mark special occasions such as First Penance, First Communion and Confirmation; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the cost of such distribution be absorbed by each Subordinate Council as a commitment to our families; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Newfoundland and Labrador State Council of the Knights of Columbus, and all Subordinate Councils, support the only existing Catholic Educational Institutions in this province, which are Immaculate Heart of Mary, in Corner Brook, and St. Bonaventure's College in St. John's.

Submitted by: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: **Approved** /

Resolution No. 18: Life

Whereas, the Knights of Columbus is at the forefront of the battle to promote Life and to restore full legal protection for all human life from conception to natural death; and

Whereas, the sanctity of human life is a fundamental principle that transcends cultural, religious, and political boundaries,

Whereas, every individual has the inherent right to life, regardless of their stage of development, circumstances, or challenges,

Whereas, abortion involves the termination of a developing human life, which raises ethical, moral, and philosophical concerns,

Whereas, prayer and public witness are critical and powerful in combating the Culture of Death, and in working to restore Life;

Be It Resolved, that the Knights of Columbus, in solidarity with the Holy Father and our Bishops, hereby designate the Feast of the Annunciation, as the Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child; and

Be it resolved, that we express our strong opposition to abortion and advocate for the protection of unborn children,

Further resolved, that we support alternatives to abortion, such as Pro – Life advocacy and life affirming support and counselling services to those in unplanned pregnancies and referrals to community networking support services adoption services.

Furthermore, we encourage open dialogue and compassionate support for women facing unplanned pregnancies, recognizing the complexity of their situations,

Finally resolved, that we stand united in promoting a culture that values life, compassion, and empathy, and we commit to working towards a world where every life is cherished and protected.

Be It Finally Resolved, that we urge all subordinate Councils and members to participate in Masses, prayers, and other Pro-life Activities.

Submitted by:

Recommendation: Accept

Action: **Approved** /

Resolution No. 19: Devotion to Blessed Virgin Mary

Whereas, the Knights of Columbus are committed to the devotion of the Virgin Mary;

Be It Resolved, that the Knights of Columbus in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador honor the Blessed Virgin Mary by promoting a weekly public Rosary at the convenience of individual Councils.

Submitted by: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: **Approved** /

Resolution No. 20: Pornography

Whereas, pornography is a contributing factor to the decay of the moral fabric of society; and

Whereas, the distribution and sale of pornography in print, video, audio and through the Internet is growing at an accelerated rate; and

Whereas, pornography is becoming increasingly evident in regular television programming; and

Whereas, pornography is harmful to moral judgment, especially to that of our youth;

Be It Resolved, that the Newfoundland and Labrador State Council of the Knights of Columbus, at the State Convention 2025, continue to promote purity and decency in our world by taking the following positive actions against pornography:

1. Continue to promote morally and financially, groups who take a stand against pornography, provided that all such groups have been approved by the State executive.
2. That each council to carry out a project in the council's local community, to show the council's stand against pornography, and further request that the council demonstrate in a tangible way, its support of such local groups that stand against pornography.

Submitted by: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: **Approved** /

Resolution No. 21: State Scholarships

Whereas, the Knights of Columbus of Newfoundland and Labrador are committed to education in this province; and

Whereas, every year more and more interest is being expressed in the State Scholarship program;

Be It Resolved, that the State Council direct the following initiatives to be undertaken:

Up to Five (5) scholarships of \$ 1,000.00 (each) are provided by the State Council to members, children/grandchildren of members in good standing, children/grandchildren of deceased members who were in good standing when deceased.

1. Applicants must have graduated with honours from NL High School in June 2025
2. All winners must be entering the first year of a post-secondary educational institution in September 2025.
3. Application forms and information for State Scholarships are made available on the State Council website at www.kofcnl.org
4. The names of scholarship winners will be published on the State Council website at www.kofcnl.org

Submitted by: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: **Approved** /

Resolution No. 22: K of C Jubilee Scholarships

Whereas, the Knights of Columbus of Newfoundland and Labrador are committed to education of all our youth; and

Whereas, there are many students in Newfoundland and Labrador who need of financial support for their education and

Whereas, the people of Newfoundland and Labrador have always supported Knights of Columbus projects at the local and provincial level; and

Whereas, the K of C Jubilee Scholarship is now a recognized scholarship in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador;

Be It Resolved, that the State Council offer up to four (4) scholarships, in total, to all students graduating with honors from a NL High School in June 2025 and will be attending a post secondary institution in September 2025.

Be It Further Resolved, that the value of the scholarships be \$ 500.00 each, and all information including applications be made available on the State Council website at www.kofcnl.org; and

Be It Finally Resolved, that the winners of the State Scholarships, with a value of \$ 1,000.00, be ineligible for these scholarships.

Submitted by: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: **Approved** /

Resolution No. 23: Dorothy M. and William Channing Scholarship.

Whereas William Channing's Last Will and Testament provided funds to create a 'Scholarship' with the requested name "the Dorothy M. Channing and William Channing Knights of Columbus Scholarship".

Whereas, the Will defined the "Beneficiary" of the 'Scholarship' to mean a named person residing in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador who is a child or grandchild of a Knights of Columbus member residing in the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador and is deemed a worthy recipient as determined by The Newfoundland and Labrador State Council Scholarship Committee.

Whereas, two Trustee's, members of the Knights of Columbus Order in Newfoundland and Labrador, and with the approval of the Newfoundland and Labrador State Council Board shall be appointed to oversee the 'Trust Property'.

Be it Resolved, interest earned be awarded to the recipient(s) a Scholarship for his or her post-secondary education at a post-institution with amounts more than \$1000.00 being retained and reinvested for the next calendar year and,

Be It Resolved, that the Knights of Columbus Newfoundland and Labrador State Council will award in each calendar year and henceforth each year the scholarship(s) to be named the Dorothy M. Channing and William Channing Knights of Columbus Scholarship.

Submitted By: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: **Approved** /

Resolution No. 24: Member Medical Travel Fund

Whereas, the State Council of the Knights of Columbus of Newfoundland and Labrador recognizes that many members, their spouses and the wives of our deceased members have to travel outside their communities and towns for medical treatment;

Be It Further Resolved, that the Member Medical Travel Fund be made available to all members, spouses, wives of deceased members, and dependent children, throughout Newfoundland and Labrador who have to travel more than 100 km return trip for medical treatment, and that they be entitled to a maximum allowable claim of .06 [cents] per kilometer up to a maximum of one Hundred dollars [\$100.00] per family per year on the Island portion of Newfoundland and Two Hundred dollars [200.00] in Labrador;

Be It Resolved, that the current operating period of the Member Medical Travel Fund is aligned with our Fiscal Year, March 1 to February 28, and with a 30-day grace period for submitted claims; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the current operating period of the Member Medical Travel Fund is aligned with our Fiscal Year, March 1 to February 28, and with a 30-day grace period for submitted claims; and

Be It Further Resolved that a member wishing to avail of this fund, must be in good standing with his council, and his council must be in good standing with State Council; and

Be it further Resolved, that the Member Medical Travel Fund be funded from the participating councils, at a rate to be determined by the state executive and;

Be It Further Resolved, that the Member Medical Travel Fund be continued again for the 2025-2026 Columbian Year.

Submitted by: State Treasurer

Recommendation: Accept

Action: Approved /

Resolution No. 25: Liability Insurance

Whereas, councils of the Knights of Columbus require comprehensive liability insurance; and

Whereas, the Supreme Council does not underwrite this insurance; and

Whereas, the State Council purchases liability insurance for its Subordinate Councils to make it more affordable, but yet comprehensive; and

Be It Resolved, that the State Council of the Knights of Columbus of Newfoundland and Labrador require councils with home corporations to purchase a separate liability insurance policy to cover the day-to-day business operations; and be it

Be It Further Resolved, that the State Council of the Knights of Columbus of Newfoundland and Labrador will again purchase a blanket policy this year at the most economical price, and all Subordinate Councils will be advised of the cost of such policy; and

Be It Further Resolved, that a payment policy be put in place that fairly reflects the membership of each council throughout the Jurisdiction as indicated by the Supreme Membership listing as of 1 July 2025; and

Be It Finally Resolved, that the Grand Knights and the councils they represent, will diligently strive to ensure that their portion of the liability insurance will be paid promptly by 15 September 2025.

Submitted by: Resolutions Committee

Recommendation: Accept

Action: **Approved** /

Resolution No. 26: Disposition of Proceeds of Annual Fall and Spring Lottery

Whereas, the Annual State Fall and Spring Lottery has provided an important source of funds for both State and subordinate council activity, and

Be it Resolved that based on the issuance of lottery tickets, a **60/40 split of profit revenues will be distributed** between the Subordinate Councils and the State Council after all administrative costs are paid.

Submitted by: State Council

Recommendation: Accept

Action: **Approved**

Resolution No. 27: Participation in State Lotteries

WHEREAS, the State Executive Board annually donates to various charities and awards (Special Olympics, State Scholarships, State Essay Contest, State Free Throw, etc.) on behalf of the jurisdiction of Newfoundland and Labrador, and

WHEREAS, State lotteries are a source of income for councils and the State Executive Board's main source of **income is the State Lotteries**,

BE IT RESOLVED, that all Subordinate Councils in the jurisdiction WILL participate in the State Lotteries,

BE IT FURTHER RESLOVED, that if any Subordinate Council(s) fails to participate in the State Lotteries, the State Executive Board may impose administrative action upon that/those council(s) as deemed appropriate by the State Executive Board.

Submitted by: State Executive Board

Recommendation: Accept

Action: **Approved** /

Resolution No. 28: Opposing Euthanasia

Whereas: The Knights of Columbus for Newfoundland and Labrador in its adherence to the teachings of the Catholic Church holds a clear position on euthanasia and medical assistance in dying (MAID). Our resolution reflects our commitment to respecting human life from conception to natural death.

- The Knights of Columbus opposes any deliberate killing of another human being, including euthanasia or assisted suicide.
- Euthanasia, also known as medical assistance in dying (MAID), raises significant ethical and societal concerns.
- The act of deliberately ending a patient's life, even at their request, is a matter of profound moral consideration.

Whereas:

1. **Sanctity of Life:**
 - Life is a precious gift from God, and its preservation is paramount.
 - We recognize that only the Creator has the authority to determine when life should end.
 - The Knights of Columbus emphasize the importance of **protecting life** at all stages
2. **Direct Euthanasia:**
 - Catholics distinguish between euthanasia and natural death: Palliative care-natural death is acceptable.
 - **Euthanasia** involves taking action to hasten death (e.g., lethal injection). Euthanasia is considered morally wrong.
3. **Ethical Concerns:**
 - Euthanasia may undermine human dignity and the common good.
 - It can lead to unintended consequences, especially for vulnerable populations.
 - The Knights of Columbus for Newfoundland and Labrador recognizes the unique dignity of each member of society, including the underprivileged, disabled, and sick.
 - The dignity of human beings must be honored, respected, and protected.
4. **Concerns About Legislation:**
 - Canadian legislation regarding MAiD is on a **slippery slope**, becoming more accepting and desensitized about euthanasia.
 - Vulnerable populations initially protected by legislation are now at risk.
5. **Alternatives:**
 - Catholics advocate for robust **palliative care** that provides relief from suffering without hastening death.
 - Compassionate care and support are essential during end-of-life challenges.
6. **Urging Reflection:**
 - The CWL urges all Canadians to deeply reflect on the consequences and dangers of granting individuals the right to take another human being's life.
7. **Church Doctrine:**
 - The Catechism of the Catholic Church emphasizes the dignity of the human person and the respect due to the living God.

Therefore, Be It Resolved:

1. We express our opposition to euthanasia as a means of intentionally ending life.
2. We advocate for:
 - Robust palliative care services.
 - Respect for conscience rights of health care providers.
 - Continued dialogue on ethical and legal dimensions of end-of-life decisions.

Let this resolution serve as a call for thoughtful reflection and a commitment to uphold the sanctity of life.

Submitted by: State Executive

Recommendation: Accept

Action: **Approved** /

Resolution No. 29 Amended by Laws of the Knights of Columbus.

WHEREAS, the **State Executive of the Knights of Columbus** has identified the need to revise its bylaws to align with current practices, and to enhance governance and improve our effectiveness;

WHEREAS, the bylaws of the **State Executive of the Knights of Columbus** provide for amendments to be made through proper procedures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following amendments to the bylaws of **State Executive of the Knights of Columbus** are hereby proposed and presented for adoption: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these changes shall take effect upon final approval, State Convention 2026 as outlined in the organization's governing documents.

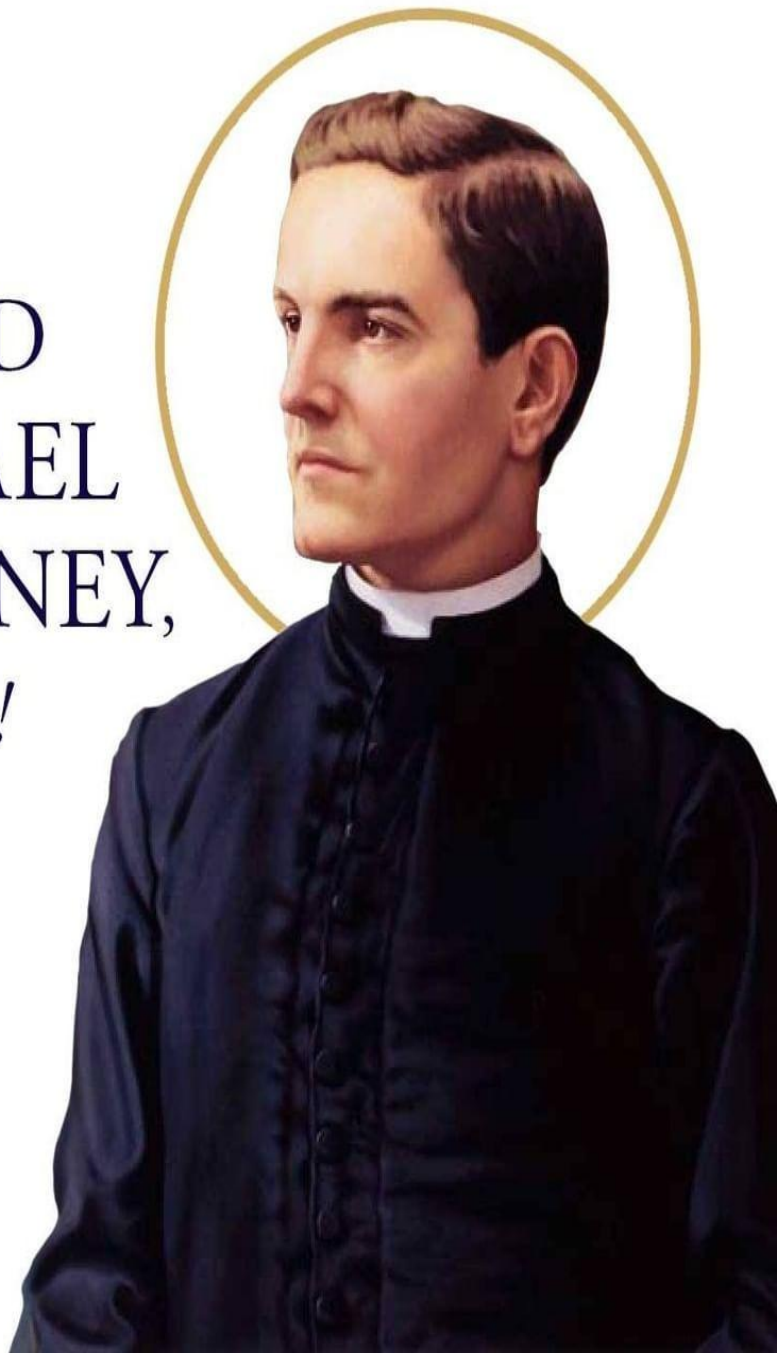
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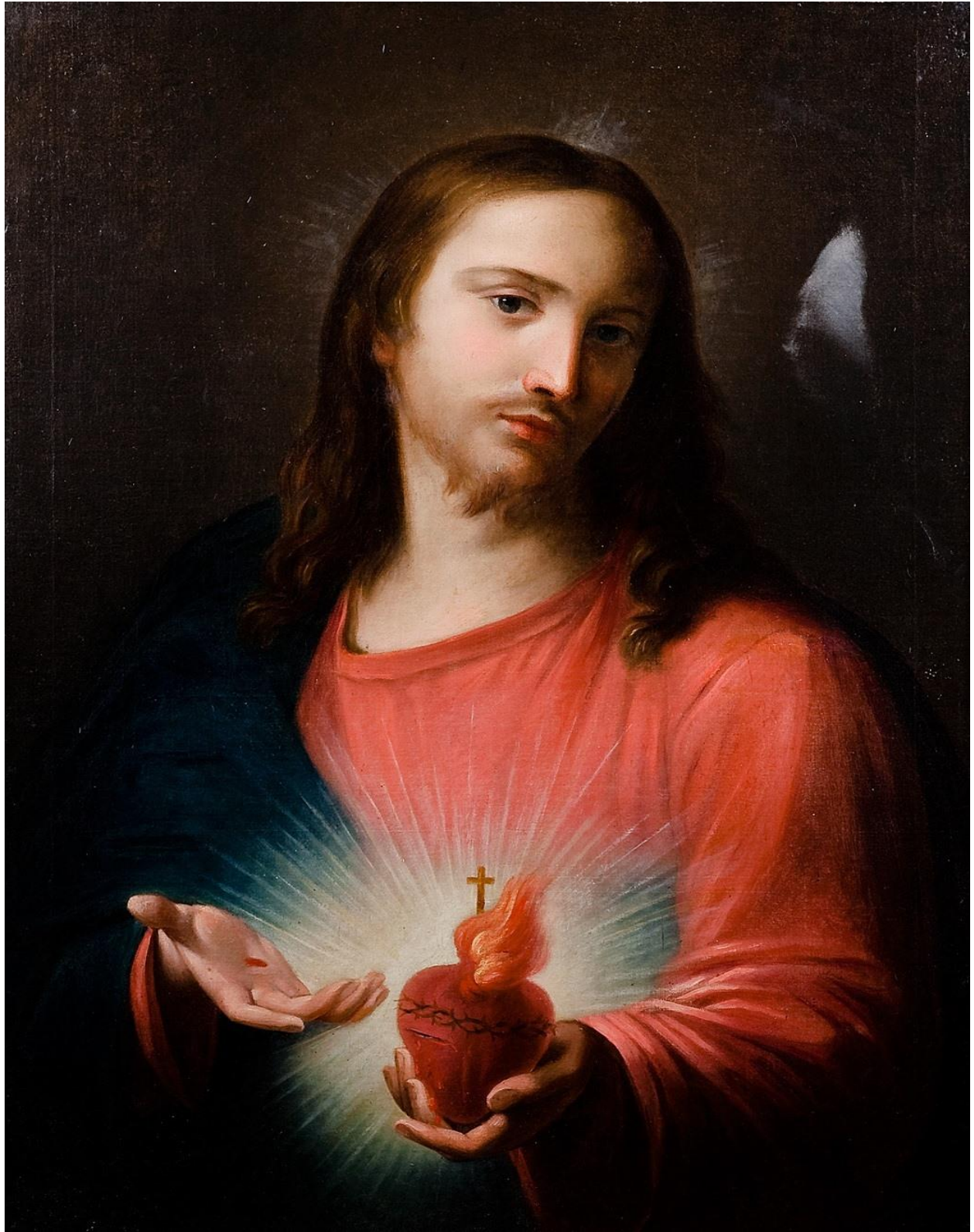
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