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Dear Brother Knights,

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Our diocese is blessed to have a viable and active Knights of Columbus presence, who have contributed much to the life and mission of our local Church in its 40-year history and before. The commitment the Knights have to Christ's Church is without precedence. Please know how sincerely grateful I am to all Knights for your support in our Diocese.

I am writing to all my Brother Knights requesting your active support and leadership in the further development of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament in our Diocese and local Parishes. I have formed a committee at the Diocesan level and charged them with the responsibility of furthering Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament in Parishes throughout The Diocese of Orange. This effort certainly builds upon the leadership of Bishop William Johnson, the first Bishop of our Diocese who established Eucharistic adoration in all of our parishes in 1976 for the fostering of vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for the holiness and welfare of our entire Diocese (see bulletin announcement below).

The most important work of this committee is to connect with each parish and center in the Diocese of Orange with a goal of educating and inspiring Catholics to embrace Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. What better place to begin than with the Knights of Columbus! It is with great faith and belief in my brother Knights that I ask you to open your hearts to the importance of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in your own lives and well as the life of your parish community.

The Eucharistic Sacrifice of the Mass brings to us Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Real Presence of His Body and Blood. Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament provides time for each of us to spend in adoration, prayer and conversation with our Lord Jesus Christ in His Real Presence. It is worthwhile remembering that Fr. Karl Rahner, SJ, once said that the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament is "the Mass held in meditation." Each individual adorer, the parish, the diocese, our country and the world, benefits from our faithful participation in this ministry. We live in a time in which prayer is needed for grace, mercy and protection from the forces against God which challenge us daily.

I want to thank you for opening your hearts and minds to our Brother Knights, Steve Lovison and Ron Srajer, who are carrying the message throughout the Diocese into each local parish and Catholic center with your support and assistance. Your assistance and involvement in this helps to continue the vision and inspiration of Bishop Johnson at the beginning of our Diocese.

I pray for God's continued blessings on each of you as well as your loved ones.

Vivat Jesus,

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