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Brother Knights,

In his 1995 Encyclical, *Evangelium Vitae*, St. John Paul II stated the following;

“Human life is sacred and inviolable at every moment of existence, including the initial phase which precedes birth. All human beings, from their mother’s womb, belong to God who searches them and knows them, who forms them and knits them together with his own hands, who gazes on them when they are tiny shapeless embryos and already sees in them the adults of tomorrow whose days are numbered and whose vocation is even now written in the ‘book of life.’ ”  
(*Evangelium Vitae*, 61).

As Knights of Columbus, one of our strongest causes is our stance for **LIFE**. We Knights and Catholic gentlemen recognize that life begins at conception. Through prayer and action we have supported pregnancy assistance centers throughout the state, and have provided Ultrasound Equipment through our lifesaving donations. There is no way to calculate the number of babies that have been saved because of the Illinois Knights and their desire and ability to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

I ask all Brother Knights and their councils and families in Illinois to please join with me in supporting **The Fr. Michael J. McGivney Centers of Hope and Healing**. For almost ten years, this Center has opened its heart and doors to women who choose life. The transitional homes they fund through a grant program have seen the joy of new life, and changes of the heart. The Illinois State Council would like to realize the dream of a Hope and Healing Centers in each of our dioceses.

Your dedication in this Pro-Life Mission insures that there is a warm loving place for women in difficult housing situations to make the choice of Life. Your donation provides them with food and shelter as well as the tools they need to raise their child. Please join with me to help support women who choose **Life**.

Thank you for all you do for the Culture of Life.

Fraternally,

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