Dear Men of Saint Joseph Parish,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

The **Knights of Columbus** is a Catholic, family, and fraternal service organization dedicated to the up-building of the Church and the parish community, as well as society at large. It stands to assist the parish to perform any task requested, on a purely volunteer basis. In this hectic and demanding world, time is one of the most valuable commodities we have in life. The amount of leisure and free time for the average person has decreased in recent years. So many outside influences are vying for the precious time that we have.

However, if you believe in the importance of investing your time in friendship, the Church, and helping others, the Knights of Columbus is for you. The Knights of Columbus is an organization of Catholic men and their families that derive a great sense of satisfaction from being able to develop lasting friendships with each other while at the same time helping the less fortunate.

Here at Saint Joseph Parish, we have nearly 100 Ministries operating at any one time and the great effort that each volunteer puts into each ministry is both appreciated and a blessing to us all. As our local Immaculate Conception Council readies itself to celebrate 50 years of supporting St Joseph’s Parish and the wider community, it needs more than ever the support of you, the men of our parish. New members are the lifeblood of the council, enabling it to continue its good works of charity and support of many good causes throughout the Toledo Diocese.

Some examples of their activities are witnessed in their support of our Parish Picnic, Respect for Life, Coats for Kids, "Keep Christ in Christmas" art program, the "Measure Up" Campaign to assist the Developmentally Challenged within our parish and community, Soccer Challenge and Basketball Free throw competitions for 9-14 year olds, to name but a few.

Consequently, I am writing to personally invite every Catholic man, age 18 and over, to join us and become a member of Immaculate Conception Council #5628. Please consider attending an informational Open House on Wednesday, October 15th, at 7:30p.m. We will gather in the Father Wurzel Family Center on the East Campus, where refreshments will be served. The presentation should take no more than one hour, and members of the Toledo Chapter of the Knights of Columbus, along with current Immaculate Conception Council members will be present to answer any questions you may have. Your families are also invited. So please mark your calendar; this is a meeting you will not want to miss.

Further details and information about the Knights may be obtained from the ministry table which will be in the narthex of the church throughout October, or you may visit the Council’s website at kofc5628.com.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Dennis M. Metzger
Pastor, St. Joseph Parish.