

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TEMPLATE COUNCIL RESOLUTION
TO CHAMPION EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT THE COUNCIL, STATE, SUPREME LEVELS
MADE AVAILABLE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 2014 THE DAY OF ST. JOHN PAUL II'S CANONIZATION

- WHEREAS, The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council at the 2009 Annual Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona adopted Substitute Resolution 260, "The Eucharist As Source And Summit Of Our Lives; and
- WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Knights of Columbus to fulfill Father Michael J. McGivney's vision to extend to each and every eligible Catholic man an invitation to become a member of this great Order; and
- WHEREAS, Blessed Mother Teresa said her order grew when she and all her nuns made a holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration every day instead of once a week; and
- WHEREAS, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has expressed the example & advice of Blessed Mother Teresa should be imitated & followed by the Knights; and
- WHEREAS, In 1993, Saint John Paul II stated "I hope that ... perpetual adoration, with permanent exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, will continue into the future. Specifically, I hope that the fruit of this Congress results in the establishment of perpetual Eucharistic Adoration in all parishes and Christian communities throughout the world;" and
- WHEREAS. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has made it clear that the goals of Blessed John Paul II should be made reality and that in honor of his sainthood and his importance to the Knights we must acknowledge this has not yet happened; and
- WHEREAS, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has said "The Knights of Columbus are also the Knights of the Eucharist."
- WHEREAS, Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration is a centuries old tradition and practice of Saints, the ultimate in "Popular Piety" so highly key to the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Francis, "Evangelii Gaudium"; and
- WHEREAS, In Evangelii Gaudium Pope Francis stated that "The Church is called to be the house of the Father, with doors always wide open. One concrete sign of such openness is that our church doors should always be open, so that if someone, moved by the Spirit, comes looking for God, he or she will not find a closed door;" and
- WHEREAS, The Knights Of Columbus have promoted Eucharistic Adoration in official publications such as the November 18, 2004 Program Supplement to Knightline in the article titled "Eucharistic Adoration Within Your Council" which stated in conclusion: "Establishing Eucharistic adoration is an undertaking that your council will want to add it to its traditions. It not only shows the faith and sacrifice in your council members, but others will witness your event, even take part in it, which can be an appealing aspect of your council to candidates for membership." This has not become reality in the vast majority of local Councils; and
- WHEREAS, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has stated "Father McGivney would have been shocked had he known that a century down the road, his Knights would find themselves having to fight in the courts and the legislatures to protect innocent human life and traditional marriage against the onslaughts of an out-of-control judiciary and an increasingly secular society" and that "We

Knights of Columbus pledge to do everything in our power to end abortion, protect innocent life and traditional marriage." Yet, as far as making the more important prayer effort a reality, we have done only a small amount; and

WHEREAS, In the September 2007 issue of Columbia magazine our Supreme Knight Carl remarked on the concern of the Holy Father for the vitality and renewal of parish life. Carl Anderson stated "we are providentially positioned to take up the challenge of a leadership role in the renewal of parish life: to be the strong right arm of our parish priests...we must reach out into more parishes with an active presence;" and

WHEREAS, No other Catholic Organization is well-positioned logistically to provide the required "manpower" it takes to formally establish and maintain Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration; and

WHEREAS Pope Francis in many places within Evangelii Gaudium decries "excuses" getting in the way of efforts such as Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That this Council will begin immediately to take up this "leadership role in the renewal of parish life" by encouraging all Knights in this Council, and their spouses, to participate in the formal Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration efforts of the parishes within its Council borders and if 24/7 Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is not yet taking place in those parishes to actively work towards that goal in cooperation with all parishioners and in obedience to the stipulations of Canon Law and the precepts established by the local bishop, and especially with the parish pastor. Council members will not only schedule personal hours but will also take on the traditional roles of "Chapel Leader" and "Hourly Captain" as needed by the parish as well as any other needs to get Adoration established.

In addition, this Local Council will submit to its State Council a resolution tasking the Supreme Council with establishing Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration including provisioning for encouragement and material support to each and every local Council undertakes this

Adopted at the Council Meeting on Month,Day,Year

Respectfully submitted,

Grand Knight: _____

Council Trustees: _____
