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August 5, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to you today on behalf of the Knights of Columbus, St. Virgilius Council 185 Newtown, Connecticut. The Knights of Columbus are a Catholic family fraternal organization founded on the principles of charity, faith, unity and patriotism.

St. Virgilius Council was founded in 1896 by a group of 33 men primarily of Irish decent. They chose to name the council after a monk by the name of St. Virgilius.

Since the pandemic began and being in the "new norm", the Knights of Columbus has instituted a special focus slogan, "Leave No Neighbor Behind" as we are our brothers' and sisters' keepers to help all in our communities. The Newtown Knights founded on the principles of Father Michael J. McGivney as a Catholic family support and fraternal group are reaching out to all St. Rose Parishioners to make sure they are safe and healthy.

Likewise, men of the parish, if you feel the calling and would like to help or to assist in our community programs, membership into the Knights has never been easier because of the pandemic. There is a virtual online exemplification ceremony every Thursday evening for applicants and the ceremony is open to all family members and friends.

Please feel free to call me if you have a special need or would like to discuss joining the Knights.

God bless you!

Sincerely,

Earl Spinelli Knights of Columbus Newtown Council #185 Membership & Retention Officer (203) 525-1017