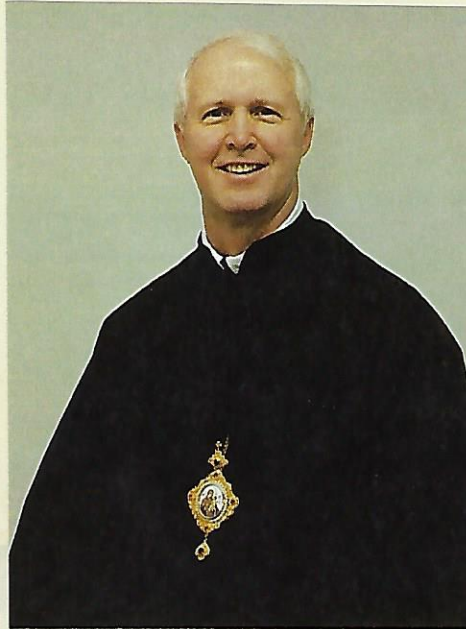




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Dear Brother Knights,

Christ is Among Us!

Your annual State Convention is an opportunity to be like the apostles and Mary waiting for the Holy Spirit. May it be a time to renew ourselves and serve ever more selflessly through our Council.

During this year dedicated to Saint Joseph, let us therefore follow the example of what Pope Francis calls, "the creative course of Saint Joseph." As the guardian of Jesus and Mary, Joseph cannot be other than the guardian of the Church, of her motherhood, and the Body of Christ. Saint Joseph shows us how we must learn to love the Church and the poor. The inspiring words imprinted on our Knights of Columbus face masks, "Leave No Neighbor Behind", point us in that direction.

May the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless your State Convention.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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