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A Special Message to the Men of St Elizabeth:

These are difficult times we face, but we must remember to put our trust in God, who always cares for us, and who never abandons His people.

Indeed, God is by our side always; we do not journey through life alone. We are a community of believers who share one Catholic faith, and put our Catholic faith into action when we love one another as God loves us. For instance, the Knights of Columbus is one example of how Catholic men can and do support one another, their families and members of our parish and the community at large in the spirit of charity, unity and fraternity.

The Knights of Columbus was established some 140 years ago by a 29-year-old parish priest named Fr. Michael J. McGivney in the basement of St. Mary's Church located in New Haven, Connecticut. Much like today, the times were difficult, though for different reasons. Rather than facing a ravaging pandemic, those times were marked by prejudice and dangerous factory working conditions that left many families fatherless. Then, as now, men are drawn to the Knights because of its emphasis on serving one's church, community and family with virtue.

Would you be surprised to know that I am a member of the Knights of Columbus, as is Fr. Doug and our three deacons and, in fact, as are almost 200 men in our parish and nearly 2 million men around the world? Are you aware that it has never been easier than right now to join the Knights of Columbus?

I encourage each man in our parish to prayerfully consider becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus. The benefits of becoming a Knight are plentiful, and one of the best things is YOU decide whether you can give just one hour, or more, of your time over the next 365 days; there really is no minimum requirement. In fact, Brother Knights strictly observe the following rule when investing their time, talent and treasure: God first, then family, then work and then the Knights of Columbus.

For more information about the Knights of Columbus and how to become a member, please call Michael Reyna at 916-599-0333 or email him at mmreyna56@gmail.com. May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you now and always!

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. 
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Pastor