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On behalf of the State Council, and in conjunction with leading council supporters, State Chaplain Father Timothy Naples invites local councils to make donations to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington for *an important and timely culture of life initiative*.

- As promised in Bishop Christopher Coyne's [June 24th message regarding the Dobbs Vs. Jackson Supreme Court Ruling](#), two pastoral letters will soon be printed and mailed:
  - one letter will explain [the Church's opposition to Article 22](#) and its explicit abortion-on-demand purpose, to keep unlimited abortion access enshrined in our state constitution and our laws.
  - the other letter will explore and exhort all our efforts to build up a culture of life in Vermont, through parishes, through Vermont Catholic Charities, through every other individual and community effort.
- The cost to mail these important pastoral letters directly to the congregants of our parishes is well over \$10,000.
- We are happy to say that leading Knights of Columbus pledges to give money to the Catholic Diocese for these mailings already surpass \$2,000.
- Knights councils or individual Knights should make donations by means of **checks payable directly to Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington, with the memo "Culture of Life Initiative."**
- I invite councils to mail the checks to me (160 Hinesburg Rd. S. Burlington), so that I may present them in-person at the Diocesan offices, and so that a total figure of donations can easily be added up.
- I will make personal visits to the Diocesan communications office and the keep the Knights updated, since the mailer is presently planned for the first week of August.
- Donations can be made even after such a diocesan mailing, but should all be completed by September 30th.