

Greetings Committee Final Report

Worthy High Chief Ranger, officers, trustees, Home Office team, clergy, delegates, and honored guests:

Welcome to the 52nd National Convention of Catholic Order of Foresters. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as the chairperson of the Greetings Committee.

Upon recommendation from the committee, invitations were sent to the following dignitaries: **Pope Francis**; **Cardinal Christophe Pierre**, apostolic nuncio to the United States; **Cardinal Blase J. Cupich**, Diocese of Chicago; **Bishop Ronald A. Hicks**, Diocese of Joliet; **Congressman Darin LaHood**, representative of Illinois's 16th Congressional District; **Scott Wehrli**, mayor of Naperville, Illinois; **Jeff Pruyn**, mayor of Itasca, Illinois; **John Chandler**, president of St. Ignatius College Prep; **Allison Koppel**, CEO of the American Fraternal Alliance; **John J. Kielczewski**, president of CSA Fraternal Life; **James Robaczewski**, president of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America; **Frank J. Spula**, president of the Polish National Alliance; **Tony Mravle**, president of KSKJ Life; **John T. Borgen**, president & CEO of Catholic Financial Life; **Michael Ahles**, president & CEO of Catholic United Financial; and **Christopher Belz**, president & CEO of Catholic Life.

Thank-you letters will be sent to all Jurisdiction Spiritual Directors for their continued guidance of our members.

The Greetings Committee would like to extend a very special thank-you to those employees who have worked diligently to make the convention possible.

We would also like to recognize the High Court Officers and Trustees for their hard work during the past four years. The committee thanks Gene Even of Iowa, the member of the board who is retiring at the end of this year, for his service to Catholic Order of Foresters.

The committee received two comments of positive affirmation, and we appreciate the delegates taking time to review this report.

I would like to extend gratitude to the other members of the Greetings Committee: Donna Sterwerf from Indiana, Randy Gubbels from Nebraska, Wesley Even from New Mexico, and Michael Konop from Wisconsin. Your input was appreciated. And, finally, I would like to thank our liaison, Connor McEleney, for his guidance.

Respectfully submitted,

Catholic Order of Foresters 2024 National Convention Greetings Committee

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