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## **WARRIORS FOR CHRIST**

Recently, my wife and I took a course in “a Journey through Church History,” entitled “EPIC.” It was an amazing journey, reminding us of the complex challenges for survival the Catholic Church has had over the course of our history. “Epic” straightened out a lot of mis-information that has infiltrated church history over the centuries.

I was especially interested in the story about the Crusades, which always seems to be under-reported and flavored with a negative tone toward the Church. But we learned that the early Crusades initiated by Pope Urban II were populated by Knights and other Warriors that chose the Cross of Christ as their symbol of determination. Their mission was to liberate Jerusalem from the Muslims. They gave up their time and treasure to suffer immense burdens of starvation, disease and discouragement; but, they won! They were warriors for Christ.

Like the knights who joined the Crusades, Every member of the Knights of Columbus is a Warrior for Christ. We are the “Right Hand of the Church;” we stand for the unborn and Pro Life; we support and protect our clergy; we believe in marriage between a man and a woman; we believe in Christian family life; we work to provide care for the poor and needy; we elevate the mentally handicapped; we take care of our widows; we work in communion with our parish and pastor; we work hard to enrich our personal faith; We are not ashamed of our beliefs as we worship Jesus through Mary. Yes, every member of the Knights of Columbus is a Warrior for Christ!

The Crusaders recruited like-minded men to join them As Christian warriors; it is our job to make sure every Catholic man has the opportunity to join us as Warriors for Christ!

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