# K of C

# **New Hampshire State Council Knights of Columbus**

2021 Public Policy Report



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#### Worthy Brothers:

We encourage brother Knights to fulfill their responsibilities as Catholics citizens by participating in the social and political life of our Nation by acting on the following principles.

### Public Policy on:

#### Marriage and Family

- The Knights of Columbus consider marriage to be the basic building block of society. Therefor the Knights of Columbus supports public policies designed to strengthen marriage and families, and opposes those that disregard its fundamental nature.
- Our Order reiterates, alongside the Church and all the major cultures of the world, the truth that marriage is not just any human relationship. It is an indispensable institution established by the Creator with its own essential properties, purpose, and nature, and that civil laws are unable to alter.

#### **Religious Liberty**

- As Catholics and Americans, we recognize that the relationship between religion and liberty, has helped define our country's identity.
- The K of C recognizes that religious people, seeking more humane society have impacted major achievements thru the history of the US, The American Revolution, abolition of slavery, civil rights movement, reforms in labor and woman's rights.
- We are called to defend our religious liberty against trends that are hostile to Christianity and that prevent people from living in accordance to their faith!

#### Culture of Life

- In Union with the teachings of the Catholic Church we stand strong in the belief that every human life is a gift from God, and is endowed with certain inalienable rights, not the least of which is the right to life.
- Therefore, we support policies that promote a Culture of Life, and opposes legislative efforts that promote abortion, contraception, sterilization, cloning, the destruction of embryos, assisted suicide and euthanasia.

Fraternally Submitted,

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