

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT

For the

Arch of Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary And International Shrine of the Holy Innocents

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus are dedicated to the honor of Our Lady and Queen, Mary Most Holy, honored in 1946 by Pope Pius XII as Patroness of the Americas under Her glorious title, Our Lady of Guadalupe; and

WHEREAS, Mary, the Mother of all Christians and indeed, of all peoples, is the Patroness also as Our Lady of Guadalupe, of the unborn victims of abortion, and has been implored under such title by our beloved Pontiff, His Holiness Pope John Paul II, to bring through Her intercession a new birth of life and hope to the continents of the Americas; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus are dedicated also to ending the slaughter of the innocent unborn, through prayer, sacrifice, and education of the public concerning the manifold evils of such malignant practice; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus believe with the whole Church that, at Fatima, Portugal, in 1917, Almighty God revealed through Mary His desire to establish devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in the world, as its way to true peace and of return to the following of His Only Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and further, that He would cause the world to enjoy an era of peace through what has come to be known, as the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary; and

WHEREAS, magnificent monuments, of which there are many examples both historic and modern, have undeniable power to influence and shape the culture of nations, and indeed of the world, and the world recognizes but one monumental construct, namely the triumphal arch, for commemorating great triumphal events; and

WHEREAS, the coming Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Who is Queen of Angels, of Martyrs, of Saints, of Patriarchs and indeed, of the Universe, and the Gate of Heaven and House of Gold, the very Ark of the Covenant, merits commemoration by a triumphal arch grander and more glorious than any previously erected by human ingenuity to memorialize mere worldly conquests; and

WHEREAS, the Arch of Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and International Shrine of the Holy Innocents, proposed to be built in Buffalo, New York, known as the Queen City and having a predominantly Catholic population, and a favorable location in many respects, will indeed be such a supremely grand and glorious monument, and also has won the approbation of many worthy Catholic leaders of the Pro-Life Movement; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus have desired always above all things to do the holy will of God our Almighty Father, and, in the spirit of our beloved Founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, always to adjure America and the world to seek His will in imitating the virtues of purity, faithfulness and obedience to God's will, perfectly exemplified by Mary Our Queen; and

WHEREAS, the Arch of Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and International Shrine of the Holy Innocents will be a constant inspiration for all to admire and to emulate Mary's virtues, and also and rightly has been described as truly in keeping with the great hopes of the new millennium for a New Springtime of the Church, and for the building of the Culture of Life and Civilization of Love, so ardently predicted and embraced by our beloved Pontiff, who also, toward accomplishing such purposes, has entrusted the new millennium to Mary on October 8, 2000; upon due consideration by _____ Council, No. _____, **BE IT NOW THEREFORE HEREBY**

RESOLVED, that the Arch of Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and International Shrine of the Holy Innocents is worthy and deserving of the prayers and the full support of the Knights of Columbus, and of all Christians, and of all persons of good will.

_____, GRAND KNIGHT

_____, RECORDER

DATE: _____, _____