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From the Vatican, 23 June 2009

Dear Mr. Celino,

His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI has asked me to acknowledge your kind letter informing him that Marquette Council No. 1437 of the Knights of Columbus is celebrating the centenary of its establishment.

His Holiness wishes me to convey his cordial good wishes to you and the members of the Council. He prays that the anniversary celebrations will inspire in all of you a renewed commitment to the high ideals of faith and fraternal solidarity which are the hallmark of the Knights of Columbus.

Assuring the Knights and their families of a remembrance in his prayers, the Holy Father cordially imparts his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of joy and peace in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Yours sincerely,

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