

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 6, 1954

Dear Mr. Hart:

I am happy to send greetings to the Knights of Columbus on the occasion of the annual meeting of your Supreme Council. Your tireless work for charity and brotherhood in communities throughout our land has long done much to keep Americans aware of the religious values which we hold. And this year we are particularly thankful to you for your part in the movement to have the words "under God" added to our Pledge of Allegiance. These words will remind Americans that despite our great physical strength we must remain humble. They will help us to keep constantly in our minds and hearts the spiritual and moral principles which alone give dignity to man, and upon which our way of life is founded.

For the contribution which your organization made to this cause, we must be genuinely grateful.

With my very best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Dwight D. Eisenhower", written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr. Luke E. Hart
Supreme Knight
Knights of Columbus
New Haven 7, Connecticut