

CEO Catholics!!!

Do we invite them to become Knights?

Recently during a Diocesan Conference, the statement was made that we should not invite CEO Catholics to be members of our organization. My first question was, “What the heck is a CEO Catholic?” I was told that it referred to a Catholic who attends Mass on Christmas and Easter Only. My first reaction was to agree since our order is an organization of practicing Catholics. But the more I thought about it, I wasn’t so sure. What true Knight is not a better Catholic because he is a Knight? Certainly if we live up to the principles of our order we will become a better Catholic in the process. If this is so, then wouldn’t it make sense that if a man were invited to join the Knights, the admissions process might help him to see the light.

None of us know the reason for an individual's not being a full-fledged Catholic. It could be that someone pushed that person away and no one has ever invited him back. There could be literally thousands of reasons for the rift; we may never know. But the simple act of our inviting him to be a Knight may be the catalyst needed to start him on the road back home. The admissions process and our example may be all that is necessary to impress upon him the value of belonging to an organization of Practical Catholics who appreciate the value of living up to our faith. If by our invitation we start the process of helping a man return to the faith, wouldn't that be well worth the risk? Let's not be judgmental. Let's start the process that may be the instrument God will use to rescue a soul.