



# Knights of Columbus

ONTARIO COUNCIL No. 755

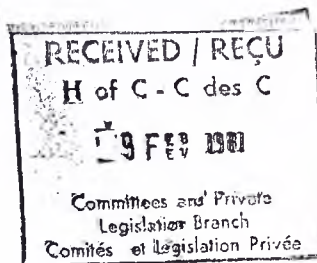
205 Amelia Street - P.O. Box 339

CORNWALL, ONTARIO

February 3, 1981.

The Chairman,  
The Joint Senate-Commons Committee  
on Constitutional Reform,  
Parliament Buildings,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir:



At a regular meeting of the Executives of Ontario Council 755, Cornwall, Ontario, held on Monday the 2nd day of February, 1981, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted and with the request that it be forwarded to your committee together with copies to the State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus for the Province of Ontario and The Honourable Ed. Lumley, M.P., Stormont-Dundas.

The Resolution reads as follows:

Whereas, we feel that this Country was founded by members of the Christian Faith and was and has always been a predominantly Christian Country as well as members of other non-Christian churches believing in a God.

And Whereas, the Special Senate-Commons Joint Committee on Constitutional Reform has rejected an Amendment to the Constitution to refer to God in the preamble to the Constitution, feeling that it may affect a few of the minority groups in this Country.

And Whereas most of these minority groups that would be affected, by the amendment, immigrated to this Country after its formation by the French and English settlers of Christian background.

And Whereas, we feel that Canada and most Canadians feel that this Country is a Christian Country believing in an Almighty Being and a God.

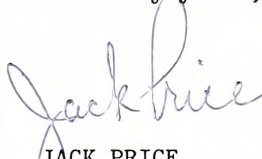
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The Chairman,  
The Joint Senate-Commons Committee  
on Constitutional Reform.

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It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that Ontario Council 755 Knights of Columbus, Cornwall, which represents a membership of nearly 1300 male Catholics in the Cornwall area, go on record as strongly opposing the opposition by the Government Members of the Special Committee in rejecting the proposed amendment to including a reference to the Almighty or to the person of God himself. And further that copies of this Resolution be sent to the State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus for the Province of Ontario, to our Member of Parliament for Stormont-Dundas, The Honourable Ed. Lumley and to be published in the Standard-Freeholder for the City of Cornwall.

Sincerely yours,



JACK PRICE  
Grand Knight,  
K. of C. Council # 755,  
Cornwall, Ontario.

c.c. Mr. John Rodina,  
Ontario State Deputy,  
386 Margaret Ave.,  
Kitchener, Ontario.  
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The Hon. Ed. Lumley,  
Minister of State for Trade,  
Member of Parliament,  
Stormont-Dundas,  
Parliament Buildings,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear members

January 24, 1981  
Knights of Columbus  
Kingston, Ontario.

Sub.

Mr Serge Joyal,  
Senator Harry Hayes,  
Co-Chairman of the Constitutional Committee,  
Parliament Buildings,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

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Dear Sirs;

The Knights of Columbus of Council 1716, Kingston, Ontario  
would like to express our concern on the entrenched  
Charter of Rights which would be part of our new  
constitution.

We, as Catholics, must be assured that two basic  
issues be included in this new Charter of Rights.  
They are, the protection for all unborn children and  
the preservation of Roman Catholic schools with the  
guaranteed right to preserve the catholicity of these  
schools. These issues, we feel, are very important, if  
the rights of all Canadians are to be included in our  
new constitution.

You will find included on the next page a list  
of signatures. These signatures are signed by the membership  
of our Council. Please accept them as our way of showing  
concern for the issues mentioned above.

Sincerely,  
Knights of Columbus, Kingston

signatures below are from the membership of Refugees Council,  
1916, Knights of Columbus.

John  
G. J. Juby  
~~Thomas~~

Pat Barry

Myrtle Chapin

Ed. Minkler

W. J. Drotius

Ernest Edgell

Rev. David Hall

Earl J. Bennett

Lessie A. White

Bernice Reed

Doug Miller

Frank Wabe

John McNulty

Edward Lee

Wm. J. Juby

John P. Juby

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Michael G. Hess

August Hanniman

Robert H. Cottonwood