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TRAGIC FIRES IN AUSTRALIA

On behalf of the member Orders of the Alliance I have conveyed our sympathy and prayerful support to the Knights of the Southern Cross, Australia on the tragic loss of life and property in the recent fires some of which are still raging.

I have received the following message from Brother Michael Palma, State Chairman of the Knights of the Southern Cross, Victoria:

Dear Brother Kennedy,

On behalf of the Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria, I thank all of the members of the International Alliance of Catholic Knights for their prayers and support at this very sad time in our state's history. The terrible loss of life and widespread destruction of so many homes and communities has shocked and saddened us all.

Tragically one of our own members, Brother Fred Frendo, and his son Scott lost their lives in the fires on February 7th. May their souls rest in peace. We are asking members to remember Fred and Scott especially in their prayers, as well as the surviving members of the family.

There are also some KSC members in North East Victoria and Gippsland who have suffered loss of property and stock. At this time we are also especially remembering all those who are bravely fighting the fires across Victoria, including some of our own members.

Once again thank you for your message of sympathy and for your prayers. They are much appreciated and I will ensure that your message is passed on to all of our members.

*Yours fraternally,
Michael Palma State Chairman Knights of the Southern Cross, Victoria*

I would ask all Orders to offer special prayers for the repose of the souls of Bro. Fred Frendo and his son Scott and to pray that God will spare Victoria and its inhabitants from further loss of life and property.

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