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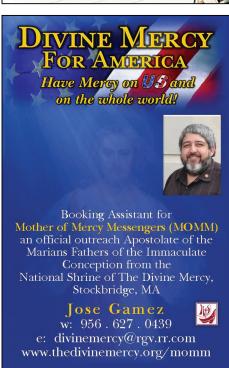
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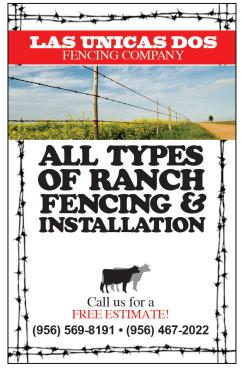
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Thanks to the efforts of Father Michael J. McGivney, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven and some of his parishioners, the Connecticut state legislature on March 29, 1882, officially chartered the Knights of Columbus as a fraternal benefit society. The Order is still true to its founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity.

About the Knights

The Knights was formed to render financial aid to members and it. financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works. The history of the Order shows how the foresight of Father Michael J. McGivney, whose cause for sainthood is being investigated by the Vatican, brought about what has become the world's foremost Catholic fraternal benefit society. The Order has helped families obtain economic security and stability through its life insurance, annuity and long-term care programs, and has contributed time and energy worldwide to service in communities.

The Knights of Columbus has grown from several members in one council to more than 14,000 councils and 1.8 million members throughout the United States and many other countries.

OUR PRINCIPLES

All the good works we do are informed by our four core principles: CHARITY - Our Catholic faith teaches us to "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and

food pantries, by volunteering at Special Olympics, and by supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies. Knights recognize that our mission, and our faith in God, compels us to action. There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

UNITY – None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that – together – we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together...we support one another. That doesn't mean that we always agree or that there is never a difference of opinion. It does mean that – as a Knight of Columbus – you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your parish and community.

FRATERNITY – The Venerable Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, in large part, to provide assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died – often prematurely. The Order's top-rated insurance program continues to do this today, as do individual Knights, who last year gave more than 10 million hours of their time to assist sick and/or disabled members and their families. In the Knights of Columbus, we watch out for and take care of one another.

>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS -In service to one. In service to all.

PATRIOTISM – Members of the Knights of Columbus, be they Americans, Canadians, Mexicans, Cubans, Filipinos, Poles, or Dominicans, are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both. Whether it's in public or private, the Knights remind the world that Catholics support their nations and are amongst the greatest citizens.

Why Join the Knights of Columbus and become a Knight?

If you're interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.

Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life. These are just some of the reasons to become a Knight.

We are a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbor.

WHAT WE PROVIDE:

>>>SERVICE

- •Support the parish with its needs
- •Help meet the needs of those in the local community
- •Provide "Coats for Kids" and "Food for Families"
- •Support programs that benefit people with intellectual disabilities
- Aid victims of natural disasters and other catastrophic events, local and worldwide
- •Donate wheelchairs to people without mobility at home and abroad
- •Save lives through initiatives such as the "Ultrasound Program"

Charity is the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. Knights are men who get things done. We volunteer our time to serve our parishes and our communities. And by working together, we were able to donate more than \$1.4 billion and 664 million volunteer hours to worthy causes in the past decade.

>>>SUPPORT

A unique "band of brothers"

- •Shared values and the support to live out our Catholic faith more fully
- The ability for our network to accomplish things together that we could not accomplish alone

Unity and Fraternity are the second and third principles of the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus was founded so that men could work together to serve their parishes and communities, protect the well being of their Catholic families, and support each other in faith and in many other ways along life's journey. The Knights of Columbus offers its members the opportunity to grow in their faith through living the example of a charity that evangelizes and personifying what it means to be a Catholic gentleman through the practicing of good works.

>>>STABILITY

• Exclusive access to our top-rated life insurance products, available only to members and their families

As a Knight, you and your family have exclusive access to our top quality insurance products. In fact, no insurer in North America is more highly rated than the Knights of Columbus. As an organization founded to protect the well being of Catholic families, we have continued to take that mission seriously for more than 130 years. Generations of Catholics have counted on the Knights of Columbus, and in an increasingly turbulent world, you can trust the Knights of Columbus to affordably and securely protect the future of your loved ones and to be there when you need us most.

(For more information or to find a local council: visit www.kofc.org)

The Knights of Columbus is not just a fraternity in name. It is a brotherhood of Catholic men who each play a part in improving the world around them, one community at a time. They stand together in faith, dedicated to uphold the principles they cherish while lending their support and strength to parish, home and fellow Knight.

From charity for worldwide causes, to helping closer to home with volunteer activities, to a top-rated insurance program that protects those closest to you, the Knights makes the most of its brotherhood.

Make a stand among them, and you can discover how easy it is to make a difference in your life and that of others.

Comments from a few members of St. Philip Neri Council #12776

(This council serves from the parish of St. Jude Thaddeus in Pharr.)

"It is really fantastic to see the Knights gather in front of abortion clinics and pray. We stand together as examples to the world by living our faith publicly. It is essential we pray and show our support for the protection of life from conception to natural end." —Ruben Rosales

"I get great satisfaction working to better our community. Our council is made up of men that care about obeying Christ. We are not embarrassed to show everyone we work for God!"

—Damian Guevara

"It is a joy for me to be involved with the Knights. We have a great council that is very active and we have accomplished many fruitful labors. As a parent, I feel exceptionally blessed and proud to have my two sons, Eduardo "Eddie" and Ronnie, who are already public servants, working alongside me as Knights. It allows to spend meaningful and quality time with other Christian individuals helping our community through so many projects. I am ecstatic my sons chose to be Knights, as well." "Cruz Cantu Ill"

"The Knight's meetings have been very rewarding to my spiritual life. My marriage is blessed as well, from the many things I learn and can share with my wife, so we can both grow in our Faith."

—Robert De Los Santos

"The Knights of Columbus allow us to perform many Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. What you see Pope Francis bringing attention to since his election, the Knights have been doing for over 130 years. This fraternity helps men lead good lives. The Knights exemplify good Christian character and becoming a member is a mode for following the greatest commandment of all: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.' Men join a council with different levels of spirituality and understanding of our Faith, but we all have the same goal... To know God, to love God and to serve God! So join the Knights and do it for God!" —José Andrés Vielma

THE McGIVNEY PRAYER

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the voung to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity

building up his Body which is the

Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater

confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will.

Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH FOR A HAPPY DEATH

O Blessed Joseph, you gave your last breath in the loving embrace of Jesus and Mary. When the seal of death shall close my life, come with Jesus and Mary to aid me. Obtain for me this solace for that hour - to die with their holy arms around me. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I commend my soul, living and dying, into your sacred arms. Amen.

A FATHER'S PRAYER FOR HIS CHILDREN

Saint Joseph, I come to you with my concerns for the welfare of my children. I recall your anxiety when, to your surprise and Mary's, Jesus was not among your relatives and friends on your return from Jerusalem. I too worry about my children. Many dangers surround the youth of today. Sometimes, in my loving concern for them, I may seem to them to be difficult or even harsh. Help me to remove the barriers that may come between my children and myself. I love my children and desire good and wholesome things for them. Good Saint Joseph, watch over my children and inspire me to know how to speak and act in love. Saint Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for me. Amen.

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH TO KNOW ONE'S VOCATION

O Great Saint Joseph, you were completely obedient to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Obtain for me the grace to know the state of life that God in his providence has chosen for me. Since my happiness on earth, and perhaps even my final happiness in heaven, depends on this choice, let me not be deceived in making it.

Obtain for me the light to know God's Will, to carry it out faithfully, and to choose the vocation which will lead me to a happy eternity.

For prayers in honor of the Seven Sorrows and Joys of St. Joseph go to www.MYCATHOLIC411.COM

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH FOR THE SPIRIT OF WORK

Glorious Saint Joseph, model of all who pass their life in labor, obtain for me the grace to work in a spirit of penance to atone for my many sins; to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my own inclinations; to work with gratitude and joy, considering it an honor to use and develop by my labor the gifts I have received from God; to work with order, peace, moderation and patience, without ever recoiling before weariness or difficulties.

Help me to work, above all, with purity of intention and with detachment from self, having always before my eyes the hour of death and the accounting which I must render of time lost, talents wasted, good omitted, and vain complacency in success, which is so fatal to the work of God. All for Jesus, all for Mary, all after your example, O Patriarch Joseph! This shall be my watchword in life and in death. Amen

By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. In March, it is Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster father of Jesus. Fathers, in particular, should cultivate devotion to Saint Joseph, whom God Himself chose to care for His Son. Some or all of the previous prayers to Saint Joseph can be incorporated into our daily prayers during this month.

THE SEVEN SORROWS AND SEVEN JOYS OF ST. JOSEPH

The Seven Sorrows of Saint Joseph

- 1. The doubts of St. Joseph
- 2. The poverty of Jesus' birth
- 3. The Circumcision
- 4. The prophecy of Simeon
- 5. The flight into Egypt
- 6. The return to Nazareth
- 7. The loss of the Child Jesus

The Seven Joys of Saint Joseph

- 1. Told of the Incarnation
- 2. Angels adore the Infant Jesus
- 3. Holy Name of Jesus
- 4. Effects of the Redemption
- 5. Overthrow of the idols in Egypt
- 6. Life with Jesus & Mary
- 7. Jesus found in the temple



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My name is Phyllis Young. When I was 18 years old, I had an abortion. It was the worst decision I had ever made in my entire life. For almost 30 years, I suffered in silence, with the shame, guilt, pain, loss and isolation that comes after an abortion. Several years ago, I was blessed with the opportunity to attend a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat! There, I experienced the profound mercy, healing and restoration that only God can give! I was given the chance to name and give honor and dignity to the baby I lost through my choice of abortion. I now have a great passion to help others who've had an abortion. I've since been trained, approved by and joined the worldwide ministry of post-abortion retreats called, Rachel's Vineyard. Sister Nancy Boushey, along with Sisters Fran and Luella, have welcomed us with open arms and every means of possible support, to their Benedictine Monastery of the Good Shepherd just outside of Rio Grande City. There, they have provided us with a perfect setting for these retreats where men and women alike can come for a weekend retreat away from it all.

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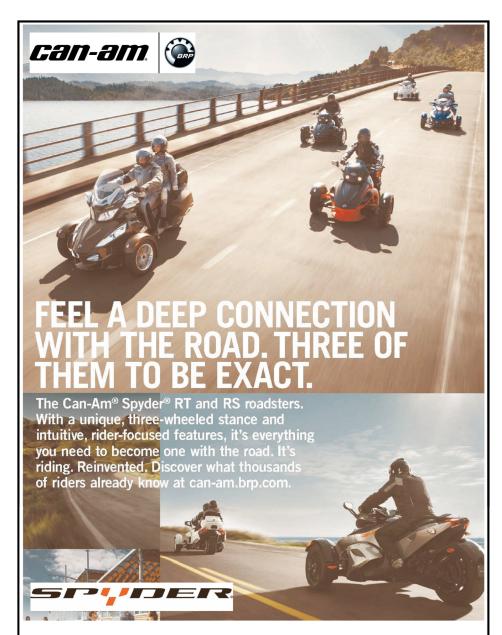
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The Benedictine Monastery is the beautiful oasis that has been chosen for these retreats. When you step onto the grounds you feel that you're truly stepping upon holy ground. Here, you will find a safe non-judgmental atmosphere in which to heal. Although this is a Catholic retreat, all are welcome. We will celebrate Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. All meals are provided. If the cost of the retreat is an issue, please let us know. All inquiries are confidential! Please call me at the above number or email me at the email address above! Take courage, Jesus is calling you!



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