

The 125th Anniversary



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New Bl. McGivney Icon

30" x 40"

Commissioned by Jeffrey Kiliany, SD

On behalf of Ohio's State Council's 125th Anniversary Instituted
December 9, 1898



St. Mary's Church, New Haven, CT
Left Pew # 7 Medallion

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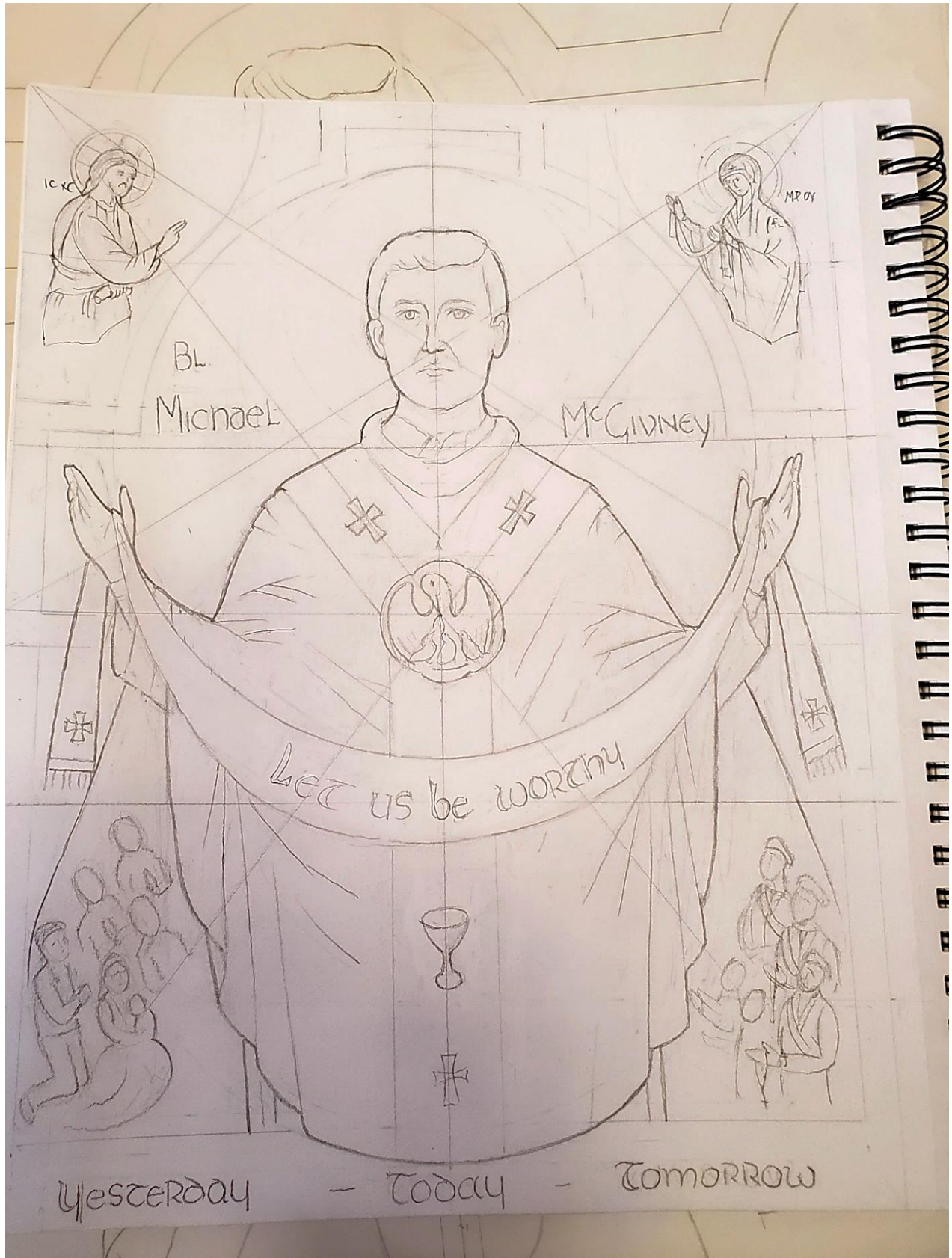
Mark and Judith Hedge

Presentation to Chris Sarka, center, Ohio's State Officer from the
Columbus Diocese

Mark is a KofC MDRT Field Agent
with the Jason Stass Agency

The Iconographer, Judith is one of 17 recorded,
"Pray For the Miracle II" Dedicated Prayer Warriors

The Concept



By Judith Hedge

In Judith's words

A couple of thoughts of which I had in mind in designing the icon, were as follows:

The pattern on the vestments of St. Patrick's pattée crosses, the script font (Uncial and half-uncial) originated in Ireland and The British Isles was used to represent Fr. McGivney's Irish heritage. I wanted to bring out the importance of dedication to ancestral heritage and patriotism.

Also, the Eucharistic element, being the year of Eucharistic Revival and the National Eucharistic Congress, the entire icon is modeled on Mary, Mother of Priests. I wanted to make reference to the Eucharist by means of his stole and the small circles on the vestments to represent Sacred hosts.

Also, I did go with the Knights of Columbus' colors, red, white, and blue in the color scheme, as much as possible.

One other thing that I thought I'd mention is that I had originally planned to use a dark blue for the lettering on the stole (mainly to help unify the blues throughout the color scheme) but grew to feel that the writing on the stole should be in gold... again because of the priestly and Eucharistic element that the stole represents.

And most importantly, I was guided in prayer.



Bl. McGivney 1852 - 1890

This icon of Bl. Michael J. McGivney,
Founder of the Knights of Columbus, presents a frontal image
of him dressed in modern vestments. Bl. Father McGivney has
entered eternity; he is no longer limited by time or place in his
appearance or aid to us.

His hands extended, holding his stole in offering us his
blessing and guidance with the motto,

“LET US BE WORTHY”



In the upper left corner, Jesus,
The Word Incarnate, extends
his blessing upon his priest.

His right hand raised to impart
His spirit upon Bl. McGivney.

His left hand holding a scroll signifying
Jesus is The Word

The Word was without form until with
Mary’s fiat, he was clothed by her flesh.
She would continue to dress her son with
the clothing that she had made for Him.

In the upper right corner,
BVM extending to and vesting
Blessed McGivney
With his Priestly stole.



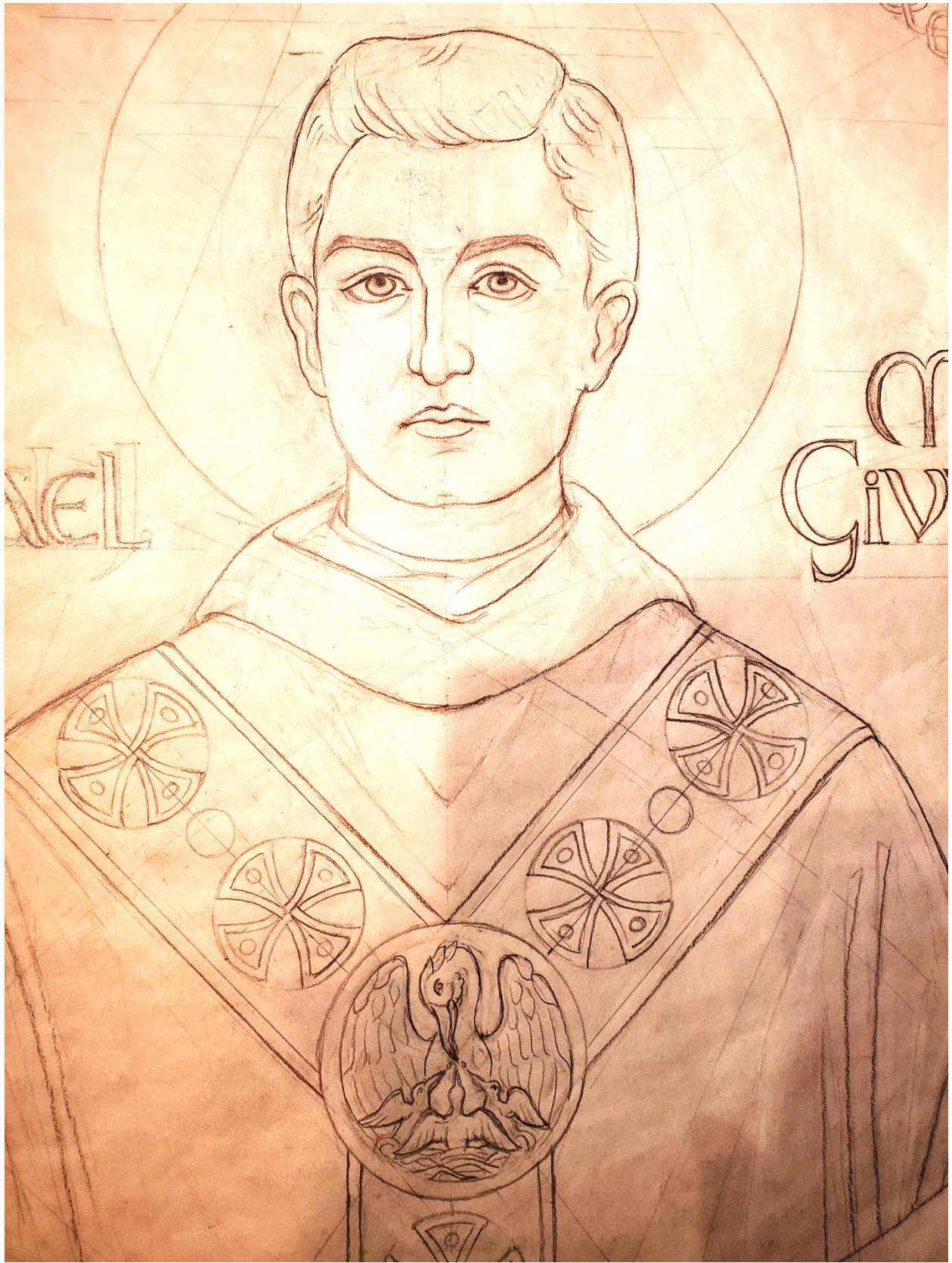
The Stole as a part of the
priestly vestments signifies,
the powers and authority to act
in the Person of Christ.

Central Medallion on Bl. McGivney's vestments depicting
The Mother Pelican, an ancient Eucharistic symbol of
Christ's sacrificial offering for us.

The Early Church Fathers noted how a Mother Pelican would
strike at her breast bringing forth her blood to feed her
children in their need.

This image is also seen in St. Mary's Church. It is at the top
apex in the rear stained-glass window on the South wall. Light
streaming through it falls upon Bl. McGivney's sarcophagus
which is along the rear North wall.

Narration written by San Salvador KofC Council #1's
Historian Emeritus



Bl. McGivney's vestment medallion of the Mother Pelican.



Mother Pelican vestment medallion detail.



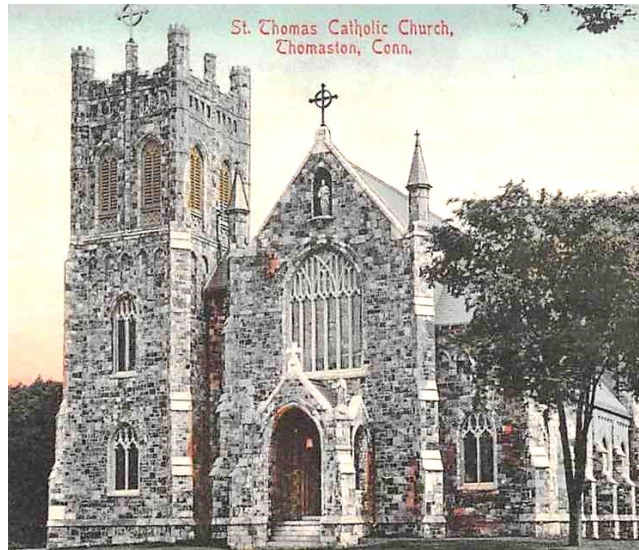
The Journey began at Immaculate Conception Basilica.
Waterbury, CT 1852

It blossomed in New Haven, CT.



St. Mary Church; 1878

It reached out to Heaven and was completed.



St. Thomas Church; 1890, Thomaston, CT

Bl. McGivney Icon's details of lower images

Both sides contain at its top an historical real person while the remaining figures are representational.

On the Left are those who Bl. McGivney strove to aid and by the actions of the Knights he established, those efforts would be multiplied.

The Widow and Orphans are seen herein. **Warren E. Mosher** at the top, left school upon the death of his father to provide for his widowed mother and his younger siblings. Despite the bleak future Warren faced, he would not only complete his education, but rose to become a leading National Catholic Educator, Founder of Ohio's Knights of Columbus as a Charter Member of Ohio's first Council and Ohio's first State Deputy.

Also seen is a Widowed Mother and her daughter, a handicapped boy uplifted by the KofC's Special Olympics and a young lad gone astray sentenced to prison. But, like Bl. McGivney's ministry to Chip Smith before execution, this lad has a hope filled future through the caring actions of Knights of Columbus members.

Now to the right those who fulfill Bl. McGivney's mission: on the top,

Cornelius T. Driscoll despite the limitations of being an Irish immigrant, he graduated from the Yale University's Law School and became a leading Attorney in New Haven's community. Joining in Bl. McGivney's founding efforts, he became San Salvador Council # 1's first Grand Knight. Thus, he is the forerunner and model of all KofC Grand Knights, everywhere and for all time.

Seen with him is a modern Sir Knight with his wife and sons. The youngest as a Little Leaguer following Bl. McGivney's love of the game he played as a seminarian. His older brother as a KofC Squire.

Lower left margin with Warren E. Mosher,
those in need aided by the heritage and inspiration of Blessed Michael
J. McGivney



We are called to love our God with our whole heart,
our whole mind and soul; and
to love our fellow brothers and sisters as ourselves.

In the lower right with Cornelius T. Driscoll,
as members of the Knights of Columbus and their families
in the footsteps of Bl. Michael J. McGivney.



Bottom legend:

Reflects our commitment to carry out Bl. McGivney's vision.

“Yesterday.... Today.... Tomorrow”

Canonization Prayer for Blessed Michael McGivney

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God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young 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 and 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 Blessed Michael 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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