



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FATHER THOMAS G LORIGAN COUNCIL 7027

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Council 7027 Meetings for the Month of October

Planning Meeting: **Canceled due to Mass of Remembrance!**
 Membership Meeting: **Thursday, November 12, 7:00 PM**
*****Three Ways You Can Participate: In-person, by phone, or online*****

- In-person: At the outdoor Bingo Pavilion, using masks and social distancing
- By phone: Call **(872) 240-3412**, enter Access Code **342-890-781#**
- Online by computer, smartphone, or tablet: www.gotomeet.me/GeorgeElliott8 (and turn on your microphone and/or web cam)

For any method, consider "arriving" up to ten minutes early
 Questions? Contact Grand Knight George Elliott, cell 908-487-8622 or email grejr13@gmail.com
 Can't wait to "see" you! Be safe!

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Keepers of His House Schedule

	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4
Month/Yr	Day	Day	Day	Day
Nov, 2020	7	21	27	13
Dec, 2020	5	19	24	11
Jan, 2021	2, 30	16	23	8

Knights of Columbus Online Resources

Council 7027 web site has important information such as calendar, newsletters, and member only information.

<http://www.kofc7027.com>

State Council has important information about Knights in Florida.

<https://floridakofc.org/>

Supreme contains something for everyone.

<http://kofc.org>

Knights Gear is clothing and accessories K of C branded.

<http://www.knightsgear.com>

Knightline is a monthly publication with important information for leaders and members.

<http://kofc.org/knightline>



Grand Knight's Report

George Elliott

Our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, is now Blessed Michael McGivney! He was beatified on October 31st. You can view a video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NwodMNxWS1I>

about the baby (Mikey Schachle) who was healed in utero of a life-threatening condition through Father McGivney's intercession. This very moving video is about seven and a half minutes long, and is well worth watching.

Father McGivney's sainthood cause is still ongoing. Please continue to pray for Father McGivney's canonization. It normally takes one more miracle for Father McGivney to be declared a Saint. Report favors obtained through Father McGivney's intercession to www.fathermcgivney.org, where you can also join the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild (for free). The guild keeps members informed on the cause for his canonization.

At the Mass of Beatification, young Mikey Schachle, who was healed, participated along with his family. After the Apostolic Proclamation was read, Mikey brought the relic of Father McGivney to Cardinal Tobin for display. As part of the proclamation, we learned that Father McGivney's day of memorial is now August 13.

Throughout the month of November, the Church calls on us to remember the souls of those who have died. St. Rose of Lima will offer a Mass of Remembrance on Thursday, November 5. Our monthly planning meeting would normally have been on that date, so that meeting is canceled. I ask that you call me (908-487-8622) or email me (grejr13@gmail.com) with any agenda items or other information for our regular membership meeting. The membership meeting will be held as usual on Thursday, November 12, at 7 pm. We'll

continue to meet simultaneously in-person and online as we continue to contend with the pandemic.

Regarding praying for souls, the Vatican has extended the availability of plenary indulgences in November. These indulgences, normally available November 1-8, are now available throughout the entire month of November. The text of the "Decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary on Plenary Indulgences for the deceased faithful in the current pandemic, 23.10.2020" is available at <http://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2020/10/23/201023b.html>

An opportunity to serve our council has just presented itself, and I ask that you prayerfully consider this. Our Worthy Financial Secretary, David Hinkle, needs to step down from that office due to health and family issues. Brother Dave has done an awesome job for over three years. He is a great knight and friend, and we will miss his diligent commitment to our council. While we thank and pray for David and his family, we need someone to fill this vacancy. Dave says it takes between a half-hour and an hour a day. Please consider if you can do this job for us.

In the Mass of Beatification, Cardinal Tobin reminded us that Jesus calls all of us to be saints in our own way based on our station in life, and to be merciful as Christ is merciful. I want to personally thank you for the ways you put your faith in action through your deeds, words, and prayers. You make a difference in our world, and you inspire others to be Christ to all our neighbors. Vivat Jesus!



Field Agent's Report

"We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant, Fr. Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will." How many tens of millions, hundreds of millions of times has our loving God heard this sentence from the prayer for Fr. McGivney's canonization? Asking only to fulfill God's holy will; requested humbly. No doubt, you, like I, have been saying this prayer of supplication for years. Now those prayers have been answered as our Venerable Founder becomes our Blessed Founder. The journey began December 18, 1997 when the Cause for Sainthood was opened in Hartford, Connecticut by Archbishop Daniel Cronin. Nearly five years later the official document, the Positio, outlining the case for Fr. McGivney's cause was sent to Rome. On March 15, 2008 Fr. McGivney was declared "Venerable" indicating he lived a life of heroic virtue. This year on May 27, nearly twenty-three years after his cause was opened, Pope Francis authorized a decree that a miracle attributed to Fr. McGivney's intercession has been approved.

October 2020 will long be remembered as the month Fr. McGivney's beatification Mass was celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. It is currently scheduled for October 31. This will be a time of great joy and happiness for all members of the Knights of Columbus.

Spotlighting our founder and his reasons for founding the Order; i.e., to strengthen men in their faith and to provide for the financial needs of families overwhelmed by illness or death of the breadwinner, this spotlight will draw more Catholic men to join with us. Our Order is an immense force for good in this world with the billions of dollars donated to worthy causes over the past decade, strengthening our fraternal bonds with acts of charity. The Knights of Columbus helps us husbands and fathers not only fortify our faith, but also provides an opportunity for us to protect our families. Is it significant that

the approved miracle involved the son of one of our general agents from our insurance program?

I like to think so. When Patrick McGivney died unexpectedly, young Michael had to leave the seminary to help provide for his family. He and his family struggled through the loss of his father and then as the curate at St. Mary's he saw parishioners facing similar situations. He saw a need and he took action. He organized; he led, he inspired. He was concerned with both the spiritual and the temporal well-being of those around him.

Speaking of being a man of action, now is the time for you to take action: You will soon receive, if you have not yet already received it, the 2020 Fraternal Survey. It may be filled out in paper form or online. Whether on paper or online, please take a minute to complete it. It will be prefilled with much of your information to make it a snap to complete. It will provide information that will help me serve you better. There is a very informative insert included in the survey packet. Please take a minute to review that, too.

I consider it a worthy calling to carry on the work of our soon to be Blessed Founder. It's been my great pleasure to work with many of you to help you protect your family and I look forward to continuing to serve you. Please call me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks to you for all the good works you carry out in the name of the Order. Your acts of charity are even more critical considering this current pandemic. **Thank you for all you do!**

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Deacon's Teaching

By Deacon Chris Christopher

Sacred Images – Iconography

Iconoclasm, Greek for "**image-breaking**", is the deliberate destruction within a culture of its own religious icons and other symbols or monuments, usually for religious or political motives. It is a frequent component of major domestic political or religious changes. People who engage in or support iconoclasm are called **iconoclasts**, a term that has come to be applied figuratively to any person who breaks or disdains established dogmata or conventions. Conversely, people who revere or venerate religious images are called **iconolaters**. In a Byzantine context they are known as **iconodules**, or **iconophiles**.

Iconoclasm may be carried out by people of a different religion, but is often the result of sectarian disputes between factions of the same religion. In Christianity, iconoclasm has generally been motivated by a literal interpretation of the Ten Commandments, which forbid the making and worshipping of "graven images" *per se*.

In the book of Deuteronomy, God warns the Israelites against "**fashioning an idol to represent any figure, whether it be the form of a man or of a woman**" or of other creatures (4:15-18). Joining biblical passages such as these with the divine commandment against "**an idol or a likeness of anything in the heavens above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth...**" (Exodus 20:4 "graven images") many Christians insist that all statues of religious subject are forbidden.

We must note, however, that as the rest of the commandment makes clear, God has forbidden only the making of such images **with the intention of worshipping them**, as the pagans did. He has, by no means, banned the creation of all religious images.

On the contrary, the Lord actually **instructed** the Israelites to store those very commandments, carved in stone, within a sacred container, The Arc of the Covenant, to be decorated with golden images of angelic beings called cherubim (Exodus 25:10-22). He also commanded the people to decorate the places where they worshiped with gold, bronze, and wooden images of animals and plants (Exodus 25:33; 26:1; 1 Kings 6:23-7:51; 2 Chronicles 3:10-4:22).

The decision in favor of having icons in the

Church was decided on the difference between an image and an idol. An image is a spiritual 'visual aid' that is used by the faithful to increase their spirit of prayerfulness and devotion to God. An idol, on the other hand, is an image that is worshipped by the unfaithful in place of the one true God, i.e., the 'golden calf' (Ex. 32:7-8).

In the Old Testament, images of God were forbidden because folks had not yet seen God in human form. In the New Testament, God HAS taken on human form...an image that we can see:

- Colossians 1:15 **"He (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God..."**
- Colossians 2:9 **"For in Jesus dwells the whole fullness of the Deity, bodily..."**
- 1 John 1:1-2 **"What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we looked upon and touched with our hands concerns the Word of life – for the life was made visible..."**
- Jesus, therefore, is an icon of our invisible God!

So why do Catholic churches, schools, and homes display religious statues and other images? Because such images are an aid to remembering and honoring our Lord, his mother, the canonized saints, and the angels.

No Catholic who knows his faith has ever worshiped a religious image. When Catholics kneel to pray before a statue, or burn a candle, or place a flower before it, they aren't worshipping the image, they are expressing love and honor for the person represented by the statue.

Think of how most people display photos of their loved ones in their homes and workplaces, or carry them on their person. They may occasionally even kiss a picture. When they do, are they worshipping these images? Of course not. The affection they show to the photos is directed toward those the photos portray.

Does venerating saints and angels in this way somehow "steal" honor from God or Jesus? No. They are his "handiwork" (Ephesians 2:10). Our praise of God's masterpieces redounds to the glory of the Artist who created them.

Next month we'll look at **Advent**



Life

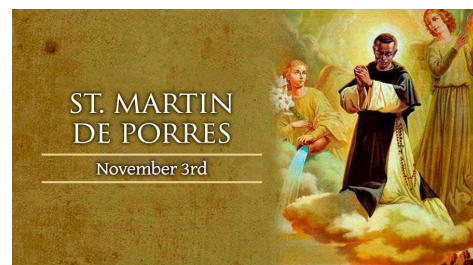
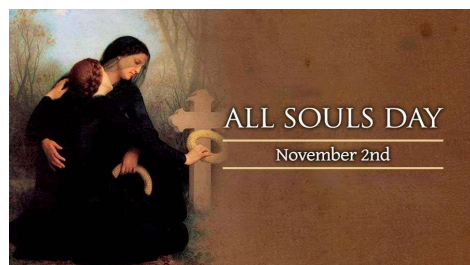
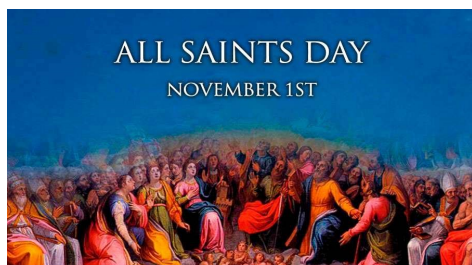
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We now have a majority in the Supreme court of constitutionalists. Clarence Thomas has stated that Roe versus Wade doesn't have a shred of constitutional support. Justice Blackman of the court of Roe decision stated that they were not trained to resolve the question of when life begins. He stated that when trained officials of medical, philosophy and theology are able to arrive at any consensus of when life begins it would make this decision of abortion mute.

There is absolute proof of when life begins at this time and it is at conception. It is even written in medical books. Don't be fooled in thinking it will happen quickly after being the law for over 40 years, but as Knights we have the ultimate power in prayer. 40 days for life has ended but our time to pray will not end until abortion is again a thing of the past. So take every advantage of supporting life. **Remember we are Knights and we are pro life.**



The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network
APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER UNITED STATES

November

Universal prayer intention - Artificial Intelligence

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

<http://popesprayerusa.net/popese-intentions/>

BIRTHDAYS

On behalf of your Council's Brother Knights, we wish you a very Happy Birthday.



LAWRENCE M TYNES	11/1	CHARLES J RUSSELL	11/11
RONALD L WINN	11/4	JOHN M DOHERTY	11/14
CHRISTOPHER M ROOT	11/5	BERT E SANDVOSS	11/17
ROBERT J BROWDER	11/8	JOHN P STOLTMAN	11/19
RUPERT E FAIRFIELD	11/8	PATRICK R SULLIVAN	11/24
JOHN L HOERNER	11/8	GEORGE W WEST	11/26
CORY J WILSON	11/8	BOBBY L GABLE	11/29
JAMES A POGGI	11/10	ADAM R RAPACH	11/30
ROBERT M BROWDER	11/11		



Honors of the Months

Month	Knight of the Month	Family of the Month
July, 2020	Sean Canning	Jerry & Jenny Craft
August, 2020	Dale Sogor	Bill & Beth McDonald
September, 2020	Cesar Mascardo	Tom & Loretta Kubalewski
October, 2020	Thomas "Turk" Terrgliafera	Joey & Linda Davis
November, 2020		
December, 2020		
January, 2021		
February, 2021		
March, 2021		
April, 2021		
May, 2021		
June, 2021		
Year 2020-21		

Knight of the Month



Grand Knight George Elliott presented Knight of the Month for October at the 8:00 AM Mass on Nov 1, 2020. Pictured are GK George Elliott, Thomas "Turk" Terrgliafera, and Msgr. Michael Reed.

Family of the Month



Council 7027 and St. Rose of Lima Parish selected as Family of the Month for October Linda & Joey Davis. They were presented at the 8:00 AM Mass on Nov 1, 2020. Pictured are GK George Elliott, Linda & Joey Davis, and Msgr. Michael Reed.



Fourth Degree

St. Teresa of Calcutta Assembly 2823



Sir Knights Blessings upon you and your families

November

I trust all have made it safely through the various stressful events of October.

First Comes House Keeping...

Meeting are still suspended, but things are slowly opening back up.

Fourth Degree Exemplification

Saturday 6 February 2021 at Saint Sylvester's.

Bishop William Wack is the Honoree.

I extend an invitation to all Third Degree Knights to become a Fourth Degree Knight.

I encourage all Sir Knights, to attend.

National Election

If you have already voted, thank you, if not please take the time to do so.

"We must look at the issues and candidates which are at question and ponder them through the lens of our Catholic Faith. Then we should vote using a well-formed conscience, a conscience formed in light of the Church's Magisterium and a solid grasp of the natural law." (Posted on [25 October 2020](#) by [Fr. John Zuhlsdorf](#))

November

Just as we close out October and start November, we celebrate two feasts—All Saints and All Souls—which draw us into one of the most consoling doctrines of the Roman Catholic faith, the Communion of Saints.

Our tradition has learned to speak of three "States of the Church":

- Militant -- On our Pilgrimage,
- Penitent -- Purification in Purgatory
- Triumphant — Glory.

SO, we (roughly 1.2 Billion, yes with a B) baptized Catholics are currently alive on planet Earth, trekking on in the state of pilgrimage.

Those who have died in the grace of God are either:

Moving through a process of purification in Purgatory

OR

In the state of Glory, beholding the Beatific Vision (Latin: visio beatifica)

This, the Beatific Vision, is the ultimate direct self-communication of God with us. When we, now as a member of redeemed humanity in the communion of Saints, are united fully with others and God in Heaven.

As we open with Saints and Souls, we close out November with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe on the 22, followed by Thanksgiving on the 26 and then the [First Sunday of Advent](#) on the 29.

So much to be thankful for, as we get ready for [Advent Season](#).

In Service

Sir Knight Deacon Jeff Massey

Faithful Navigator Assembly 2823

BLESSED MICHAEL McGIVNEY BEATIFIED

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By Andrew Fowler 10/31/2020

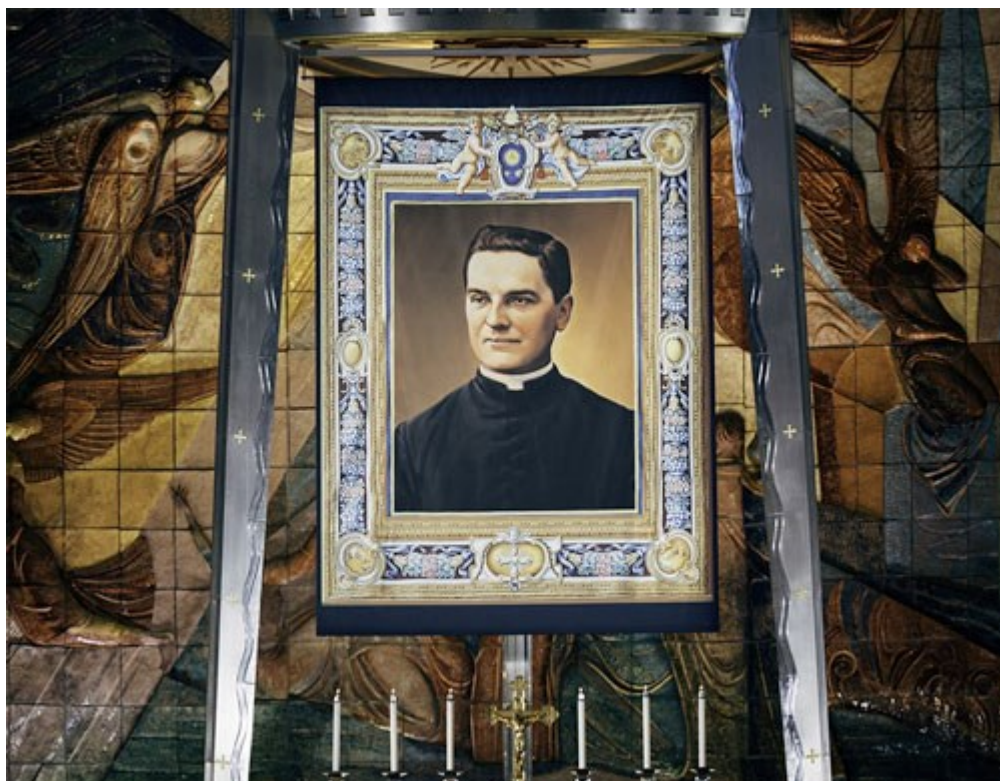


Image courtesy Archdiocese of Hartford

[Photos](#)

HARTFORD, CONN. — Attendees at St. Joseph’s Cathedral in Hartford, Conn., erupted in applause and church bells rang as Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, was officially declared “blessed” at his beatification Mass held on Oct. 31.

In a decree from the Vatican that was read at the Mass, Pope Francis credited now-Blessed Michael McGivney for his “zeal for the proclamation of the Gospel and generous concern for his brothers and sisters” that “made him an outstanding witness of Christian solidarity and fraternal assistance.”

The Vatican decree was read by Cardinal Joseph Tobin of Newark, the main celebrant of the Mass, with Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore — Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus — providing a translation. Other dignitaries present included Cardinal Timothy Dolan of New York, Cardinal Seán O’Malley of Boston, Archbishop Leonard Blair of Hartford, as well as Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and other Supreme Council officers. (continued next page)



The celebrations emphasized Blessed McGivney's humility, his holy witness and his love for the parishioners he served, with his "crowning achievement" being the establishment of the Knights of Columbus.

The beatification Mass follows five months after the May 27 announcement that Pope Francis approved a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of Father McGivney. The miracle involved the healing of Michael "Mikey" Schachle from fetal hydrops, which causes a fatal accumulation of fluids throughout the body of an unborn child.

The Schachle family, including Mikey, attended the beatification Mass and presented Cardinal Tobin with one of Blessed McGivney's relic. Members of the K of C founder's remaining relatives also participated in the celebration.

During the event, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson read a brief biography of the K of C founder, stating that Blessed McGivney remains a witness and inspiring example for the more than 2 million members of the Knights of Columbus around the world.

"Nearly a century before the Second Vatican Council, Father McGivney's vision empowered the laity to serve the Church and their neighbors in a new way, through a greater commitment to charity and build effective cooperation between laity and clergy," Supreme Knight Anderson said. "Today's beatification serves to encourage that vision of lay leadership and fellowship."

Blessed McGivney was born of Irish immigrant parents in 1852 in Waterbury, Conn., and began his priestly ministry in 1887 after being ordained in Baltimore. At a time of anti-Catholic sentiment, he worked tirelessly to offer practical solutions to immigrant Catholic communities in Connecticut. In 1882, he founded the Knights of Columbus to provide spiritual support to men and offer financial resources for families that had suffered the loss of a breadwinner. He died of pneumonia on Aug. 14, 1890, after falling ill amid a pneumonia pandemic.

The process for his possible canonization officially opened in 1997. In March 2008, Pope Benedict XVI declared Father McGivney "a Venerable Servant of God," citing the "remarkable accomplishment of that exemplary American priest." Today's beatification brings Father McGivney one step further in the canonization process, which could eventually lead to a declaration of Father McGivney's sainthood.

Supreme Knight Anderson thanked Pope Francis, Cardinal Tobin, Archbishop Blair and others for their support in this process, saying that he believes that the beatification will reinvigorate the Knights' charity and strengthen the Order's fraternal brotherhood. He evoked Pope Francis' new encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* — which calls Catholics to decide whether to be "Good Samaritans or indifferent bystanders" — saying it was "providential" that it was published the same month as Blessed McGivney's beatification.

"We know the decision blessed Father Michael McGivney made, and we know the decision many of his brother Knights made following his example," Supreme Knight Anderson said. "Inspired by the example of blessed Father Michael McGivney, let us now go forward with a renewed spirit of charity so that we too can be a blessing to all people."

Blessed Michael McGivney's liturgical memorial will be observed annually on Aug. 13, the day in-between his birth (Aug. 12) and death (Aug. 14).

Want to learn more about Father McGivney's legacy and influence on people around the world? Visit kofc.org/beatification.

Share your story with andrew.fowler@kofc.org

<http://kofc.org/en/news-room/articles/blessed-michael-mcgivney-beatified.html>



McGIVNEY CAUSE MILESTONES



1. Cause Opens

Dec. 18, 1997 – Father McGivney's Cause for Sainthood officially opened in Hartford by Archbishop Daniel A. Cronin. Father McGivney is given the title "Servant of God."



2. Diocesan Review Completed

March 6, 2000 – Closing of diocesan investigation into Father McGivney's life, holiness and virtues.



3. Positio Submitted to Rome

Summer 2002 – A 1,000-page document (*Positio*) laying out the case for Father McGivney's cause is presented to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints at the Vatican.



10. Miracle Approved for Beatification

May 27, 2020 – After extensive medical and theological reviews, the Holy See announced that Pope Francis authorized a decree regarding the miracle attributed to the intercession of Father McGivney, opening the way for his beatification.

9. Pope Francis Praises Father McGivney's Vision

Feb. 2020 – Pope Francis tells the K of C Board of Directors that the Order has been faithful "to the vision of your founder, Venerable Michael McGivney, who was inspired by the principles of Christian charity and fraternity to assist those most in need." Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori presents Pope Francis with a copy of *Parish Priest* in Italian.



8. Miracle Investigated

Sept. 2017 – Results of an investigation into a possible miracle attributed to the intercession of Father McGivney is sent to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints.



4. John Paul II Commends K of C and Founder

Oct. 2003 – In a message to the Knights of Columbus, St. John Paul II praised the Order and its founder: "In fidelity to the vision of Father McGivney, may you continue to seek new ways of being a leaven of the Gospel in the world and a spiritual force for the renewal of the Church in holiness, unity and truth."



7. Pope Benedict XVI Cites 'Exemplary American Priest'

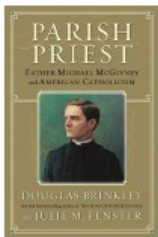
April 2008 – During his visit to St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, Pope Benedict XVI cited the "remarkable accomplishment of that exemplary American priest, the Venerable Michael McGivney, whose vision and zeal led to the establishment of the Knights of Columbus."



(AP Photo/Vincenzo Pirto, Pool)

5. Biography Published

July 2006 – *Parish Priest: Father McGivney and American Catholicism*, a biography by historians Douglas Brinkley and Julie Fenster, is published by William Morrow/Harper Collins.



6. Declared Venerable

March 15, 2008 – Confirming Father McGivney's heroic virtue, Pope Benedict XVI declared him a "Venerable Servant of God." The decree states, in part, "Concerning the theological virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love both toward God and neighbor ... they existed to a heroic degree in the Servant of God Michael McGivney, Diocesan Priest and Founder of the Fraternal Order the Knights of Columbus."

ARE YOU A FIRST OR SECOND DEGREE KNIGHT?

To advance to the full knighthood of the Third Degree, you can undergo the Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity online. The ceremony takes about 30 minutes, and it's available on-demand, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The online exemplification is available at https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1359367&tp_key=9eb24b3a45&sti=web Check the appropriate option, such as "1st Degree (or 2nd Degree) – I am advancing to 3rd Degree".

We look forward to your advancement!



Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

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.

Please report all favors received:

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www.fathermcgivney.org

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Thank You from Edith K. Oca



Warmest
Thanks

Oct. 10 / 20

To Mr. Elliot
and Knight of Columbus,
thank you so much for
helping me put the tarp on
my roof. I knew it was dark
but you did it anyway and
finish it. thank God it was
pouring rain the next morning,
your help and kindness
is well appreciated.

God blessing,
Edith K. Oca



Thank You from Jean Simpson



*Some people make the world more special.
So happy you're a part of mine.*

*Dear Knights of Columbus -
There are no words to describe how much
I appreciate the beautiful new wheelchairs.
It has been difficult to accept my change in
lifestyle - not being able to drive or even get
in a vehicle - and only being transported in
a wheelchair van. Now I have my own
wheelchair. Thank you! and God Bless You!
Sincerely Jean Simpson*



ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

November 3rd



St. Martin de Porres was born in Lima, Peru in 1579 as the son of Spaniard Juan de Porres, and a freed colored-woman from Panama, Ana Velasquez. Being of mixed race, Martin was of a lower social caste, though his father looked out for him and made sure the boy was apprenticed in a good trade.

Martin studied to be a barber, which, at that time, meant that he also learned medicine. He became very well known for his compassion and skill as a barber, and cared for many people as well as animals. Eventually he became a third order Dominican, which meant he was a lay man associated with the order, living at the monastery. Though he longed to be a missionary, he was never afforded the opportunity.

Martin's prayer life was intense, and he practiced many mortifications. He was known to levitate in ecstasy in front of the altar, but he also subjected himself to many severe penances. He was considered to be very wise, and many sought out his advice and intercession.

He died in 1639, and though the investigation of his life proceeded rapidly after his death, his candidacy for canonization was delayed over 300 years due to a series of delays, natural disasters, and shipwrecks. He was finally canonized in 1962.



The newsletter was late because we had printer problems. Our apologies.