



**Knights of
Columbus®**

April 17, 2026

A Founder's Day Appeal **FROM THE SUPREME KNIGHT**

Dear Brother Knights,

You know our founding story — how Father Michael McGivney gathered a group of men in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut.

His mission: to create a Catholic brotherhood that would protect vulnerable families. Their founding principle: charity.

This March 29th marks 144 years since the Knights of Columbus was officially incorporated, and every day, as Supreme Knight, I am humbled to see how Knights around the world are still carrying out that mission. Like you, they put their faith into action, both through service in their local communities and donations to fund our charitable work around the world.

Brother Knights, in honor of Founder's Day, I invite you to further Blessed Michael McGivney's legacy by making a gift to the United in Charity® Appeal.

Our Founder's Day goal is to raise \$2,500,000.

Here is my challenge for you: Will you deepen your commitment to that work with a gift of \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500, \$3,000 or more?

All United in Charity funds are handled by Knights of Columbus Charities, our Order's charitable arm that helps make possible many of the life-changing initiatives the Knights undertake to support the poor and those at the periphery of society.

The money you donate is used to support the service of our Knights in their local communities. In this way, we offer the powerful combination of local response and global reach. That combination is how we steward your gifts most effectively, offering timely help to those most in need at the local level.

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Here are just a few examples of the ways we've been able to help real communities this past year.

Your past support of United in Charity has helped make work like this possible:

- **When Altadena, California, was ravaged by wildfire**, Knights from across Southern California banded together to provide meals, clothes, temporary housing and other necessities.
- **When Bogo City in the Philippines was leveled by an earthquake**, Knights were quickly on the scene, coordinating aid, water, tents and more.
- **When flash floods destroyed neighborhoods in the Mexican city of Guadalajara**, it was Knights who showed up, bringing vital aid to families in extreme poverty.

Hearing these stories always reminds me that it is a privilege to be part of this work.

Those on the ground, serving as the hands and feet of Jesus, know this too.

As one Knight on the scene in Altadena said, *"It was the biggest honor of my life to be able to help my brothers in those times."*

Brother Knights, through your generosity, you have also been part of this work. In honor of Founder's Day, will you help us continue? We would be immensely grateful for a gift of **\$500, \$1,000, \$1,500, \$3,000 or more this spring.**

Thank you for your gift of trust and support. Let us pray for all those we serve and for the fortitude to continue our mission.

Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick E. Kelly". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Patrick E. Kelly
Supreme Knight

P.S. We are all called to be United in Charity—bringing the resources of a global network to support the swift, local efforts of Knights caring for the suffering and vulnerable around the world. **Will you join United in Charity by making a Founder's Day gift of \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500, \$3,000 or more this spring?**

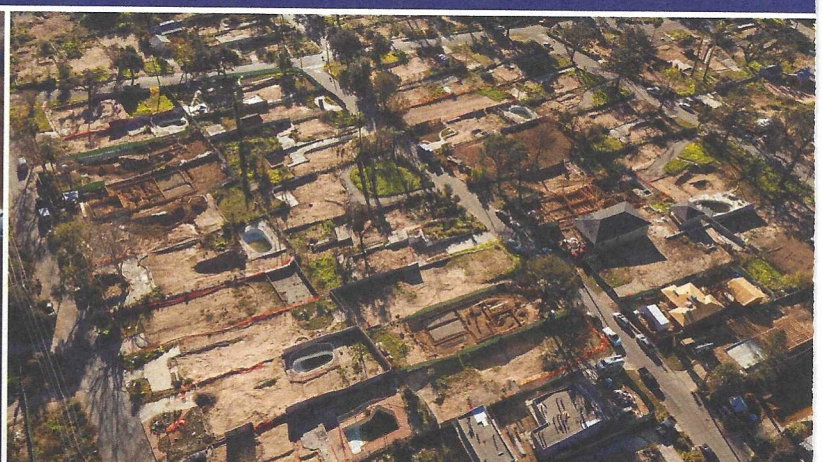
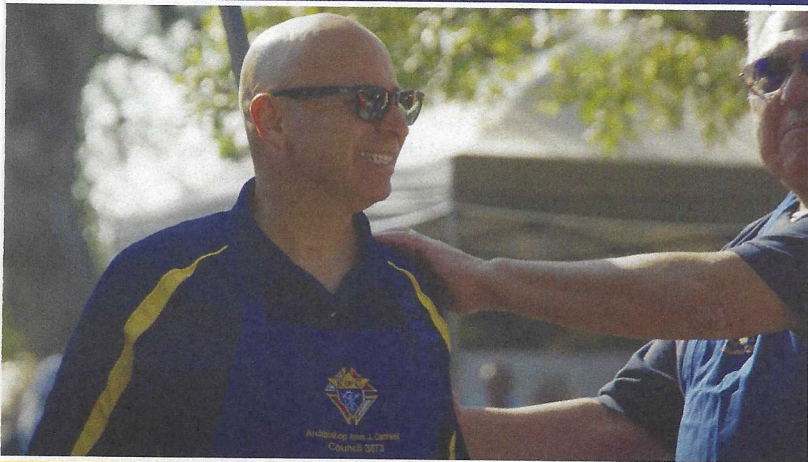


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On Founder's Day

YOU CAN CHANGE THE WORLD WITH YOUR BROTHER KNIGHTS.



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Yes, I want to celebrate Founder's Day by uniting with Knights around the world in support of the United in Charity Annual Appeal. It's amazing to see how much good we can do when we are united in charity! To honor the life and legacy of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, I will join with you to help heal the suffering, protect the vulnerable, strengthen families and build the Church.

Enclosed is my Founder's Day gift to United in Charity to change lives locally and globally through the charitable work of Knights of Columbus.

\$500 \$1,000 \$1,500 \$3,000 \$_____

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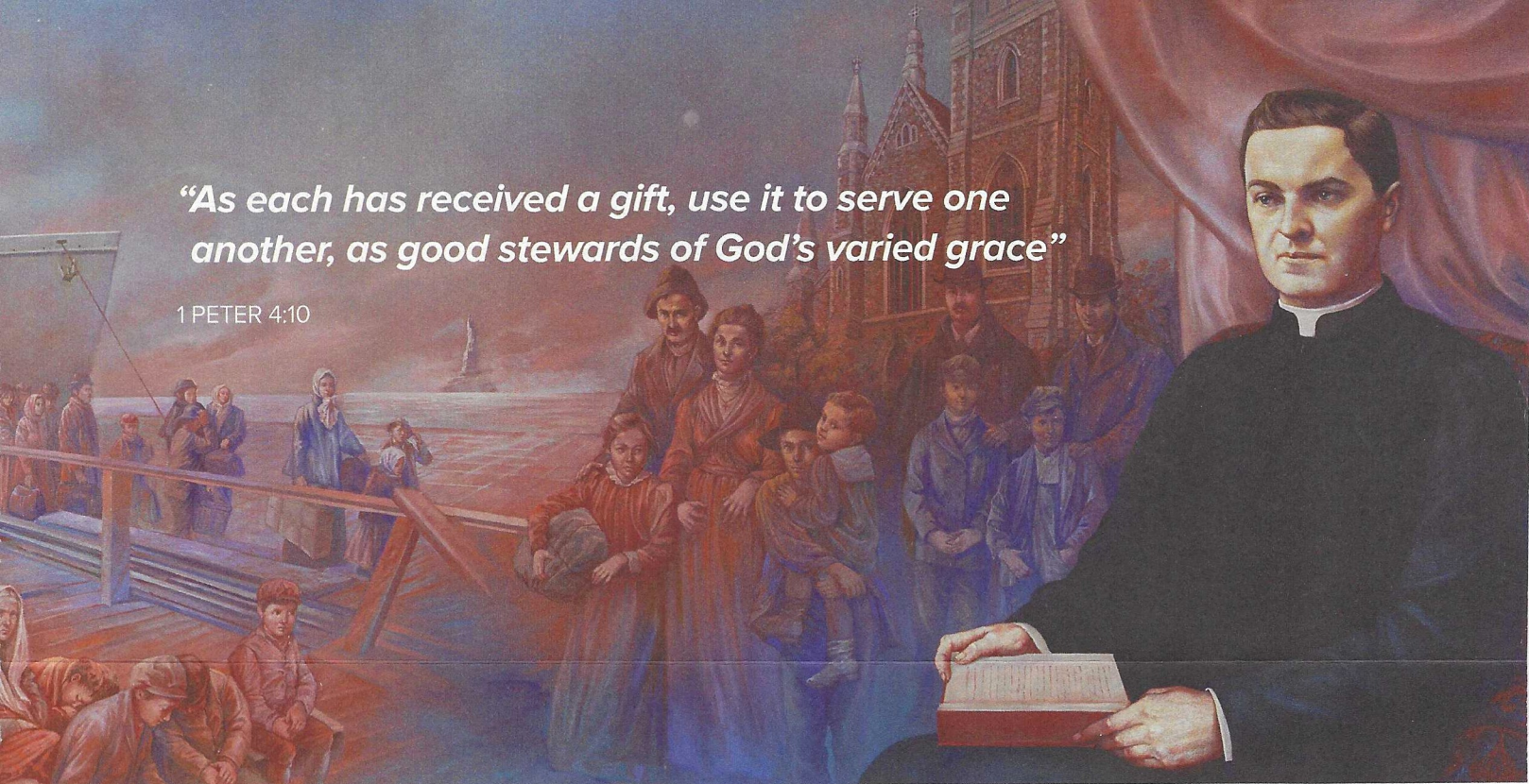
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“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace”

1 PETER 4:10



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The Supreme Council covers all administrative costs for this appeal.

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