



Santa Cruz Roman Catholic Parish

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Dear Fathers and Brother and Sons,

Grace and peace.

As chaplain of the Fr. Bach-Brother Angel Council of the Knights of Columbus that meets here at Santa Cruz Church, I want to extend a special invitation to the men of our parish to consider becoming a Knight of Columbus. On October 31st, the founder of the Knights of Columbus, Father Michael J. McGivney, was beatified. This means he is now invoked publicly in the Church as one of the Blessed in heaven who can intercede for us, the Church Militant. We can also pray for his intercession in our personal, private prayer.

The miracle that Pope Francis recognized as having happened due to the intercession of Father McGivney was the healing of an unborn child from a fatal medical condition called fetal hydrops. The child was the 13th for Michelle and Daniel Schachle. The couple was offered abortion by doctors who said that the boy was sure to die in the womb. A pro-life Knights of Columbus family, the Schachles declined abortion and prepared to accept whatever God would send them. Daniel and Michelle began to pray to Father McGivney. Without treatment or medical intervention of any kind, the child in the womb was healed of the fatal condition.

I joined the Knights of Columbus as a newly ordained priest in 1984. What attracted me most was the pro-life activity of this fraternal order. The Knights also support parishes and families, and promote a genuine love of Church. The Knights are extending an offer to all Catholic men 18 or over, to consider joining the Knights of Columbus at this time. Registration fees will be waived! If you are interested simply visit kofc.org/joinus, complete the membership application and enter promo code MCGIVNEY2020.

If you have any questions, call Luis Castillo, Grand Knight of the Fr. Bach-Brother Angel Council. His number is 520-909-9536. The Exemplification ceremony has been simplified and can now be done virtually, at your convenience. In less than an hour you will be a Third-Degree Knight. Please consider joining this great organization and get more involved in the Church. I promise you that you will grow in faith and enjoy time with other Catholic men of the Knights of Columbus.

Now is the time for all Catholic men to stand up for Christ and His Church and defend the sanctity of life, marriage, and family. JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

Happy Thanksgiving. May God bless you.

Fr. Stephen F. Watson, O.C.D.