

ANNOUNCING THE BEATIFICATION OF FR. McGIVNEY

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KNIGHTS AROUND THE WORLD ARE EXCITED AS KofC FOUNDER FR. MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY APPROVED FOR BEATIFICATION

Since 2008, when Pope Benedict XVI declared Fr. McGivney Venerable Servant of God, brother Knights throughout the Order have been praying a prayer for his Beatification. Prayers were answered on May 27th when the Vatican announced a decree recognizing a miracle attributed to the intercession of the founder of the Knights of Columbus. Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, was a Connecticut priest who served his flock during the pandemic of 1890, before himself becoming ill and dying of pneumonia.

The pope's action means that Father McGivney can be declared "Blessed," the step just prior to sainthood. An additional miracle attributed to Father McGivney's intercession will be required for his canonization as a saint.

McGivney is best known for founding the Knights of Columbus in 1882. Nearly a century before the Second Vatican Council, his prescient vision empowered the laity to serve Church and neighbor in a new way. Today, the Knights of Columbus is one of the largest Catholic organizations in the world with 2 million members in North and Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia, and Europe.

The miracle, recognized as coming through Father McGivney's intercession, involved an unborn child in the United States who in 2015 was healed in utero of a life-threatening condition after intercessory prayers to Father McGivney by his family. This miracle coincides with the unwavering support for Life that the Knights of Columbus give throughout the world.

A date will soon be set for the beatification Mass, which will take place in Connecticut. It will include the reading of an apostolic letter from the Holy Father and the bestowing of the title "Blessed" on Father McGivney. Many of us in the Detroit area remember the recent Beatification Mass held at Ford Field for Blessed Solanus Casey. That same excitement and buzz will soon be resonating throughout K of C Councils around the globe as we prepare for this joyous event.

Earlier this year, in an address to the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors, Pope Francis said the organization 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." Today, his spirit continues to shape the extraordinary charitable work of Knights as they continue to serve those on the margins of society as he served widows and orphans in the 1880s. Father McGivney also remains an important role model for parish priests around the world and left us a transformative legacy of effective cooperation between the laity and clergy.

Born of Irish immigrant parents in 1852 in Waterbury, Connecticut, Father McGivney was a central figure in the dramatic growth of the Church in the United States in the late 19th century. Ordained in Baltimore in 1877, he ministered to a heavily Irish-American and immigrant community in the Diocese of Hartford. At a time of anti-Catholic sentiment, he worked tirelessly to keep his flock close to the faith, in part, by finding practical solutions to their many problems; spiritual and temporal alike. With a group of the leading Catholic men of New Haven, he founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882 at St. Mary's Church, to provide spiritual support for Catholic men and financial resources for families that had suffered the loss of their breadwinner. The fledgling group soon became a major force in the areas of evangelization, charity, racial integration, and the defense of religious freedom. Today the Order is home to more than 2 Million Catholic men who continue to do the work of the order, fulfilling Fr. McGivney's dream.

If you are interested in joining Bishop Foley Council here at Divine Child, it has never been easier. With the Corona Pandemic the Order is offering Online Virtual Exemplifications. The whole process takes 30 minutes of your time. If you are interested please call our Foley Membership Director Steve Lentz at 313-949-5162.

SAVE THE DATE

THIS WEDNESDAY, June 10th – ZOOM Membership Meeting (election of officers)
Check your email for details – Guest Chef YOU!

Pray for an end to the Coronavirus Crisis

Loving God, we come before You in our time of need. We lay before You our concerns and fears over the spread of the coronavirus.

We know that You are mightier than all our fears and that the name of Jesus is the name above all other names.

We ask, in the name of Jesus, that You stop the spread of the coronavirus.

In Your mercy, heal those who are sick and lead those who have died into your heavenly kingdom.

We ask this in the mighty name of Jesus.

Amen.



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