

A Magnificent Humanity

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In his recent encyclical [Magnifica Humanitas](#), Pope Leo XIV emphasizes the human need for communion — with God, with one another and with all creation. “Let us cultivate relationships!” he writes. “In an era that favors speed and fragmentation, the human person still yearns to receive care and recognition from attentive minds, kind words and hands capable of tenderness.” Through programs built around faith, family and community, the Knights of Columbus strengthen these fraternal bonds, whether through quiet family prayers at home or ministering to the sacramental needs of professional athletes on the road.



Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori incenses the major relics of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque during a Mass celebrating the nation's 250th anniversary at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore on July 5. (Photo by Matthew Barrick)

On Mission with the Sacred Heart

Hundreds of pilgrims have venerated the major relics of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque as they travel through several jurisdictions in the United States under the care of the Knights of Columbus. The relics first arrived in Orlando, Florida, on June 11 for the U.S. bishops' consecration of the nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and have since traveled to Washington, D.C., Baltimore and New Haven, Connecticut.

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The Tower of Babel (1563, oil on oak wood) by Pieter Breugel the Elder (c. 1525–1569) / Kunsthistorisches Museum, Vienna / Wikipedia Google Art Project

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Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*, addresses what it means to be human in the age of artificial intelligence. In the July/August 2026 issue of *Columbia*, Notre Dame professor Leonard DeLorenzo explains how the encyclical highlights humanity's grandeur as a gift rather than an achievement. "The whole document rests on a conviction constant in Catholic teaching: that the human person is good — all of the person, the body included," writes DeLorenzo. "Real places, real faces and real time cannot be swapped out for their images."

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A family prays in their home with a statue of Blessed Michael McGivney as part of a prayer program organized by St. Helen's Council 11738 in Glendale, Ariz.

Hearts of Prayer

When Knights from St. Helen's Council 11738 in Glendale, Arizona, saw a need to rekindle prayer in their parish following the COVID-19 pandemic, they launched a traveling statue program devoted to Blessed Michael McGivney. The program was immediately popular among parish families, with a different home hosting the statue each week as family members invoke Father McGivney's intercession for personal needs and those of the community.

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Dominican Father Juan Torres, chaplain for the Houston Astros, talks with pitcher Lance McCullers Jr., a member of Catholic Athletes for Christ.

Faith in the Dugout

Dominican Father Juan Torres, Catholic chaplain for the Houston Astros, brings the sacraments and spiritual guidance to players on and off the field. Through Catholic Athletes for Christ, supported by the Knights of Columbus, he helps them remain rooted in their faith during the demanding baseball season. “Faith and service; this is exactly what we need to bring as Knights,” said Father Torres, who is also chaplain of Holy Rosary – Father Gerard R. Joubert Council 11023 in Houston. “So, it will be my commitment to serve our Houston Astros players and their families and their staff. They are going to need sacraments ... and I’m here for that.”

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