

One in Charity and Unity

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Today, the Knights of Columbus celebrates the feast of Blessed Michael McGivney, the Order's founder, whose life and legacy continue to inspire the Knights' mission to strengthen Catholic families, serve the Church and help those in need. Last week, nearly 2,000 Knights of Columbus leaders, family members and guests gathered in Denver for the 144th Supreme Convention. "We are not just another charitable organization," Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly said in his annual report, delivered during the opening business session on Aug. 4. "We are a global brotherhood of Catholic leaders — and we are united in Jesus Christ."



Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly delivers his annual report during the opening business session of the 144th Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus in Denver on Aug. 4. (Photo by Tamino)

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Knights, families, clergy and special guests from 75 jurisdictions around the world gathered in Denver from Aug. 4-6 for the 144th Supreme Convention. Taking its theme from Pope Leo XIV's episcopal motto, "In the One, we are one," the convention featured the Annual Report of the Supreme Knight, daily liturgies and business sessions, the annual States Dinner and other fraternal events.

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A video message from Pope Leo XIV to the Knights of Columbus premieres during the opening business session of the 144th Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus in Denver on Aug. 4. (Photo by Tamino Petelinšek)

'The Heart of the Christian Life'

Pope Leo XIV honored the Order with a video message that premiered during the opening business session of the 144th Supreme Convention in Denver. The Holy Father commended the work of the Knights of Columbus and reflected on how charity can foster unity and strengthen the communion "at the heart of the Christian life."

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Builders of Communion

Born just weeks apart in 1852, Blessed Michael McGivney and Venerable Antoni Gaudí, chief architect of the Basilica of the Sagrada Família in Barcelona, Spain, shared similar visions of faith in action. Each dedicated his life to work greater than himself, and both understood the importance of faith lived in communion and service to families and children. In their legacies — a brotherhood and a basilica — they left enduring examples of faith in action for future generations.

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Father Monte Hoyles (right), pastor of the Catholic Parishes of Sandusky, censes a statue and relic of Blessed Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, during a Mass marking the 125th anniversary of Sandusky Council 546 at St. Mary's Parish on Oct. 11, 2025. (Photo by Chloe Valladares)

Emulating Father McGivney

Sandusky (Ohio) Council 546 marked its 125th anniversary with the installation and dedication of a statue of Blessed Michael McGivney at St. Mary's Church in Sandusky. The son of immigrants, Father McGivney is now honored at a parish built by immigrant families in the 1800s.

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