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“In Service to One. In Service to All.”

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“Jesus Christ, Lord of all things! You see my heart, you know my desires. Possess all that I am—you alone. I am your sheep; make me worthy to overcome the devil.” – St. Agatha

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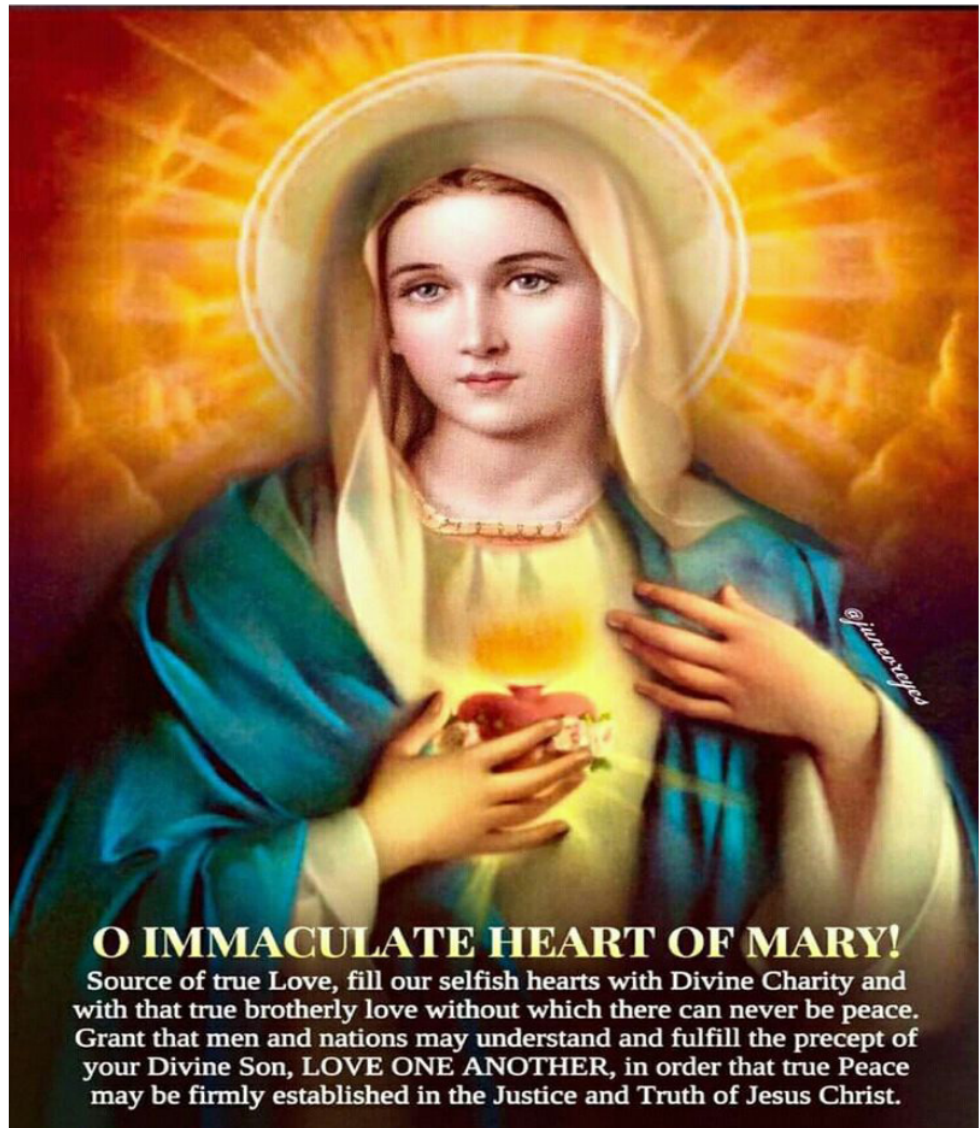
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O IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY!

Source of true Love, fill our selfish hearts with Divine Charity and with that true brotherly love without which there can never be peace. Grant that men and nations may understand and fulfill the precept of your Divine Son, **LOVE ONE ANOTHER**, in order that true Peace may be firmly established in the Justice and Truth of Jesus Christ.

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State Deputy's Message



Welcome to Year Two

Dear Brother Knights,

Welcome to Year Two — and what a year it promises to be.

This past fraternal year was a strong one for the New York State Council. We performed well across the board, and although we did not reach every goal, the progress we made reflects dedication, teamwork, and a shared commitment to our mission. As we begin this new year, a bit of improvement and thoughtful reevaluation will help us finish what we came so close to achieving. Not major changes — simply a few strategic adjustments to sharpen our efforts.

Our membership program had an excellent year. Though we fell just short of our target, I extend my sincere thanks to our Membership Team and to the leaders in the minor conferences who worked tirelessly to bring us to where we finished. Your efforts built momentum that will carry us forward.

Our programs were equally impressive, with New York posting strong numbers in every category. Our training initiatives were well received and highly effective, and our COR program has doubled in participation — a remarkable sign of spiritual renewal and engagement. These are achievements worth celebrating.

My gratitude also goes to every member of our state administration. You never gave up, and you now stand ready to give Year Two everything you have. Together, we will complete the work that remains.

But we cannot do it alone. We need your help. We need you to go that extra mile so that New York reaches the heights we know are within our grasp.

Our fundraising efforts were outstanding, allowing us to support the charities that depend on our generosity and hard work. Our C&B team is once again off to a strong start, positioning us to assist those in need. Through the Bishops' Burst program, we were able to support our bishops in meaningful ways that strengthen our Church and our mission.

Our communications team continues to excel. The website, newsletter, and updates are outstanding — always finding ways to make information clearer, more accessible, and more engaging for our members.

A heartfelt thank you to our clergy, whose presence has made a tremendous difference in our meetings. Their guidance, their reflections, and their witness bring the mission of Blessed Michael McGivney to life in a powerful and personal way.

We are Knights — and Knights accomplish great things because of the dedication, faith, and perseverance of our membership.

Finally, a sincere thank you to the ladies who stand beside us and support the work we do. Their encouragement and partnership make our mission possible.

Brothers, Year Two is here. Let us meet it with unity, determination, and the confidence that together, we will achieve even greater things for our Order, our Church, and our communities.

Vivat Jesus. Gary J. Leonardo State Deputy



As we begin another Columbian Year, we build on the past but also start anew. We have every reason to thank God for the many blessings of the past twelve months—for lives touched through our charitable works, for the countless hours volunteered in our parishes and communities, for the friendships strengthened, and for the witness of faith offered by brother Knights throughout New York State. We should celebrate these accomplishments with gratitude, recognizing that every good work is ultimately the fruit of

God's grace at work in us.

At the same time, a new Columbian Year offers us the opportunity to begin anew. Every organization experiences moments of disagreement, disappointment, and misunderstanding. We are no different. Yet as Catholic gentlemen, we are called to something greater than merely moving on—we are called to forgive, to reconcile, and to love one another as Christ has loved us. Old resentments, personal conflicts, and lingering disappointments have no place in hearts that gather around the altar of the Lord. If we truly desire our councils to flourish, our first task is not simply to plan programs, but to renew our fraternity. Unity is not achieved by everyone agreeing on everything; it is built when brothers choose charity over criticism, understanding over suspicion, and the common good over personal preference. The stronger our fraternity, the more powerful our witness to the Gospel becomes, and the more our Order grows.

As we look ahead, I encourage every brother Knight to embrace this Columbian Year with renewed hope and enthusiasm. Invite a new member into the Order. Support your parish with generosity. Pray faithfully for your council and your officers. Above all, remain close to Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, in prayer, and in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our Founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, understood that the strength of the Knights of Columbus would never be measured simply by programs or accomplishments, but by the holiness of its members and their willingness to serve others in Christ's name. If we begin this year by placing Christ at the center of our lives and allowing Him to guide our decisions, He will do far more through us than we could ever accomplish on our own. May Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Knights of Columbus, intercede for each of us and lead us ever closer to her Son. May God bless you, your families, and every council throughout New York State with a Columbian Year filled with faith, unity, and joyful service.

REV. CHRISTOPHER COSTIGAN
NEW YORK STATE CHAPLAIN



Brothers,

While many organizations slowdown in the heat of summer, the Knights of Columbus never pause our most important work — **bringing good men into our Order**. We recruit twelve months a year because the need for faithful Catholic gentlemen in our councils remains constant. This August, let's renew our commitment to inviting one new member each before Labor Day. Your next conversation at parish coffee hour or family barbecue could be the one that brings a new brother into our ranks. Remember, every knight was once a prospect — and someone took the time to ask. Let's keep that chain going strong all summer long.

August is the perfect time to invite new members with our **Back-to-School Membership Drive** on the weekend of August 15-16. Brothers, bring a school supply donation for needy children at the local food bank and you'll help us support our councils' good works while welcoming new knights into our Order. Every backpack, notebook, or pack of pens you collect directly aids families in need and shows prospects the charitable heart of the Knights. Join us this weekend, bring supplies, and let's recruit strong while doing good. Your invitation matters—let's fill our councils and our food bank's shelves before the school year starts.

Our new **Golf Outing Initiative runs from July through September** as we kick off the first quarter of the fraternal year. Every council holding a golf outing is encouraged to set up a membership table to recruit new Knights on the spot. To qualify for a special prize at the end of the first quarter, simply submit a picture of the Knights working at the membership table. This initiative combines great fellowship on the course with our year-round mission of growing our Order while supporting local good works.

In closing, a heartfelt thank you to all our brother Knights for your outstanding recruitment efforts this summer. Your dedication to bringing new members into our local councils keeps our Order strong and vibrant. Your hard work truly makes a difference. Keep up the great work!

Fraternally

Carl Schneider
Membership Director

Back -to School Membership Weekend August 15 -16

Back to School and Golf Initiative
Submit a picture of your council's recruitment table
Winner picked by a random drawing



Men, Join the Knights of Columbus!

Sign Up at Our Back-to-School Drive!

Charity • Unity • Fraternity



All Catholic men 18+ welcome. Great fellowship, service projects, and family events. Come join our back-to-school drive today!

1st Quarter Golf Outing Recruitment Initiative

Back to School and Golf Initiative
Submit a picture of your council's recruitment table
Winner picked by a random drawing



Men, Join the Knights of Columbus!

Sign Up at Our Summer Golf Outing!

Charity • Unity • Fraternity



All Catholic men 18+ welcome. Great fellowship, service projects, and family events. Come play golf and become a Knight today!



On behalf of the New York State Council Knights of Columbus Programs Team, I extend my sincere thanks to each District Deputy who attended our recent organizational meetings at Villa Roma. Your presence, attention, and commitment to bringing accurate and timely information back to your councils are deeply appreciated. The role of the District Deputy is vital to the success of our Order. You serve as a direct link between the State Council and the councils in your district, helping ensure that our programs, initiatives, deadlines, and resources are clearly communicated and effectively supported. The information presented at these meetings was prepared to assist you in that important responsibility and especially with the changes in addition, merging, and removing of programs as well as the Colombian Award requirements, communication is paramount.

As you return to your districts, I ask that you take this information back to your councils and be prepared to review it with them at your next district meeting. These discussions will help council officers and program leaders understand the priorities for the fraternal year, strengthen participation in Faith in Action programs, and support the charitable work being done in our parishes and councils across New York State. The presentation materials and information shared during the meetings will also be made available on the State website for review. I encourage all District Deputies and council leaders to use those resources as a reference throughout the year and to share them as needed with council officers, directors, and members as well as encourage them to plan now for the programs that they will participate in this fraternal year.

I thank you again for your leadership, your dedication, and your continued service to the Knights of Columbus. Working together, we can help every council build stronger programs, better serve our Church and communities, and continue advancing the mission of Blessed Father Michael McGivney.

Vivat Jesus,

Thomas M. Moran
State Director of Programs

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT



As we begin another fraternal year, I would like to congratulate and welcome all the new Grand Knights District Deputies and the new program chairman. I hope that you get the time to read this article as or before you start planning this upcoming year in the hope it helps you optimize your participation in Life Programs.

Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP)

If your council collects and donates \$500.00 in baby supplies or \$500.00 in financial support to a qualifying Pregnancy Center (501c3) the Supreme Council will donate \$100.00 per every \$500.00 donated directly to that Pregnancy Center (please use online form #11377 @ kofc.org) The total amount the council is eligible to receive is \$400.00 per year from the Supreme Council and if your council participated in the NY State Fundcrazr Program they can be eligible for another \$400.00 from NY State Council (Rebate form, requirements and instructions are on the NY State website).

Suggestions for successful collection drives, pass the hat at meetings, baby bottle collections, Mother's Day Flower sales, dedicated Church Drives for cash & baby supplies. After you choose your recipient for your fundraising ask them for their suggestions and if they have any events that you can participate in to increase your success raising funds or goods. As you plan your events for the year why not include monetary or goods collections at your installation, dances or other events open to the public, parish and council. Please use your imagination and your knowledge of your parish and council to ensure that your council is successful. With the support of councils like yours and the Supreme Council there has been 11 million dollars donated to pregnancy Centers since 2022.

Silver Rose - New York 2026 dates

The Silver Rose from Supreme is coming to New York starting July 19th to August 22nd. The Silver Rose Program is Rosary based prayer service focused on honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe while promoting the sanctity of human life. The NY State Silver Rose Chairman is Frank Giacoio. his contact information is 914 413-1680 or fjg181@gmail.com or Tom Humel 631 445-3253. Please reach out to Frank to check availability of the Silver Rose. Please note that although the program can be conducted without the leadership of a priest, hut it is recommended.

Resources Prayer Booklet #4814, Guide Sheet # 10625, Prayer Cards #9754
If you cannot schedule your Silver Rose service during the timeframe posted above, please note that the State Council has ordered 3 Silver Roses for use within the State. Please contact me @ 631 445-3253 to check their availability.

Vivat Jesus, Tom Humel



Grand Knight John Stedman of Council 4012 Yorktown Heights, NY organized a Silver Rose prayer service. They had many Knights involved, and attracted approximately 150 attendees from various parish groups, other Councils, and the congregation of St. Patrick's. Great Job!



The Quick Drawing was held Sunday July 19 at the Villa Roma It was held in conjunction with the Organizational Meeting and Installation of State Officers and District Deputies
Website is being updated to reflect current Council totals and quotas

The winners :

1st Place \$400.00 plus 35 books to be donated to a Charity for inclusion in final drawing

Long Island	Richard Soto	5723
Downstate	Tom Castrovinci	5743
Upstate	Paul Othous	7707

2nd Place \$250.00 plus 25 books to be donated to a Charity

Long Island	Renold Harilall	17153
Downstate	Stephen.Freer	275
Upstate	Katherine DeForge	6282

3rd Place \$ 100.00 plus 15 books

Long Island	Angelo D'Amore	6243
Downstate	Church of the Sacred Heart (Staten Island)	3993
Upstate	Paul Weitz	7707

Ken Karchinski

C & B Director



Wow, August already! I hope everyone had an amazing time celebrating our Nations 250th birthday last month. I think we should continue the celebration for the entire summer at least! Why not?

“I’m okay” and a shrug. This is the typical response from men when someone asks them how they are doing. Saying

“I’m okay” is the easiest way of getting out of having to explain how you’re actually feeling. And most times we *are* feeling “okay”. But sometimes we’re not. Sometimes we are dealing with stuff that we are certain no one else will understand. Or maybe we think someone else will think it’s stupid, or that we are weak. We say we’re okay because we don’t want to bug others with our issues or because we simply don’t feel ready to talk about it yet. Or because we think it’s not really important how we feel. As men, we have more important things to worry about than how we are “feeling” or our emotions, right? But I just wanted to take a minute to say that it’s Okay to not be Okay. It’s Okay to have feelings and emotions, and it’s Okay to talk about it. The Bible shows that Jesus experiences the full spectrum of human emotions. He feels joy, love, compassion, anger, jealousy, and grief. He relates to us in very human ways so that we can better understand His, and our, nature and character. The Bible also tells us “Whoever trusts in his own mind is a fool”. So if something *IS* bothering you, it is OKAY to talk to someone about it. I’m not talking about seeing a shrink, although that may be something to think about if it gets out of hand or lingers for too long. Fortunately for me, when something upsets me, and it happens often, I am generally able to let it go rather quickly (I use the Ralph Kramden method of “pins and needles, needles and pins”. It doesn’t always work but it always makes me chuckle). But not everyone can let things go all of the time. And it’s Okay to talk to someone about it. Maybe a good buddy, or a Brother Knight. Or better yet perhaps one of the many wonderful Priests in your Diocese. And remember that they can’t tell anyone else, so your secrets are safe. The point is, you don’t have to keep things bottled up inside. Bottling up emotions is **not good for men’s long-term health, relationships, or well-being**. While some men may feel it gives them control or composure, research shows it actually increases stress, harms relationships, and can damage physical health. We can’t be there for everyone else if we are all wound up inside. Eventually something will have to give. Oh, yeah, prayer helps too! Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Michael Boehm
NYS Knight Life Editor

Organizational Meeting at Villa Roma July 17 – 19 2026

The NYS Council Organizational Meeting and Installation of Officers & DD's was held on July 17-19 at the Villa Roma Resort. This Meeting is held at the start of each year and is not only where the Officers and DD's are installed, it is also an intense training session for our DD's who work so hard for all of us!





NYS Knights of Columbus Council



Clergy Spotlight

Nominate a Local Clergy Making a Difference!

The NYS Council is seeking submissions to recognize *Priests, Deacons, or Bishops* who make an impact in their parish and community.



Submission Guidelines:

- 250-300 Words, Single Page Article with Photo
- One Submission Per Council Per Month
- Include Council Name, Number & Location
- Contact Person's Name & Email

Send Submissions To:

Saville1@yahoo.com
SK Stephen Saville FN
State Chairman of Priest Recognition
NYS Council - Knights of Columbus
518-538-3391



Msgr. Robert J. Batule Faithful Friar

Our Faithful Friar Msgr. Robert Batule of the **Pope Saint John XXIII Assembly #730** has been the Spiritual leader of our Beloved assembly for the last 5 years and attends all monthly assembly meetings and social events that we hold throughout the year. He also blesses all the medals and jewels at our annual installation of assembly officers for the lord to watch over all who wear them for the meetings. He is also the Chaplain of Corpus Christi Council in Mineola and attends all their monthly meetings and socials also. He is the current pastor of St Margarets parish in Selden LI, and he has been an ordained priest of God for 41 years. He was ordained in 1985 and recently held a beautiful celebration party for the anniversary of his ordination.



He also has been a teacher at the Seminary of St. Joseph in Dunwoody and Immaculate Conception in Huntington. He joined the order in 1982 at Powell Council in Uniondale and got his Fourth Degree in 1983 at the former Colonie Hill hotel in Hauppauge L.I. N.Y.

Our assembly honored him as the Honoree at our Epiphany party in 2022 and he was very honored to have this bestowed upon him and has been also a Knight of the Year at his local Council in Mineola.

He is very skilled at catholic teachings and writings for the Catholic Thing and other periodicals that many get their faith and information from. He has been the editor of the Catholic journal Editor for the Catholic Scholars society and has produced many professional looking journals over the 5 years he was editor for this project.

We look forward to his being with us at the Knights for a long time and his sharing of our faith in the image of Fr McGivney is overwhelming.

Keith Wilson PGK FDD PFN PCC
Faithful Scribe



August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, a devotion that has historical roots in the Catholic Church. Here we explore the

Symbols and Significance of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

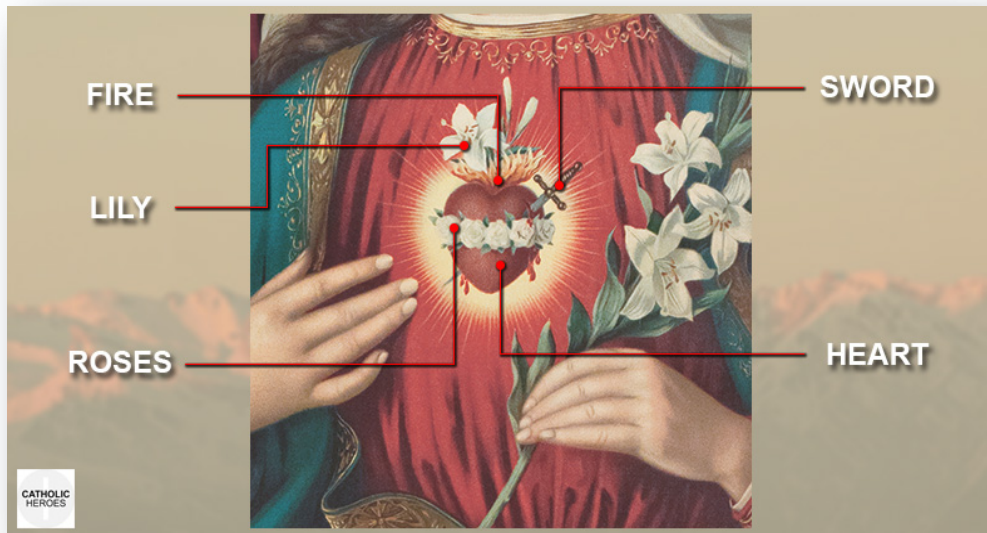
The Immaculate Heart of Mary is a revered symbol in Christian iconography, representing the purity, love, and maternal compassion of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Often depicted in statues, holy pictures, and religious art, this icon captures profound spiritual truths and serves as a focal point for devotion. The image of the Immaculate Heart typically includes several key symbols, each imbued with deep theological meaning.

At the center of the icon is the heart itself, often shown flaming and encircled by a wreath of roses. The heart symbolizes Mary's immaculate and sinless love, filled with divine grace and compassion for all humanity. The flames signify the intensity and purity of her love, burning with an unwavering devotion to God and an all-encompassing maternal care for her children. The roses, sometimes depicted as a wreath or crown, represent her purity and virginity, a tribute to her role as the pure vessel chosen to bear the Son of God.

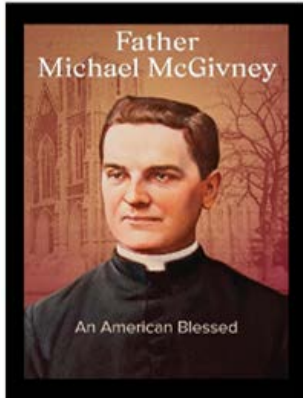
A sword piercing the heart is a common element in the depiction of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This symbolizes the sorrow and suffering Mary endured, particularly in witnessing the Passion and Crucifixion of Jesus. The sword reflects the prophecy of Simeon, who foretold that a sword would pierce her soul, signifying the deep sorrows she would experience as the Mother of Christ.

Through these symbols, the icon of the Immaculate Heart of Mary conveys a profound theological message about Mary's unique role in the divine plan of salvation, her immaculate nature, and her enduring love for all people. It serves as a powerful reminder of her spiritual motherhood and her unceasing intercession on behalf of the Church and the world.

A closer look at the Immaculate Heart -



- **Fire:** The fire represents the ardent love of Mary for God and for all humanity. It symbolizes her burning charity, the intense love that filled her heart, and her role in the divine plan of salvation.
- **Lily:** The lily represents how Mary is “full of grace”, like the lilies in Matthew 6:28-30, was graced with the providence of God. Just as the lilies are clothed in splendor by God’s care, surpassing even Solomon’s glory, Mary is adorned with divine grace and beauty.
- **Roses:** Roses, often depicted as a garland or wreath surrounding the heart, symbolize Mary’s purity, chastity, and virtues. It also signifies her immaculate conception and her sinless nature, as well as her perpetual virginity.
- **Sword:** Some icons show seven pierced swords that symbolizes the seven sorrows of Mary. This is in line with the prophecy of Simeon in the Gospel of Luke (Luke 2:35).
- **Heart:** The heart itself represents the core of Mary’s being, embodying her maternal love and compassion. It is a symbol of her profound and tender affection for all people, as well as her devotion to God and her Son, Jesus Christ. Additionally, the rays of light emanating from the heart highlight Mary’s role as a beacon of divine light and guidance. These rays represent the graces she bestows upon the faithful and her intercessory role as a compassionate advocate before God. The Immaculate Heart, thus, becomes a symbol of hope and a source of comfort, inviting the faithful to seek refuge in her maternal care and to emulate her virtues.



Blessed Michael McGivney Article for August 2026

A Holy Life

Therefore, you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect (Mt 5:48).

Intention: For the sanctification of clergy and laity in their mutually enriching vocations within the Church.

Father McGivney was a man of few yet effective words who drew upon the Word of God for inspiration. Those who knew him, however, had much to say about his character and manner. They remarked on the inviting tone of his voice, his firm yet friendly demeanor, his popular personality and the positive and lasting impression he made on others. According to one contemporary, parishioners "called him a positive saint, and meant it." A blind man would come each Sunday to hear "that voice." A fellow priest observed, "Father McGivney, though a man of unassuming character, was possessed of an indomitable will." Another priest said he lived "a life unselfishly given to the service of others, a life spent in the promotion of his neighbors' welfare, a life redolent of deeds whose motive was the social, moral, intellectual and religious improvement of his fellows. ... Coincident with his spiritual labors, he wrought also for the temporal welfare of his brethren ..." Perhaps the best description came from a contemporary who wrote of his "priest's face ... a face of wonderful repose. There was nothing harsh in that countenance although there was everything that was strong."

Petitions

For all those who seek a life of holiness in the priesthood, consecrated life, or the lay apostolate, that they may follow Father McGivney in leading "a life unselfishly given to the service of others." **R/ Grant our prayer, Lord, through the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney.**

For a renewal of the practice of frequent sacramental confession and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, that many more Catholics may seek union with God through the forgiveness of their sins and worship of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. **R/ Grant our prayer, Lord, through the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney.**

As we Knights pray for vocations, we should do in now through the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney

By joining the Father McGivney Guild for free you can:

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Receive a free quarterly newsletter with updates on his sainthood cause.
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<https://www.fathermcgivney.org/join-the-guild>

What is our reward in the end..... St. Michael!

Fraternally,

Thomas L. Freunds Schuh, PGK, FSD

New York State Council Chairman—McGivney Guild

Thomas.Freunds Schuh@gmail.com

August is the perfect time to honor our Founder. Celebrate his Feast Day Aug. 13 – Set as his feast day, between his birthday (Aug. 12) and death (Aug. 14). Hold a Membership Drive, gather as a council to pray for his Canonization or perhaps dedicate an Exemplification. There are many ways to honor him. Visit or join the [McGivney Guild](#)






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My Brother Knights

As we enter a new Columbian year. As goals are set and achievements are thought about. Let's think if your council has Columbiettes and if so what can you or the Columbiettes do for your council. If your council does not have Columbiettes why not think of starting one. Please contact your State Chairman and he can point you in the right direction.

If any of your councils have worked with our Columbiettes. Please share the good works. Please send the email to joemul1024@gmail.com.

Fraternally,
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Empire State Bulletin

October 2026



New York State Council KNIGHTS • OF • COLUMBUS SOCCER CHALLENGE STATE FINALS



The New York State Soccer Challenge Finals will be held on;
TBD @ West Point Military Academy.

Event Address: **UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL (USMAPS)**
950 Reynolds Road, West Point NY
Ask directions at gate to USMAPS

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Upstate Participants: 9:30am
Long Island Participants: 10:30am
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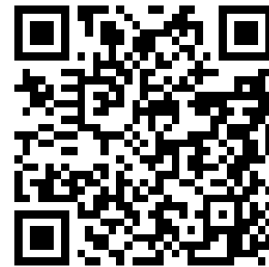
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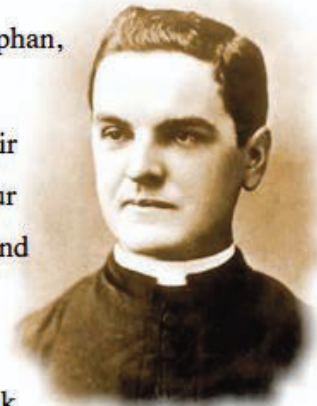
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Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, **Blessed Michael McGivney**, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify **Blessed Michael McGivney** on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen



The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild promotes the cause for sainthood of the founder of the Knights of Columbus, who was beatified on Oct. 31, 2020. Members of the Guild, and anyone devoted to Father McGivney, can play an active role in the cause by praying for his intercession in times of need, especially in cases of serious illness, and reporting to the Guild any favors received.

Membership in the Guild is free and open to anyone who is devoted to Father McGivney and wishes to invoke his intercession and assist in his sainthood cause through prayer. Members receive a quarterly newsletter and are remembered in a weekly Mass offered for their intentions.

Catholic men who wish to live out the vision and mission of Father McGivney are invited to join the [Knights of Columbus](#) and become part of a network of charity, unity and fraternity that serves local parishes and communities. Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882 in New Haven, Conn., and died at the age of 38 in 1890. His cause for sainthood was opened in 1997, and his heroic virtue was recognized by the Vatican in March 2008, when he was declared a Venerable Servant of God by Pope Benedict XVI. On May 26, 2020, Father McGivney took another step toward sainthood when Pope Francis approved the promulgation of a decree recognizing a [miracle attributed to his intercession](#). With the approval of this miracle, he was beatified on Oct. 31, 2020, with the title of Blessed.

Another miracle through his intercession is needed for him to be canonized as a saint.

Those devoted to Father McGivney are encouraged to recite regularly the prayer for his canonization, which is available online and on a special prayer card. You may Report favors through this website or by email or regular mail at the addresses listed below.

To request a third-class relic or to order devotional items, click on the [online form link](#). Print out the form, fill it out and mail it to the Father McGivney Guild.

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For more information or to request a prayer card:

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