

## 'A Gift to Others'

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### News for Knights of Columbus



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*On this day in 1917, the Blessed Mother appeared for the first time to three children in Fatima, Portugal, asking them to pray the rosary daily for peace and to offer their sufferings for the conversion of others. Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary has long been central to the Knights of Columbus, especially under the title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Order. Another Marian title, Our Lady of the Broken, was recently coined by Pope Leo XIV after meeting Kevin Matthews, a former Chicago radio personality. A Knight since 2018, Matthews travels the world sharing his personal conversion story and the role of Mary in that journey. Every Knight is encouraged to honor Mary as his own mother, particularly during the month of May, which is dedicated to her, and to seek her intercession in his vocation of service in his family, parish and community.*

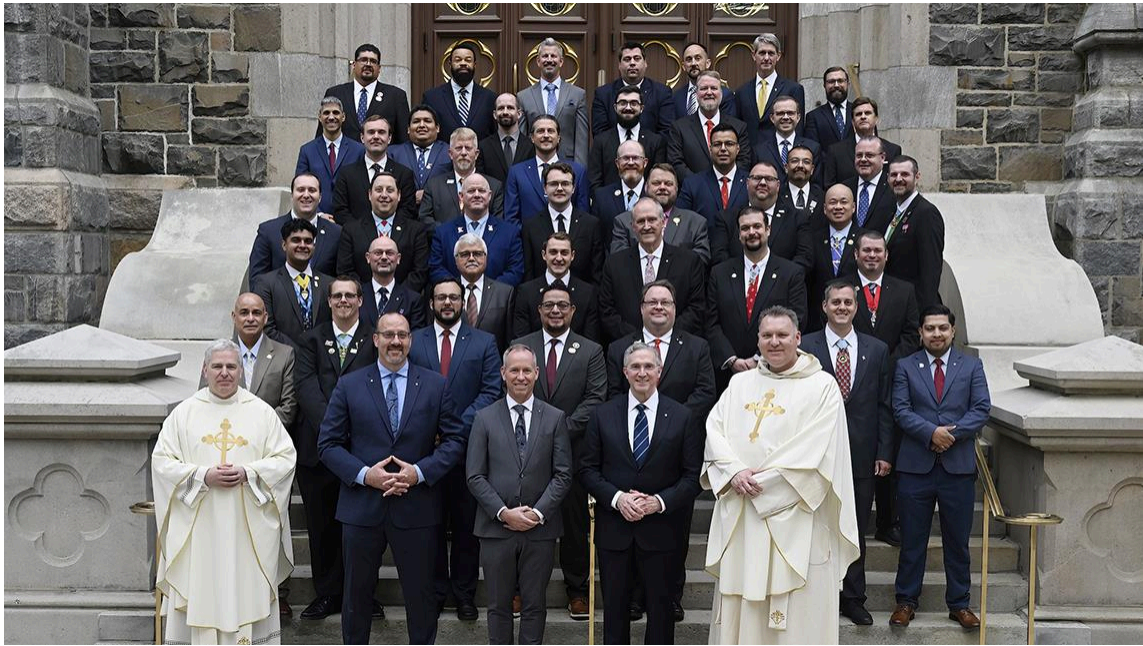


*Thousands of people process behind the “Broken Mary” statue down Chicago Avenue after leaving St. John Cantius Church on May 31, 2019. (Photo by Denise Duriga/Chicago Catholic)*

## **Our Lady of the Broken**

Former Chicago radio legend Kevin Matthews had hit rock bottom when he stumbled upon a statue of the Blessed Mother, broken in half, beside a dumpster. As he recognized his own struggles and deep brokenness in the chipped statue, his perspective on life and faith changed. Matthews, a member of Bishop Plagens Council 3104 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, now travels the world with the image, sharing his personal testimony of hope and encouragement through the Broken Mary Project.

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*The inaugural graduating class of the McGivney Fellowship stands outside St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn., following the Mass on May 2 celebrating their completion of the program. (Photo by Jessica Hill)*

### **'A Gift to Others'**

The Knights of Columbus celebrated the graduation of nearly 50 men from the McGivney Fellowship program during a ceremony and Mass held at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, on May 2. Named in honor of Blessed Michael McGivney, the two-year leadership formation program is designed to equip participants with Christian principles to apply in their fraternal and professional roles, parishes and families.

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*Andrea McArthur reads a book with her son, Lincoln.*

### **A Mother's Prayer Answered**

While struggling with infertility, Andrea and Michael McArthur visited the tomb of Blessed Michael McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut, during a retreat. Andrea experienced a renewed sense of hope, and soon after, discovered she was pregnant. Today, the couple gives thanks for their son — an answered prayer they attribute to Father McGivney's intercession.

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*An athlete takes a swing from his wheelchair during a baseball game at Miracle Park in Rock Hill, S.C.*

## Raising Up Athletes of All Abilities

In support of athletes with special needs, St. Ann-Oratory Council 6756 in Rock Hill, South Carolina, sponsors teams and players at Miracle Park, a specially designed field that accommodates athletes of all abilities and ages. Through the park's buddy program, Knights protect, assist and encourage the players during their games. "Through compassion and love, we can make a lasting impression and make miracles happen in our community," said Grand Knight Brian Daigle of Council 6756. "And it can happen in any community [where] the Knights are involved."

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