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“Far up in the deep blue sky, Great white clouds are floating by; All the world is dressed in green; Many happy birds are seen, Roses bright and sunshine clear Show that lovely June is here.” – F. G. Sandersv

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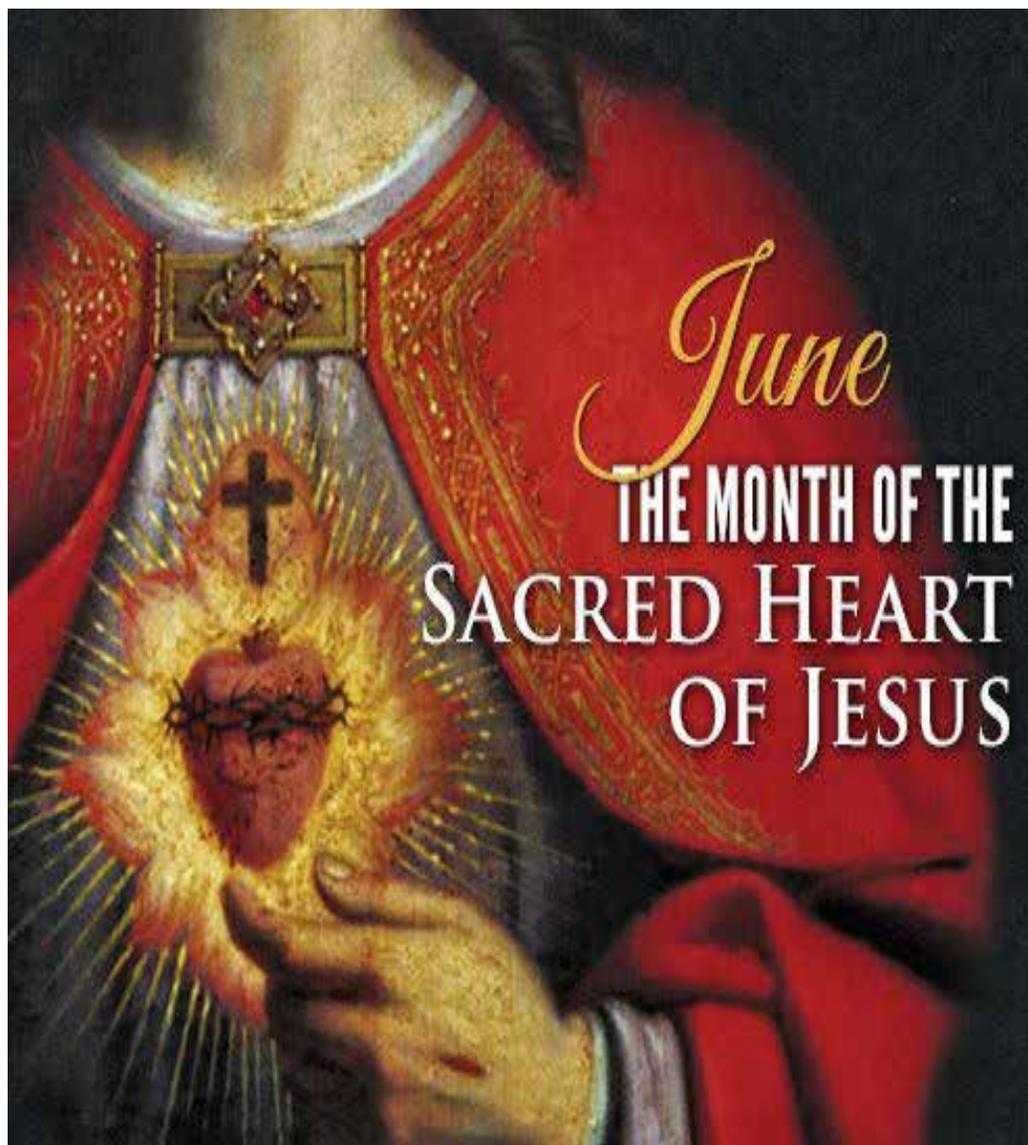
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State Deputy's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

As the end of my two-year term approaches, I have mixed feelings. Is it possible to feel both proud and humble at the same time? I believe the answer is yes.

I feel proud because I am proud of all our accomplishments. Yet, I feel humble because I could not have accomplished all these things without the assistance of all my brother knights who participated.

And so, with great humility, I am pleased to recap our accomplishments, which include but are not limited to the following:

- Live training in all 12 conferences; thanks to the NY State Training team.
- New fundraising, specifically the "Fundcrazr" football pool which raised over \$70,000 in two years. As always, C&B remains our steadfast fundraiser.
- More Charitable giving (new RSVP/ASAP gifting program).
- Improved communications, including this very newsletter that you are reading now.
- Implementation of Supreme's new COR Program to 54 parishes as of the publication of this newsletter!

Our legacy accomplishment is the McGivney Statue program. For two consecutive Sundays (May 18 & May 25), the NY State Knights of Columbus has dedicated the Statue of our founder, Blessed Michael J. McGivney. It has been our priority, to make the Catholic community aware of Fr. McGivney. And we have succeeded!

During the first year of this administration, we achieved our goal of raising \$70,000 to pay for 10 McGivney statues. By the end of the June 30th Columbian year, (next month) we will have placed 5 McGivney statues at various locations. We are confident that the remaining 5 statues will be dedicated at the remaining dioceses in New York during the next administration. This is an outstanding way to honor our founder. So, let us continue to pray for his canonization as a saint of the Catholic Church.

So, to everyone who has contributed during the past 2 years: **I say thank you!**

As always, keep up the good work. **I am rooting for you!**

Yours in Friendship and Fraternity,
Anthony Ippolito
New York State Deputy





My Brother Knight's,

Habemus il Papa! What joy was have that the Holy Spirit has inspired the Conclave to elect Cardinal Prevost as Leo XIV. Too many commentators have attempted to give us political rationals and predictions concerning our future. Nonsense! God is in charge not the various strains of political thought.

I do not claim any internal knowledge but I take some clues from our Holy Father. His words from the loggia were in Italian. The is not an empty gesture, this is his recognition that his initial role like Peter's is as Bishop of Rome. The text of his address emphasized the needs of the poor. He knows of what he speaks having spent years in missionary territories, especially Peru. One had to be taken by the quiet emotions he showed: an open heart to all in the square and around the world, a gentle smile which is welcoming to those who have perhaps become discouraged and lost faith in human systems, and finally those who have lost their faith in the qualities of leaders.

It was very encouraging to see our Supreme Knight present at the inauguration of the Pope. Let us pledge ourselves to the Pope our prayers and service. He is trusting in Jesus so must we.

With gratitude we pray for the Churach,
Vivat Jesus,

Father Brian E. McWeeney
Administrative State Chaplain

Brothers'

It has been an exciting year for the Membership Team and as we enter the last month of the Columbian year, we have a particularly good shot of making our quota and achieving Circle of Honor for the 2nd time in three years!



To give you context on how well we are doing as a jurisdiction, New York is number 9 in the Order worldwide in overall recruiting, and fourth in the United States overall!

The top five Conferences leading us in this effort:

Suffolk at 114.33 % to goal

Hudson Valley at 103.56 to goal

Queens at 101% to goal

Nassau at 87.18% to goal

Finger Lakes at 64.20% to goal

The Membership team thanks these Conferences for their efforts and encourages everyone to keep pushing through June 30, 2025!

Please remember that the quickest way to enroll a new member is through the Online Membership Platform. As of today, 63% of all the new members that have been recruited this year have come through this platform. Of that number, 62.71% of those new members have transferred to local Councils! That number is consistent with past years, and I thank the Grand Knights for their commitment to reaching out to and encouraging these new members to join a council and become an active member.

I find this a bittersweet moment as I draft this article as it is my last as a member of the team. I have enjoyed my four years on the team and thank Past State Deputy Deacon Charlie Esposito, and former Membership Director Tommy Moran for the opportunity that they gave me four years ago, thank you Brothers! Of course, my thanks to our current State Deputy Tony Ippolito for trusting me to lead the membership team during his administration.

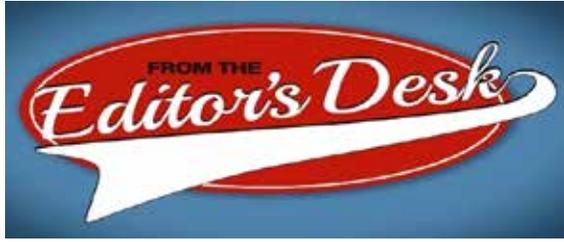
A huge thanks to our membership team for their efforts over the last two Jim Funaro, Bill Kuil, Carl Schneider, Mike Tully, Bill Jimenez, Phil Gogals, Charlie Collara, Pete Stafford, Jimmy DeFrancesco, Par Corcoran for their hard work over the course of the last two years.

I also want to take a moment to thank and remember our brother Paul DiOrio, even though Paul left us way too soon, his spirit never left our team, and I always ask myself what Paul would have to say before any decision was made.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to all of you for your efforts in growing the Knights of Columbus in New York State, it has truly been an honor to have worked with all of you!

Vivat Jesus!

Pete



Well here we are - the 24th Edition of the New York Knight Life and the final one for the Columbian Year 2024 - 2025. And just like everyone else I want to take a moment to thank some very special people. First I would like to thank our outgoing State Deputy Anthony Ippolito for

two wonderful years of outstanding Leadership. As so many of you know, it is not easy being in a Leadership position in this Order. I am always amazed by how so many people always seem to know how to do the job better than you yet they never seem to actually get around to doing it. But Anthony provided more than just Leadership, he offered friendship and kindness as well. It was great being a member of his team, and it was comforting to know that he was always rooting not for just me, but all of us. I'd also like to thank the entire slate of Officers as well, Jim McCue, John Sowinski, Bill Stewart & Dan Keenan. All of them were a pleasure to work with and get to know. Truly a fine group of gentlemen. And that goes for the State Staff too! From top to bottom an amazing job was done by all. But I want to give special thanks Tony Marengo, Joe Bonarrigo and Al Valente for always going out of their way to make sure I always had what I needed. And of course Mary Marengo, Alfonsa Bonarrigo and Eileen Valente for all their hard work and for always making the Ladies, especially my wife Jessica, feel welcome and included. It was truly appreciated. And all of the Chaplains, Directors and Admins as well! Great Job! And together we turn the page to the next chapter.

I was certainly honored to be asked to return and once again work with Gary Leonardo and the incoming Administration as well! It is always an exciting time to work with some new people, listen to some fresh ideas and see how the next guys want to put their own stamp on things. There is definitely a high standard set down, but I am 100% confident that this Administration has the right stuff to keep it going and even raise it up a bit if that is possible!! As for my end of it - I certainly would like to raise it up a bit - so if anyone has any suggestions or would like to submit anything that they think is a good fit for the Newsletter please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I have a few things in mind but as I said - a fresh idea is always welcome!

Michael Boehm
NYS Administrative Assistant for Communication & Newsletter Editor



PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING
EVENTS:

STATE DEPUTY STATEWIDE TOWN HALL MEETING

JUNE 1ST AT 7:30 PM

OPEN TO ALL BROTHER KNIGHTS

DETAILS AT www.knightstraining.org

**GRAND KNIGHT / OFFICER /
LEADERSHIP TRAINING:**

LAST TRAINING FOR THE COLUMBIAN YEAR

JUNE 18TH - 6:30PM

STATEWIDE ZOOM TRAINING

ALL DETAILS AT www.knightstraining.org

LIVE TRAINING: CORPUS CHRISTI COUNCIL #2502, MINEOLA, NY

ALL DETAILS AT www.knightstraining.org

What an outstanding honor, serving as the Director of Training for the State of New York. Well, it's been quite a ride. The training team over the two years has done an outstanding job, re-writing the basic old school training program to a much needed, real practical outside-of-the-box leadership training that all Brother Knights can use. The trainings were all unique.. You have to say! You laughed, Listened, Learned & Remembered. We tried to keep it interesting, different, and focused. "IT WAS HUGE!!!

And, we had fun. I won't forget the first mid-year meeting at the Villa Roma. The DD's were reminded that they should ask probing questions within their districts to see what help was needed here and there. I stated that the Brothers in attendance would NEVER see another presentation like this one, and that they will remember it for the rest of their lives. To further emphasize its importance, I asked for a volunteer. I then put on my Doctor's smock, stethoscope, and glove on my right hand. My volunteer, Tony Marengo was visibly shaken. Remember I said probing questions? We all had a few laughs. I made an important point that we will all remember. If you want to know what happened, ask a DD that was in attendance that day. "IT WAS HUGE!!!" ... Gotta keep things interesting.

OK. I am happy to report that through our in-person and remote Zoom internet simulcast meetings, we trained over 600 Brothers. Pretty good. From the in person training to the website, Zoom calls to remote trainings, training videos, monthly NYS Deputy Town Hall Meetings, to the Radio Shows, and more, I believe we pushed the boundaries and made a difference. We even gave away three electric bikes, and raffled another off for Charity with the Program Director to benefit Bryan's Kids. Great times.

As of this writing, our webpage over the past 2 years has had over 2,600 unique visitors that downloaded training videos and other data. Great stuff. www.knightstraining.org - not too late to check it out! Keep up the momentum!

Thanks to our State Deputy for the appointment and his ongoing support along with also serving on the training team.

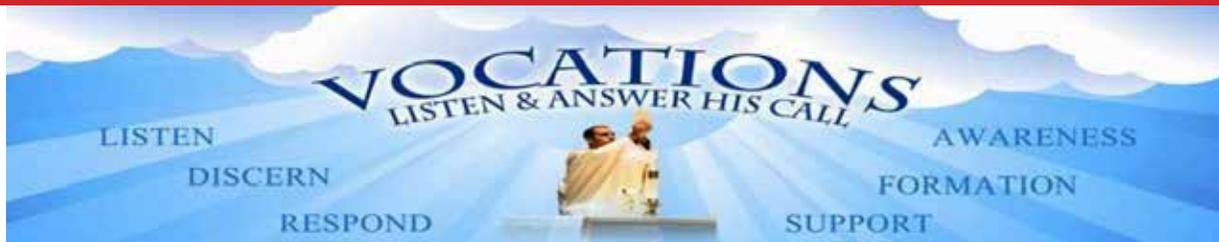
[Remember - it's Very important that everyone visit the website at www.knightstraining.org and download the "DOWNLOAD THE THUMB DRIVE" files. This training website will probably be off line starting July 1st as the web host is pulling the hosting off their platform. You can download the videos also if you choose. The thumb drive has a huge amount of information that you should store directly on your computer or cloud host. These files include more than any other thumb drives distributed at any training in the past.](http://www.knightstraining.org)

I need to thank the 21 members of the training team, each having their own unique talent. It was an awesome experience. These brothers are pro's. I am so thankful to these Brothers for the amazing job done by all. I could not have done it without them. The team made in-person trainings from Suffolk County Long Island all the way to Buffalo and all conferences in between. Special thanks to those minor conferences, District Deputies, and Grand Knights in the local areas making the arrangements and filling the rooms.

The NYS Training Team: Tony Vesco, Fr. Michael Gelfant, Jack McArdle, Rich Carl, Tony Ippolito SD, Vincent Mineo, Peter Varol, Chris Reyes, Gary Leonardo, Mike Boehm, Joseph Muller, Danny Ramos, The Great Walter Fogelman, Robert Graziano, Steve Tommony, Steve Connelly, with Special Thanks to my Assistant Training Director and the man that keep me sane, Rick Ditrio. Then My Enforcer - The man that never accepts the word no, John Arcate. And the guy that never says no job is too big, let's do it, Damiano Coraci. And finally my Partner in Crime, my Best Friend, who taught me more about the KofC than anyone, Mike Murtha.

Keep up the momentum! Make sure you make it to the Training, June 18th. It's going to be **HUGE!**

Steve Driscoll
NYS Director of Training - HUGE!



2024 – 2025

As the current Columbian Year draws to a close, perhaps it's time to look back and remember the concerns and objectives we identified last year at its beginning and then evaluate our response to them. Where were we successful? Where could we have done more?

Are the issues the same? What are our needs for the future?

This is especially important when we consider challenge of faith filled vocations. Unfortunately, the crisis of a lack of aspirants to priesthood and religious life has not been reduced. In my Diocese, since the last issue of *Knight Life* one of our pastors has passed, and several have retired, and no one will be ordained next month to replace them. Examples of this situation exists throughout our state and across our nation and beyond.

During his first public Mass, which was the 62nd World Day for Vacations, our new Pope, Leo XIV, said, "Today, brothers and sisters, I have the joy of praying with you and all the people of God for vocations, especially those to the priesthood and religious life. The Church has such a great need for them!" He stressed the importance of young people having encouragement in their choice for the future in their family and the Catholic Community and then challenged them, "To young people I say: Do not be afraid! Accept the invitation of the Church and Christ the Lord."

Pope Leo's interest in the life of a priest showed itself in his early years. His brother, John, on *Good Morning America*, tells us, "From the time he was five or six years old he knew this was his fate – not that he would be Pope, but that he would be a priest." He also shared the fact that brother Robert, now Pope Leo XIV, often played priest with his mother's ironing board as the altar and circular candy as Communion. I note that in my conversations with several priest acquaintances, they have done the same thing. Throughout his youth, he was considered to be a typical youngster from the suburbs of Chicago. He played baseball, had a collection of toy cars, was an altar boy, hung out with his peers. His friends did think him to be a bit serious with an interest in his faith and spirituality. It seems that the strong Catholic faith of his family began and nurtured this desire to be a priest. Again, these characteristics are found in the young times of many of the priests in our parishes and surrounding communities.

I suggest that Pope Leo's youth is a great example for us to follow as we prepare our Council Vacations involvement in the upcoming Columbian Year. To strongly foster our reputation as the world's largest Catholic family fraternal service organization, in addition to the programs of priestly support and assistance such as prayer and RSVP, it is necessary to strongly bring the message of faith and service through the priesthood and religious life to our youth and young adults. The task presented to us by our Administrative Chaplain, Father Brian McWeeney, just a few years ago, has not lessened, "My brothers we are in difficulties as to priestly vocation. No Priests. No Eucharist. No Church. As Knights let us respond to this crisis."

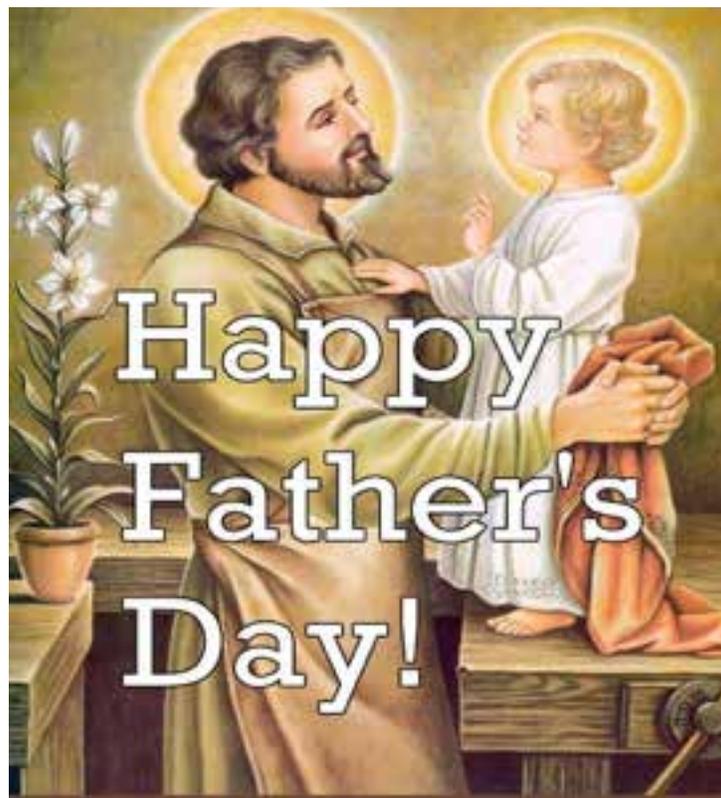
As Councils and Assemblies develop the "Faith in Action" portion of the new Columbian Year's program, continued, significant and additional Vocation promotion and support would offer a positive response to the crisis. In past months, suggestions have been made to implement the response. Develop ideas that encourage family attendance at Mass. It is logical to assume that what Pope Leo first saw at Mass with his parents, he then imitated in his youthful play and later his decision to become a priest. For additional ideas, collaborate with the Council Chaplain, the priests of the parish and the Diocesan Vocations Office.

Support for our priests and religious is integral to the promotion of Faith Vocations. In recent months, statues of our founder, Blessed Father Michael McGivney have been dedicated in diocesan Cathedrals and Shrines throughout the State. As a suggestion for a year long recognition of priestly life and perhaps the introduction of a man to the possibility of being a priest, develop an introduction to the life and journey of our founder. Frequent newsletter stories shared with the family or as a part of the lecturer's program about Father McGivney's life, his decision to be a priest, his role as a parish priest and his motivation to reach out to the needs of his parishioners would be appropriate. A final event could be a Family Pilgrimage to the location of the stature in your diocese or area. Biographies and stories about Father McGivney are available from the Supreme Council and Catholic sources.

IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR PRIESTS!

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Robert Prevost becomes the first American pope

POPE Leo XIV

- **Sept. 14, 1955**

Born in Chicago, Illinois, US

- **June 19, 1982**

Ordained a priest in the Order of Saint Augustine

- **1987–1998**

Served in Peru as formation director, community prior, professor, and judicial vicar

- **1999**

Elected Provincial Prior of the Augustinian Province of "Mother of Good Counsel" (Chicago)

- **2001 & 2007**

Elected Prior General of the Order of Saint Augustine

- **Dec. 12, 2014**

Ordained bishop after being appointed Apostolic Administrator of Chiclayo, Peru

- **April 15, 2020**

Appointed Apostolic Administrator of Callao, Peru

- **Jan. 30, 2023**

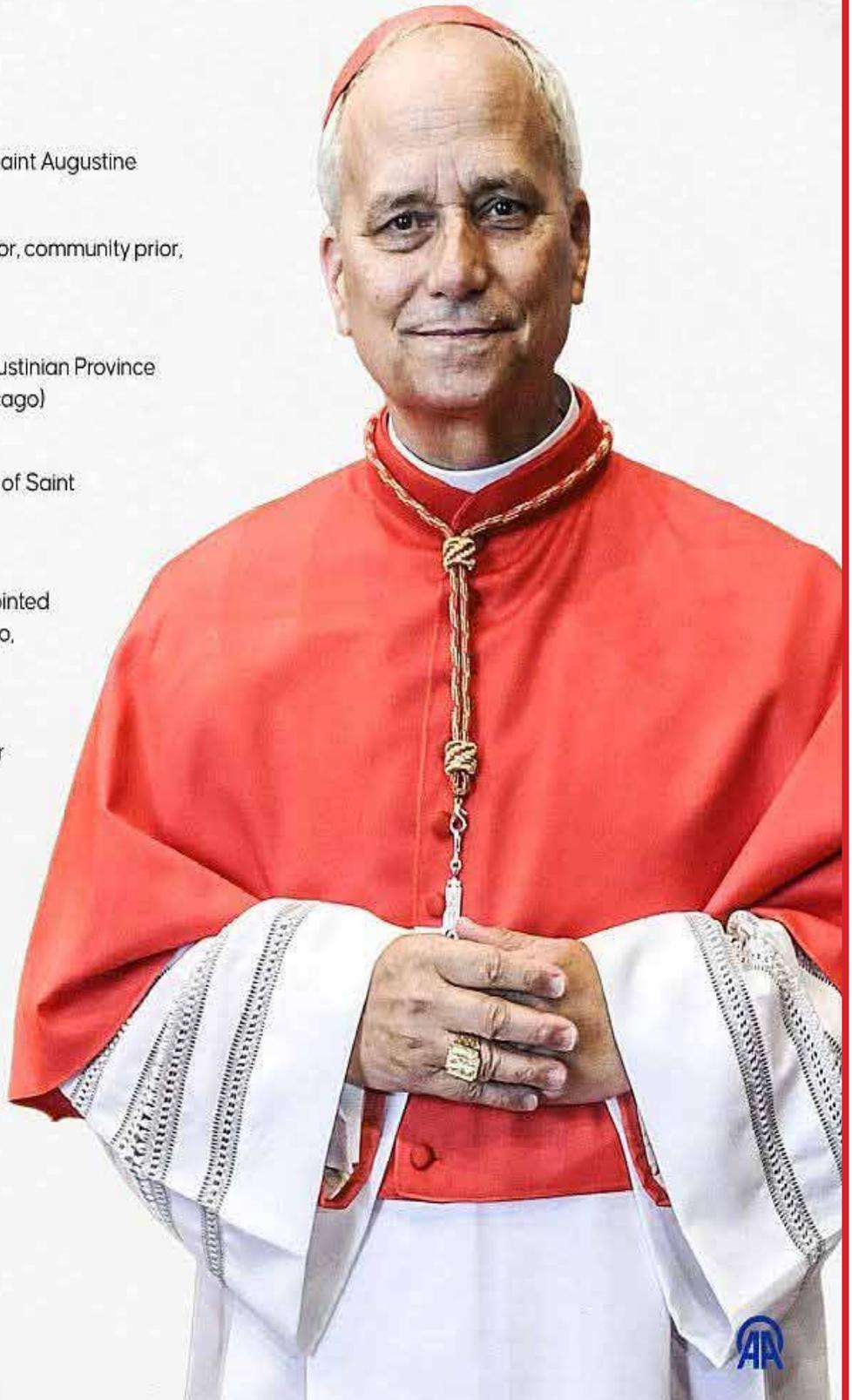
Appointed Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and President of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America

- **Sept. 30, 2023**

Created Cardinal by Pope Francis, assigned the Deaconry of Santa Monica

- **May 8, 2025**

Elected the 267th Pope, taking the name Leo XIV – the first American pope in history



May 8, 2025



Supreme Knight attends Inauguration Mass of Pope Leo XIV

Tens of thousands of people, including Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and his wife, Vanessa, assembled in St. Peter's Square in Rome for the Inauguration Mass of Pope Leo XIV.

In his homily, the pope emphasized love and unity as two key elements of the papacy. "Brothers and sisters, I would like that our first great desire be for a united Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world," Pope Leo said. "With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God's love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word, allows itself to be made 'restless' by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity."



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE BLESSED MCGIVNEY STATUE FUND

Msgr Cafiero	7236	St Pius X	10332	St Kilian	2204
Rockaway	2672	Maria Regina	12533	Our Lady of Grace	11968
Saint Finbar	15728	Cardinal Mercier	705	Saratoga Springs Council	
Pleasant Valley NY	7875	Fr William Crowley	5817	Shrine of St. Anne	4757
Sacred Heart Council		Joseph Gorman	5091	Rwv. Matthews Council	5989
Msgr Francis J Dillon	5872	Elmira NY	229	Floral Park Council	
Warwick Valley Council	4952	Rev Richard Joyce	2270	OLL KOC	11795
St Edward the Confessor	11064	Our Lady of Knock	17580	Heart of the Island Council	7262
St Anne's	2429	St Frances De Chantal	6526	Msgr John C Seidenschwang	
St Gerard Majella	7006	Commander John Shea	729	Suffolk County Conference	
Elmira, NY	229	St. Robert Bellarmine	8964	Queens County Conference	
St. Francis of Assis	8846	OLPH Msgr Flynn	17153	Baron DeKalb Council	1073
Pope Pius XII	4691		316	Brooklyn KofC	4783
Our Lady of the Island	6911		233	Hartigan Council	5033
Msgr Henry O Carroll	444	Our Lady of the Rosary		Fr John Farrell Council	5962
Marian Council	3852	Fr John LaFarge	4012	OLPH Council	794 Lindenhurst
St Anthony of Padua	16134	Rt Rev Msgr Wm Delaney	5983	Assumption Council	5252 East Islip
Christopher Council	4257	Yulan, NY	12663	Fr John Seyfried	821 Kings Park
St Ambrose	1463	Long Island Assembly		Our Lady of Fatima 4th Degree	716
Msgr Sherman	5103	Dongan Council	1251	Blessed Sacrament Council	11416
Memorare Council	3476	Fr John Farrell Council	5962	Blessed Teresa of Calcutta	12006
Father John J Carthage	291	NY State Council Columbiettes		St. Gerard Majella KofC	7006
Cavallaro Council	4884	Archbishop J Hughes Columbiettes		KofC	2166
Fr John LaFarge	4012	St. Columba	8637	Father Baker KofC	
Sacred Heart St. Anna's	13222	KofC	4783	KofC	4746
Henry Stolzenhaier Council	1675	Commodore John Barry	712	New Hyde Park Council	2852
Hyde Park	6111	Long Island Conference	Ronkonkoma	St. Joseph the Carpenter	14771
Madonna Council	5915	John Hughes Columbiettes		Marquette Council	157
	6067	Kings County Conference		St Sylvester	6844
Cardinal Hayes	3995	Rome Council	391	Endicott	1839
Bishop Thomas V Daily	17000	Fr John LaFarge Council	4012	Eugene Santor	4689
Dr Dooley Fr. McGivney	430	Flatbush Council	497	James V Kavanaugh	5923
Binghamton	11403	Shrine of St. Jude	15446	St Elizabeth Council	235753
Wappingers	1646	St. Anthony of Padua	16134	Latham NY Council	3394
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	17159	Brooklyn #60		Upstate Conference	NY State
St Pius 5	4541	St. Mary's Fishkill	4065	Our Lady of the Island	6911
Msgr William J Brady		Mother Cabrini Coram NY	7278	Nassau County Chapter	Nassau Charities
St. Paul the Apostle	6802	Twelve Apostles Council	5001 Franklin Square	St. Jude KofC	5814
Most Precious Blood	9254	St. Joseph the Worker	12993 E. Patchogue	Suffolk Chapter KofC	
St Thomas Moore	6062	Patchogue Council	725	Suffolk County Conference	
St. Joseph Bishop Baldwin	15809	Fr Crowley Council	5817 Wading River NY	St Anne's Council	2429
Joseph Mario Reali	16261	Nassau Board of DDs		Immaculate Conception Circle	Squires
Fr William Daley SJ	2122	Gate of Heaven Council	468	St Mary's Council	4065
Rev Michael Hartigan	5033	St. Regis Council	4651	Robert W Powell	3488
Long Island Chapter		Our Lady of Loretto	585	Cardinal Edward M Egan	16334
3051 Nostrand Ave	126	Saint Lawrence Council	2458	Cavallaro Council	4884
St Agnes Council	2548	Our Lady of the Pines	11950	Long Island Council	197
349 Quentin Road	4661	Fr Thomas A Judge	6893	Daniel J Bradley	3102
Fr Vincent Capodanno	16674	St. Bernard Council	14269	Msgr Francis j Ansbro	462
St Joseph Immaculate Mary	Staten Island	Fr Joseph O'Connell	3481	Fr Joseph A Damin	Wappingers Falls
Jamaica Council	337	Sacred Heart Council	4937	St Helena of the Cross	18332
Rouses Point K of C	2366	Archbishop Fulton Sheen	7479	John Paul II Assembly	2917
	7364	Council	6062	Parkway Council	1433
Oyster Bay Council	1206	St Elizabeth Ann Seton	17159	Lagrange Council	13378
Christ the King E Aurora	12829	St. Josephs	4810		

John	Vollaro	Don Bosco Columbiettes	Lori & Peter	Cassidy
Bill & Deborah	Kuil	Baron Dekalb Columbiettes	Rosemarie & Joseph	Graffagnino
Jim & Lisa	Funaro	Fr Vincent Capodanno Columbiettes	Crispin & Jasmine	Reyes
Louis	Pepe	Joan of Arc 1992 Columbiettes	Roger	Santangelo
Joseph	Cerato	Latham Colonie Columbiettes	Ed	Hughes
Marie	Betts	Columbiettes Incorporated	Eddie & Allison	Velinskie
Tony & Marianne	Vastola		Jack	McArdle
Michael S	Reinhardt		Celso	Trinidad
Thomas & Elena	Walker		Louis	Pepe
Carmine	Evangelista		Mary Ann & Joseph	Falce
Donald	Bailey		Belinda & Lamondo	Spicer
Concetta	Porcelli		James	Corrigan
Joseph	Biegen		Mary & Family	Kelly
Ronald & Francine	Rizzuto		B C	Loetterle
Kenneth	Richter		John & Agatha	Piropato
Fr Jeff	Nowak		Paul	Eggert
James	Giorgio		John & Agatha	Piropato
Newborn	Edmund		William P	Murphy
Hooker	Daniel		James	Nania
Anthony	Spaziani		Brian	Langdon
Anthony	Ippolito		Michael	Cohen
Bruno	Philip & Ann		Albert & Maria	Rocco
DiManso	Andy		Peter	Becker
Grazidei	Michael		Anthony & Colleen	Troiano
Tony & Marianne	Vastola		John Michael	Vollaro
Rosemary A	Lazenby		Betty Anne Pisano	St Finbar Golden Age Club
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Jean L	Dobek	Guido Funeral Home	John J	Byrnes
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Joe	Sbarra	Le Petit Café	William & Dorothy	Molloy
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Linda & Michael	Cutrone	PJS Restaurant Inx	Steven A	Dreier
Richard & Remy	Lebron	Scarpaci Funeral Home	Antonio	Forte
Danny & Mary	Morgan	Scotto & Heyer Funeral Home	Laura & Michael	Eng
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Sally & Mary	Battaglia	Rosary for Life	Lamondo	Spicer
Louis	Nunez	Apple Bank	Tim & Diane	Cecere
Michael J	Nilsen	Villa Roma	Louis & Lorraine	Marra
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Jerry	Wendelken	Bridgeview Diner	Domenick & Wendy	Cama
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Billy & Christa	Stewart		Anthony & Thomas	Ramos
James	Kiernan		Leonard	Divittorio
			Charles & Mary	Marchello
			Tom & Patricia	Humel
			Robert & Rita	Fox
			William & Jane	Duffin
			Roger	Sirangelo



McGivney Statue Dedication at St. Agnes - Diocese of Rockville Center



**On Sunday May 25th
- yet another
Statue of Blessed
Michael McGivney
was donated and
Blessed at St. Agnes
Cathedral in
Rockville Center.
Another great day
for the NYS
Council!**



Shrine of Our Lady of the Island Pilgrimage & Blessed McGivney Statue Dedication May 18th 2025



NYS Convention 2025

The NYS Convention was held on May 1st - 3rd at the beautiful Villa Roma Resort in Callicoon New York. It was as it always is a great couple of days of Fun, Frivolity and Fraternity. Of course there was also serious business at hand, as State Elections for the upcoming Columbian Year was conducted and Council Awards were handed out. State Deputy Anthony Ippolito and his Staff did a great job again in organizing a very active weekend. The big News was of course the election of our incoming Officers . We have once again put together another amazing slate of Officers and we want to congratulate all of them on much successes in the upcoming year! Here they are with our outgoing Officers from (L) to (R) :Keith Kemp Warden, Peter Lehr Treasurer, Brian Langdon Secretary Robert Graziano Advocate & of course Gary Leonardo, State Deputy!



Here are a few photos of the Convention:





June 15th is Father's Day, and let me be the first one to wish all my Brother Knights out there a Happy Father's Day. I came across this article by Dr. Gregory Popcak that serves as a sorta guide for all the catholic dads out there and I thought I would share it with you. I hope that you find it useful. You guys are awesome and doing the best job that you can - keep up the good work and God Bless you all!

Blessed Are Dads Who Are Poor In Spirit

Seek to be a father after THE Father's own heart.

Being a dad is on-the-job training. No one has it figured out. Don't pretend you do. Go to God every day. Ask him to teach you to be the husband and father he wants you to be; the husband and father your wife and children need you to be.

Blessed Are The Dads Who Mourn

Be not afraid of feelings. Empathize with your family's tears, fears, and struggles. In scripture, "mourning" doesn't mean "be sad" so much as it means "cultivate a compassionate heart." It is not your job to fix or feel judged by your wife or kids' feelings. It is your job to be present to your wife and kids, to understand why they feel as they do, to show that you care, and to help them work through their feelings in godly ways

Blessed Are The Dads Who Are Meek

Meekness isn't weakness. Cultivate the humble strength of a listening heart. In biblical Greek, the word for "meek" is "praus", it was an adjective used to describe a war horse that is not easily spooked in battle and responds readily to its rider's commands. A real leader *listens* first. The father who is authentically meek is not afraid to listen to God and to attend to the needs his wife and children bring to him especially when doing so requires him to grow, change, or learn new skills.

Blessed Are The Dads Who Hunger And Thirst For Righteousness

Awesome Dads are on a Mission from God. Live for Him. Lead your family To Him. Research shows that when dads model discipleship in their lives and relationship and take the lead in prayer, faith formation, and character training in the home, kids are exponentially more likely to live your faith and values as adults. Be the father that leads your family to THE father.

Blessed Are The Dads Who Are Merciful

Be a loving mentor in your home. Don't break hearts. Mold them. Don't be "The Punisher." Be a mentor and teacher. Treat your children with respect. Don't just yell or impose harsh consequences when they mess up. Instead, teach them how to meet their needs and express themselves in good and godly ways. Put more energy into encouraging, teaching and supporting good behavior than in punishing bad. Easier said than done!

Blessed Are the Dads Who Are Pure in Heart

Cherish the treasure of your wife and children. Protect their dignity. Affirm their worth Pope St. John Paul the Great taught that the opposite of love is use. Love makes people more people-y. Use makes people into things or tools. Don't treat your wife or kids as the "things" that exist to make YOUR life easier. Set the standard for loving service in your home.

Blessed Are the Dads Who Are Peacemakers

Keep your house in order. Prioritize your family. Protect the heart of your home. St. Augustine said, "Peace is the tranquility of right order." Be the hands-on dad that makes sure your household is characterized by respect, generosity, mutual service, and orderliness.

Blessed Are the Dads Who Are Persecuted for the Sake Of Righteousness

The world will try to undermine your effort to be an awesome dad. Be one anyway. When your friends, family-of-origin, co-workers, or employers try to make you sacrifice what's best for your family for what they want, choose your family and know God the Father will honor your sacrifice.



**Get those
FORMS IN
NOW!!**

**June 30th is
closer than
you think!**

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**#EFF-C - Council EFF Director Submission Form
. This is a NEW FORM**

**Council's appointed Evangelization and Faith
Formation (EFF) Director for the upcoming
fraternal year (2025/2026). If the role has not yet
been filled and you are still discerning the right
man for the job, consider referencing the EFF
Role Description on the K of C webpage at:**

<https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-faith/cor.html>

ALL OF THESE FORMS ARE DUE 6/30!

Here is a clever example of how your Council can be more active and have more visibility in your local Community and Advertise for New Members!!

Schenectady Council #201 ran a full page ad in the (Schenectady) Daily Gazette's Word Puzzle insert.... the banner ad and the accompanying word search puzzle with a Knights of Columbus theme ran on Holy Saturday, 19 April 2025. The insert got more "bang for the buck" than they even thought because inserts go in ALL of the Daily Gazette's "family of newspapers" including papers in Catskill, Gloversville, and Amsterdam NY. Great Job! Thanks to Ronald L. Severson for sending this in!

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WORD SEARCH
THE DAILY GAZETTE FAMILY OF NEWSPAPERS

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Find and circle all the words from the list below. Words may appear forwards, horizontally, vertical or diagonally in the grid.

- VIRTUE**
- COLUMBUS**
- CAMARADERIE**
- RESPECTLIFE**
- FAMILY**
- COMMUNITY**
- EUCHARIST**
- UNITY**
- MCGIVNEY**
- FRATERNITY**
- SERVICE**
- COUNCIL**
- FAITH**
- PATRIOTISM**
- KNIGHT**
- BROTHERHOOD**
- CHARITY**
- ROSARY**
- HONOR**
- CHURCH**

What is missing from this puzzle?

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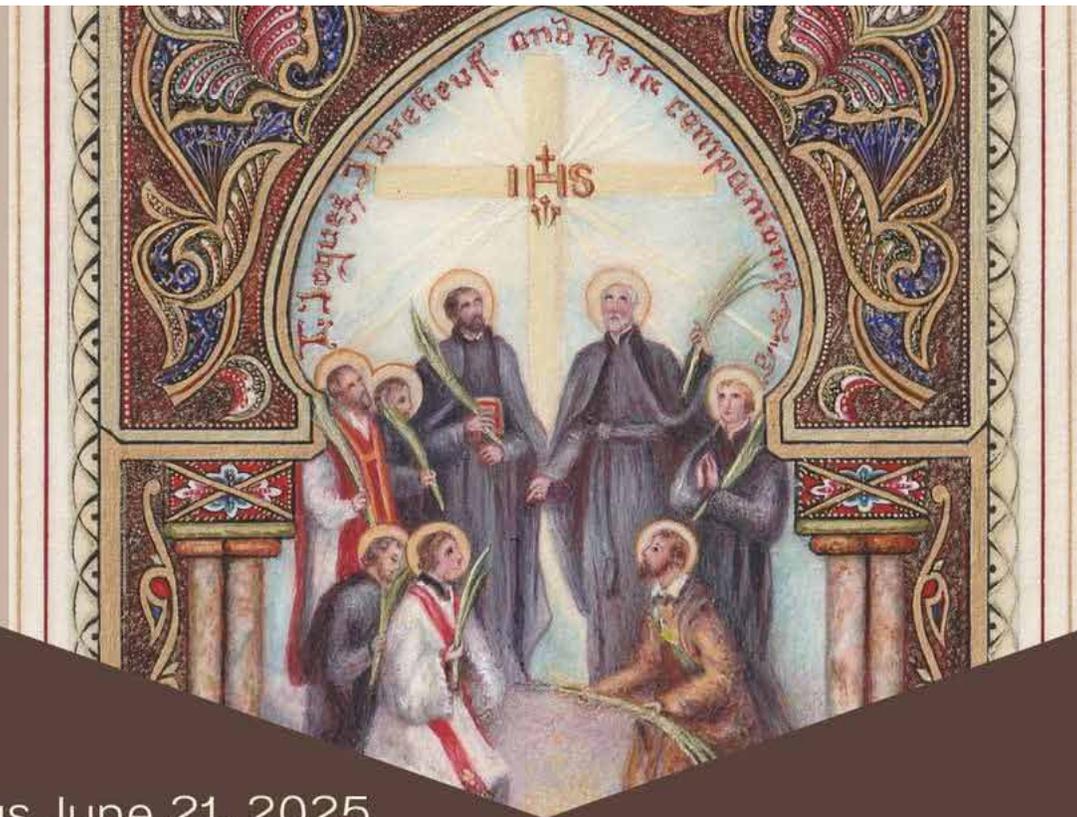


The large outdoor crucifix at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Island in Manorville NY was severely damaged this past winter when a tree fell directly onto the crucifix and corpus of Our Lord. Fr. Hugh, Pastor at the Shrine informed Queen of All Hearts Council 4126 of the damage and mentioned his office would be starting a fund raising campaign to repair the

Cross as well as the Shrine grounds upkeep and maintenance. New landscaping and updated benches would be added as well as better accessibility for guests. The Council initiated fund raising by hosting both a St. Valentines and a St. Patrick's Dinner Dance. Both events sold out and the attendees contributed to 50/50's dedicated to repairing or replacing this important spiritual icon. The Council donated all profits from the events and two local businessmen offered \$1,000 to add to our donation. On Divine Mercy Sunday, Queen of All Hearts Council humbly presented checks totaling \$6,000.00 for the replacement of the Crucifix to Fr. Hugh Gillespie.

The remaining work planned would be dependent on the ongoing fundraising activities currently underway. Great Job by GK James T. O'Connor and all of the Brothers of Council 4126!





Join us June 21, 2025

100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS BEATIFICATION!

NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MARTYRS

136 SHRINE ROAD, FULTONVILLE, NY 12072

9 AM: Eucharistic adoration and confessions. Museum opens, tours available.

10 AM: Talk on North American Martyrs and Christian Heroism (Msgr. Landry)

11 AM: Mass (Msgr. Landry, celebrant and preacher)

Blessing of Martyrs Candle Shrine following Mass

12 PM: BYO Lunch break on grounds

1 PM: Exposition and beginning of Eucharistic Procession

1:45 PM: Veneration of the Relics

2 PM: Adoration and Confessions

3 PM: Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:20 PM: Benediction and conclusion

****NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED***



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A little Father's Day humor

The parish priest who changed the world.



BLESSED MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY

Parish Priest

Founder

Knights Of Columbus

The Blessed Michael J. McGivney Church Statue Initiative

Join the New York State Knights of Columbus, the first jurisdiction to place
10 statues of Blessed Michael McGivney in the 8 Cathedrals and
2 Co-Cathedrals of New York State.

Celebrate Blessed Michael McGivney's profound impact on the Catholic Church
and his remarkable journey toward sainthood.

Commemorate this humble parish priest, who founded the Knights of Columbus
and is revered for his unwavering faith and dedication to serving others.

Contributions

Donations should be payable to "New York State Council Knights of Columbus"
and sent to SK Louis Pepe, 93 Rapelve St. 4D, Brooklyn, NY 11231.





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FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

Father,
It is Your Commandment that we should honor our fathers;
hear the prayers we offer You for them.
Grant them many years on earth and keep them in health of
mind and body.
Bless their word and all they do.
Give them back a hundred-fold whatever they have done for us.
Inspire them with Your love and help them to fulfill Your holy
law.
One day, may we be their comfort and support, so that having
enjoyed their affection on earth,
we may have the joy of being with them forever in Your home
in Heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Flag Day June 14th



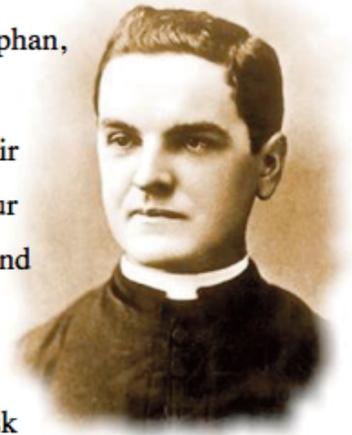
Father's Day June 15th



Juneteenth Day June 19th

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.

The Guild has more than 176,000 members, and you are encouraged to join by filling out and submitting the [online form](#). Please assist in the cause of Father McGivney by spreading the word about this holy and blessed priest.

For more information or to request a prayer card:

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