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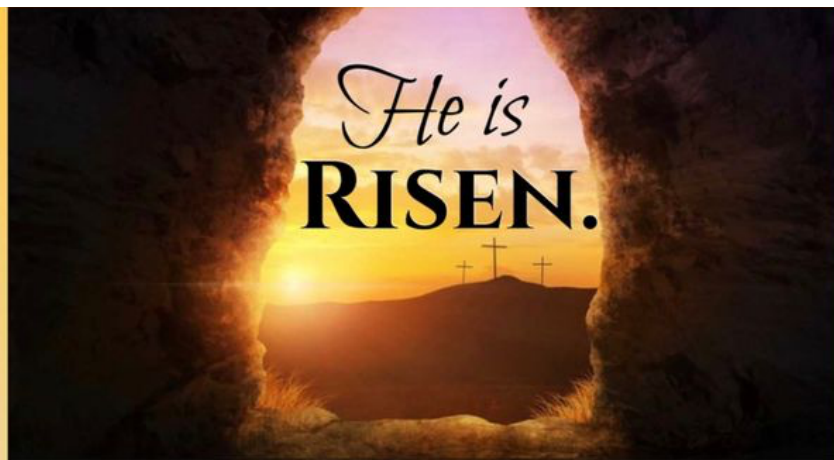
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EASTER SUNDAY

**LORD GOD,
YOU LOVED THIS WORLD SO MUCH,
THAT YOU GAVE YOUR ONE AND ONLY SON,
THAT WE MIGHT BE CALLED YOUR CHILDREN TOO.
LORD, HELP US TO LIVE IN THE GLADNESS AND GRACE
OF EASTER SUNDAY, EVERYDAY.
LET US HAVE HEARTS OF THANKFULNESS
FOR YOUR SACRIFICE.**

**LET US HAVE EYES THAT LOOK UPON
YOUR GRACE AND REJOICE IN OUR SALVATION.
HELP US TO WALK IN THAT MIGHTY GRACE
AND TELL YOUR GOOD NEWS TO THE WORLD.
ALL FOR YOUR GLORY DO WE PRAY, LORD, AMEN!**

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State Deputy's Message

Dear Brother Knights,



Easter and the Opening of Our 131st State Convention

As we enter the month of April, we are blessed this year to begin with the celebration of Easter Sunday, the Church's great proclamation that Christ is risen and that hope is renewed for all God's people. Easter invites us to reflect on the triumph of light over darkness and to recommit ourselves to the mission entrusted to us as Catholic men of faith.

This moment of spiritual renewal aligns beautifully with the opening of our 131st Annual New York State Council Convention. Just as the Resurrection marks a new beginning for the Church, our Convention marks a new chapter in the life of our jurisdiction. It is a time to give thanks for the accomplishments of the past year, to strengthen our unity, and to set forth a clear vision for the work ahead.

Guided by the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, and inspired by the example of Blessed Michael McGivney, we continue our commitment to serving our parishes, supporting our families, and building a stronger brotherhood across New York.

As delegates, families, clergy, and Brother Knights gather, we do so with the same spirit that animated our Founder:

- A spirit of charity that reflects Christ's self-giving love
- A spirit of unity that binds us together as one Catholic family
- A spirit of fraternity that strengthens our councils and our communities
- A spirit of patriotism that honors the dignity and freedom of every person

A Call to Growth and Renewal

Our membership team is in the midst of a recruitment initiative designed to build a true culture of growth—one that will shape the future of our State Council for years to come. But this effort cannot succeed without you. Everyone is a recruiter.

When was the last time you invited a Catholic man to join us?

Imagine the impact if every council embraced the dream of becoming a Star Council. Blessed Michael McGivney's vision is alive and well here in New York, and it is because of the dedication, generosity, and faith of our membership. Help us reach our membership goal and make the New York State Council a leader among leaders.

A Prayer for Our Work Ahead

May the joy of Easter fill our hearts, guide our deliberations, and sustain our efforts throughout the coming fraternal year. And may the Risen Christ bless our Convention and all who labor for the good of our Order.

A Blessed Easter to all.



My Dear Fellow Knights of Columbus Family of New York State,

We have arrived at Holy Week

I invite you to join with your fellow Knights and faithful at your local parishes and Cathedrals as we enter into this Holy Week 2026 to celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the Solemn Passion of Our Lord on Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday. The beautiful liturgies of the Holy Triduum reminds us of the beauty and richness of our Catholic faith.

I write this journal with some Scripture reflections which may be helpful to you:

Monday, March 30th : Diocesan Day of Penance: Forgiveness and Healing

Confessions will be held in the Archdiocese of New York, the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre and I imagine in the other NY State diocese there will be confessions on this day: A Day of Penance!

Verses to meditate on: The Prophet Micah chapter 7 which states: "Who is there like you, the God who removes guilt and pardons sin for the remnant of his inheritance?" and
"By His wounds you have been healed." 1 Peter 2:24

Tuesday of Holy Week: The Sacred Chrism and Holy Oils

The annual Chrism Mass will be offered during the week in every Diocese. Priests will reconfirm Priestly Promises with their Bishop, and the Holy Oils are consecrated for this year! If you have never participated in the Chrism

Mass, please join us for this rich Liturgy! A beautiful Mass to pray with our priests, deacons, religious and laity.

Verses to meditate on: Psalm 23:5 reads, “You anoint my head with oil,” signifying favor and strength from the Lord; and Psalm 45:8 reads, “You love justice and hate wickedness; therefore, God your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellow kings,”

Wednesday of Holy Week:

It is sometimes referred to as Spy Wednesday or Holy Wednesday or Good Wednesday.

The day recalls major events like Judas’ decision to betray Jesus, and the anointment of Jesus at Bethany.

Verses to meditate on: Matthew 26:49-50 “Answering his own question, Jesus says: “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?” And John 12:1-11 The Anointing at Bethany. “Jesus stays with Lazarus and his family at Bethany prior to the Passover. During a meal given in his honor, Mary anointed Jesus with an expensive perfume.” (verses 1-8).

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Mass of the Lord’s Supper/Eucharistic procession/Adoration at Repository in evening.

Mandatum: Like all good symbols and symbolic actions, the washing of the feet (also called Mandatum) on Holy Thursday holds many layers of significance for Christians. The Mandatum ritualizes Christ’s action on the night before he died when he showed as an example to His disciples and all of us how they are to love one another in imitation of His love for them.

Verses to meditate on: John 13:34 is a verse from the Bible where Jesus gives a new command to his followers: **to love one another as he has loved them.**

Good Friday: Passion of Jesus Christ

Most parishes celebrate morning prayer each day of the Sacred Triduum and Stations of the cross.

Every parish will have the **Passion of Jesus Christ and Adoration of the Cross** at 3pm in most Churches.

Verses to meditate on: Psalm 22 “My God, My God, why have you abandoned me”.

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil of Our Lord at every parish Church

Verses to meditate on: Matthew 27:62-66. “After sundown on Friday, the chief priests and Pharisees visited Pontius Pilate. They asked Pilate for a guard for Jesus’ tomb. They recalled Jesus stating that He would rise again in three days.”

Easter Sunday: *Happy and Blessed Easter!*

Verses to meditate on: John: 20:1 “On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.”

I wish joy and peace to you and your families as we celebrate this great mystery of our faith: Christ’s Resurrection this Easter! Thank you all for your great Fraternity, Unity and Charity! With prayers for a Blessed and Holy Easter, Con oraciones por una Buena Semana Santa y una Pascua bendita.

Father Ed

Father Edward Sheridan

Associate Chaplain NY State K of C

Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua, East Northport; Saint Francis of Assisi, Greenlawn



Dear Brother Knights,

As the New York State Knights of Columbus heads into the final three months of the Columbian Year (April, May, and June), now is the time for one last powerful membership push! This 4th Quarter Membership Drive offers **\$10,000.00** in total prizes for Councils, District Deputies, and the Top Recruiters statewide — plus a special random bonus!

Let's close out the year strong and grow membership in New York State!

Council Incentive – Councils with 5–10 Membership Quota

Position	Monthly Prize	Quarterly Prize (April–June Total)
1	\$250.00	\$750.00
2	\$150.00	\$500.00
3	\$100.00	\$375.00
4	—	\$250.00
5	—	\$150.00
6	—	\$150.00
Total Payout	\$500.00/month	\$2,175.00

Council Incentive – Councils with 11–15 Membership Quota

Position	Monthly Prize	Quarterly Prize (April–June Total)
1	\$250.00	\$750.00
2	\$150.00	\$500.00
3	\$100.00	\$375.00
4	—	\$250.00
5	—	\$150.00
6	—	\$150.00

Total Payout	\$500.00/month	\$2,175.00
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(Note: The prize structure is identical across these quota ranges, giving smaller councils (5–10 quota) the same winning opportunities as those with slightly higher quotas (11–15). This levels the playing field so every council — regardless of size — has a fair shot at top prizes!)

District Deputy Incentive – 4th Quarter

Position	Quarterly Prize
1	\$500.00
2	\$300.00
3	\$200.00
4	\$150.00
5	\$100.00
Total Payout	\$1,250.00

Top Recruiter Incentive – Statewide 4th Quarter (Individual recruiter with the most new members April–June)

Position	Quarterly Prize
1	\$500.00
2	\$300.00
3	\$200.00
4	\$150.00
5	\$100.00
Total Payout	\$1,250.00

Special Bonus Prize

One additional \$150.00 random bonus prize will be drawn from among all winners in the Council, DD, and Top Recruiter categories. If you place in any incentive, you're automatically entered for this extra bonus! Grand Total Across All Incentives: \$10,000.00 — that's serious motivation to recruit aggressively this quarter!

Important Note for All Recruiters (especially for Top Recruiter and Bonus Eligibility):

All recruiters must include their Knights of Columbus membership number when reporting new members or submitting recruitment totals. This ensures proper identification and verification of winners' eligibility. Without the membership number, credits may not be applied correctly for individual awards.

Brothers, these final months are our opportunity to expand the Order, fortify our councils, and extend charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism to more Catholic men and their families.

- Reach out to prospective members today
- Host a membership drive
- Every council event is an opportunity to recruit
- Follow up with men who've shown interest
- **The best and fastest method is the online membership portal at kofc.org/joinus — it takes less than 5 minutes, and prospects can join instantly from anywhere (with confirmation via email).** Be sure to enter your membership number as the recruiter/sponsor during the process.

Report every new member promptly (use the **online tools in Officers Online** where possible for quicker processing and always include recruiter membership numbers).

Together, we can exceed our goals, and you can claim your share of the \$10,000 in prizes and make April–June truly unforgettable!

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Carl Schneider

New York State Membership Director



The NYS Council encourages all councils and assemblies to participate in the **Silver Rose Program**.

The Silver Rose program honors Our Lady of Guadalupe and promotes the dignity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death.

This program is a prayer pilgrimage that demonstrates the unity of the Knights of Columbus throughout North America.

In this program, we ask Our Lady of Guadalupe for her intercession to end the culture of death that is severely hurting our nation.

Created in 1960, by the Columbian Squires, the concept was to run a rose from Monterrey, Mexico to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey in Mexico City to Honor Our Lady of Guadalupe. We have been continuing this tradition for 66 years. In the service, we pray the Rosary and reflect on the Miracle of the Roses where Our Lady revealed herself to St Juan Diego.

Through the Silver Rose Program we are reminded that every human life is unique and created in the image of God. We pray to Our Lady of Guadalupe to protect the unborn babies that are at risk of abortion and for the elderly and sick.

The Knights work with our Parishes to deliver this wonderful Life program. This year, the Silver Rose Pilgrimage route will be in New York State from July 19 to August 22. We encourage participation in the Silver Rose program during these dates, however, there are opportunities to conduct Silver Rose services during other times throughout the year with coordination.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the Americas. Knights of Columbus is consecrated to Our Lady of Guadalupe, would you consider being part of this devotion?

At your next council or assembly meeting, please discuss the possibility of participating in the Silver Rose program, and email me to coordinate a date that works best for you.

To learn more, please visit kofc.org/rose

Vivat Jesus,
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THE SECRETS OF HER IMAGE

GUADALUPAN CODEX

The marvelous image of Holy Mary of Guadalupe is captured on St. Juan Diego's humble *tilma* (cloak) made of fibers from the *izotl* (giant yucca) plant. It offers the true message of God's love for indigenous peoples and for people of all cultures, reflecting the theological imagery found in the book of Revelation: "A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet... She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth" (Rev 12: 1-2). It also recalls these words: "I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them [as their God]. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, [for] the old order has passed away.'" (Rev 21: 2-4).

St. John Paul II described Our Lady of Guadalupe as the perfect model of inculturation; she comes to the indigenous people through their own customs and their cultural practices. To fully understand the image, then, we must turn to the viewpoints of the indigenous people — especially the native *tiamatinime* (wise men), who used complex pictography — and those of several scientific disciplines.

HER EYES

The Virgin's lovely eyes appear merciful and compassionate, but they do more than portray human emotion. Scientific researchers have proven that each of her eyes reflect a number of figures. The reflections appear just as they would in a living person, with each cornea reflecting a mirror image of the other. These images reveal the people who witnessed the first unveiling of the *tilma*.



HER FACE

The face of Holy Mary of Guadalupe is that of a young lady of great beauty. Appearing tender, merciful, loving and compassionate, her head is angled downward in a sign of humility, and although she stands in front of the sun, treads upon the moon and is dressed in stars, she herself is not a god. She bows before one greater than she. The coloring of her face indicates that she is a *mestiza* (of mixed race), indicating that she belongs to both the Spaniards and the natives, and thus to all people.



THE BROOCH

The Virgin wears an oval-shaped brooch with a cross in the center. Spaniards saw the cross as illustrating the depth of Jesus' sacrifice for us. Meanwhile, for the natives, the brooch recalled the semiprecious stones that were placed between the neck and chest of their stone idols. Each stone, called "the heart of the divinity," would be polished until it gleamed and reflected the face of the person who stood before it. When the native people observed the cross within the Virgin's brooch, they saw it as reflecting the sacrifice of God's love. Through her loving heart, the natives came to understand the complex mysteries of God's sacrifice on the cross and His great love for humanity — a love so deep that, even as He was dying, led him to give his own mother as mother of the whole world.



THE FOUR-PETALLED FLOWER

Positioned directly under the black sash and immediately over the Virgin's womb is a unique four-petalled jasmine flower. The flower is central to understanding the message and identity of the Virgin and her child. First, its four petals represent the four cardinal directions (north, south, east and west). Second, the parts of the flower also correspond to the native people's theological representation of a singular living and true deity. By utilizing the natives' rich cosmological thought in this way, the Virgin welcomes all people, whatever their nationality or ethnicity, to know her Son, he who is the true Creator of the universe and the true Lord of the world.



THE FLOWER CLUSTERS

Overlaying the Virgin's dress there is a complex floral design containing nine different flower clusters. The triangular shape within each cluster resembles a *tepec* (hill) and its curved stem recalls the Nahuatl hieroglyphic symbol for river. When the Aztecs saw these symbols, they quickly understood that they referred to the *altepetl* (city-state; civilization) because this was how they depicted a city-state in their own hieroglyphic writings. This design has an additional meaning: a heart and its arteries and stems seem to "grow" from the Virgin's sky-blue mantle and spread across her earth-colored tunic. This indicates the divine love that will come from the heavens and encompass the entire earth.



HER SHOE

The Virgin's shoe, located in the center of the black moon, has no pigment; rather, it is the color of the *tilma* itself. The weave of the threads can be clearly seen, indicating that the cloth was not prepared with a primer or other plaster. Cloth of this nature is porous, contains holes, and possesses visible seams, tears and various knotted threads; as such, a primer is needed to hide imperfections and allow color to adhere to the surface of such a rough material. However, as mentioned, the shoe indicates that the cloth of the *tilma* underwent no such preparation. Instead, the *tilma*'s natural imperfections are used to the best advantage, highlighting and contributing to the beauty of the miraculous image.



HER ROBE

The salmon-pink robe represents the earth. Not only do the reddish-brown and crimson shadows evoke the colors of the Mexican soil, but the pictographic characters on it also represent mountains and water. The lower part of her robe is folded like the blankets pictured in the ancient manuscripts, or codices, of the Aztec people. Such blankets were given as tributes by the indigenous peoples to their conquerors.



THE NAME "HOLY MARY OF GUADALUPE"

The Virgin called herself "Holy Mary of Guadalupe," combining the names "Mary" — a Jewish name that means "she who illuminates" — and "Guadalupe" — a word of Arabic origin that means "the river of black pebbles" or "the bed of the river." Together, the name can be translated as "the holy riverbed that transports and illuminates." In taking this name, Mary shows a profound theological truth: She herself is not to be worshipped. Instead, her role is to illuminate: she brings her Son, who is the Living Water and the Light of the World, into the world. In addition, since her name combines words from two cultures frequently at war with one another, it indicates yet another truth: Through the intercession of Holy Mary, warring cultures can be united. Therefore her name is very significant, for through it she reveals her identity and her mission.



THE ANGEL

The little angel is a very important figure. First, the angel's receding hairline, associated with people of advanced years, indicates that the angel possessed the great wisdom and authority associated with elders of the Aztec communities. Second, with its eagle-like wings, it recalls the birth name of St. Juan Diego. Prior to his baptism, Juan Diego was known as *Cauhtlatocatzin*, "an eagle that speaks precious things." With its right hand, the little angel holds a blue-green mantle that signifies the universe, and with its left hand, it holds a pink robe that signifies the earth. In this way, the angel unites heaven and earth in harmony. For the natives, the colors of the little angel's wings were also symbolic, for blue represented the south, white the west and red the east. Together with the moon's black color, which represented the north, the four colors suggest the four points of the universe.



THE SPILLED ACID

In 1784, more than 200 years after the image appeared on St. Juan Diego's *tilma*, a silversmith assigned to clean the *tilma*'s frame carelessly spilled his acidic cleaning solution. This should have caused a disastrous hole, but the image was undamaged except for a subtle stain on its right side. The image has also been exposed to harsh minerals, dampness, holy water, candle wax and smoke, the caresses of the faithful, and even exploding bombs, yet it has remained preserved for centuries.

HER HAIR

In Aztec society, married woman wore their hair into a special braid, pinning it up on the sides of their head. Yet in the image of the *tilma*, Mary's hair is parted and combed straight down, thus indicating her virginity.



HER HANDS

Our Lady of Guadalupe is a woman deep in prayer; she clasps her hands together in the European manner of praying. She also prays in the manner and custom of the native people. To them, she appears to be holding the golden flower-heart glyphs within her hands. This strongly parallels the spiritual rituals of the Aztecs: "Our elders used to offer hearts to God so there would be harmony in life," they said. "This woman tells us to put our hearts between her hands, without ripping them out, so that she may present them to God." The position of her feet likewise indicates prayer, for she appears to be moving forward in a dance step used in indigenous prayer dances.



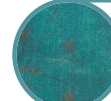
THE DARK SASH

The sash worn by the woman on the *tilma* indicates her maternity. The Spanish word for pregnant, "*encinta*," directly translates to "with ribbon."



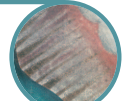
HER MANTLE

The blue-green mantle covering the figure of Our Lady of Guadalupe from head to toe indicates that she is an empress, because in the native culture, only the *tlatoani* (he who commands; the emperor) was permitted to wear a mantle of such color. The colors carry symbolism as well: blue represents the color of the heavenly sky, while green is the color of life. On the mantle are found 46 stars, which correspond to the exact position of the constellations of the winter solstice in the year 1531.



THE SUN'S RAYS

Mary's entire figure is surrounded by golden rays that form a *mandorla* (an almond-shaped halo signifying dignity). The *mandorla* recalls European images of the Immaculate Conception, and indigenous peoples understood the *mandorla* to symbolize her power and importance. She must be, they said, "a woman of great importance, more than emperors even, whose power — despite being a woman — is such that she stands in front of the sun, our gift of life, and treads upon the moon, our guide in the fight for the light, and she is dressed in stars, which rule our existence and tell us when to plant, increase or harvest."



THE BLACK MOON

The woman stands in the center of a crescent moon, whose dark black color contrasts sharply with the sun behind it. Her position on the moon was one of the most important symbols for the indigenous Mexican people. The word "Mexico" — a combination of the native words *metzli* (moon), *xicli* (navel or center) and *co* (place) — means "the place in the center of the moon." The native people understood Mexico to be the center of the universe and the source of all life. In addition, they associated the sun and the moon with Aztec deities to whom they offered ritual sacrifice. Yet the Virgin of Guadalupe eclipses the bright rays of the sun and darkens the light of the moon. She thus reveals that the child in her womb — prophetically called "the sun of justice" (Mal 3:20) — is stronger than the pagan deities. As the one, true God, He triumphs over everything and radiates his divine, life-giving love throughout the whole universe.



THE CLOUDS

For Europeans, the clouds surrounding the Virgin Mother's figure indicated she came from the heavens. For the indigenous peoples, the meaning was even deeper, for mist and clouds symbolized an unknown place. They also saw clouds as visible coffers of hidden heavenly treasures. That the Virgin is among the clouds indicates that she is from a heavenly and yet unknown place, as well as carries a hidden spiritual treasure. She is the eyes, ears and voice of this precious heavenly being, and through her, He is made visible and heaven is made known.



Adapted from the text of *Our Lady of Guadalupe: Mother of the Civilization of Love* by Msgr. Eduardo Chávez, postulator of St. Juan Diego's cause, and Carl A. Anderson, past supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus. The book is available to order in English and Spanish on knightsgear.com.





The 2026 C & B books are out and you can get them through your Minor Coordinators
 A few changes – there are now 2 tickets in a book each ticket \$5 --\$10 a book
 Split is still the same \$6 for the State and \$ 4 for the council
 Councils that have a winner in Quick Start or Early Bird (1st , 2nd or 3rd place)will get bonus tickets to be donated to a Church, Catholic School, Seminarian, or council charity.

Drawing dates and venues are listed on the website.

Below you will find a sample of the new tickets. & Program Details

Any questions please feel to contact your Major, Minor Coordinator or me.

Happy Easter to you and your families

Ken Karchinski
 Director C&B

2026 RECIPIENTS INCLUDE:

- CATHOLIC EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS / GRANTS
- SPECIAL OLYMPICS
- DISASTER RELIEF
- NEW YORK BISHOPS DIOCESAN PROGRAMS
- SISTERS OF LIFE
- ASAP PROGRAMS
- RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS
- COATS FOR KIDS
- FOOD FOR FAMILIES
- 5 NYS SHRINE PILGRIMAGES
- WHEEL CHAIRS
- CARING KNIGHTS

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IMPORTANT: Return sold books to Local K. of C. Council. Council may not be Seller or Prize Winner. <i>Seller's Drawing: Quick Start - July 19, 2026 at Villa Roma Early Bird Drawing - September 26, 2026 at St. Augustine's Church in Ossining</i>	
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C & B BONUS PROGRAM 2026

The enhanced bonus program will continue in 2026 to generate more charity money for all STATE, COUNCILS AND OUR KEY CHARITIES.

COUNCIL BONUS

All goals based on Supreme Membership Roster Numbers as of 7/1/26.

FIRST GOAL

SELL 1/2 book per member and your Council will receive \$1.00 back for each book sold back to book 1.

SECOND GOAL

SELL 1 book per member and your Council will receive an additional \$1.00 (on top of the first goal) back to book 1

ADDITIONAL BONUSES

1. Prizes to Council's winners of Quick Start and Early Bird Drawings

If your Council has winners in the Quick Start and Early Bird drawings Bonus books will be awarded to the Council to donate to a Church, Catholic School, or Recognized Charity.

1st Place	35 books
2nd Place	25 books
3rd Place	15 books

These bonus books will NOT be included in the Council's total sales and will NOT qualify for any additional bonus \$.

2. SELL books equal to 1/2 book per member and STATE will match your councils up to \$1,000 donation to a Catholic School and \$500 donation to a Catholic Religious Education Program (CCD)

DISTRICT DEPUTY AWARDS

In each minor conference, the District Deputy whose district achieves the highest % books per member increase will receive recognition and a gift at the 2027 State Convention.

C & B PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR 2026

PRIZE STRUCTURE

First Prize \$25,000

Second Prize \$10,000

Third Prize \$5,000

(10) Consolation prizes \$1,000 each

Prizes for the seller are \$1,000 top prize, \$500 second, \$250 third & \$100 for consolation prizes

QUICK START (7/19/2026) @ VILLA ROMA

PRIZES WILL CONTINUE TO BE DISTRIBUTED

BASED ON THE (3) MAJOR CONFERENCES

1st Prize \$400.00 Each – Total \$1,200.00

2nd Prize \$250.00 Each – Total \$750.00

3rd Prize \$100.00 Each – Total \$300.00

EARLY BIRD (9/26/2026) @ ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH IN OSSINING

PRIZES WILL CONTINUE TO BE DISTRIBUTED

BASED ON THE (3) MAJOR CONFERENCES

1st Prize \$500.00 Each – Total \$1,500.00

2nd Prize \$350.00 Each – Total \$1,050.00

3rd Prize \$250.00 Each – Total \$ 750.00

**2026 FINAL DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026
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Cor – Just Do it



Dear Brother Knights,

Since 2024 Councils within our state have been actively participating in *Cor*, a gathering of Catholic men regularly joining to refocus on Jesus Christ and to form and strengthen themselves in faith and virtue through a brotherhood committed to prayer, formation, and fraternity.

Through our Baptism, we are all called to spread the good news of the Gospel in what we say and do; *Cor* provides participants the opportunity to encounter Christ, to pray together, to be formed in their faith and to strengthen their bonds of brotherhood. *Cor* is open to all men of the parish not just brother Knights and helps make better men, better husbands, better fathers. Participants are better prepared for the mission of evangelization for their families and communities.

In addition to the positive impact on the participants, their families and the parish, *Cor* brings worthwhile impact to the Councils; while early, statistics show that *Cor* group members show a 27% increase in recruiting new Knights, an 18% increase in service hours and a 16% increase in donations.

If your Council has not yet initiated *Cor*, why not do so NOW. There is still time to begin before the end of this Columbian Year on June 30th. While pre-planning is certainly necessary to start *Cor*, it is simple enough that it can be done in a couple of months.

Cor information is available for order or download at www.kofc.org/Cor. For questions, contact a Conference Coordinator: **B-M-S** – Dan Clifford (917) 670-4601; **Capital** – Tim Powhida (518) 421-7407; **Finger Lakes** – Jack Black **Hudson Valley** – Rob Zifchock (845) 649-3752; **Kings** – Dcn James Giorgio (347) 374-9436; **Nassau** – Rocco Medugno (516) 316-7702; **Northern** – Mike Langlois (518) 645-5063; **Queens** – Chris Russo (347) 684-2201; **Suffolk** – Chase Cetta (631) 559-8355; **West-Put** - Ed Schmidt (917) 538-7438, **Western** - Michael Gorgan (716) 345-4603, **Multicultural Outreach** - Honorable Phil Gorgas (631) 258-3433 and DD Guillermo Jimenez (631) 804-0575.

Start *Cor* in your Council. Don't put it off, Just Do It!

Fraternally,

Jim Corrigan

SK James F. Corrigan PGK, FDD
Director, Evangelization and Faith Formation



Spring has finally arrived, and after a long snowy winter I cannot remember a time when it was more welcome! There is nothing better than waking up and hearing the birds outside singing away – and the smell of a freshly cut lawn in the breeze! It is truly a time of renewal and rebirth, which brings us to Easter.

May this Easter remind us that no matter how long the winter feels, the promise of new life always comes. Just as the stone was rolled away, may every worry, fear, and burden in our hearts be lifted. Let us welcome this season with open arms, knowing that God's love renews us daily. Easter is proof that God's love is stronger than fear, and hope is stronger than doubt. It's a time to remember that we are never alone—our Order is a living example of God's grace and care. I'm so grateful to share this season of renewal with all of you, and I pray that our Order continues to be a place of unity, fraternity, kindness, and unwavering support.

On behalf of my wife Jessica and myself, together we wish you all a very Blessed Easter!

Michael Boehm
NYS Newsletter Editor

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



Fr. Linus Martz, OP

On the last Saturday morning of every month since 2020, no matter what the weather, the St Dominic Council Food Pantry is visited by approximately fifty families who live locally. Most are catholic brothers and sisters from the Latin American countries that have arrived recently and are having financial difficulties. St Dominic's Council has become a welcoming place for them. We also periodically provide clothing, school supplies, religions items (Lady of Guadalupe Prayer cards) and Christmas presents. Most importantly, they get the feeling that we care about them and want to help. A short time ago, we were blessed to have a newly ordained priest come into one of our parishes. Fr Linus is not only energetic, friendly and engaging...but, he also speaks Spanish like a native! His parish also noticed that despite there being many Hispanics in our area, many were not coming to mass. Likely because all the masses were in English. Heroically, Fr Linus started "Segunda Viernes": A monthly Spanish language Mass/confession. The Knights also put up a beautiful mosaic of Our Lady of Guadalupe inside the Council for all to see! Several weeks ago, the Pastor of Holy Innocents told the Knights, that as a direct result of the monthly food pantry and the outreach efforts by Fr Linus, they have six families that are attending a newly started parish ministry to help them get their sacraments that had lapsed due to their situations. We are very proud and want to honor Fr Linus for the amazing spiritual works of mercy that he is doing. We are grateful our Council can help out and continue in our small supporting role to bring our neighbors closer to Jesus.



Summited by the Brothers of St Dominic Council #4399



Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn

Pro Vita Mass

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Join the Knights of Columbus of Kings and Queens Counties as we celebrate the gift of life and pray for a respect for life at all stages.

PRESENTING

THE FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY MEDAL FOR LIFE
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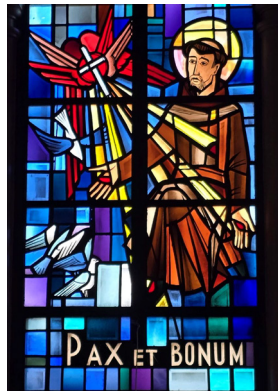




2026 NY STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL LENTEN RETREAT



**Rev. Patrick Flanagan, C.M.
& Rev. Fr. Michael Gelfant**



**St. Joseph's Council #4810
Greenlawn, NY**



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**2027 NY State Knights of Columbus
Annual Lenten Retreat**

**Friday, February 19 –
Sunday, February 21, 2027**

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St. Patrick's Day Shenanigans



Knights of Columbus members from New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut gathered in New York City on March 17th to march in the 265th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. The procession was led by Council 126's Pipes and Drums under the direction of drum major and brother Knight Jim Donovan. Approximately 50 members participated in the parade.

The Knights of Christ the King # 3993 had the honor of marching with our brother Knights at the Saint Patrick's Day parade in Manhattan. The brothers marched behind one Knights banner, unified Color Corp and the Pipes and Drums of Council #126. Big thank you to our State officers, Council #126, Color Corp members and all our Brother Knights from Councils all over the city for a wonderful day!



Pictures from the NYS District #69 Knights Mass on March 22nd, 2026 at St. Mary's St. Paul's Church in Hudson Falls, NY in honor of Blessed Michael McGivney and the Founding of the Knight of Columbus on March 29th, 1882! Pictured are Brother Knights/ Council officers from numerous councils throughout NYS District # 69, members of the Assembly # 709 4th Degree Color Corps, as well as, Capital District Conference Chairman Walter Ulrich and District Deputy Gabriel Bedore (NYS District # 69)!



Brothers – please send in photos from your Council Events! Our FB page is full of upcoming events – but not a lot of photos from the event! Send them to me, with a brief explanation of the event and perhaps names of those in the photo to Mike Boehm at mb1122@msn.com – thanks!



As we begin an election year, the Supreme Advocate's Office issues the following guidance regarding the nonpartisan status of the Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal benefit society made up of Catholic men, to help them support each other and their families. The Order's constant focus is its fraternal, charitable, and evangelical mission; its core principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism; and its dedication to building up Catholic men and the Church. We are not a political advocacy organization.

As citizens of the United States, our members are free to express their opinion on any issue affecting the civic life of their jurisdiction, to petition the government to the fullest extent of the law, and to pursue elective office. But to the extent that members decide to engage in such political activity, they should do so as individual citizens and residents of their local communities, and not as members of the Knights of Columbus. While we encourage our members to become informed and active in the civic life of their jurisdictions, political activity is not a program, event, or activity of the Knights of Columbus.

Our members are not permitted to engage in partisan political activity in the name of the Knights of Columbus. Partisan political activity is defined as action directed toward success or failure of a political party, candidate for political office, or political group. Members must avoid any use of their membership, council meetings, council programs, events, and activities—or the name and emblem of the Knights of Columbus—to appeal for or solicit aid, assistance, or support of any person’s candidacy for public office. See Laws of the Order, Sections 162.11 and 162.23.

The Knights of Columbus has always prohibited councils, assemblies, and chapters from engaging in partisan political activity. Councils, assemblies, and chapters may not provide a forum, advertising, or funding for partisan activities involving candidates for public office, including candidates’ forums, meetings, rallies, and debates. See Laws of the Order, Section 162.23. Accordingly, to the degree that a council considers sponsorship of an organization or an event at which partisan activities may occur, including speeches by candidates for office, it would be in violation of the Order’s commitment to nonpartisanship as reflected in Section 162.23 of the Laws of the Order.

As Catholics, this guidance should be interpreted according to the Order’s principle of patriotism and the lessons of the Exemplification of Patriotism ceremonial:

Brother Knights, you have also promised to take on the moral responsibility of a faithful Catholic to hear, receive, and act upon our Church’s teaching. This is a lifelong task. You must form your own conscience in accordance

with God's truth. And in this way, practice our whole Catholic Faith with consistency as you strive to be a patriotic American.

From the earliest days of our Patriotic Degree, candidates have been charged to be men of principle, of conviction — men directed by conscience. Have we not principles? Then let us stand for them! Have we not convictions? Then let us declare them! Have we not conscience? Then let us heed it! Let us teach the lesson of patriotism by the most efficacious method of all, the force of our own example.

Accordingly, members of the Knights of Columbus, as faithful Catholics, are called to form their consciences according to the teaching of the Church and are directed to look to the Church for guidance in evaluating and responding to any government action, including but not limited to existing or proposed laws, ordinances, and regulations that would affect the integrity of the family, the right to life, or religious liberty. A good starting point for U.S. Catholics is guidance published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), available online here [Political Responsibility Statements | USCCB](https://www.usccb.org/sjp/political-responsibility-statements)

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In line with these teachings, fraternal leaders may from time to time consider utilizing a state or local council's communications channels for the purpose of supporting or opposing legislative initiatives and other government actions that bear on matters of faith and morals. In these cases, fraternal leaders should determine whether the local bishop or Catholic Conference has provided written guidance to the faithful on the matter at hand or on principles governing it. If so, it may be appropriate to post this written guidance on a council website, to read it aloud at council meetings, or to utilize other KofC communication channels to circulate the written guidance to members within the council's jurisdiction. In the absence of such written guidance, however, fraternal leaders should decline requests to utilize Knights of Columbus communications channels to mobilize or activate members for any form of political activity.

Finally, the Knights of Columbus retains its decades-long policies of not inviting to any Knights of Columbus event, persons—especially public officials or candidates for public office—who do not support the legal protection of unborn children, or who advocate for the legalization of assisted suicide or euthanasia. We prohibit our fraternal leaders and other members from: allowing such persons to rent or otherwise use facilities displaying the name and/or emblem(s) of the Knights of Columbus; allowing them to speak at Knights of Columbus events; bestowing on them honors or privileges of our Order of any kind; inviting them to serve as honorary chairpersons of events, celebrations, or committees; or allowing them to hold any office in the Knights of Columbus.

We hope this clears things up for all of you going forward –
Vivat Jesus

Tax season often puts your finances front and center. It can be a helpful moment to pause and take a broader look at your goals and your current insurance coverage.

If you'd like to talk through where you're at this season, contact your local Field Agent, or Visit kofc.org/faa to get started. Our Agents are here to help you, so please take advantage of this Fraternal Benefit!

Tax season is a good time to revisit your insurance coverage.



Knights of Columbus, One Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510





2026 NEW YORK STATE FREE-THROW CHAMPIONSHIPS

Local Council events are underway and are followed by District and County/Minor Conference events. Here's the information for the Major Conference events and the New York State finals of the program. The State finals will once again be hosted by the Cadets of the Bishop O'Keefe College Council #8250. We appreciate their support and their dedication to our Catholic faith, our country and the ideals of our Order.

Major Conferences

	Date/Time	Location	Contact
Downstate	March 21st 12:00 PM sign-in 1:00 PM start 3/22 snow date	St Augustine School Gym 381 North Highland Ave Ossining NY 10562	Steven Brundage slblawyerz@gmail.com 914-310-9150-C
Long Island	March 22 nd 9:00 AM sign-in 9:30 AM start	Holy Trinity School 98 Cherry Ln Hicksville, NY 11801	Michael Galgano MGal1313@yahoo.com 516-426-8938-C
Upstate	March 7 th 9:30 AM sign-in 10:00 AM start	Bishop Ludden/Grimes HS 815 Fay Rd Syracuse, NY	Nick Caputo Santa.nick.c@gmail.com 315-247-3677

New York State Finals: Sunday April 12th Doors open at Noon for a 1pm start

Location: West Point Military Academy
BASKETBALL COURT AT WEST POINT PREP (USMAPS)

**All adults visiting the West Point campus need to pre-register for a visitor pass. Registration information will be collected at the Major Conference events. Information needed for ALL adults (over 18) attending:
Legal Name with middle initial, DOB, M/F, Driver's License or state ID and ID#**

Contact: Nick Caputo @ santa.nick.c@gmail.com (315)247-3677 if you have any questions or concerns



NEW YORK STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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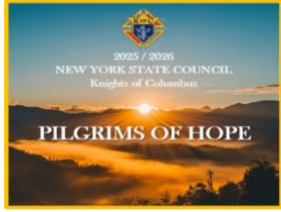
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This Year Supporting Hudson Valley Honor Flight

THURSDAY APRIL 30, 2026

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Breakfast & Check-in 10:00 AM

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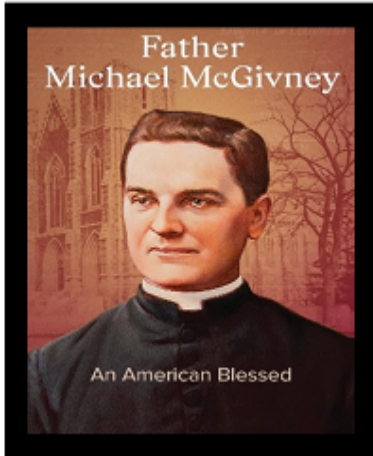
For Reservations and Hole Sponsor Information Contact:

James De Francesco at 917-903-8701 or jtdf717@gmail.com

Please mail check and registration form to:

James De Francesco
23 Robinson Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10312

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Blessed Michael McGivney Article for April 2026

A Heavenly Intercessor

Smoke of the incense rose with the prayers of the saints from the hand of the angel before God (Rev 8:4).

From the witness of his life on earth, we are convinced of Father McGivney's holiness and heroic virtue. With an approved miracle worked by God through his intercession, we are now assured of the efficacy of his heavenly intercession. Known as an Apostle of Christian Family Life, Father McGivney continues to care for families, marriages and children. He also works through his Knights of Columbus, who bring the principles of charity, unity and fraternity into the everyday lives of people around the world.

The miracle that was attributed to his intercession is a perfect example of the life-affirming vision and mission of Father McGivney. It involved the healing from a fatal condition of a child in the womb who was born with Down syndrome into a large, loving family. The parents prayed fervently to Father McGivney for their child to live and asked all their family members and close friends to do the same. Their prayer was answered in a miraculous fashion, and today the boy is an active, thriving 5-year-old.

As an American-born Blessed, Father McGivney has been lifted by the Church as an example for us to follow, as an intercessor for our most heartfelt prayers, as a friend in times of trouble who has gone before us into heaven. He is a Blessed for our times who knows the needs of the people of our parishes, our communities, our nations and our world. As we pray for all these intentions, let us call upon Blessed Michael McGivney for a second miracle that will open the way for his canonization.

This is what the McGivney Guild is all about. Brothers and Ladies of the New York Knights of Columbus, let's unite to advance the cause of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, to sainthood! His inspiring legacy of fraternal charity, evangelization, and empowering the laity lives on through us.

By joining the Father McGivney Guild for free you can:

- ❖ Pray for Father McGivney's intercession and canonization.
- ❖ Receive a free quarterly newsletter with updates on his sainthood cause.
- ❖ Have your intentions remembered in a weekly Mass for Guild members.

<https://www.fathermcgivney.org/join-the-guild>

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

Fraternally,
Thomas L. Freundschuh, PGK, FSD
New York State Council Chairman—McGivney Guild
Thomas.Freundschuh@gmail.com



Dear Brother Knights,

I am writing to emphasize the importance of supporting our sister Columbiettes at both the council and chapter levels. Whether they are hosting a fundraiser, an initiation ceremony, an installation, or a social event, our active participation is essential to the success of our shared mission.

By fostering a spirit of unity, we can provide vital mutual support. When your local Columbiettes or chapters announce upcoming events, I ask that you make every effort to attend and offer your assistance. Additionally, it is essential that a liaison from the Knights attends their meetings to ensure clear and consistent communication between our organizations.

Thank you for your continued dedication and for all you do to strengthen our community.

Please see attached The State Columbiettes are hosting a cruise in May.

Fraternally,

Joe Muller
New York State Chairman Columbiettes
joemul1024@gmail.com
917-364-1800



Come Cruise with the New York State Columbiettes

May 9-16, 2026

NYSCC is sponsoring a 7-day cruise to Bermuda out of New York Harbor.

Balcony Cabin: \$1992.68 pp.

Included in this price:

Insurance, Government taxes and fees, Beverage package, 3 Specialty dining, 150 minutes of Internet (per person) \$50 shore excursion (per cabin)

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\$125.00 Deposit is due at the time of your reservation

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Catherine Bischoff, 1825 Maple Avenue, Peekskill, NY 10566.

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A background image of several pink tulips with green leaves, slightly out of focus, creating a soft, spring-like atmosphere.

Easter Prayer

Lord, how can we ever thank You enough? You endured more pain, more shame, more sorrow, more grief than we can possibly fathom. Help us remember why You gave Your life. Because of love. Because of mercy. Because we desperately need them both and do not deserve it. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Thank You Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Jesus to save me from my sins. Thank you that you loved me enough to send a perfect sacrifice, so that we could live together eternally. I confess that I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I ask you to come into my heart, and I commit to following Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Lord God, You loved this world, you loved us all, so much that you gave your one and only Son, that we might be called your children too. Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, everyday. Let us have hearts and souls that are forever grateful for your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice deeply in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world.

All for your glory do we pray, Lord, Amen.



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DEADLINE:
Newsletter Articles

In order to have enough time to get everything reedy for the Newsletter, Please send your Articles and Photos in **NO LATER than the 20th of **EACH MONTH.****

Send them to the Editor at mb1122@msn.com



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April



April Fool's Day
April 1st



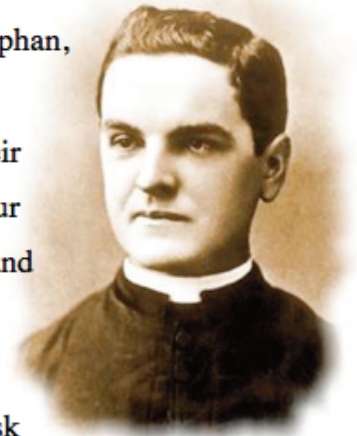
Good Friday
April 3rd



Easter
April 5th

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:

Father McGivney Guild, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510

Tel: 203-752-4087

Email: guild@kofc.org