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Vivat Jesus

Vatican declares Knights of Columbus founder "venerable"

Fr. Michael J. McGivney would be first American-born priest to be declared a saint

New Haven, CT - March 16, 2008 - Pope Benedict XVI Saturday approved a decree recognizing the heroic virtue of Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus. The pope's declaration significantly advances the priest's process toward sainthood and gives the parish priest the distinction of "Venerable Servant of God." If canonized, Fr. McGivney would be the first American born priest to be so honored.

"All of us who are members of the Knights of Columbus are profoundly grateful for this recognition of the holiness of our founder," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "The strength of the Knights of Columbus today is a testament to his timeless vision, his holiness and his ideals."

Worried about the religious faith and financial stability of immigrant families, Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus with the help of several men of St. Mary's Parish in New Haven in 1882 to help strengthen the faith of the men of his parish and to provide financial assistance in the event of their death to the widows and orphans they left behind. He was also known for his tireless work among his parishioners.

Born in Waterbury, Conn., Aug. 12, 1852, Michael Joseph McGivney, was the first of Patrick and Mary (Lynch) McGivney's 13 children, six of whom died in infancy or early childhood. His parents, natives of Ireland, had immigrated to the United States during the 19th century. Patrick was a molder in a Waterbury brass mill, where Michael himself worked for a brief time as a child to help support his family.

From an early age, however, he realized a calling to the Catholic priesthood. After studying in several seminaries, he was ordained in that Baltimore's historic Cathedral by Cardinal James Gibbons Dec. 22, 1877. He took up his first assignment, as curate at St. Mary's Church, New Haven, Conn., Jan. 2, 1878. Father McGivney was named pastor of St. Thomas Church in Thomaston, Conn. in 1884. He became seriously ill with pneumonia in January 1890, and died Aug. 14, 1890 at age 38.

The cause, or process, for Father McGivney's sainthood, was opened by Hartford Archbishop Daniel A. Cronin, in December 1997. The cause was presented to the Vatican in 2000, where it has been under review by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. With the pope's recent decree, and the authentication of a miracle at Father McGivney's intercession, the priest could be beatified. A second miracle would be required for canonization.

Still maintaining its headquarters in New Haven, the Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic Fraternal Organization with more than 1.7 million members in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Central America, the Caribbean islands, the Philippines, Guam and, most recently, Poland.



Chaplain's Report...

During the octave of Easter and especially on Easter Sunday, the church's liturgy provides a special sequence (a hymn following the first reading) called the *Victimae Paschali*. In it, we reflect on the great mystery of Easter and the great mystery of life itself: "Death and life contended in a wondrous duel; the Prince of Life, who was once dead, now lives and reigns."

As Christians, we believe that the human race was hopelessly locked in the battle with evil and had no hope of breaking the cycle of sin and violence. But then God sent his Son into the world; and by his death on the cross and his glorious resurrection, he broke the bonds that had enslaved us and brought us freedom, grace, and new life, the life of God himself. In Christ, we too can be victorious in that battle over death and evil. Though the final victory has been assured, the battle for the hearts of men still continues in our world.

As disciples of the Risen Christ and as Knights of Columbus, we are part of the solution to the world's many problems. The message of the Gospel contains the unfailing formula for peace in the hearts of individuals and in the world itself. May we and our Order be instruments of that peace as we live out our lives fully and joyfully in this world.

As we celebrate the fifty days of Pentecost following Easter Sunday, our hearts, as Knights, are filled with special joy because of the recent announcement that our founder, Father Michael McGivney, has been declared *venerable* by the church, an important step in the canonization process. Through the intercession of Venerable Michael McGivney may God continue to bless us, our families, our Order, and our country as we celebrate the joy of Christ's victory over death and sin. *Vivat Jesus!*

Fraternally
Deacon Jim Ryan
Associate Chaplain

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No exceptions

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District Deputy's Report

Greetings from our Worthy State Deputy Edgar Haynes.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter celebration and you had an opportunity to get together with family and friends.

Planning for our Convention hospitality room is well underway. Each Council is expected to provide at least two representatives to assist in running this activity. Everyone is encouraged to attend the Convention and visit all the State hospitality rooms.

The Maryland State Founder's Day Mass was held on March 9, 2008. Attendance was excellent and over 190 attended the banquet which followed the Mass. The family of Tom and Heather Greul was awarded the State Family of the Year Award. Tom is the Deputy Grand Knight of Fulton Sheen Council.

Our new Archbishop has asked the Maryland State Knights of Columbus to support the program "Apostolate of the Sea". Fulton Sheen Council will be hosting a social on April 23rd where this program will be explained in detail by Msgr. John Fitzgerald. All are invited to participate in this social.

On April 5, 2008 in Frederick, MD, the 4th Degree will receive new members at its Annual Exemplification ceremony. If you are a 3rd Degree member and in the order for at least 6 months, you are eligible to join the 4th Degree. Contact any 4th Degree member for an application. Applications must be approved at our February 25th Assembly Meeting.

Your Council Spring Membership Drive should be completed and a report on your results should have been submitted. All District 5 Councils are in position to achieve their membership goals and thus qualify for the Star Council Award.

Our next scheduled 1st Degrees are April 15 at Westminster Council and April 16 at Immaculate Lady Council. I know there are several candidates awaiting a 1st Degree. Make sure to bring these candidates into our Order in April.

Be sure that in everything we do we are "Living Our Faith".

Vivat Jesus,

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Council Activities

April

2 nd	Wednesday	Meeting	
16 th	Wednesday	Meeting	1 st Degree

May

7 th	Wednesday	Meeting	
11 th	Sunday	Mother's Day	
16 th – 18 th	Weekend	State Convention	
21 st	Wednesday	Meeting	Council elections
23 rd	Friday	3 rd Degree	Westminster
30 th	Friday	Golf Outing	Westminster Golf Club

We are all sinners and need the Sacrament of Penance to have our sins forgiven by God, Who is the only One Who can forgive sins, and acts through the Priest. If we think we have no sins, we deceive ourselves; it usually means we haven't examined our conscience in a while and don't recognize our sins. We are only required to go to Penance once a year, but in doing that we miss out on a lot of graces we need to become better Catholics and get closer to God, and therefore become better people.

Here are a few paragraphs from the

1451 Among the penitent's acts contrition occupies first place. Contrition is "sorrow of the soul and detestation for the sin committed, together with the resolution not to sin again."⁵⁰

1454 The reception of this sacrament ought to be prepared for by an *examination of conscience* made in the light of the Word of God. The passages best suited to this can be found in the Ten Commandments, the moral catechesis of the Gospels and the apostolic letters, such as the Sermon on the Mount and the apostolic teachings.⁵³

1455 The confession (or disclosure) of sins, even from a simply human point of view, frees us and facilitates our reconciliation with others. Through such an admission man looks squarely at the sins he is guilty of, takes responsibility for them, and thereby opens himself again to God and to the communion of the Church in order to make a new future possible.

1456 Confession to a priest is an essential part of the sacrament of Penance: "All mortal sins of which penitents after a diligent self-examination are conscious must be recounted by them in confession, even if they are most secret and have been committed against the last two precepts of the Decalogue; for these sins sometimes wound the soul more grievously and are more dangerous than those which are committed openly."⁵⁴

When Christ's faithful strive to confess all the sins that they can remember, they undoubtedly place all of them before the divine mercy for pardon. But those who fail to do so and knowingly withhold some, place nothing before the divine goodness for remission through the mediation of the priest, "for if the sick person is too ashamed to show his wound to the doctor, the medicine cannot heal what it does not know."⁵⁵

1457 According to the Church's command, "after having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year."⁵⁶ Anyone who is aware of having committed a mortal sin must not receive Holy Communion, even if he experiences deep contrition, without having first received sacramental absolution, unless he has a grave reason for receiving Communion and there is no possibility of going to confession.⁵⁷ Children must go to the sacrament of Penance before receiving Holy Communion for the first time.⁵⁸

Immaculate Lady Council #5208's Twelfth Annual "John A. Berdini Memorial Catholic High School Scholarship"

Immaculate Lady Council #5208 scholarship committee, consisting of Sam Collins, Stan LaSov, Joe Jankoviak and Stephen Bouchard (chairman) will be selecting the recipients for the annual high school scholarship in late mid-April. This is a cherished event in our council as it has continued to be of great aide to many who choose to continue their education in high school in a Catholic setting. What better way than to build and support the foundation of Catholicism in our young men and women that we so preach and teach each and every day in our households. We will publish the recipients in the Voyager as well.



Membership

If anyone knows the whereabouts of the following Brothers or friends of the council, please contact PGK Joe Maher Jr. (jtmaher@comcast.net) so that we can keep them up to date on council happenings.

Terrence Almon
Tom Barry
Angie Rampolla
Rita Poulsen
Sharon McGuire

Bad E-mail Address:
John Bernardo
Maurice Gagnon
John Zubalik
Andrew Pataki

2 Years
Phil Hashim

3 Years
Joe Braswell
Peter Daley
Nikos Daley
Mike Goodson
Dave Hannibal
Michael Johnson
Michael Wallace

5 Years
Stan Cierlitsky
PGK Tom O'Donnell

8 Years
John Whitney

10 Years
Stan Behnken
Brian Herboldsheimer

11 Years
John Golombieski
Brian Noll

14 Years
Jerry Schaum
GK/PGK Quentin Sedney

20 Years
George Warner (3 years continuous)

21 Years
Jim Lewis
Bob Matthews

23 Years
Dave Stone

24 Years
Joe Durishin

26 Years
Carl Walker

35 Years
Joe Mandara (29 years continuous)

39 Years
PGK John Bidingier
PGK Ed Sedlar

40 Years
Tom Burnett

48 Years
PGK Stan Cochran

49 Years
John Boyle

Transfer Out:
PGK Bob DePaola transferred to Ocean City Council on
2/28/2008

Member Death

Brother John Zavoyna passed away on Saturday March 15th

Grand Knight

At first I thought the feeling that time is rushing past and holidays coming quicker and quicker was just me getting older, now I know it was just the calendar playing tricks on me.

Well I've only got 3 months to go in my council year which means it is time for the nomination committee, headed by PGK Rick Seibert, to set a slate of officers for 2008-2009. Please contact Rick if you have any interest in holding a chair, or if he approaches you please be open to his suggestions. I know many people do not even consider holding a chair because they are concerned about a 'time commitment'. Having been Grand Knight twice, and having held several other positions, I can tell you that there generally is not a big time commitment, as you have heard before – it takes the time you put into it.

The events for the remainder of the council year will set the stage for a successful 2008-2009 year. We have the Golf tournament scheduled for, Friday May 30th at the Westminster National Golf Club in Westminster. Incoming Grand Knight Dino Grier is leading this effort. We make money by both selling hole sponsorships and getting golfers. Please make your best efforts to help Dino in making this a successful event. There is flyer with sign-up sheet in the back of the Voyager.

In June we will once again hold our council 3rd degree/past grand knight banquet. In the past arranging this was the standing duty of the current Deputy Grand Knight. Unfortunately that tradition fell off several years ago and with it the banquet. Beginning this year we are instituting that role of the DGK with the hopes that it will lead to us holding the banquet on a more consistent and yearly basis. Dino is finalizing the plans for the banquet and will publish the details in the next Voyager.

Unfortunately I have decided to not have the Mother's Day/Communion Breakfast this year. I do, however, hope that Dino will allow me to place it on the council calendar next year.

Budget Variance Request

As per the council by-laws the following is a request to vary from the 2007-2008 budget. Once published we will discuss and vote on the request at the next meeting.

Request

I am requesting that the council be allowed to spend up to an additional \$400 for membership/recruitment.

Purpose

10 years ago we published a recruitment flyer which brought in over 20 new members to the council. The flyer was mailed to the families in the parish and was included as a bulletin insert. I would like to once again use this successful approach to bring in new members. Our insurance agent, Tom White, has agreed to fund the mailing and postage of the flyer. We would be responsible for the printing and the bulletin insert. This would cost the council approximately \$800. We have \$400 in the budget currently for membership/recruitment.

Respectfully submitted,
Quentin Sedney, GK