

FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY'S CAUSE FOR CANONIZATION ADVANCES (16579)

The Congregation for the Causes of Saints is investigating a possible miracle attributed to the intercession of the founder of the Knights of Columbus.

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — The cause for sainthood for Father Michael McGivney, a parish priest in Connecticut who founded the Knights of Columbus, has taken another official step forward. At the fraternal organization's 131st Supreme Convention in San Antonio earlier this month, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson reported "there is good news concerning Father McGivney's cause. A possible miracle attributed to his intercession is now under investigation in Rome." If the miracle is approved, Father McGivney would be beatified and receive the title of "Blessed." "If he were beatified now, he would be the first United States-born parish priest to be beatified," noted Brian Caulfield, the vice postulator for Father McGivney's cause for canonization. Explaining the process for this new step, Caulfield said, "We were investigating at the diocesan level, and that investigation has been completed. All the documentation was delivered to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints at the Vatican in March." He noted that there were no initial objections to the documentation, and the Vatican congregation is moving forward with its role. "It is now in the early stages of investigation there," Caulfield said. "The Vatican is now gathering a medical commission to study the possible miracle and determine if it is beyond medical explanation." If the commission approves, "then it goes to a theological commission, which will decide whether to send a recommendation to the Holy Father for approval," Caulfield said. "Then this would be the miracle for the declaration for the beatification." At the Vatican, the steps for Father McGivney's cause are being handled by the postulator, Andrea Ambrosi. He works closely with the Congregation for the Causes of Saints and has completed many causes brought from more than 40 countries. Along with serving as postulator for Father McGivney's cause, Ambrosi is postulator for several more candidates' causes, including Blessed Pope John XXIII, Blessed John Henry Newman, Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen and Fathers Augustus Tolton, Emil Kapaun and Patrick Peyton, each designated a "Servant of God." In December 2011, Caulfield was appointed vice postulator to succeed Dominican Father Gabriel O'Donnell, the initial vice postulator when Father McGivney's cause officially opened in the Archdiocese of Hartford, Conn., in 1997. Father O'Donnell, now an administrator at the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, remains director of the Father McGivney Guild, the official source of information on his life and cause for canonization.

Meticulous Process

Describing the meticulous process leading toward sainthood, Caulfield said: "I'm really impressed with the professionalism of the Church in these matters and how everything needs to be documented and proven. Nothing falls through the cracks. As a man of the Church, you are consoled by the fact that anyone who makes it to this level is totally legitimate. No one is pushed through just on reputation alone." After a thorough examination of all the official documentation about Father McGivney's life, Pope Benedict XVI declared him "Venerable" in 2008. "That's a recognition by the Church that he lived the virtues to a heroic level," explained Caulfield. "It is all based on the documentation we can gather on his life and service and anything written about him."

One month later, Benedict XVI visited the United States. During his homily in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, he referred to the parish priest by name. Preaching on the heroic efforts in the late 19th century that saw the Church in America grow dramatically, Benedict said:

"Was not this unity of vision and purpose — rooted in faith and a spirit of constant conversion and self-sacrifice — the secret of the impressive growth of the Church in this country? We need but think of the remarkable accomplishment of that exemplary American priest, the Venerable Michael McGivney, whose vision and zeal led to the establishment of the Knights of Columbus."

Father McGivney always served as a parish priest. Born in 1852 in Waterbury, Conn., he was ordained in 1877 and immediately assigned to St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn. There, his dedication to families led to him being called "Apostle to the Young" and "Protector of Christian Family Life." To help families, especially widows and children, he founded the Knights of Columbus at St. Mary's in 1882. Today, it numbers nearly 1.9 million members internationally. In 1884, the young priest was appointed pastor of both Immaculate Conception Church in Terryville, Conn., and St. Thomas Church in Thomaston, Conn., where he died of pneumonia at age 38 in 1890.

Archbishop Lori

"Even though he didn't use the word evangelization, he certainly was a great evangelizer," Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore, the supreme chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, told the Register. "He helped the men and the families of the parish to embrace the faith. His life and example remain luminous for all of us who are part of the family."

Venerable Father Michael McGivney did not stop there. "He continues to teach us," said Archbishop Lori. "He left behind four principles at the heart of the Knights of Columbus: charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. These core principles taught to us by Father McGivney inspire and undergird all the works of the order and, indeed, all its spirituality. "This latest step in the cause for the order's founder has given a new burst of energy to members. Said Archbishop Lori, "The cause for beatification has prompted the order and so many members of the order to focus as never before on the life and example of Father McGivney — on his goodness as a parish priest, on his priestly virtues and on his inspired leadership."

At the same time, the former bishop of Bridgeport, Conn., reflected on the major role priests play in the order, pointing out the "Knights of Columbus is blessed with magnificent chaplains" at all levels, from state to individual councils doing "yeoman service to our councils bearing witness to Father McGivney's life and the central inspiration he gave to the order." "I never tire of sharing with my brother chaplains the truth that we are successors to Father McGivney," Archbishop Lori explained. "More and more of the chaplains of the order are inspiring their brother knights by helping them focus on the four principles, by helping them know and love their faith and live their faith in a very secular society and in a society that devalues fatherhood and what it means to be a good Christian man."

Answered Prayers

Because Father McGivney's cause did not open until just over a century after he died, Caulfield said it is considered a "historical cause," since none of the virtuous priest's contemporaries were alive to testify about him. The vice postulator clarified that, leading to the title "Venerable," "the recognition of heroic virtue is mainly based on human testament, human sources about what he did, what he wrote, what others wrote about him. The Church makes their judgment on those sources." "To get to the level of beatification, the Church looks for God to act — to get a confirmation from God by requiring a miracle which only God can perform through the intercession of the venerable servant of God," Caulfield said. "There really has to be evidence that God has worked and said Yes. The Church is saying: 'We want God to speak in the matter.' As vice postulator, I find this very comforting that the Church requires this high standard to be met." While this miracle awaits confirmation by the Holy See, Caulfield also works with the Father McGivney Guild, where he constantly sees reports of favors and answers to prayer coming after people pray for Father McGivney's intercession. Reports, testaments and thanks come from people praying to find a job or a better job or parents praying to Father McGivney for their sons and daughters to return to the Church, particularly mothers reporting adult sons and daughters are now back in the faith. All the answered prayers do not surprise Caulfield. "Those are two things Father McGivney was concerned about in his lifetime," he said, "keeping his Catholic flock within the Church, despite the many anti-Catholic challenges in society, and making sure the Catholic family was provided for through decent employment of the breadwinner."

Father McGivney Guild

Membership to the Father McGivney Guild is free and open to everyone, whether or not one is part of the Knights of Columbus. It is officially a separate organization, publishes five issues of its newsletter each year and makes available a new booklet and prayer card about Father McGivney. In his report, Carl Anderson also strongly encouraged everyone "to report any favors received through his intercession to the Father McGivney Guild, whose membership now numbers 150,000 — a testament to the great devotion to our founder." Archbishop Lori has definite thoughts on what going from "Venerable" to "Blessed" Father McGivney would do for Knights, parish priests and the Church in America. "Every day, I pray that Father McGivney will be beautified and, God willing, canonized," he said, "because it would be such a source of encouragement and affirmation for parish priests all over the United States." If a parish priest from the United States were canonized — a native-born priest — "it would be a wonderful source of inspiration and a spur for all of us to pursue holiness," Archbishop Lori said. "And it would be, I dare say, a source of great encouragement for vocations to the priesthood as well."

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“Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities”

One of the most popular and successful programs conducted by Knights of Columbus state and local councils for the benefit of people with intellectual disabilities is the fund-raiser in which councils collect donations outside stores and on street corners. In appreciation, the donor is offered a candy bar, often a Tootsie Roll. The high visibility of this program has led to the campaign being referred to as the “Tootsie Roll Drive.”

The nickname is understandable, but misleading. The Knights of Columbus has no official tie to Tootsie Rolls or their manufacturer. In fact, many councils participate in the same fund-raising drive, but distribute other items. References to this program should highlight the good the money does, not advertise a candy bar. For these reasons, it is strongly recommended that this project be promoted as the “Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities”

We have a good base of volunteers for May 3rd, but could always use more, so if you have free time on Sunday, please stop by and volunteer. The drives on May 3rd and 10th will be at the Publix on Kings and 60 (next to Burlington Coat Factory).

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The McGivney Prayer

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. 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 your venerable servant Father Michael J. 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.

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Prayer for the Sick

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviates our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grants us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen.

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MILLER ROAD CLEANUP

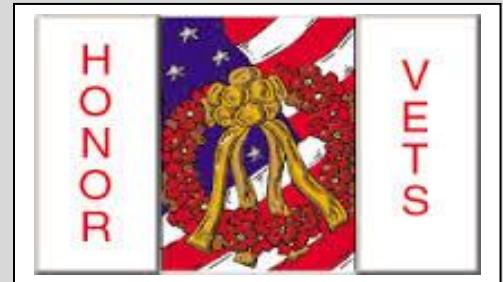
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The Miller Road Clean was held Saturday July 19th. A call was put out for volunteers, and boy did the Mother Seton Council Respond! According to Committee Chairman Peter McNeill, this was the best turnout he has seen since taking over the event. In total 9 Knights and family member's showed up and had Miller Road clean in under an hour! Over 10 bags of garbage was collected.

Miller road was adopted by Council 6724 from Hillsborough County ADOPT a street. We clean the trash and debris from Miller road from Highway 60 to Lumsden Road.

Special Thanks to all the Knights and Familys that came out: Peter McNeill, Sam Miller, Larry Langowski, Noel Blanchet, Neil Wade, Ray Quinones and Chris McManus who also brought his 11 year old daughter Abigail and 9 year old son Connor to take part.

It was a good time had by all. We are scheduled to do the Miller Road Clean Up every Quarter (3 months) so the next one should be taking place in October, so keep your eye on the website, calendar and newsletter for the next date and maybe it will be you and your family who comes out and helps the Mother Seton Council show the Community that we care!



On April 11th Knights from Assembly 1850 made our monthly visit to the homeless VA center on 46th street in Tampa. \$305.00 of food and Hygienic items were delivered to the center .Only a continuing effort by all our councils to bring these offerings in to the Knights meetings will ensure the relief so necessary for our Vets. Please try to remember our heroes before setting out to the meetings. All our Councils are to be congratulated for their generous . Bill Queenan ,Haley Hospital KofC. Rep.

On Saturday the 6th of December Assembly 1850 sponsored our annual Christmas party for our brave heroes at the Haley Cove nursing Home. More than 100 attended and were offered a pizza lunch and entertained by "The Dancers from Brandon". Our expenses were \$539.96 for food and presents (socks, T-shirts, wash cloths ,candy boxes, magazines and DVD's). When our vets come in contact with our knights and their families, especially at this time of the year, the uplifting of their spirits is undeniable. We should never forget the great sacrifices they have made for our way of life to endure. Our participation in events like these play a big part in making their lives more bearable. A hardy "WELL DONE" to all our brothers for your help. We have secured April 11th for our "Spring BBQ for the Vets"at the nursing home. (The first Saturday after Easter) Bill Queenan , Rep. Haley Hospital.



Protecting Your Paycheck

For most of us, the idea of not working is an exciting one. We relish weekends and vacations. We look forward to holidays and special occasions.

We plan for retirement and count down the number of days until we arrive at that freedom that we have planned for so deliberately.

But what if the end of work comes not with freedom, but with surprise? What if the end of work comes with an illness or an accident that prevents us from doing our job? Will we be prepared? Can we be?

With the help of the Knights of Columbus, members and their families can.

We welcome retirement because we have planned for it. We know when it is coming, we know what it will take to get there, and we know what we will need when it arrives. But how can we plan for something unexpected? How can we know what we will need when we do not know what will happen?

Disability insurance is often dismissed by working men and women because they think it will never happen to them. Their jobs are fairly safe. Their lives are fairly healthy. Disability — they say — is simply something they will never experience.

The statistics tell a different story.

According to the United States government, a staggering 1 in 4 of today's 20-year-olds will become disabled before reaching the age of 67.² The nature of the job is irrelevant. According to the Social Security Administration, 95 percent of all disabling illnesses and accidents happen outside of the workplace.²

Consider a typical male, age 35, a non-smoker, who works at an office job with some outdoor responsibilities and leads a very healthy lifestyle. He has a 21 percent chance of being injured or becoming ill and unable to work for three months or longer prior to retirement.³

And what happens once that occurs? What happens if your last paycheck is your last paycheck?

If your illness or injury is among the 95 percent that happen outside of work, workers' compensation will be of no assistance to you. If you plan to rely on the government, you may find that you are among the 64 percent of Americans — including severely disabled Americans — who do not receive any assistance from the government or governmental programs, including Medicare, Social Security and supplemental Security Insurance.⁴

But the situation does not need to be that desperate. Your membership in the Knights of Columbus gives you and your eligible family members exclusive access to disability income insurance that can help safeguard your paycheck.

With Knights of Columbus Disability Income Insurance, you can help make sure that you continue to earn an income, even when you cannot work.

Our disability income insurance is designed to be flexible so that, working with your Brother Knight field agent, you can customize it to fit your needs. You choose the monthly benefit amount that's right for you, the elimination period that makes the most sense, and the maximum benefit period for your policy.

And, by purchasing a disability income insurance policy from the Knights of Columbus, you have the added security of knowing that you are doing business with an unapologetically Catholic company that makes sure its investments do not violate Church teaching, and which has been repeatedly recognized as a "World's Most Ethical" company.

You owe it to yourself and to your family to make sure that your financial future is secure, regardless of what happens. Don't be caught off guard by surprises. Be on guard and be prepared.

Talk to your Knights of Columbus Field Agent today to learn how easy and affordable disability income insurance can be.



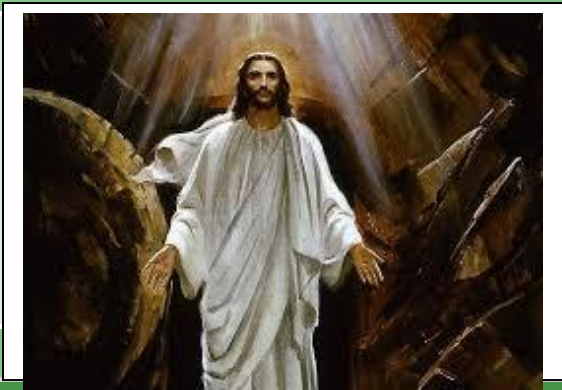
2nd Annual Father's Day Golf Classic

The biggest fund raiser of the year is the Annual Father's Day Gold Outing. Last year drew almost 80 Golfers and raised almost \$10,000. The Golf tournament is a lot of work, not only for the day of the tournament (which takes 20-30 Knights), but the bulk of the work is in the preparation, securing sponsors, selling ads, hole sponsorships, securing door prizes and donations.



The Golf Tournament is an all hands on deck event and right now is one of the most important time periods to secure sponsors. The next information session will be at the March Business Meeting in the Adult Ed Building. As we said there is plenty of need and many jobs to involve everyone. Please come out to this all important meeting. Anyone that has any connections to any potential sponsors or can secure any door prizes, please contact Marc Andersen.

If you have a question, sponsorship or for additional information or an early registration discount, contact Marc Andersen.



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