



Knight News

Mother Seton Council 6724



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Nativity Catholic Church

Grand Knight's Message

Founder's Day

On Founder's Day this March 29th, we celebrate the anniversary of the Knights of Columbus. As we celebrate the legacy of Venerable Michael McGivney and the contributions of our brother



Knights since 1882, we also prepare for an even greater future as we live out the vision of our founder. The anniversary of the realization of Father McGivney's dream is a cause for celebration.

Father Michael McGivney's Cause for Canonization

Advances

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

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.

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."

Herbert Swoope
Grand Knight PFN
Council 6724

Knights of Columbus Day of Prayer for the Unborn Child

The Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child on March 25, 2016 falls on Good Friday this year, thus offering a special opportunity to pray and to build a culture of life that respects the sacredness of every human life, from conception until natural death.



With scheduled Good Friday services, please consider the clergy's and parish's busy schedule when planning activities. Inquire if

special pro-life prayers can be added to Stations of the Cross, rosary or other prayer services being held in the parish on this day. Other prayerful or meaningful activities could be held away from the parish in a public area or outside an abortion clinic. Those attending the event could be encouraged to bring diapers, maternity or baby clothes, or contribute to a Baby Bottle Boomerang campaign. Funds collected can be donated to a local pregnancy care center to purchase an ultrasound machine or other needed equipment and supplies.

Altar Server Dinner

Over a hundred people attended the dinner for the Altar Servers. This was an opportunity for the Knights of Columbus, Mother Seton Council to thank the Altar Servers for all that they do for Nativity Church.

Certificates from the Diocese of St. Petersburg were presented to all servers who have served at least one year. Three Altar Servers were presented with the Knights of Columbus Outstanding Altar Servers Award. Recipients of the award were: Fernando Rosado Ortiz (High School), Holly Gaither (High School) and Anthony Mazuchowski (6th Grade).

At the dinner, Father Tapp was presented with a certificate recognizing him for receiving the honors of the Fourth Degree in the Knights of Columbus.



Father Tapp was also presented with a check for \$100 for the Annual Pastoral Appeal.

Another check for \$1,000 was presented to Nativity Catholic School for the school's Scholarship Fund.

Our 2 seminarians, Drew Woodke and Patrick Lambert, were also recognized at the dinner. They each received a check for \$600.

Kairos Prison Ministry

Our Council received a letter from the Kairos Prison Ministry in Section #5 Florida thanking the Council for the recent donation to their ministry. Kairos is a totally volunteer prison ministry that relies on funding from organizations like the Knights of Columbus and from individuals.

A Kairos retreat will be held on April 21-24. The size of the retreat will depend on the number of volunteers available. Contact SK Richard Spinelli if you are interested in volunteering your services.

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Insurance Corner

Family Fraternal Benefits

Being a member of the Knights of Columbus is an opportunity to be part of the largest Catholic lay organization in the world. Being an insured member means you've taken full advantage of the benefits of membership. Avail yourself and your family of our full line of life insurance, retirement and long-term care products and you'll help chart a course to safe waters in your financial future.

In addition to our strong, secure products, there are Family Fraternal Benefits that can help our members facing unique needs. Many of these benefits are unique to the Knights of Columbus and our members. Some of these benefits include:

- Guaranteed life insurance benefits for uninsurable children
- Death benefits available for stillborn or miscarried children
- Orphan benefits
- Member/spouse accidental death benefits

Please contact our field agent Joe DiSalvo to discuss any of your insurance needs.

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Prayer for the Sick

Please keep the following in your prayers:

Lori Jacobson

Dorothy Boes

Ed Slezak

Darlene Westbrook

Mike Scott

Don & Maryann Clark

John Houseman

Chris' unborn grandson

Teresa Sanchez

George Giragosian

Tom Rusher

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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Upcoming Events

TBD – Memorial Mass

March 7 – Council Business Meeting 7:30pm

March 29 – Officers Meeting 7:00pm

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