



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

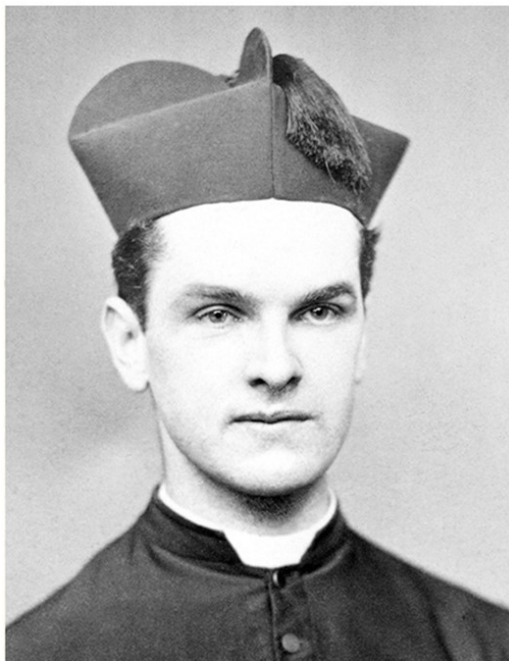
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(From top left): Sts. Batiz Sainz, Correa Magallanes, De la Mora de la Mora, Robles Hurtado, Maldonado Lucero, Aguilar Alemán, Guizar Valencia; Blessed Manuel Rodríguez, Rangel Montañó, Sola Molist and Pérez Larios (Right) Members of Maria, Trono de la Sabiduría (Mary, Seat of Wisdom) Council 13582 in Puebla, Mexico South, process with the reliquary at their university.



Fr. Michael J. McGivney
Beatification Day Oct 31, 2020

Upcoming Events

August 30th - Blood Drive 8:30am -1:30pm,
September - 1,000 Rosaries for Father Emmanuel
October - Month of Mary
October 12th - Columbus Day
October 31st - Fr. McGivney Beatification
November - Epiphany Gala
January 6th - Epiphany Ball
January 29th - National March for Life, DC
February 14th - Father-Daughter Dance
February-Cana Dinner

The Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus was founded by an Irish-American Catholic priest, The Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, Connecticut. He gathered a group of men from St. Mary's parish for an organizational meeting on October 2, 1881 and the Order was incorporated under the laws of the U.S. state of Connecticut on March 29, 1882. Though the first councils were all in that state, the Order spread throughout New England and the United States in subsequent years.

The primary motivation for the Order was to be a mutual benefit society. As a parish priest in an immigrant community, McGivney saw what could happen to a family when the breadwinner died and wanted to provide insurance to care for the widows and orphans left behind. He himself had to temporarily leave his seminary studies to care for his family when his father died. In the late 19th century, Catholics were regularly excluded from labor unions and other organizations that provided social services.

In addition, Catholics were either barred from many of the popular fraternal organizations, or, as in the case of Freemasonry, forbidden from joining by the Catholic Church itself. McGivney wished to provide them an alternative. He also believed that Catholicism and fraternalism were not incompatible and wished to found a society that would encourage men to be proud of their American-Catholic heritage.

McGivney traveled to Boston to examine the Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters and to Brooklyn to learn about the recently established Catholic Benevolent League, both of which offered insurance benefits. He found the latter to be lacking the excitement he thought was needed if his organization were to compete with the secret societies of the day. He expressed an interest in establishing a New Haven Court of the Foresters, but the charter of Massachusetts Foresters prevented them from operating outside their Commonwealth. The committee of St. Mary's parishioners McGivney had assembled then decided to form a club that was entirely original.

McGivney had originally conceived of the name "Sons of Columbus" but James T. Mullen, who would become the first Supreme Knight, successfully suggested that "Knights of Columbus" would better capture the ritualistic nature of the new organization. The Order was founded 10 years before the 400th anniversary of Columbus' arrival in the New World and in a time of renewed interest in him. Columbus was a hero to many American Catholics, and the naming him as patron was partly an attempt to bridge the division between the Irish-Catholic founders of the Order and Catholic immigrants of other nationalities living in Connecticut.

The Connecticut Catholic ran an editorial in 1878 that illustrated the esteem in which American Catholics held Columbus. "As American Catholics we do not know of anyone who more deserves our grateful remembrance than the great and noble man - the pious, zealous, faithful Catholic, the enterprising navigator, and the large-hearted and generous sailor: Christopher Columbus."

The name of Columbus was also partially intended as a mild rebuke to Anglo-Saxon Protestant leaders, who upheld the explorer (a Catholic Genovese Italian working for Catholic Spain) as an American hero, yet simultaneously sought to marginalize recent Catholic immigrants. In taking Columbus as their patron, they were sending the message that not only could Catholics be full members of American society, but were, in fact, instrumental in its foundation.

By the time of the first annual convention in 1884, the Order was prospering. In the five councils throughout Connecticut were 459 members. Groups from other states were requesting information. The Charter of 1899 included four statements of purpose, including "to promote such social and intellectual intercourse among its members as shall be desirable and proper, and by such lawful means as to them shall seem best." The new charter showed members' desire to grow the organization beyond a simple mutual benefit insurance society.

The Knights are collecting new and used rosary's for Fr. Emmanuel in Tanzania we will be collecting them in a large jar in the social hall through the month of September. Our goal is a thousand Rosary's



Join our Facebook Group at

Knights of Columbus - Council #144495 - Epiphany of Our Lord - Tampa - FL

Welcome New Knight

Diego M. Pestana Esq.



If you would like to become a Knight
Please contact

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8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

**Epiphany of Our Lord - Knights of Columbus Council
#14495**

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