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Blessed Michael McGivney,  
Apostle to the Young and  
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## Historic First: Parish Named for Founder

From a Catholic perspective, New Haven, Conn., is now officially “McGivney City,” and St. Mary’s Church is its vibrant heart. On July 1, 2023, by decree of Hartford Archbishop Leonard Blair, all the churches of New Haven were merged into a single parish that is the first in the world named for Blessed Michael McGivney, who founded the Knights of Columbus at St. Mary’s with a handful of laymen in 1882.

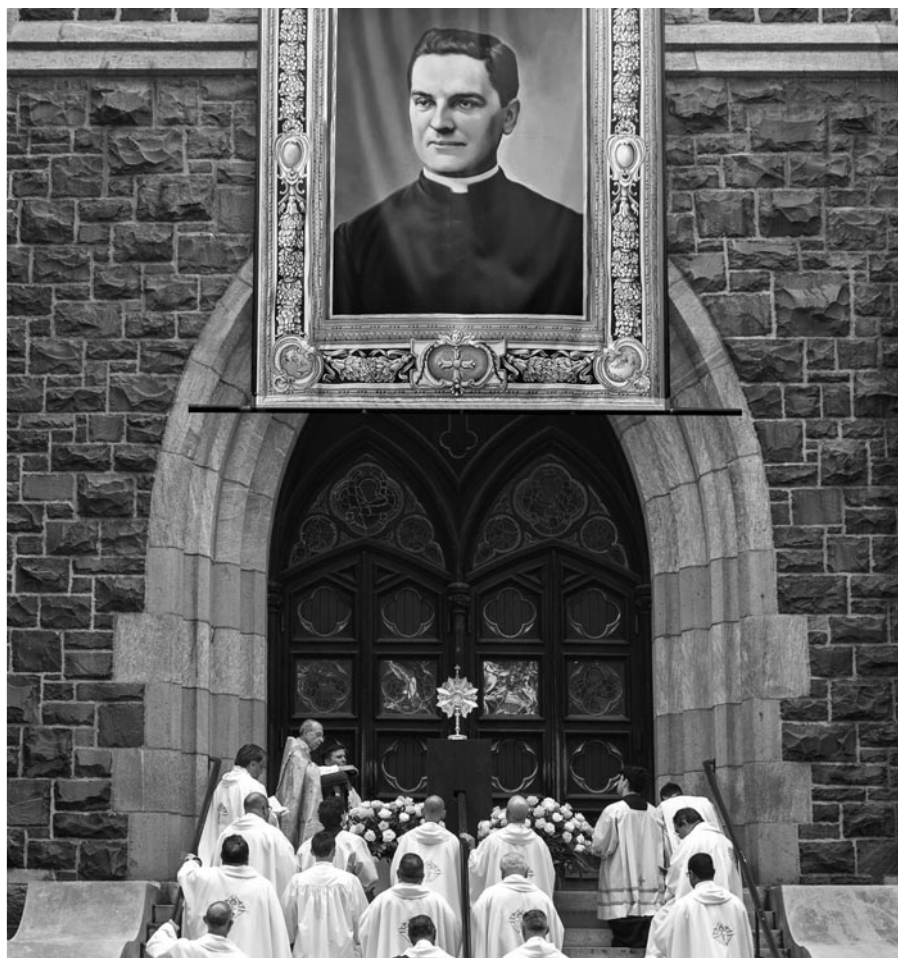
“Blessed [Michael] McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, was an exemplar of charity and steadfast devotion to Christ, still today inspiring millions of people to action for the

common good, in the name of God,” said Archbishop Blair, who selected the name from among several options proposed by a committee of New Haven parishioners. “I will continue to pray for this new parish community and invite all New Haven Catholics to do the same.”

In his decree, the archbishop stated, “the new juridic entity will have eight sacred edifices: Saints Aedan and Brendan (formerly Saint Aedan), Saint Anthony, Saint Martin de Porres, Saint Michael, Saint Francis (formerly belonging to Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish), Saint Stanislaus, Saint Mary and Saint Joseph (formerly belonging to Saint Mary Parish) Churches, and the new parish will henceforth be named Blessed Michael McGivney Parish.” Administrative headquarters will be based at St. Mary’s rectory. (See full text of decree, page 6.)

Father Ryan Lerner, St. Mary’s pastor since December 2021, announced the change to K of C leaders after Mass June 9 during the Organizational Meeting of State Deputies and State Chaplains Meeting. The news was then shared with New Haven parishioners during weekend Masses. Now serving with two other pastors as the parish’s first moderator, Father Lerner said, “I feel profoundly moved, and so very excited, that our unified parish will be named for and entrusted to the patronal care of Blessed Michael McGivney.”

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly highlighted the historic ties between the Knights of Columbus and St. Mary’s, which is the oldest Catholic church in New Haven and the second oldest in Connecticut. “In 1882, in the basement of St. Mary’s, Blessed Michael McGivney gathered young Catholic men seeking ways to unite in their faith and find a means of supporting their families amid a society that frowned upon Catholic immigrants,” he said. “They formed a brotherhood that would allow Knights to work together with their pastors and strengthen their families, parishes and communities. The Knights of Columbus is honored that the new citywide parish has adopted Blessed Michael McGivney’s name.”



On the steps of St. Mary’s Church, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori leads state chaplains in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament June 9, during a meeting of chaplains and state deputies. On July 1, St. Mary’s became the administrative center for the newly created Blessed Michael McGivney Parish, which includes all the churches of New Haven. (Photo: Tamino Petelinšek)

# FAVORS REPORTED

*Mindful of the fact a second miracle is needed for Father McGivney to advance to sainthood, the Guild continues to ask all members to pray to this Blessed servant of God and to spread knowledge of and devotion to him in your parishes and Knights of Columbus councils. Please report any favors received to the Father McGivney Guild (guild@kofc.org).*

## Cysts

I was diagnosed with cysts on my kidneys and liver in January 2023. I was in considerable pain and discomfort. I received the Sacrament of Anointing from my priest and began to pray to Father McGivney for healing. I continued to pray, and by April 2023 I was completely healed and had no more symptoms or problems. Thanks be to God.

Rhode Island

## Finances

Last year, the day after surgery at Yale New Haven Hospital, I stopped at St. Mary's Church, New Haven. While praying for my son to find a job in front of the portrait of Father McGivney, a woman approached me and said, "He answers prayers, he has for me." My son had been looking for a job with no prospects for months, but that day he called a job listing I found while in the hospital. He not only was interviewed that same day, he was also hired that day. It's a good job, close to home, and he is doing well there.

Connecticut

I didn't have enough money even for gas to go to work, so I prayed to Father Michael McGivney. The very next day I received a refund check that had been lost in the mail for some time. It was only \$97, but it filled up my gas tank and allowed me to drive so I could work. I meant to report this the day I received the check, but I got busy with my children and work. Today, while reading the Bible, I found his card and remembered.

Nebraska

I was recently in a financial crisis. I had unexpectedly lost my job and was struggling to find income and resolve a very difficult situation involving identity theft. I prayed for intercession, and soon after I had a complete resolution and an excellent job.

Connecticut

## Surgery

My son was healed with no explanation. The surgeon who cut open his left arm was amazed not to see the damage he expected! The tissues remained healthy! "I don't understand," he said! My son and his family thank Father McGivney and the whole community for the fervent prayers that led to this little miracle that confused the doctors.

Quebec

My Mom, a 72-year-old diabetic, recovered miraculously from bladder surgery. It was a complicated, six-hour surgery, but she is recovering well. *Vivat Jesus!*

Mexico

Five years ago, at the Missouri K of C State Convention, we learned that our daughter was being taken by ambulance to a Cincinnati hospital for a severe illness. She had an emergency surgery for a saddle pulmonary embolism on Sunday morning. She flatlined, and the surgeon was incredulous that she survived. He told us "You can consider this a miracle." We'd left Missouri just before the Mass at the convention. Several of my coworkers told the bishop that our daughter had an emergency illness. He told everyone: "Let's ask Father McGivney for his intercession."

Missouri

My mother suffered from appendicitis, which required surgery. Our family prayed to Father McGivney for healing, and Mom prayed with the hospital priest numerous times. During the first surgery, the doctor saw a small tumor in her abdomen, and it was removed and biopsied. The biopsy revealed that the tumor was cancerous. It would not have been found without the appendicitis. We prayed very hard to Father McGivney to heal my mom of cancer and watch over her during a second surgery to remove her colon and lymph nodes. By a miracle, all were cancer free. God bless!

Connecticut

The mother of two children, I was diagnosed with Stage 4 ovarian cancer that spread to other organs. I had four months to live. On Christmas Eve 2020, I started chemo. I had flashing in my eyes, and the doctor scheduled a brain scan. During the scan, I had an anxiety attack, then a vision of Blessed Michael McGivney. I asked him for help and to stop the panic attack; from that point, my anxiety stopped, and the procedure went smoothly. The test was negative. The doctors planned to remove my colon, but during the surgery the doctors found that the cancer was gone.

New York

I have been praying the prayer to Blessed Michael McGivney for my godson. He had a malignant brain tumor removed last summer and just completed intensive radiation and chemotherapy treatment. Today there is no cancer visible in his brain or spine. I do realize this could be because of treatment, and time will tell if the cancer will not return. Thank you.

Rhode Island

My wife's hearing was restored from profound deafness following the replacement of her right cochlear implant. She lost her hearing 11 years ago due to spinal meningitis. Her hearing was successfully restored with bilateral cochlear implants, but one completely failed recently. After multiple attempts, a surgery was required in December, and through many prayers and Blessed Michael McGivney's intervention, she is hearing again. I believe this was through his miraculous intervention!

Florida

## Recoveries

My family has a history of cancer, specifically breast cancer. Two aunts succumbed to it, and two sisters are survivors. I decided to pray to Blessed Michael McGivney after getting results from my latest breast screening (mammogram and ultrasound). The finding was a questionable mass. I prayed to Father McGivney for a good outcome in anticipation of my follow-up screening three weeks later. There was no suspicious mass, but a six-month follow up is in order. A small miracle for me!

Connecticut

My husband, Roy, is now home on intravenous antibiotics and may have to be on pill form for the rest of his life. Roy attributes this improvement to his faith, love of the Knights (of which he is honored to be a member) and God's hand in allowing this miracle, which the doctors, after many more confirming tests, cannot explain. Roy and Joan would like to thank all the Knights of Columbus from the bottom of our hearts for their prayers. They want you to know how much they appreciate you as truly devoted servants of the Lord.

Florida



## Dear Guild Members,

August is always an important month for friends of Blessed Michael McGivney. On August 13, his feast day, we recall his life on this earth and celebrate his life with God in eternity. We give glory to God for the example and zeal of one remarkable parish priest, and with great confidence we call on him as our intercessor in heaven.

For Knights of Columbus, entrusted with the spiritual legacy of Blessed Michael, August marks the time of its Supreme Convention, convened this year in Orlando, Fla. Knights and their families gather to remember and celebrate the vision of the founder and look to future ways in which the Order might strengthen the Church and our faith and serve the needs of others.

This year the feast of Blessed Michael McGivney falls on Sunday. Because the resurrection of Christ is the very meaning of Sunday, no other feast can displace the weekly "little Easter," as Sunday is sometimes called. At every Sunday Mass, Catholics gather to recall the triumph of Jesus Christ over sin and death and to renew their relationship with him in hearing the Word and receiving his body and blood in the Eucharist. When another feast falls on a Sunday, it is not observed. Nonetheless, the memory and glory of Blessed McGivney should be an important part of our prayers on August 13, and Knights of Columbus chaplains and other priests dedicated to the Order's founder are encouraged to offer a Votive Mass on another day in honor of the Blessed Michael, with permission of the bishop. In the founder, we have a powerful advocate who understood the sufferings of ordinary men and women; he spent his life serving those in trouble or need.

As you read this, there is another piece of joyful news that is covered in more depth elsewhere in this newsletter. On July 1, the Archdiocese of Hartford merged all parishes in New Haven into the newly named Blessed Michael McGivney Parish. It is very appropriate that in the Connecticut city where he founded the

Knights of Columbus, Father McGivney should be honored with the first parish named for him. The administrative center of the new parish will be at St. Mary's Church, the birthplace of the Knights of Columbus and where Father McGivney began his pastoral work in 1878. The new parish makes up in some way the lack of a feast day celebration in 2023, yet we know that the blessed servant of God in heaven rejoices that the Church, in her wisdom, places the memorial of the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus above any saint. Before all else, Father McGivney was a priest of Jesus Christ, and he continues to point us to Jesus our Savior.

The growing awareness of Father McGivney's holiness of life and his example of sacrificial love for his people has been a source of blessings for many faithful Catholics. Guild members should more fervently ask God for the needed miracle that would make possible his canonization.

When we look carefully at the life and work of Father McGivney, we are struck by his constant self-giving at great personal expense. For him, love and the care of others always involved sacrifice. No matter how tired, no matter how many demands pressed upon him, all witnesses attest to his patience and loving attention to families burdened with financial hardship or domestic struggles. He was no stranger to the sufferings of the poor, the unemployed, or those caught in the grip of alcoholism or other addictions. He knew he could not solve all problems, but he was a constant presence and support to men and women facing crises that threatened family life and any hope of human happiness. He was a man of compassion and self-sacrifice, and his own health suffered as a consequence.

The ability to forget one's own needs to serve others is the Christian call to perfect love, perfect charity. On August 13, we should recall the example of Blessed Michael McGivney and resolve to place ourselves at the service of our families and loved ones. Blessed Michael McGivney, pray for us as you lead us to Jesus.

Devotedly yours in Christ,

*Father Gabriel B. O'Donnell, O.P.*

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Guild Director  
Vice-Postulator



Supreme Master Michael McCusker stands with a New Haven Fourth Degree honor guard outside St. Mary's Church after the Mass for state deputies and state chaplains June 9. (Photo: Tamino Petelinšek)



Supreme Warden Andrzej Anasiak and his wife, Magdalena, pose at the statue of Father McGivney outside St. Mary's Church after the Mass for state deputies and state chaplains. (Photo: Tamino Petelinšek)

# Founder's Example Invoked at Leadership Meetings

Nearly 70 Knights of Columbus state deputies attended the annual organizational meeting in New Haven June 8-11, and 47 state chaplains participated in their own meeting June 7-9. Throughout the week, the deputies and chaplains participated in fraternal events, workshops and planning sessions. State chaplains also took part in a pilgrimage to several Connecticut sites related to the life and ministry of Blessed Michael McGivney. The two groups came together June 9 for a Mass at St. Mary's Church celebrated by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore, after which Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly installed newly elected deputies with the medal of office. The Mass was followed by a eucharistic procession on Hillhouse Avenue, passing by many buildings belonging to Yale University. Later the same morning, Kelly and Archbishop Lori delivered keynote remarks to the assembled state deputies and chaplains. The supreme knight reflected on the Order's longstanding witness of co-responsibility represented by the clergy and laymen present. Co-responsibility "means recognizing and taking shared responsibility for the mission of the Church," he said. "This what the Order has done throughout our history. ... It's 'how' the Knights of Columbus approaches all that we do." The "why," Kelly continued, is rooted in the example of Blessed Michael McGivney. "Father McGivney truly lived and loved with the heart of a father, a heart completely dedicated to the service, protection and formation of those in his care." Knights, especially K of C leaders, Supreme Knight Kelly said, are called to the same self-giving love. "I am convinced that if we become more and more formed and fashioned by the heart of God, we will continue to grow in both good men and good works," he said. "We have to inspire a new generation of men to have the heart of a father."

Speaking of Father McGivney's enduring vision and mission for the Order, Archbishop Lori said, "[I]f we look carefully at Blessed Michael McGivney's life and ministry, we will see that his first concern was for the spiritual well-being of the men of his parish. He could see that some if not many of them were on the path to becoming nominal Catholics – practicing the faith sporadically if



State chaplains from around the world joined Archbishop Lori on a bus pilgrimage of significant sites in the life and ministry of Father McGivney, including Mass at Immaculate Conception Church in Terryville, Conn. (above).

at all. He could see the challenges of marriage and family life that many of the men of his parish were undergoing, and these in an era before easy and frequent divorce. Blessed Michael also saw the pull of the then-secular society upon his men, whether it was the anti-Catholic bigotry that was afoot at the time or the lure of secret societies which were so popular at the time. In other words, with a wise and loving pastor's heart, Father McGivney understood the centrifugal forces that threatened the spiritual well-being of the men of his parish. In my opinion, this was Blessed Michael's most fundamental reason for founding the Knights of Columbus and giving us the principles of charity and unity, and later on fraternity. All of this flowed from the holiness of his priestly heart."

# In the Footsteps of the Founder

On June 8, 47 state chaplains embarked on a bus tour of significant sites in the life and ministry of Father McGivney led by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore. Here is a brief photographic record of that journey, organized by Dominican Father Jonathan Kalisch, director of chaplains and spirituality for the Knights of Columbus.



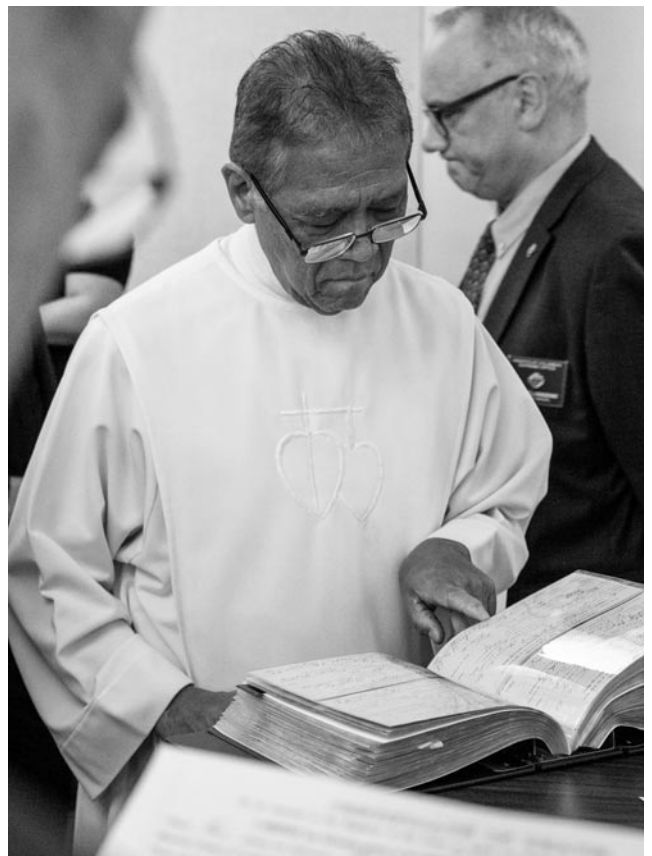
Father Joseph Crowley, pastor of St. Thomas Church in Thomaston, where Father McGivney served from 1884 till his death in 1890, talks to state chaplains about the possible eucharistic miracle he witnessed in the church. In March, Father Crowley reported that during the distribution of Holy Communion, the number of hosts in a ciborium inexplicably increased so that there were more at the end of Mass than at the beginning. The Archdiocese of Hartford has referred the case to the Vatican for study.



With an image of Blessed Michael McGivney behind him, Archbishop Lori delivers a homily during Mass with state chaplains in Immaculate Conception Church in Terryville, the same building that stood when Father McGivney was pastor there.



Standing on the stage of the Thomaston Opera House before a projected image of Father McGivney, who staged plays at the venue, Father Jim Sullivan talks about his personal and familial connections to the K of C founder. Father Sullivan grew up with his five siblings in Waterbury, Conn., and is now rector of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, whose parish precincts include the area where Father McGivney grew up in Waterbury.



Hawaii's state chaplain, Father Lane Akiona, a member of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, reviews marriage and baptismal records signed by Father McGivney that were placed on display by the town clerk of Thomaston during the pilgrimage of state chaplains.



The pilgrimage concluded at the McGivney family plot in Old St. Joseph's Cemetery in Waterbury, where Archbishop Lori and Father Kalisch placed a wreath. After his death in 1890, Father McGivney was buried in the plot, but his remains were exhumed in December 1981 and later placed in a sarcophagus in St. Mary's Church, New Haven, as part of the ceremonies for the Order's 100th anniversary on March 29, 1982.



**MOST REVEREND LEONARD P. BLAIR**  
**ARCHBISHOP OF HARTFORD**  
**DECREE**

This decree concerns the extinctive union involving the Parishes of Saints Aedan and Brendan, Saint Anthony, Saint Martin de Porres, Saint Mary, Saint Michael, Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Stanislaus, of New Haven, Connecticut.

**WHEREAS**, the Archdiocese of Hartford has had to undertake a planning process in relation to its parishes and churches;

**WHEREAS**, the merger is a response to the letter that, I, as Archbishop of Hartford, wrote to the Catholic Faithful in the City of New Haven, in December 2021, announcing the pastoral plan for the city parishes. In the letter I indicated that the goal of the merger is to bring the priests, churches, ministries, and resources of the city together, uniting them in the hopes of creating a stronger, more vibrant Catholic community and culture. Thus, the Archdiocese was now to implement a new, united “municipal model” for the city of New Haven;

**WHEREAS**, Saints Aedan and Brendan was erected in 2016, Saint Anthony in 1903, Saint Martin de Porres in 1942, Saint Mary in 1832, Saint Michael in 1889, Our Lady of Guadalupe in 2017, and Saint Stanislaus in 1901, there has been a decrease in Mass attendance and other sacramental attendance (e.g. baptisms, marriages) at most of the Parishes; and there are not enough priestly personnel to serve as pastors at these parishes and presently three of them have administrators; and considering that these parishes are within a several mile radius of one another, some even a mile or less, and also considering the overall number of Parishes in New Haven, it seems most prudent and necessary for the future of the Catholic community in New Haven to combine these communities and their respective resources;

**WHEREAS**, A SWOT Analyses of the Parishes in the New Haven area was conducted which led to the establishment of the “Implementation Team.” The Team has been meeting constantly to discuss matters pertaining to the merger. Thus far, the following activities have been achieved: City-Wide Mass Schedule, Single Parish Bulletin, and a Parish Website;

**WHEREAS**, the intention or will of donors, any restrictions on assets, including land, as well as any acquired rights, have been examined and taken into consideration. The Presbyteral Council was consulted on June 7, 2023, in accord with canon 515 §2 of the Code of Canon Law in relation to the modification of parishes and posed no objection;

**WHEREAS**, having judged that sufficient just causes, as noted above, are present and that the good of souls will not thereby be impaired,

**I HEREBY DECREE** the amalgamation of Saints Aedan and Brendan, Saint Anthony, Saint Martin de Porres, Saint Michael, Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Stanislaus, following from canons 121 & 515 §2 of the Code of Canon Law, by which they are subsumed into Saint Mary Parish; the separate juridic (legal) personalities of Saints Aedan and Brendan, Saint Anthony, Saint Martin de Porres, Saint Michael, Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Stanislaus will cease to exist and will no longer be subjects of obligations and rights under canon law; the new juridic entity will have eight (8) sacred edifices: Saints Aedan and Brendan (formerly Saint Aedan), Saint Anthony, Saint Martin de Porres, Saint Michael, Saint Francis (formerly belonging to Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish), Saint Stanislaus, Saint Mary and Saint Joseph (formerly belonging to Saint Mary Parish) Churches, and the new parish will henceforth be named Blessed Michael McGivney Parish.

The administration of the church buildings and premises will be based at Blessed Michael McGivney Parish. The assets and liabilities of the former Saints Aedan and Brendan, Saint Anthony, Saint Martin de Porres, Saint Michael, Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Stanislaus Parishes will become the assets and liabilities of Blessed Michael McGivney Parish. The sacramental registers along with any other parish records and historical documents, shall be preserved at Blessed Michael McGivney Parish. The territorial boundaries of Blessed Michael McGivney Parish will henceforth be the combined boundaries of it and the former Parishes of Saints Aedan and Brendan, Saint Anthony, Saint Martin de Porres, Saint Michael, Our Lady of Guadalupe and Saint Stanislaus.

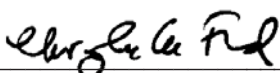
This decree becomes effective as of July 1, 2023, prior to which the substance of it is to be communicated to parishioners at the aforementioned parishes, including the display in an appropriate place so that parishioners can read it as they enter or exit the churches. It will also be available on the Archdiocese of Hartford website, under News-Public Notices: [<https://archdioceseofhartford.org/public-notice/>]. Canonical recourse may be made within the peremptory time limit of ten (10) business days from the legitimate notification of the decree and in accordance with the norm of law (CIC canon 1734 §2).

All things to the contrary notwithstanding.

Given at the Chancery of the Archdiocese of Hartford, Connecticut, on the 7th day of June in the Year of Our Lord 2023.



Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair, S.T.D.  
Archbishop of Hartford



Reverend Christopher M. Ford, J.C.L.  
Chancellor

# GUILD ITEMS

Please Send Items Below To:

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Indicate the number of items desired in the space provided. All prices are in U.S. dollars and include shipping and handling unless otherwise noted. Please allow three weeks for delivery.

\_\_\_\_\_ Beatification DVD — \$45

\_\_\_\_\_ Blessed McGivney Beatification Medallion — \$40

\_\_\_\_\_ 4-Foot Statue — \$2,400 (Plus Shipping & Handling)

\_\_\_\_\_ Reliquary (case w/third-class relic) — \$20 donation

\_\_\_\_\_ Father McGivney Plaque — \$190

\_\_\_\_\_ 8" Figurine (Fiberglass) — \$50

\_\_\_\_\_ Red Rosary (PG-614) — \$10

\_\_\_\_\_ White Rosary (PG-615) — \$10

\_\_\_\_\_ Pewter Spoon — \$11

**PRINTED ITEMS — FREE OF CHARGE UP TO 25 COPIES**

\_\_\_\_\_ *A Model for Our Times* booklet

\_\_\_\_\_ Prayer for Canonization card

\_\_\_\_\_ Prayer for Canonization card (with third-class relic)

Complete and return to the Father McGivney Guild, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326. Make check payable to: Father McGivney Guild. Tax-deductible donations may also be sent to this address.

*Many more Father McGivney promotional and devotional items may be purchased online with a credit card or check at the KnightsGear website (knightsgear.com).*

Write out your prayer intention below and mail to the Guild, or submit an intention online at [www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org)

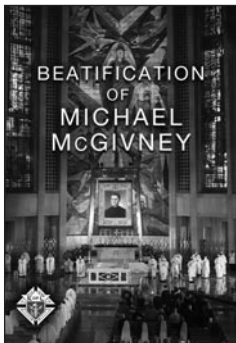
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### Beatification DVD

The historic Mass of Beatification of Blessed Michael McGivney is captured on this DVD of the ceremony of Oct. 31, 2020. Relive the moment when Father McGivney was proclaimed "Blessed."  
**\$45.00 (includes shipping)**



### Third-Class Relic

A small piece of cloth touched to the bodily remains of Father McGivney is contained in an ornate reliquary and placed in a solid plastic case. Use for personal prayer and devotion. **Donation: \$20**



### 8" Figurine of Father McGivney

Crafted by Italian sculptors. Depicts Father McGivney holding a book with the emblem of the Knights of Columbus embossed on the cover. This figurine can remind us of Father McGivney's presence in our lives and his role as intercessor for our needs. Available in fiberglass with a golden-bronze finish. **\$50**



### Father McGivney Plaque

This semi-relief plaque is perfect for hanging in a council meeting place. Solid yet portable, it measures 12 in. high, 10 in. wide, a half-inch deep, and weighs 4 lbs. Made of compressed marble powder and plated with a composite of copper and nickel, each piece is hand-designed by a U.S. Catholic art house. **\$190**



Father Ryan Lerner, pastor of St. Mary’s Church since December 2021, announces to state deputies and state chaplains the creation of the new Blessed Michael McGivney Parish in New Haven.

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## Feast Day Observances

The feast day (memorial) of Blessed Michael McGivney will not be observed this year since August 13 falls on a Sunday, in this case the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In liturgical terms, the celebration of Sunday, the Day of the Lord, takes precedence over an optional memorial. However, Knights of Columbus councils and assemblies may schedule appropriate observances on or near August 13, in consultation with their pastors, council chaplains or faithful friars. The days before or after August 13 offer appropriate opportunities for honoring the founder – August 12 marks his birthday (1852), and August 14 marks the day of his death (1890).

A Votive Mass of Blessed Michael McGivney may be offered on either of those days. A printable booklet of the Votive Mass prayers and propers can be found on the Order’s website ([kofc.org/en/resources/events/father-mcgivney-beatification/votive-mass-blessed-mcgivne-booklet.pdf](https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/events/father-mcgivney-beatification/votive-mass-blessed-mcgivne-booklet.pdf)). A preface in the booklet notes:

*According to a directive from the [Dicastery] for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, August 13 is inscribed on the liturgical calendar as a memorial of Blessed Michael McGivney for the Archdiocese of Hartford. The [dicastery], however, noted that “it will be possible for gatherings of Knights [of Columbus] to celebrate a votive Mass in honor of Fr. McGivney with the permission of the local ordinary and respecting the rules of precedence laid out in the Table of Liturgical Days” (Prot. N. 436/20).*

In accordance with this guidance, Knights of Columbus chaplains as well as priests with active councils in their parishes outside of the Archdiocese of Hartford may seek permission from their diocesan bishop to offer a Votive Mass of Blessed Michael McGivney on a day near August 13. In this way, Masses honoring Blessed Michael McGivney may be offered in places around the world where Knights are active, with permission of the diocesan bishop.

Councils and assemblies may conduct other events outside of Mass on August 13 or on another appropriate day. One recommended observance would be a holy hour with the Blessed Sacrament, during which prayers specific to the founder may be recited. Prayers, petitions and other resources may be found on the Order’s website (<https://www.kofc.org/en/events/father-mcgivney-beatification/toolkit.html?1tab=1tab0>).

In any prayer service, Knights are encouraged to invite members of the parish to join them and to distribute prayer cards and other Guild materials that may be obtained with the order form on page 7 of this newsletter.

May Blessed Michael McGivney intercede for all Knights and their families as we honor him with celebrations during these three days, Aug. 12-14, 2023.