



Knights News

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- State Deputy** - Joe Flaherty III
- State Chaplain** - Fr. James Hedderman
- Associate State Chaplain** - Fr. Dan Good
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- Associate State Chaplain** - Fr. Tom Woods
- State Secretary** - Danny Garcia
- State Warden** - Pat Jackson
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- Immediate Past State Deputy** - Jason Esteve
- Membership Director** - Pete Parrish
- Program Director** - Steve Koach
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In Memory of Our Immediate Past State Deputy



On September 30, 2020, the Lord called our Immediate Past State Deputy, Jason Esteve, home. With his passing, we lost a great leader, a brother, and a friend. Please keep Jason's family in your prayers.

*Eternal rest grant unto Jason, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace.
May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.
Amen.*

Invite Someone to Join Today

Share the pride!

Share the joy!

Share the satisfaction!

State Deputy 2020 Organizational Meeting Remarks

First, I would like to thank the retiring officers for job well done and especially to our State Chaplin Fr Dan Good and Immediate Past State Deputy Jason Esteve for their leadership and guidance, thank you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of my Brother Knights for attending this Organizational Meeting. It is a great honor to be your State Deputy and I feel especially proud to know that you my Brother Knights have the confidence in me to lead the State Council.

I promise you that I will give the State nothing less than 100% of myself to ensure that we continue to grow and once again have the successes that we have had in the past. With your continuing support I know we will be successful in the future. If we remain united, there is little that we cannot accomplish even in these times. I ask for your continued support and trust and in return I will give you and the State all I can.

Please indulge me by letting me share my goals and telling you a bit on how the officers and I plan on accomplishing each one this fraternal year. They are pretty simple really.

Meet membership recruitment targets set for the State of Alabama.

I with the State Secretary, Brother Danny Garcia plan to implement council visits with a target of visiting all councils by the end of the fraternal year beginning with councils who did not recruit a single member in the last fraternal year. I plan to work to re-establish a personal working relationship with all councils. Implement a Most Valuable Council incentive program to encourage new member recruitment. Membership goals will be tracked closely and I will work closely with the Membership Director to assure that membership recruitment is progressing at an acceptable rate. I will be meeting with the State Officers on a frequent basis to make sure that we as a State meet our goals.

Re-establish a recruitment culture across the State.

On-going reminders and discussions on membership will become part of the daily jargon. The selected Membership Director, Brother Pete Parrish, is a PSD with a tremendous amount of experience as an organizer, a communicator, a motivator, and an example of how things need to be done.

Improve State wide communications.

I plan to implement bi-monthly State Officer meetings either virtually or in person to go over prepared agenda items including membership status. The State will also implement a minimum of quarterly DD meetings to address council related issues and membership progress. A communication plan will be developed and published on the State website.

I ask that you join me by supporting these goals and rededicate yourselves to a once cherished code among the men of our Great State – FAITH, OBLIGATION, and LOVE. Let us go forth to lead our councils with love, sincerely asking for His blessing and His help as we march forward to meet our obligations as men of honor.

Let me leave you with our theme for the State this coming year – Leave No Neighbor Behind, which is the same theme that Supreme is using. As Knights this particular set of words should be a rallying cry and our hearts should be moved to help our neighbors. Let all of look to help our parish priests in these difficult times by making ourselves available to them asking what they need, praying for them, and doing all the little things that mean so much. Let's also not forget the elderly among us and look for ways to offer our support to them as well. Remember your council brother and his family who may have lost a job. Reach out to them and their families and help where you can.

Always remember that we are Catholics first and foremost and Knights of Columbus second. Think of how proud Blessed Father Michael J McGivney would be as we continue his work during these difficult times.

Vivat Jesus!!!

From the Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

WHEN I BOARD an airplane, I hope the flight will be smooth. No matter how much I've flown, I'm nervous when the plane bounces around and the flight attendants are instructed to take a seat for the rest of the flight. Some passengers take the turbulence in stride; others are openly frightened. Still others are equally frightened but try not to show it. I'm in this last category. It wouldn't do for a man wearing a Roman collar to get frantic. Instead, I discreetly pull out my rosary and ask the Blessed Virgin Mary to intercede for the pilot, the crew and the passengers (including myself). When the plane lands safely, I offer a prayer of thanksgiving.

Turbulence is an unwelcome experience, which causes heart palpitations and can endanger life and limb. But it also serves a purpose. It reminds us that we really are flying 35,000 feet above the earth, and that's not without risk. Better to keep those seat belts buckled! As noted, turbulence is also good for one's prayer life. As a passenger, I'm in the pilot's hands, but I'm ultimately in God's hands: "Jesus, I trust in you!"

The unnerving ups and downs of turbulence also serve as a good metaphor for life itself. As we begin each day, we hope it will be productive and tranquil. We often pray for lives that are calm and undisturbed. Yet, as we utter such prayers, Scripture rings in our ears. For example, in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus speaks of wars, famines and earthquakes, and he warns of persecution and even death because of his name (cf. 24:6-9). In John's Gospel, the Lord says, "In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world" (16:33).

We experience turbulence in many ways, both in everyday life and in our life of faith. Sometimes, it's the result of our own folly, as when we betray the trust of others or engage in self-destructive behaviors. At other times, such turbulence is not of our own making. Life's journey can be rough due to illness, financial problems, unemployment, marital discord and controversy of all sorts.

In my life as a priest and bishop, I certainly experience spiritual turbulence. It's not that God's consolations and graces aren't abundant; it's not that the signs of his goodness are lacking. But many of the problems I encounter, especially in this particularly turbulent time for the Church, are deeply distressing.

The Church is in the grip of a global crisis of trust because of clergy sexual abuse and the failures of some bishops. This crisis has shaken the faith of many. Some have stopped going to Sunday Mass; others have left the Church altogether. Corrective measures once deemed effective don't seem to have lessened scandals in the Church.

In the midst of this, what are we to do? Are we simply to grip the nearest pew and hold on tightly? Rather, we need to pray for all we're worth. Sometimes, all I can do is to repeat over and over again: "Jesus, I trust in you!" Both clergy and laity also need to speak their mind about the scandals and do whatever they can to help the Church restore trust and continue its mission of faith, worship and service.

Just as airline passengers see turbulence as a bad thing, we usually recognize life's problems as bad. But turbulence in our Church and in our personal lives also serves a purpose. It reminds us that we are not fully in charge. It reminds us that we need to pray and express in faith our dependence upon God. It builds up perseverance. And it also confirms the need to change course, to take corrective actions — not looking for the smooth air of untroubled comfort but for a pathway of truth and courage through present trials. Ultimately, the air, or wind, we must seek is divine — the Holy Spirit, who carries us to everlasting life.



From Deacon John Cooper Alabama State Faith Director

Knights of Columbus:

I am deeply honored and humbled to have the opportunity to serve the Knights of Columbus at the state level as your Faith Director. Please pray for me. I look forward to working with you and meeting you when it is safe to do so. Please do not hesitate to call me (205-930-5108 – office), e-mail me (jcooper@sirrote.com) or text me (205-960-5726).

My first communication with you as Faith Director is about prayer. Please share this memorandum with your Grand Knights and with their faith directors to share with their members.

With all of the uncertainty, fear and even despair many are facing, we are all praying for an end to this pandemic and its adverse social, financial, psychological and spiritual effects, for an end to racial injustice of all types, for an end to the bitter and sometimes violent divisions in our nation and for healing.

As Catholics, we are called to take an active part in building a strong parish, a strong Church and a strong community. Our Knights of Columbus councils are perfectly positioned to be the leading organization within our parishes and communities to respond to that call.

As the COVID-19 Pandemic continues and even worsens, our duty is to lead our families, protect our parishes, and serve our communities. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has challenged us to take this moment as an opportunity to “deepen our commitment to the very principles which define us: charity, unity and fraternity.”

To provide the necessary foundation for this work, we need to encourage all of us to increase our faith. Faith is a supernatural gift from God, which is infused in us by the Holy Spirit and enables us to respond to God’s initiative in calling us and bringing us to Him. It encourages us to strive for holiness and to love and work for the good of our neighbor.

Growing in faith begins with prayer! Many have difficulty in prayer, but prayer should not be complicated! Here are two of my favorite quotes on prayer:

Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God. — St. John Damascene

The highest good is prayer and conversation with God, because it means that we are in God’s company and in union with Him. Prayer, at its most basic, is engaging in conversation with God. It is the desire for God, an indescribable devotion, not given by man but brought about by God’s grace. — St. John Chrysostom (emphasis added)

We have plenty of opportunities for prayer: There’s no better way to pray than by attending Mass. Try to attend Mass more than once a week if possible. The benefits of receiving Our Lord in the Eucharist on a frequent basis cannot be overstated.

- The Rosary.
- Novena for the Pandemic from Pope Francis, which was suggested in March but can be prayed at any time. You can find it here: <http://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/articles/novena-prayer-for-protection>
- Novena for National Unity & an End to Racism, which was suggested in June but can be prayed at any time. You can find it here: <http://www.kofc.org/en/resources/communications/national-unity-novena.pdf>
- Encourage a deep personal encounter with God through a regularly scheduled Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration as soon as your parish permits it. For more information, visit: <http://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/faith/holy-hour/10597-holy-hour-guidesheet.pdf>
- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, which can be seen/prayed daily on www.ewtn.com.
- Lectio Divina or spiritual reading of Sacred Scripture is a wonderful way to pray and if you use the readings for Mass, your experience at Mass will be greatly enhanced. Information can be found at: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/meditations/index.cfm>
- Pray Morning and Evening Prayer from Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office, which is the daily prayer of the Church. You can find these prayers here: <http://www.ibreviary.com/m2/breviario.php?s=lodi>.
- Pray as a council online through various online meeting options...GotoMeeting, Google Hangouts, Zoom, etc. I have been part of a prayer group online since March. We meet by Zoom every Friday at 7:30 and pray for 15 minutes.
- Pray in small groups using Sacred Scripture, the Rosary or other Catholic devotions.
- Encourage each brother Knight to pray for our parish, our bishops, our pastor (and all priests), for humility and for the for our parish, our bishops, our pastor (and all priests), for humility and for the KOC.

Virtual Degrees

Worthy Grand Knight

I am happy to inform you that the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity is now available on-demand. This means that interested prospects can now join the Knights of Columbus any time of the day or night, 24/7, at their convenience. Please continue to use the invitation below to invite prospects to register. Once the prospect reaches the registration page, he should use the "On Demand" link and the 30-minute ceremony will start upon completion of his registration.

You have one week remaining to make your mark this fraternal year. I know that you want to take advantage of every opportunity...and offering prospects the ability to take their degree on-demand is certainly a great opportunity!

In addition to on-demand, the Supreme Council will continue to offer regularly scheduled virtual exemplifications. At the bottom of this email you'll find the dates and times of upcoming exemplifications. While these exemplifications have been successful, bringing nearly four thousand men into the Order, my hope is that adding the on-demand capability will encourage even more men to join and will help the Order to finish the fraternal year strong.

I know that many of you believe that you've done everything you can to increase your council's membership during these challenging days. It is beyond dispute that you're working extremely hard, and I thank you for everything that you've done. If you think, though, that you've tried everything, I encourage you to take a look at the list below of recruitment strategies that have worked for other councils. If there is anything on the list that you haven't tried...there is still time to do so this fraternal year.

Given everything that the Order is doing to help those most impacted by the coronavirus pandemic and the likelihood that the needs in our parishes and communities will increase rather than decrease in the days ahead, we can't afford to wait. Catholic men need the Knights of Columbus...and we need them. Today!

Fraternally,

Robert J. Ennis

Director of Membership Growth



STAR Council Award Changes for 2020-2021

Supreme is adjusting the requirements to earn STAR Council for the 2020-2021 fraternal year! Form 365 (Service Program Personnel – due August 1) and Form 1728 (Fraternal Survey – due January 31) must be submitted on time.

The Father McGivney Award, the Columbian Award and the Founder's Award must be earned. Significant changes have been made to the requirements for these awards!

Founders Award: Host and promote two (2) Fraternal Benefits Seminars

Removed the numeric goal! Seminars must be promoted and can be done with other councils.

General Agent reports completion to Supreme.

Father McGivney Award: Revised membership growth goals for every council, and lower minimum and maximum goals

New Goal is 5% net growth of membership (reduced from 7%)

Minimum goal is 3 and maximum 20 (reduced from minimum of 4 and maximum of 35)

Columbian Award: No required programs. Additional "featured" programs that earn 2 program credits each. (16 program credits are required, 4 in each area: Faith, Family, Life, and Community)

These are the Featured programs in each category:

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| Life March for Life Special Olympics Ultrasound Program Pregnancy Center Support | Faith RSVP Into the Breach Spiritual Reflection Holy Hour |
| Family Food for Families Family Prayer Night Family of the Month/Year | Community Coats for Kids Global Wheelchair Mission Habitat for Humanity |

Leave No Neighbor Behind

From Stephen Koach, Alabama Programs Director

This month we stand on the cusp of a historic moment for the Knights of Columbus. On October 31st, our founder, the Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney, will be raised once step closer to sainthood and declared Blessed. Supreme has asked that we get the word out to parishioners on the life and legacy of Fr. McGivney to give them an understanding of his vision and the works of the order. Coordinate with your pastors to set up a display in the vestibule of the church with his picture and biographical information. This can also assist in interesting Catholic men in joining our order.

The Faith in Action program is another vital source of information for activities councils can engage in to serve the church and community. The Supreme website has linkages to each of the Faith in Action areas. Participating in these areas is a vital part in a council achieving Star Council status.

Without good programs we cannot attract new members, and without members we cannot execute our programs. Membership and Programs go hand in hand.

Into the Breach

Into the Breach is a call to battle for Catholic men which urges them to embrace wholeheartedly masculine virtues in a world in crisis. Inspired by the Apostolic Exhortation for Catholic men written by Bishop Olmsted of Phoenix, the Knights of Columbus produced a video series which seeks to answer the question of what it means to be a man and how to live as a man in today's world.

"Into the Breach" video series available online and study guide for small groups.

<https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html>

Each of the 12 videos is no more than 13 minutes long. They discuss topics like Masculinity, Brotherhood, Leadership, Fatherhood, Family, Life, Prayer, Suffering, Sacramental Life, Spiritual Warfare, Evangelization, and the Cornerstone.

Father Michael McGivney Guild

Please join the Father McGivney Guild, and support his cause for canonization. To sign up, please visit

www.fathermcgivney.org/



Prayer to St. Corona

In a Time of Epidemic

Lord Jesus Christ, You came into this world for our salvation. Look kindly on us now, we pray, that we, and all those who serve You, might be kept safe from this epidemic.

Heal those who are sick, comfort the suffering, bring back those who have gone astray, and above all, increase our faith, O Lord.

Give us the grace to follow You and, like the martyr St. Corona, who gave her life for love of You, to take up our crosses daily without fear or hesitation.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

St. Corona, patroness of epidemic victims, pray for us.



St. Corona altarpiece, c. 1350 at Statens Museum for Kunst



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Father Michael J. McGivney's Beatification The Father of the Knights of Columbus

On Saturday, October 31, 2020 Father Michael J. McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus will be one step closer to Sainthood as he is beatified through a special Mass in the Connecticut birthplace of the Knights of Columbus. As pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, this dedicated parish priest gathered men together in the basement of his Church to help save widows and children from destitution and defend the Catholic faith. Today these men we call Knights are over two million strong and are dedicated to serving Jesus Christ and their communities at home and around the world.

Won't you consider becoming a Knight today?

A NOVENA FOR CANONIZATION & A CALL TO ALL CATHOLIC MEN

Catholic Men from around the world will join together on the feast of St. John Paul II and begin praying a special Novena from October 22 through October 30. The intention of the Novena will be for Fr. McGivney's canonization and for more Catholic men to join in the Knight's fraternal mission to help carry the Cross of Christ out in the world. The Knights invite you to join our Order by speaking with a brother Knight or by signing up online today at: www.kofc.org/joinus.



CABALLEROS DE COLON



Beatificación del Padre Michael J. McGivney El Padre de los Caballeros de Colón

El sábado 31 de octubre de 2020, el Padre Michael J. McGivney, fundador de los Caballeros de Colón, estará un paso más cerca de la santidad cuando sea beatificado a través de una misa especial en el lugar de nacimiento de los Caballeros de Colón en Connecticut. Como pastor de la Iglesia de Santa María en New Haven, este párroco dedicado reunió a hombres en el sótano de su Iglesia para ayudar a salvar a las viudas

y los niños de la miseria y defender la fe católica. Hoy estos hombres que llamamos Caballeros son más de dos millones y están dedicados a servir a Jesucristo y sus comunidades en el hogar y en todo el mundo.

¿No considerarías convertirte en un Caballero hoy?

UNA NOVENA PARA LA CANONIZACIÓN Y UN LLAMADO A TODOS LOS HOMBRES CATÓLICOS

Hombres católicos de todo el mundo se unirán en la fiesta de San Juan Pablo II y comenzarán a rezar una Novena especial del 22 al 30 de octubre. La intención de la Novena será para la canonización del Padre McGivney

y que más hombres católicos se unan a la misión fraternal de los Caballeros para ayudar a llevar la cruz de Cristo en el mundo. Los Caballeros te invitan a unirse a nuestra Orden hablando con un hermano Caballero o registrándose en línea hoy: www.kofc.org/joinus.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



BEGIN - Tuesday, October 22th, 2020 (*Feast of St. John Paul II*)

END -Friday, October 30th, 2020

Beatification Mass for Fr. McGivney Saturday, October 31, 2020

NOVENA PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF FATHER MCGIVNEY & A CALL TO ALL CATHOLIC MEN

(While Making the Sign of the Cross & Recite)

In the name of Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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, please call all Catholic men home to your Church and inspire them to join the Fraternal Order of the Knights of Columbus so that together they may follow your Son more closely, defend the faith courageously, and serve those in need most lovingly.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Recite 1) - Our Father...

(Recite 1)- Hail Mary...

(Recite 1)- Glory Be...



*Saint John Paul II, Intercede for us.
Saints Simon & Jude, Intercede for us
Venerable Father McGivney, Intercede for us.*

Become a Knight today, sign up online at www.kofc.org/joinus



NOVENA DE LOS CABALLEROS DE COLÓN



EMPIEZA - Martes 22 de octubre de 2020 (Fiesta de San Juan Pablo II)
TERMINARÁ - Viernes 30 de octubre de 2020

Misa de beatificación del P. McGivney sábado, 31 de octubre de 2020

ORACIÓN PARA LA CANONIZACIÓN DEL PADRE MCGIVNEY Y UN LLAMADO A TODOS LOS HOMBRES CATÓLICOS

(Mientras haces la señal de la cruz y recitas)

En el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo. Amén.

Dios, Padre nuestro, protector de los pobres y defensor de la viuda y del huérfano, llamaste a tu sacerdote, el padre Michael J. McGivney, para que fuera apóstol de la vida familiar cristiana y llevara a los jóvenes al servicio generoso del prójimo. A través del ejemplo de su vida y la virtud podemos seguir a tu Hijo, Jesucristo, más de cerca, cumpliendo su mandamiento de la caridad y la construcción de su Cuerpo que es la Iglesia. Dejemos que la inspiración de tu siervo nos impulse a tener una mayor confianza en tu amor para que podamos continuar su obra de cuidar a los necesitados y marginados. Te pedimos humildemente que glorifiques a tu venerable servidor el Padre Michael J. McGivney en la tierra de acuerdo con el diseño de tu santa voluntad.

A través de su intercesión, por favor llama a todos los hombres Católicos a su Iglesia e inspíralos a unirse a la Orden Fraternal de los Caballero de Colón para que juntos sigan más de cerca a tu Hijo, defiendan la fe con valentía y sirvan con amor a los necesitados.

(Recitar 1) - Padre Nuestro...

(Recitar 1) - Ave María...

(Recitar 1) - Gloria al Padre...



*San Juan Pablo II, Intercede por nosotros. Santos
Simón y Judas, Intercede por nosotros. Venerable
Padre McGivney, Intercede por nosotros.*

Conviértase en un Caballero hoy, regístrese ahora en línea www.kofc.org/join

(Recommended Newsletter/Parish Email Blast and/or Pulpit Announcement for Masses on October 4th, 11th or 18th.)

Fr. McGivney's Beatification and Church Membership Drive

On October 31st the founding father of the Knights of Columbus, the venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, will be beatified in Hartford Connecticut. The miracle attributed to Fr. McGivney that has led to his beatification, was the live birth of a Tennessee couple's son Michael Schachle*.

Baby "Mikey", the son of Daniel and Michele Schachle*, was delivered alive and kicking into the world just over five years ago against all odds to the amazement of doctors and medical specialists. Mikey's critical prenatal health conditions made it almost certain that he would die in the womb and enter the world stillborn. After praying for Father McGivney's intercession to save their son, baby Mikey was born alive and soon thereafter joined his twelve brothers and sisters in a home where the love of Jesus Christ and life is cherished above all else.

It is no surprise that Fr. Michael McGivney would intercede on behalf of the Schachle* family to help safely bring them their son and sibling. For you see Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus to help care for families in their greatest time of need. Today, with over two million brother Knights around the world, the Order provides over eighty million hours of volunteer service to those in need each year. In these most difficult of times, these Catholic men we call Knights of Columbus proudly stand shoulder to shoulder to help defend the faith when Mother Church falls under attack.

We are asking everyone in our parish to join us by praying a special novena for the canonization of this simple parish priest named Fr. Michael J. McGivney. As Knights we will also pray that more Catholic Men find their way home to the Church and hear the call to defend their faith. The novena will begin on Thursday October 22nd (the Feast of St. John Paul II) and end on Friday October 30th.

To obtain a copy of the Novena, or to speak with a Knight about joining the Order, please speak to one of our Knights after the Mass.

God Bless, Be safe and Vivat Jesus

(If Novenas are only going to be made available online please replace with last line with... "To obtain a copy of the Novena please visit [the parish website address] or [the state website address]. To learn more about the Knights of Columbus or to join the Order online please visit www.kofc.org/joinus")

We recommend you print out the novenas (they are ½ sheets of paper) and hand them out with KofC brochures at the exits of the Church as people leave.

***Schachle is pronounced "Shack-el"**

(Boletín de noticias recomendado para envío de correo electrónico masivo parroquial y / o Anuncio de púlpito para las misas del 4, 11 o 18 de octubre)

Beatificación del Padre McGivney y Campaña de Membresía de la Iglesia

El 31 de octubre, el padre fundador de los Caballeros de Colón, el venerable Padre Michael J. McGivney, será beatificado en Hartford Connecticut. El milagro atribuido al P. McGivney, que ha llevado a su beatificación, fue el nacimiento del hijo de una pareja de Tennessee, Michael Schachle *.

El bebé "Mikey", el hijo de Daniel y Michele Schachle *, nació vivo y pateando al mundo hace poco más de cinco años, contra todo pronóstico ante el asombro de los médicos y especialistas médicos. Las críticas condiciones de salud prenatal de Mikey hicieron que fuera casi seguro que moriría en el útero y entraría al mundo muerto. Después de orar por la intercesión del padre McGivney para salvar a su hijo, el bebé Mikey nació vivo y poco después se unió a sus doce hermanos y hermanas en un hogar donde el amor de Jesucristo y la vida se aprecia por encima de todo.

No es extraño que el P. Michael McGivney intercedería en nombre de la familia Schachle * para ayudarlos a traer de manera segura a su hijo y hermano. Como puede ver, el Padre McGivney fundó los Caballeros de Colón para ayudar a cuidar a las familias en sus momentos de mayor necesidad. Hoy, con más de dos millones de hermanos Caballeros en todo el mundo, la Orden brinda más de ochenta millones de horas de servicio voluntario a los necesitados cada año. En estos tiempos tan difíciles, estos hombres católicos a los que llamamos Caballeros de Colón se paran hombro con hombro para ayudar a defender la fe cuando la Madre Iglesia es atacada.

Estamos pidiendo a todos en nuestra parroquia que se unan a nosotros rezando una novena especial por la canonización de este humilde párroco llamado P. Michael J. McGivney. Como Caballeros, también oraremos para que más hombres católicos encuentren el camino a casa en la Iglesia y escuchen el llamado a defender su fe. La novena comenzará el jueves 22 de octubre (Fiesta de San Juan Pablo II) y finalizará el viernes 30 de octubre.

Para obtener una copia de la Novena, o para hablar con un Caballero sobre como unirse a la Orden, por favor hable con uno de nuestros Caballeros después de la Misa.

Dios los bendiga, Cuídense y Vivat Jesús

(Si las Novenas solo estarán disponibles en línea, reemplace la última línea con... "Para obtener una copia de la Novena, visite [la dirección del sitio web de la parroquia] o [la dirección del sitio web del estado]." Para obtener más información sobre los Caballeros de Colón o para unirse a la Orden por línea, visite www.kofc.org/joinus)

Le recomendamos que imprima las novenas (son ½ hojas de papel) y las reparta con los folletos de los Caballeros de Colón en las salidas de la Iglesia cuando la gente se vaya.

*** Schachle se pronuncia "Shack-el"**