



New Hampshire State Council Knights of Columbus

Father Michael J. McGivney Guild Annual Report

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Brother Knights,

Seventy-seven years ahead of the Second Vatican Council, the idea that a Catholic organization could be led by laymen was quite extraordinary. Yet that was Father McGivney's vision for the Knights of Columbus. A man of practical thought and action, Father McGivney knew that the pursuit of holiness did not consist in an aloof attitude or separation from people and their problems. As a parish priest, his primary concern was for the welfare — both spiritual and temporal — of the largely Irish-American and immigrant Catholic population that teemed into New Haven, where he began his ministry at St. Mary's Church in 1878. The Knights of Columbus carry on this vision and work in our daily lives as Catholic gentlemen with a love of Christ and His Church.

There are 1.8 million Knights of Columbus, but astoundingly only about 10% of them members of the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild. This seems a bit odd that, so few are willing to join the cause for our founding father's canonization. Each quarter, Guild Chairman are updated on the current members in our jurisdiction. At the end of 2022 there were only about 1,023 Guild members in our New Hampshire jurisdiction. This is only a handful more than last year.

I encourage all Knights to join the Guild. It is very easily done through the Blessed Michael McGivney website at www.fathermcgivney.org. There is no cost. Each quarter you will receive a Guild newsletter with thoughts from Father Gabriel O'Donnell, the Guild Director, and updates on reported favors (intercessions) from prayer petitions to Father Michael McGivney.

Each third Thursday of the month the State Council leads a scriptural rosary to pray for Father McGivney's canonization. These rosaries help us to meditate on the life of Christ and its message to deepen our relationship with God. Please join us by registering on the State Council website. Also, please log on the State website rosaries that you, your family, your Council or Assembly have said to support Father McGivney's canonization. For the past year about 501 Rosaries have been said in Blessed Michael McGivney's honor.

Thank you all of you for your efforts, and do not hesitate to reach out to me, should you have any questions regarding the Guild or promoting it within your Council or Assembly.

God Bless,

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