



The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic lay fraternal organization. Founded in New Haven, Connecticut, in 1882 by Blessed Michael J. McGivney, it has over 2.2 million members globally. The group focuses on: charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, offering community service, parish church community assistance, and life insurance.

Father Michael McGivney was beatified on October 31, 2020, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Connecticut, after Pope Francis approved a substantiated miracle involving the 2015 healing of an unborn child with fetal hydrops. Current canonization efforts focus on gathering evidence of a second miracle; which must be substantiated for his full canonization as a saint.

The Road to Sainthood Status:

- **Beatification Achieved:** Completed in 2020 after the Vatican verified a single miracle attributed to his intercession.

- **Current Goal:** One more medically inexplicable, verified miracle attributed to his intercession is needed to declare him a saint.
- **The Guild's Role:** The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild actively tracks and investigates reported favors, healings, and potential miracles.

How to Support the Cause

- **Join the Guild:** Membership is free and members receive a quarterly newsletter while supporting the cause through prayer.
- **Report Favors:** Individuals who experience physical healings or everyday help after praying for his intercession are encouraged to submit reports directly to the Guild.
- **Pray for Intercession:** Devotion is maintained globally by reciting the official canonization prayer for the advancement of Fr. Michael McGivney to sainthood.

Background and Overview:

With the joyous celebration of the Mass for Beatification, Father McGivney joined the rolls of the Blessed on Oct. 31, 2020, in the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Conn.

At that time, an Apostolic Letter from then-Pope Francis was read which recognized Blessed Michael McGivney's humility, charity and concern for the welfare of all people. His beatification is a great boost to the priesthood and to the Catholic Church in America, and also for the 2 million Knights of Columbus throughout the world who look to the founder of the Order for inspiration, heavenly guidance, and intercession for their needs.

The first documented and approved miracle involved the healing of a child in the womb from a fatal condition. While expecting their 13th child, Daniel and Michelle Schachle of Tennessee were told that the boy had Trisomy-21 (Down Syndrome). A few weeks later, an ultrasound diagnosed fetal hydrops, in which multiple organs were filled with fluid. Doctors said that there was no hope of survival and abortion was the best option.

As faithful Catholics, the Schachles refused abortion and began praying to Father McGivney for a miracle. An insurance agent with the Knights of Columbus himself, Daniel earned a trip to the Marian Shrine in Fatima, Portugal, and brought his wife for a prayerful pilgrimage. At Mass in Fatima, Michelle felt something change within her when she heard the words of Gospel about the Roman official whose son was healed by Jesus: "Go; your son lives" (John 4:43-54).

A few days after returning to Tennessee, an ultrasound indicated that the unborn child was miraculously healed of fetal hydrops by unknown means according to the medical authorities. Studied for years at the Vatican, the healing was declared a valid, substantiated in-utero miraculous healing by medical and theological experts. Today, Michael McGivney Schachle is an active 5-year-old, with Down Syndrome, who is surrounded by a loving family.



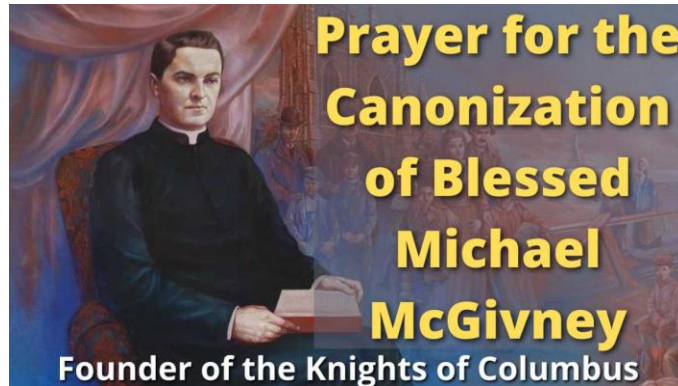
(Michael McGivney Schachle with a statue of the Blessed Fr. McGivney, June 2020 photo)

As Supreme Knight Carl Anderson reported to the Supreme Convention in August 2020, the miracle underlines Blessed Father McGivney's vision and mission:

- The family's rejection of abortion corresponds to the Order's longtime pro-life commitment;
- The diagnosis by ultrasound highlights the K of C Ultrasound Initiative, which has placed more than 1,200 machines in pro-life pregnancy centers, saving numerous lives; and
- The family's acceptance of a child with Down Syndrome is in keeping with the Order's long history with Special Olympics and children with developmental disabilities.

The large Schachle family that values the Catholic faith underlines the importance of the domestic church in our world today—especially in the U.S. these days.

Daniel's job as an insurance agent carries on Father McGivney's goal of protecting Catholic families for generations.



God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan,
You called Your priest, Blessed Michael 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 Blessed Michael McGivney
on earth according to the design of Your holy will.

Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present:

**(Example: for the canonization of the Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney
(and make your own personal request for his prayerful intercession here)).**

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Video Presentation Regarding the Canonization Efforts of Fr. Michael McGivney:

www.kofc.org/resources/faith-formation/faith-resources/father-mcgivney/father-mcgivney-beatification/

This new documentary explores the life, legacy, and impact of Father Michael McGivney, who founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882.

If/when elevated to sainthood within the Catholic Church, Fr. McGivney will become the second U.S. born citizen to become saint.