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Knights of Columbus Announces Partnership With Franciscan Friars of the Renewal for a Special Printing of

Born of Fire, A Lenten Daily Devotional for Men

***Born of Fire, by Father Innocent Montgomery, Will Engage Catholic Men in Greater Lenten
Prayer and Reflection***

New Haven, Conn. — The Knights of Columbus announced today a partnership with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal (CFRs) to make for sale a special printing of *Born of Fire, A Lenten Daily Devotional for Men* by Father Innocent Montgomery. *Born of Fire* includes daily devotionals from Ash Wednesday through the Easter Octave, with each week of Lent dedicated to reflecting on seven different identities of the masculine heart: Son, Brother, Man, Spouse, Father, Mystic and New Man. The reflections in *Born of Fire* are based on the friars' prayerful journeys into the wilderness where they emulate the life of Jesus, who was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for 40 days and 40 nights, where he prayed, fasted and was tempted.

“The Knights of Columbus is excited to partner with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal to help Catholic men ‘enter the desert’ during Lent with Father Innocent Montgomery, as he guides them through exercises for spiritual growth so they can draw closer to God,” said Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly. “*Born of Fire* aligns with the founding mission of the Knights, as we work to strengthen Catholic men as husbands, fathers, members of their parishes and their communities.”

Born of Fire approaches each week of Lent with a similar cadence:

- Sundays: Pray with Scripture.
- Mondays: Focus on the week’s theme.
- Tuesdays: Hear a witness account from the desert.
- Wednesdays: Examine what actually happened at your baptism.
- Thursdays: Hear a witness account from the desert.
- Fridays: Guided meditation in a eucharistic Holy Hour.
- Saturdays: Reflect on what we prayed with throughout the week.

Born of Fire, A Lenten Daily Devotional for Men may be purchased at <https://shopcatholicinfo.com/collections/devotionals>.

About the Knights of Columbus

In 1882, Blessed Michael McGivney, a young parish priest in New Haven, Connecticut, founded the Knights of Columbus to serve the needs of a largely immigrant Catholic community. What began as a small fraternal benefit society has since grown into the world's premier lay Catholic men's organization, with more than 2 million members in over 16,600 local councils. As members of one of the world's leading international charitable organizations, Knights around the world donated approximately 50 million service hours and nearly \$185 million for worthy causes in their communities in 2022. The Knights of Columbus also offers a range of life insurance products to members and their families and was named by Forbes as one of America's Best Insurance Companies 2024 in the permanent life insurance category. Knights of Columbus Insurance currently has more than \$122 billion* of life insurance in force. In addition, the organization offers investment services in accord with Catholic social teaching through its wholly owned subsidiary, Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, which holds more than \$26 billion** in assets under management. Based on the founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity, the Knights of Columbus is committed to strengthening Catholic families and parishes, and to practicing faith in action through service to all in need. To learn more or to join the Knights of Columbus, please visit kofc.org/join.

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