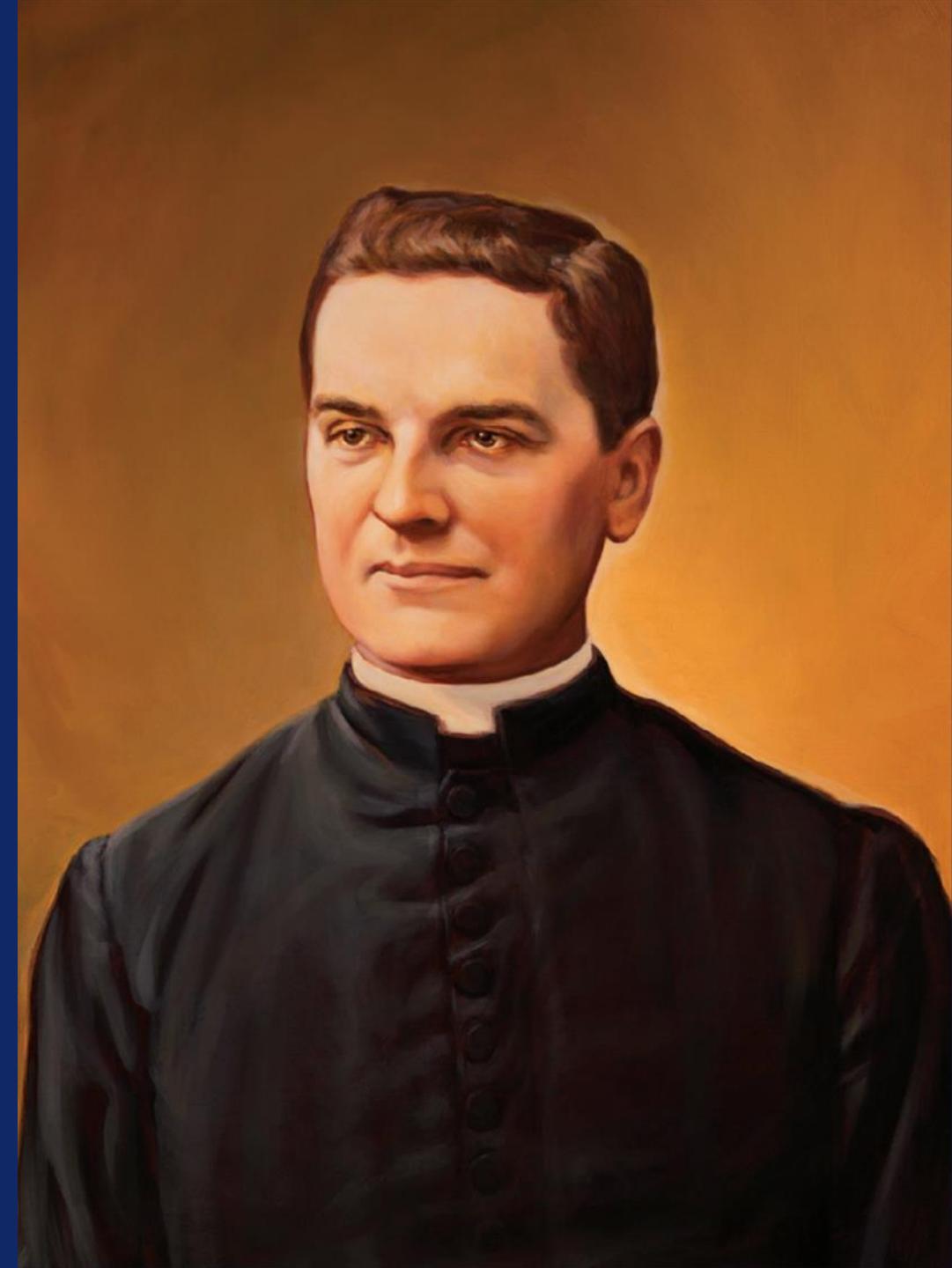


# Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

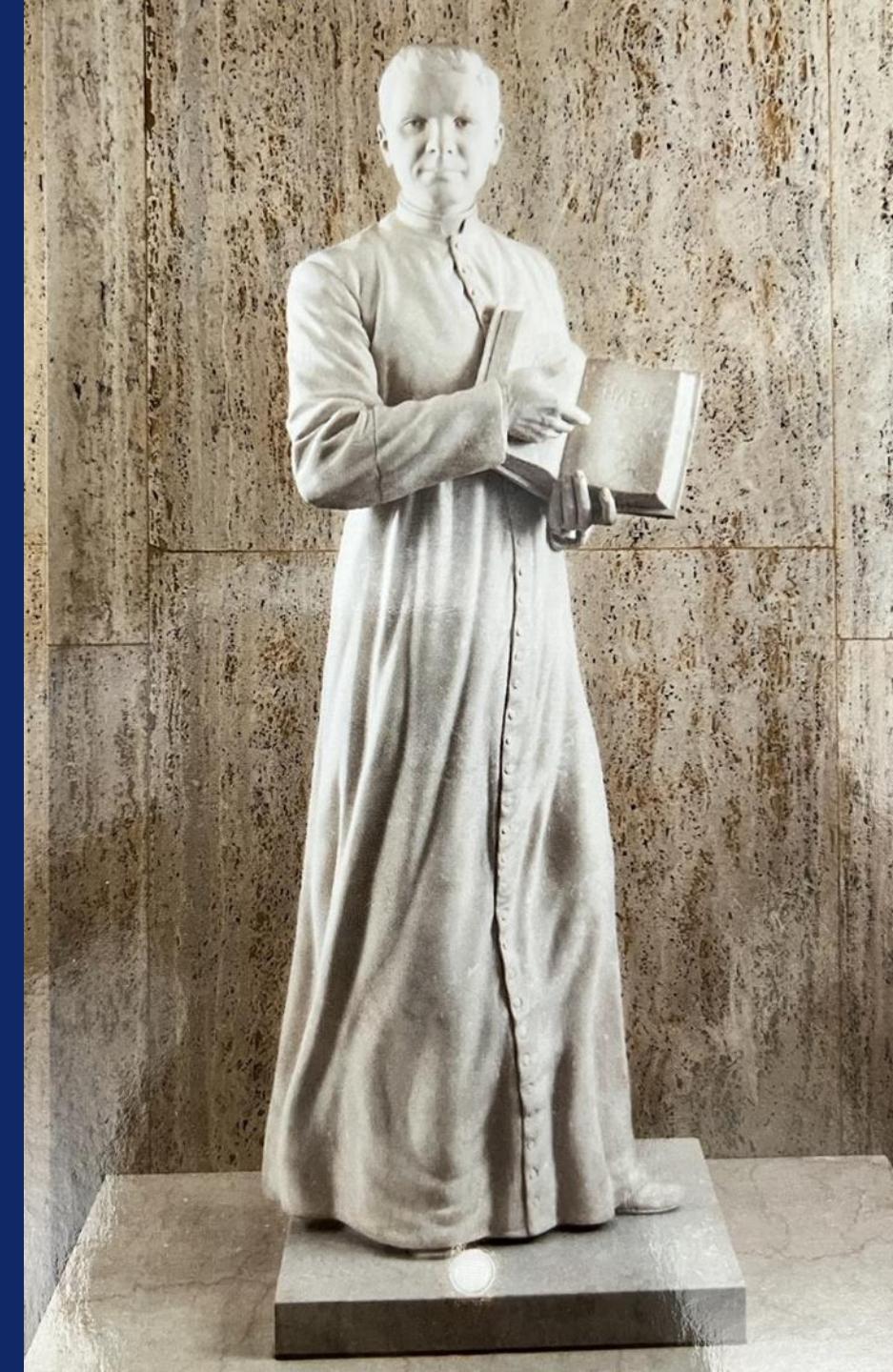
God, Our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church.



# Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

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 (*here make your request*). Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



# We want to hear from you!

Email [fraternaltraining@kofc.org](mailto:fraternaltraining@kofc.org) for a chance to have your council spotlighted!



# **Fishers of Men: Extend the Invitation**

## **A Membership Growth Competition for Councils**

### **Rules and Criteria**

The United States and Canada are split into five territories. The **top three recruiting councils by total membership gains** and the **top 25 recruiting councils by percentage of quota** in each territory will receive money from the Supreme Council Home Office to use toward holding a council/parish event during the 2025-2026 fraternal year.

Councils must meet a minimum of 100% of their 2025-2026 fraternal year membership quota between July 1 – October 31, 2025, to earn the award.

*A council can potentially earn the award in both categories, thereby receiving more money for their event.*



# **Territories by Territorial Growth Director**

**Ken Latham** – Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Newfoundland/Labrador, Nova Scotia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Prince Edward Island, Rhode Island

**Steve Cohen** – Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia

**Alain Cayer** – Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Michigan, New Brunswick, New Hampshire, Ontario, Quebec, Vermont, Wisconsin

**Jim Caffrey** – Iowa, Kansas, Manitoba, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas

**Bob Kish** – Alaska, Alberta, Arizona, British Columbia, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Saskatchewan, Utah, Washington, Wyoming



# Breakdown of Prize Potential

By Total Gains (min. 100% of quota)	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place (1 per Territory)	\$2,000 + Film Crew at event
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place (1 per Territory)	\$1,000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place (1 per Territory)	\$750

By Percentage of Quota (min. 100% of quota)	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place (1 per Territory)	\$2,000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place (1 per Territory)	\$1,000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place (1 per Territory)	\$750
4 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> Place (22 per territory)	\$250

## Winners Criteria

Each council that receives money for their event from the Supreme Council Home Office is **required to use the money to host a council/parish event during the 2025-2026 fraternal year**. The event should ultimately help drive additional growth for your council and attract men in your parish and community. For example, you might host a family friendly event, a charitable event, or parish men's retreat. *Councils are encouraged to take pictures of their event, share them on Facebook and/or Instagram, and tag @kofc\_official so the Supreme Council can reshare your post with brother Knights around the world.*

**The five councils from each territory that earn first place for total membership gains** will be required to work with their state council and regional growth director on planning their council event. The Supreme Council Home Office will send a film crew to the event if it meets proper criteria (more details to follow). The video will be shared Orderwide and on social media, including YouTube, to highlight the council event and encourage other men to join the Order.



# **Tips for Reaching 100% of Quota in 4 months**

- 1. Work with your district deputy to develop a strategy.**
- 2. Talk with your pastor. He's one of your strongest allies.**
- 3. Plan a Church Drive and collaborate with your agent.**
- 4. Utilize the Fishers of Men resources on Supplies Online.**
- 5. Plan an Exemplification in honor of Pope Leo XVI.**
- 6. Invite men to *Cor.***
- 7. Don't forget wives! They're buy in is just as important, and often some of our best recruiters.**
- 8. Stay attentive to the Fraternal Leader Advisory.**



# **Council Forms due as soon as possible!**

# Report of Officers Chosen for the Term

## July 1, 20 [ ] to June 30, 20 [ ]

DATE BY: JUNE 30

Council # \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Election: \_\_\_\_\_

THIS REPORT CAN BE COMPLETED USING MEMBER MANAGEMENT,  
OTHERWISE PLEASE PRINT – INDICATE MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

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## Council Officers #185

Service Program Personnel Report				
July 1, 20____ through June 30, 20____				
Council # _____		Jurisdiction: _____		Due By: July 1
<p>The Service Program Personnel Report (#365) must be received by the Supreme Council by July 1 for the council to be eligible to earn the Star Council Award. Please complete and submit this report or a copy of the appropriate section of the annual report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strongly consider sending this report through Member Management for expedited processing. This is the preferred method.</li> <li>• If filing this report on paper, be sure to include the accurate membership number for each role.</li> <li>• Required roles to be appointed have been designated - Program Director, Family Director, Community Director, Membership Director, Retention Chairman.</li> <li>• Changes during the fraternal year should be made using Member Management to update the roles accordingly. If your council uses the paper form only complete and submit that information which has changed.</li> </ul>				
<b>PROGRAM DIRECTOR</b> <b>REQUIRED</b>	MEMBERSHIP NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL
<b>PARENT DIRECTOR</b>	MEMBERSHIP NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL
<b>FAMILY DIRECTOR</b> <b>REQUIRED</b>	MEMBERSHIP NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL
<b>COMMUNITY DIRECTOR</b> <b>REQUIRED</b>	MEMBERSHIP NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL
<b>WIFE DIRECTOR</b>	MEMBERSHIP NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL
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<b>HEALTH SERVICES</b>	MEMBERSHIP NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL
<b>PUBLIC RELATIONS</b>	MEMBERSHIP NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL

SEND ORIGINAL TO: Department of Fraternal Mission (email: [fraternalmission@kofc.org](mailto:fraternalmission@kofc.org))  
 SEND COPIES TO: State Deputy, District Deputy, Council File



Grand Knight

Date

# Council Chairmen & Directors #365

***These forms let Supreme communicate with your officers and  
chairmen directly during this new Fraternal Year.***



# Program Planning

1

Assign and meet with  
officers & program  
chairmen

2

Submit 185 & 365 forms  
Allows Supreme to  
communicate program updates  
to councils

3

Meet with Pastor  
Align council activities with  
parish needs



# New Faith in Action Programs

Released in 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2025 calendar year, these programs appeal to Hispanic parishes and councils, but can be used for any council.

Already released:

Available at [kofc.org/community](https://kofc.org/community)

**Bright  
Futures**

Support students/schools

**Celebrating Our  
Catholic Heritage**

Promote local traditions



# Coats for Kids

- Ask your state council about Boxing Day/Black Friday events
- Contact schools & community groups to identify local needs
- Purchase cases of coats at [knightsgear.com](http://knightsgear.com)
- Coats available in cases of 12
  - ~\$25 per coat, depending on size/style

Over 1.5 million  
coats donated  
to date!



# Disaster Relief

- Disaster season approaching
- Contact district deputy for your jurisdiction's relief process



**Resources:**  
[kofc.org/disaster](http://kofc.org/disaster)

**Training:**  
[kofc.org/training](http://kofc.org/training)



# Global Wheelchair Mission

- **Donate funds for wheelchairs**
  - Over 150,000 wheelchairs donated globally by KofC to date
- **Participate in a Wheelchair Sunday Drive**
  - Most effective way to raise funds



**Resources:**  
[kofc.org/community](http://kofc.org/community)  
*Wheelchair Sunday Booklet*



# Youth Programs



**Hockey  
Challenge**



**Free Throw  
Championship**



**Soccer  
Challenge**

**Keep Christ in Christmas  
Poster Contest**

**Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest**  
**Topic: Out of 267 Popes, who are your  
favorite 3 and why?**



# Ultrasound Initiative

- Council covers 50% of the cost of a machine, Supreme covers the other 50%
  - Machines typically cost \$20k - \$40k
- Contact your local pregnancy center to identify its needs

Closing in on 2,000  
ultrasound machines  
donated!



# ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy)

- If a council donates \$500 to a pregnancy resource center or maternity home, Supreme will donate another \$100.
  - Up to \$400 for \$2,000 donated
- Find organizations in your area to support



Resources:  
[kofc.org/asap](http://kofc.org/asap)  
Map of qualified recipients



# Refund Programs



**Food for Families**  
**\$100 refund to the council**  
**from Supreme for every**  
**\$500 or 1,000 lb donated to**  
**a food bank**



**RSVP**  
**\$100 refund to the council from**  
**Supreme for every \$500**  
**donated to a seminarian,**  
**postulant, or novice**



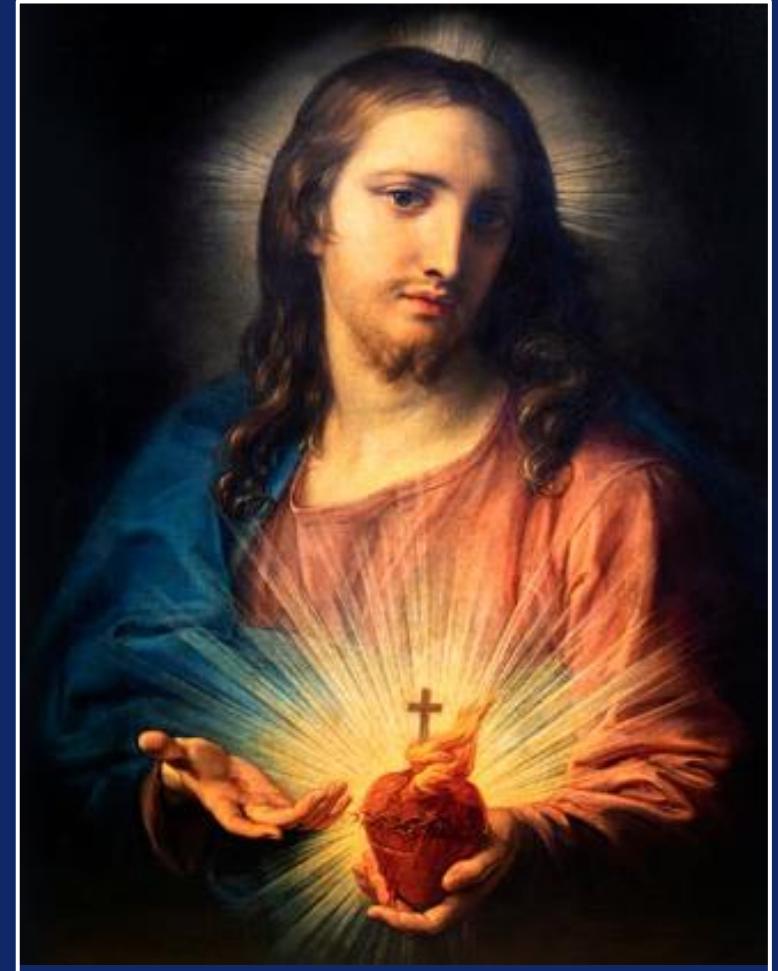
# Special Olympics

- **Participate in seasonal events & games**
  - Provide volunteer support, Color Guard
- **Earn funds for your state's Special Olympics organization**
  - Report participation through Form #10784
  - More councils participating = More money donated by Supreme



# Pilgrim Icon Program

- Sacred Heart icon launched Jan 2025
- Home Enthronements for families available
- Contact your DD to reserve the icon
- Report participation in the logbook



Resources  
[kofc.org/sacredheart](http://kofc.org/sacredheart)





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# Cor

"Cor ad cor loquitur. (Heart speaks to heart.)"  
-St. John Henry Newman

Cor is a flexible framework of **prayer, formation and fraternity** that helps focus men on Jesus through building Christ-centered brotherhood.

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[COR LEADERS](#)





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**“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.”**

- Proverbs 27:17

## MISSION & VISION

### **Cor Mission:**

To help focus Catholic men on Jesus by building Christ-centered brotherhood through a flexible framework of prayer, formation and fraternity.

### **Cor Vision:**

To aid in transforming the hearts of men through Christ-centered brotherhood. Rooted in prayer, formation and fraternity, men will be sharpened in faith and virtue as they cultivate authentic friendships with Christ and each other. We envision a future where *Cor* continuously helps sustain these men to lead their families, strengthen their parish communities and courageously evangelize the world as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ.

[Cor Testimony](#)

[Cor Video](#)

## EVANGELIZATION & FAITH FORMATION (EFF) DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Welcome to the new fraternal year! Whether you are a returning EFF director or stepping into this role for the first time, we extend a heartfelt welcome and a sincere thank you for your leadership. Your commitment to building Christ-centered brotherhood through *Cor* is vital to the mission of the Knights of Columbus. As you guide your council in this important role, know that you are helping to fulfill Blessed Michael McGivney's vision of bringing souls to Christ. We are grateful for your yes, and we look forward to supporting you throughout the year.

**NOTE:** Any words that are Red and Underlined in this newsletter means it is a link to a document or webpage (press CTRL + CLICK or just CLICK on text to open link).

## WHAT'S NEW

The new fraternal year is here! We've been preparing new resources to help you successfully implement and grow *Cor*. Here's what's new:





## Cor Session Guide

# Blessed Michael McGivney



Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in March 1882. As our founder, Father McGivney serves as an inspiration and intercessor for all Brother Knights. But who was he, why did he found our Order, and how can we grow closer to him today? These sessions of Cor seek to help men answer those questions and forge a stronger connection with our Blessed Founder.

Ten sessions about the life and legacy of Father McGivney are included in this guide. We encourage you to use all ten sessions in the order presented. Facilitators should read through each session prior to Cor to familiarize themselves with each session's content. It is recommended that each participant silently read the text before it is read aloud. There is no need to use all the suggested questions; please use only what you think will be helpful for your group.

### You will need

- A copy of each session for each participant
- A rosary for each participant
- Volunteers to read aloud the selections

### Cor Key Elements for these sessions:

- **Prayer:** Begin with Mass, if possible, or the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and read aloud each session's short Bible verse before concluding the opening prayer. End with the Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney or Litany of Blessed Michael McGivney (see reverse).
- **Formation:** Read the selections and use the questions to prompt discussion about Father McGivney. Encourage men to recognize how his life relates to their lives today.
- **Fraternity:** Suitable fraternal activities include sharing a meal, playing a sport or outdoor game, or simply having time for regular conversation before and/or after the session. Do what works best for your brothers. Consult the [Cor Startup Guide](#) for additional examples.

### Helpful Context

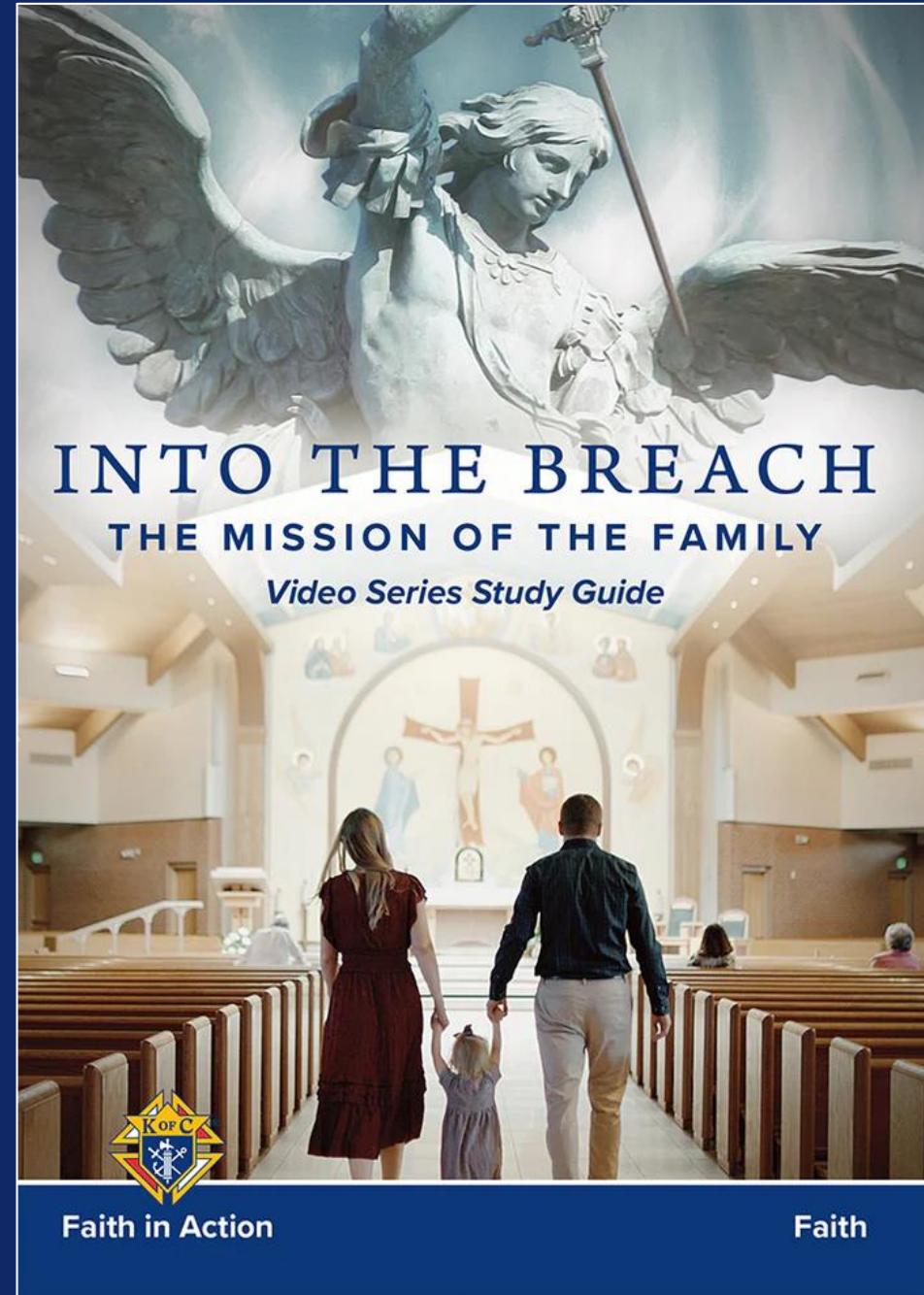
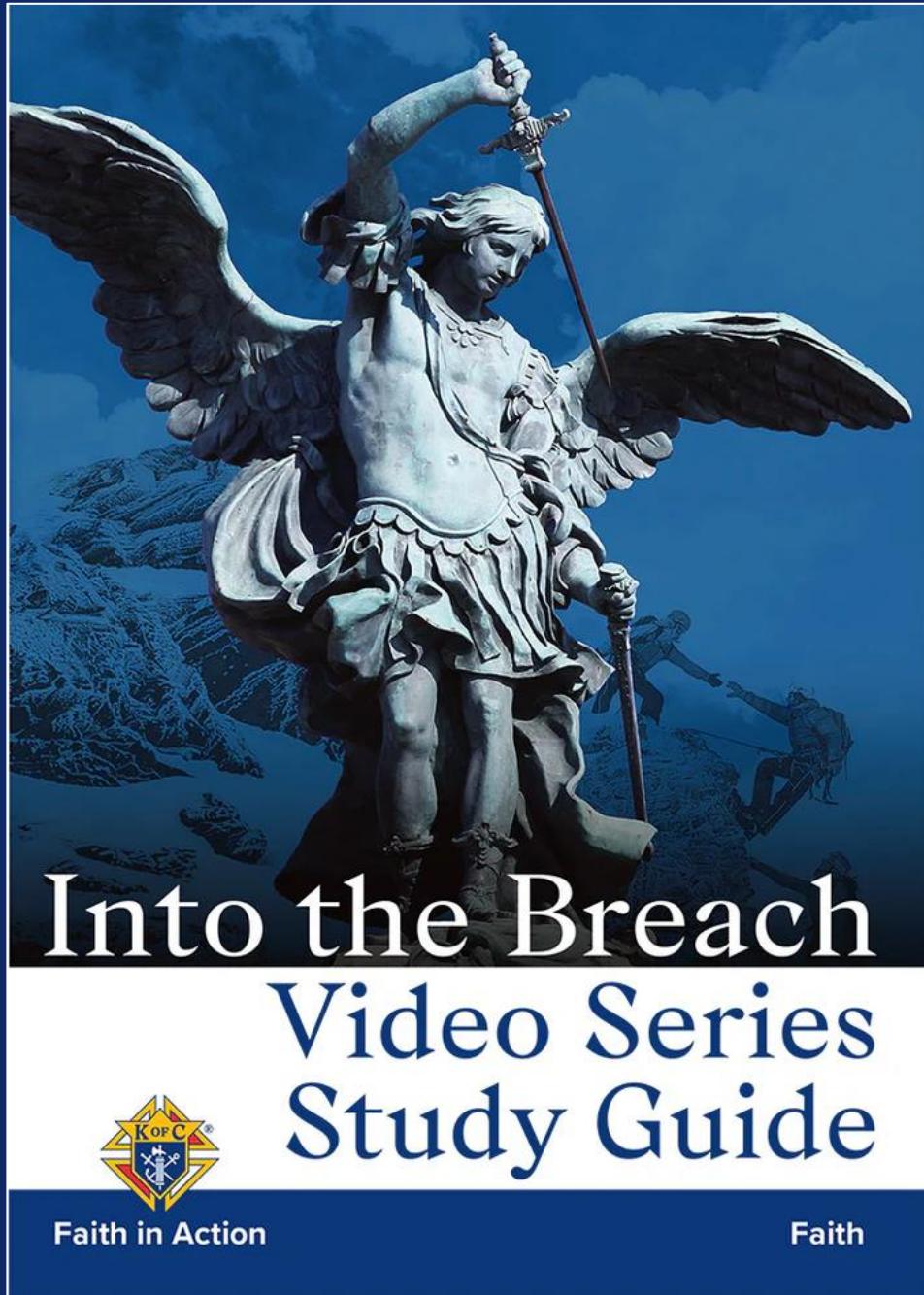
This Cor session guide may be the first way the men in your group encounter Blessed Michael McGivney. It is important to understand that the aim of this guide is **to foster deeper love for the Lord through fostering devotion to Father McGivney**. Blessed Michael McGivney is an excellent model of Christian discipleship, and, like the Blessed Mother, he most assuredly wants any consideration of his earthly life to facilitate encountering Christ and increasing love for God.

That said, men should feel free to ask serious questions, challenge one another in a spirit of charity, and enjoy each other's company as friends and brothers in the Lord. A prayerful attitude should be observed when appropriate, but men also should be able to have fun at the right times, too.

The material presented in this Cor session guide has been gathered from numerous KofC sources and checked against the best information available about Father McGivney. While it is not an academic document and should not be treated as such, it is reliable in terms of the accuracy of its depiction of Father McGivney's life and circumstances. While some editorial decisions were made to help men who use this guide draw more spiritual benefits from it, the material presented is true.

Helpful information about facilitating small group discussions is included at the end of this document.







# Cor

## Formation Content Guide



### Into the Breach



12-part video series on authentic masculinity covering topics such as brotherhood, leadership, suffering, and spiritual warfare. Each session includes video and discussion questions.

12 Sessions for Cor

Videos available at  
[kofc.org/intothebreach](http://kofc.org/intothebreach)

Recommended Material: A/V equipment for videos;  
1 booklet (#11059) for each participant. Booklet free to download.



### Into the Breach: Mission of the Family



5-part video series on the Catholic understanding of the family and its place in the world today. Each session includes video and discussion questions.

5 Sessions for Cor

Videos available at  
[kofc.org/intothebreach](http://kofc.org/intothebreach)

Recommended Material: A/V equipment for videos;  
1 booklet (#11556) for each participant. Booklet free to download.



### Blessed Michael McGivney Cor Sessions



A small group study focused on the life and virtues of Blessed Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus. Each session includes readings about the life of Blessed Michael McGivney, group discussion questions, and prayers.

10 Sessions for Cor

Available as a free download at  
[shopcatholicinfo.com](http://shopcatholicinfo.com)

Recommended Material: Print out 1 copy of individual sessions for each participant.  
Make *Guide to Praying the Rosary* (#4772) available (optional).



### Men of the Word Bible Study



A Catholic Bible study for men that offers an opportunity to better understand what it means to be a man today by studying the essential Gospel message of the Bible. Each session includes readings from scripture, discussion questions, and prayers.

12 Sessions for Cor

Supplemental videos available at  
[kofc.org/menoftheword](http://kofc.org/menoftheword)

Recommended Material: 1 booklet (#11443) for each participant OR at least 1 copy per small group. Men should bring their own Bibles. A/V equipment if using videos.



### With a Father's Heart



A small group study guide on St. Joseph and Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde: With a Father's Heart*. This includes excerpts from *Patris Corde*, explanations and applications. Each session includes readings, discussion questions, and prayers.

7 Sessions for Cor

Supplemental videos available at  
[kofc.org/patriscorde](http://kofc.org/patriscorde)

Recommended Material: 1 booklet (#610) for each participant. A/V equipment if using videos.



### Sacrament of Charity



A small group study guide on the Eucharist and Pope Benedict XVI's *Sacramentum Caritatis: The Sacrament of Charity*. This book includes excerpts from *Sacramentum Caritatis*, explanations and applications. Each session includes readings, discussion questions, and prayers.

12 Sessions for Cor

Recommended Material: 1 booklet (#612) for each participant.



### Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge



Each month, the Supreme Chaplain selects a Gospel passage and offers a reflection and spiritual challenge. The Monthly Challenge is formatted with instructions so that it can be used in Cor by discussing the previous month's challenge and preparing for the next.

12 Sessions for Cor

Cor resources are available at  
[kofc.org/monthlychallenge](http://kofc.org/monthlychallenge)

Recommended Material: Print out the challenge for each participant.



### FORMED



The Augustine Institute's faith formation video library with a variety of faith formation video series and accompanying discussion guides.

Video and discussion guides for  
more than 50 Sessions of Cor

Access available for free for all Council  
Evangelization and Faith Formation Directors

Recommended Material: A/V equipment for videos.  
Print out discussion guides as needed.



### Knights of Columbus Evangelization Video Library



Collection of various videos and discussion guides that can be easily used or adapted for Cor including videos on the Eucharist, Saints, Sacred Scripture, and authentic masculinity.

All videos available at [kofc.org/faithfirst](http://kofc.org/faithfirst)

Recommended Material: A/V equipment for videos.  
Print out discussion guides as needed.



All physical copies of discussion guides and booklets can be purchased either at [kofc.org/shopcics](http://kofc.org/shopcics) or through the [Supplies Online](#) portal on Officers Online.



Supplies Online



# Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.  
Be our protection against the  
wickedness and snares of the devil.  
May God rebuke him,  
we humbly pray,  
and do thou,  
O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts,  
by the power of God,  
cast into hell Satan,  
and all the evil spirits  
who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

