



Knights of  
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Preparing for  
the New  
Fraternal Year



## Prayer for our New Pope

O God, who in your providential design willed that your Church be built upon blessed Peter, whom you set over the other Apostles, look with favor, we pray, on Leo XIV, our Pope and grant that he, whom you have made Peter's successor, may be for your people a visible source and foundation of unity in faith and of communion.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



# **Agenda**

- 1. Finish Strong**
- 2. Transition**
- 3. Start Strong**
- 4. Member Engagement**
- 5. Culture of Invitation**
- 6. Questions**





# Finish Strong



# Run through the tape

- Submit year end items before June 30
- Get the Star Council Award
- Exemplify your prospects
- Continue programs in June
- Recognize top performers

Already Earned



# Claim Funds Your Council Earned



## Food for Families

*\$100 refund for every  
\$500 or 1,000 lb  
donated*



## RSVP

*\$100 refund for  
every \$500 donated*



## ASAP

*\$100 grant to pregnancy  
center for every \$500  
donated*

**Forms Due 6/30**



# Summer = Engaging Family and Fraternity

- **Family Programs**
  - Families are busy and their time is routinized
  - Send invitations far in advance
  - Create events that parents *and* their children want to attend
- **Year-End Fraternal Events**
  - Continue past events and traditions
  - Keep it social
  - Celebrate wins and honor one another



# Growth

- **Programs = Recruitment**
  - Men / families join based of events that show purpose
- **Show a man your council is active every month**
  - If a man's family sees it is worthwhile – they will join!!!
  - Don't overload any member – too much will deter them



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Transition



# Identifying Your Team

- Consult with trustees and pastor
- Assess existing officers and chairmen
- Approach new council leaders
- Open it up to all members



# Officer and Personnel Reports

# Service Program Personnel Report

July 1, 20\_\_\_\_ through June 30, 20\_\_\_\_

Council # \_\_\_\_\_ Jurisdiction: \_\_\_\_\_ Due By: July 1

The Service Program Personnel Report (JF365) 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 the report with the council's appointed personnel.

- Strongly consider submitting this report through Member Management for expedited processing. This is the preferred method.
- If filling out this report on paper, be sure to include the accurate membership number for each role.
- **Required roles to be appointed have been designated – Program Director, Family Director, Community Director, Membership Director, Retention Chairman.**
- 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.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR <b>REQUIRED</b>	MEMBERSHIP NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL
FAMILY DIRECTOR <b>REQUIRED</b>	MEMBERSHIP NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL
COMMUNITY DIRECTOR <b>REQUIRED</b>	MEMBERSHIP NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL
LIFE DIRECTOR <b>REQUIRED</b>	MEMBERSHIP NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR <b>REQUIRED</b>	MEMBERSHIP NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL
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RETENTION CHAIRMAN <b>REQUIRED</b>	MEMBERSHIP NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL
INSURANCE PROMOTION	MEMBERSHIP NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL
VOCATIONS CHAIRMAN	MEMBERSHIP NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL
HEALTH SERVICES	MEMBERSHIP NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL
PUBLIC RELATIONS	MEMBERSHIP NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	INITIAL

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

Grand Knight \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Form #185

## Form #365



# Member Management

## Officers

 **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL

Find a Member by Last Name:   Print this screen  

[Officers Online](#) [Member Management](#) [Council Administration](#) [Print Center-MM](#)

**Council Administration**

**Council Information**

**Council Officers Current & Next**

**Current Year**

**Next Fraternal Year**

**Service Program Personnel Current & Next**

**Additional Positions**

**Member Interests**

**Parish List**

**Title List**

**Download Tools**

**Council Administration - Council Officers - Next Year** 

**Council**

 **SAN SALVADOR** 

Council Location: NEW HAVEN  
District: N/A

Jurisdiction: CT  
Date of Institution: 05-15-1882

**Next Fraternal Year 2023-2024**

**Council Members** [Members from Other Councils](#)

Choose a Role:  Search by Last Name:   Enter Start Date:

Search Tips  
Choose Member: UNASSIGNED

## Directors

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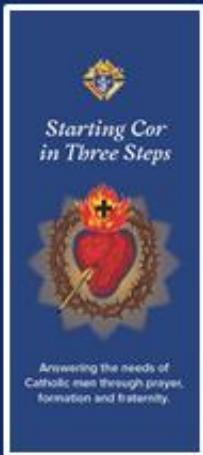
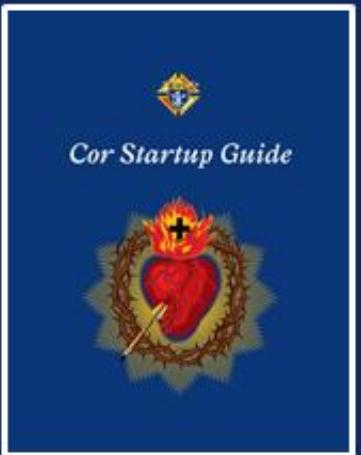
# Train Your Team

- Large Catalog of On Demand Training
- Use Fraternal Trainers for Live Training
- Attend Monthly Webinars
- Growing Library of How-To Videos

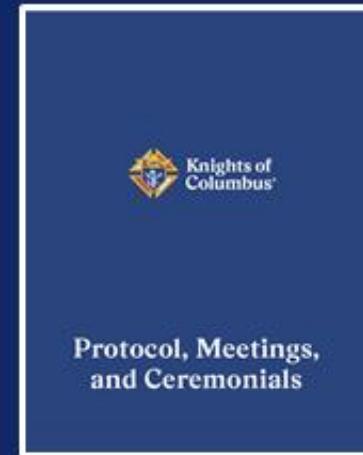


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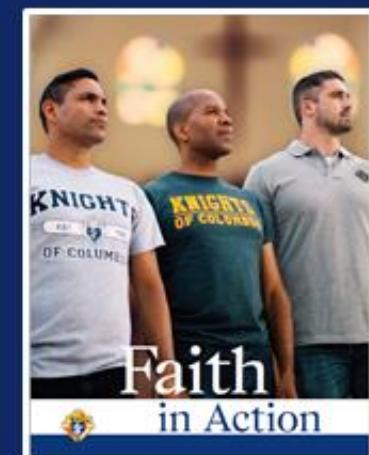
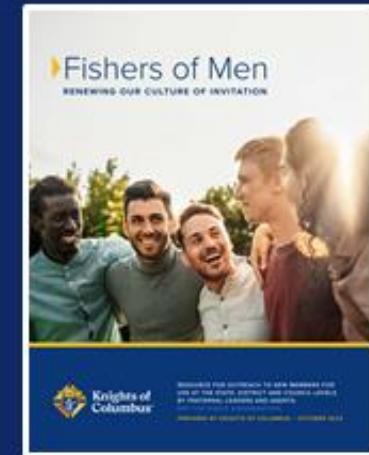
## Cor Resources



## Officer Resources



## More Resources



# **Resources Mailed to Councils**

**Fraternal Planner**  
(#5033)

***Cor* Startup Guide**  
(#11500)

**Fraternal Excellence Guide**  
(#11619)

***Cor* Reference Guide**  
(#11498)

**Faith in Action Guidebook**  
(#10907)

***Cor* Trifold**  
(#11541)

**Protocol, Meetings, and  
Ceremonials Book**  
(#11620)

**Starting *Cor* in Three Steps Trifold**  
(#11540)

**Fishers of Men Guidebook**  
(#24-0237)



# Plan for Success

1

**Budget expected  
revenues and expenses**

2

**Set meaningful Faith in Action goals**  
*Satisfy Parish / Community needs*

3

**Plan communications  
for parish, council, &  
community**

5

**Be flexible and  
responsive**

4

**Schedule events with  
Pastor support**



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**Start Strong**



# Meet Regularly with Key People

- Pastor
- District Deputy
- Field Agent

Helpful Training:



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Working with  
your Pastor



# July 1: Launch the Plan

- **Maintain Summer Momentum**
  - Family picnics, Veterans events
  - Celebrate Feast Days
    - Bl. Michael McGivney (Aug. 13)
  - Volunteer and activity drives
  - Fraternal meals, ball games



# Important Fraternal Requirements

- District Organization Meeting
- Officer Installation Ceremony



## Installation of Council Officers Ceremonial

The Installation of Council Officers should be completed by the District Deputy as soon as practical and as close as possible to the start of the new fraternal year.

The Council chamber or hall to be used is arranged as illustrated on the attached Diagram. The chairs are occupied as follows:

Dais chairs are occupied by District Deputy and Council Chaplain. The retiring Grand Knight opens the ceremonial and after the introduction of the District Deputy and the exchange of the gavel, the retiring Grand Knight joins the other retiring officers. If the Grand Knight is re-elected, the portion of the retiring Grand Knight is omitted and begins as indicated.

The newly-elected Officers should wear jackets and ceremonial baldrics, and be seated with their wives. Retiring Officers, Council members and guests will be seated as indicated on the Diagram (Audience).

The Warden of the Council will have arranged the Officers' chairs in the form of a Cross as described in the Diagram, and he shall place the proper number on each chair. A prepared table shall be set in front of the dais, holding the Officer Medals, Holy Water and a corsage for the wife of each Officer to be installed.

## Installation of Council Officers

Retiring, Newly-elected or Re-elected G. K. - Reverend Father, my Brothers of \_\_\_\_\_ Council No. \_\_\_\_\_, ladies and gentlemen:

The Installation of Council Officers is always a solemn and hope filled occasion.

[RET. G.K. (ONLY): I offer my sincerest thanks to my Brothers who, during the past year, have given me the benefit of their prayers and advice, the strength of their arms in our actions, and the invaluable support of their confidence. You have demonstrated that a small group of people united in a common cause can be a powerful force for good, and that by working together as a team we can make a difference in our parishes, our communities and the world. On behalf of the Officers who are retiring from their posts, I extend to our worthy successors our warmest congratulations, assurance of continued cooperation, and prayerful wishes for a most successful administration.]

D. W. - Please rise.

G. K. - It is my pleasure to welcome and introduce our Worthy District Deputy (Full Name) and his District Warden, (Full Name).

To you, Worthy District Deputy, I present the gavel and ask that you proceed with the Installation of Officers.

*(G. K. shakes hands with D. D. – turns gavel over to him and salutes. Retiring G.K. proceeds to join the Retiring Officers; the re-elected G.K. proceeds to join the officers to be installed.)*

D. W. - Please be seated.

D. D. - Reverend Father, my Brother Knights, ladies and gentlemen; I bring you greetings from our Supreme Knight (Full Name), the Supreme Officers, the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus and our Worthy State Deputy (Full Name). Before we proceed to the important and pleasant tasks ahead, I will ask our Worthy Chaplain to invoke the blessing of God upon our efforts. Worthy Chaplain, please lead us in prayer.

D. D. - (Three raps.)

D. W. - Please rise.

# Use Officers Online

## Council level access:

- *Grand Knight*
- *Financial Secretary*
- *Advocate*
- *Deputy Grand Knight*
- *Treasurer*
- *Membership Director*

The screenshot displays the Knights of Columbus Officers Online portal. At the top, the logo 'KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS' is visible, along with 'OFFICERS ONLINE' and navigation links for 'CHANGE PASSWORD', 'LOGOUT', 'LANGUAGE: ENGLISH', and 'FAQ'. Below the header, a banner reads 'UPDATE YOUR PROFILE' and 'Officers Online'. A 'Change Role' dropdown is set to 'Financial Secretary'. The main content area features a 'Urgent Messages' section (empty) and a 'Supporting Applications' section with the following icons and labels: Officers Desk Reference (blue), Office Of Youth Protection (green), Home Corporations (blue), Member Management (orange), Member Billing (green), By Laws Online (red), Knights Gear (green), and Supplies Online (green). A separate 'Canadian Supplies Online' icon is also shown. At the bottom, a navigation bar includes 'Membership', 'Reports', 'Forms', 'Publications', 'Prospect', and 'Candidate'. Below this are two tables: 'Awards Progress' and 'Council Membership'. The 'Awards Progress' table shows data for MBR and INS. The 'Council Membership' table shows 'Total Membership' as 41 and 'YTD Change in Membership' as -4.

Awards Progress								
	Month to Date			Year to Date				
	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net	%
MBR	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	20
INS	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	

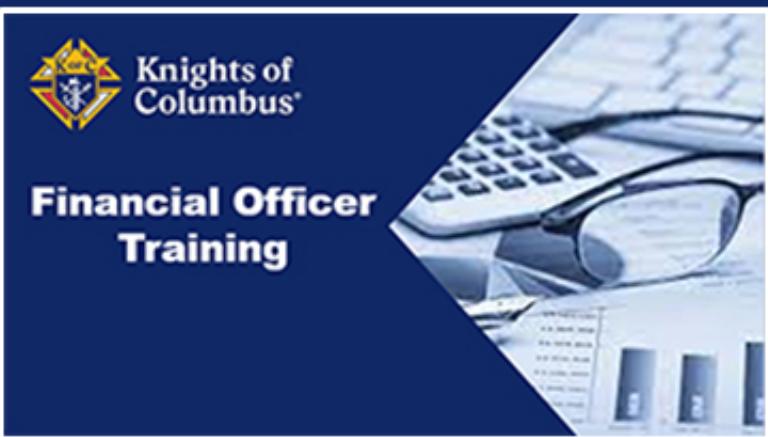
Council Membership		
Total Membership	YTD Change in Membership	
5/16/2023	-4	
41		



# Create a Budget

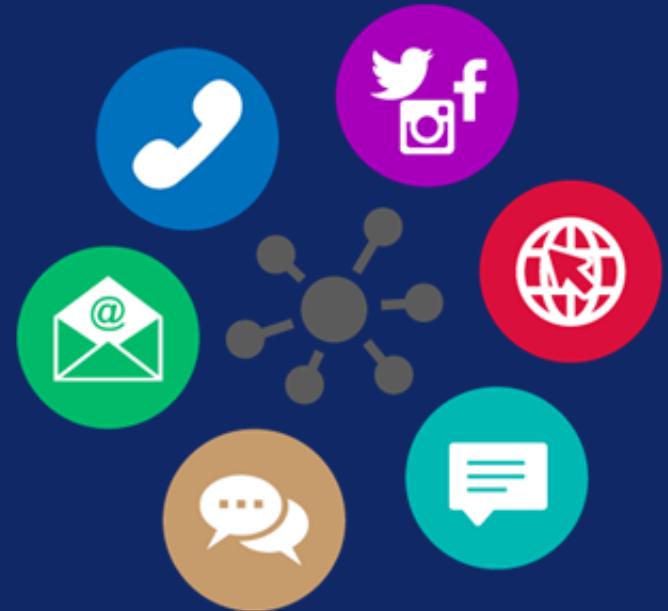
- Biggest costs:
  - Programs and events
- If you can, build on what already exists
  - Reach out to Past Grand Knights
- Starting from scratch?
  - Meet with FS and Treasurer
  - What came in and what went out last year

## Helpful Trainings:



# Communications

- Rule of seven
- Members have different comms preferences
  - Use text, email, bulletin, newsletter, phone
- External communications are critical
  - Parish, Community, Ministries, Other Councils
  - Press Releases



# Read the Fraternal Leader Advisories

- **1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Month**
  - English, French, and Spanish
- **Sent to:**
  - State officers and directors
  - DDs, Council officers and directors
- **Anyone can sign-up online**

Important  
announcements,  
news and best  
practices!



# Safe Environment Requirements

POSITION	COMPLETE COURSE	BACKGROUND CHECK
Grand Knight	YES	N/A
Program Director	YES	N/A
Family Director	YES	YES
Community Director	YES	YES

**Minimum of three people required**

Grand Knight **can** hold one other position

**Personal email addresses required**



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*gkcouncil1@gmail.com*



# Safe Environment Training Invitation



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[Si vous souhaitez voir ce courriel en français, veuillez cliquez ici.](#)

[Haga clic aquí para leer el email en español.](#)

Dear Brother Knight:

Members serving in key leadership roles are required to complete safe environment training through [Praesidium Academy](#), designed to teach members about abuse awareness, prevention and best practices. Members who do not hold key leadership roles are also invited to complete this training.



# Safe Environment

**PRAESIDIUM**  
— ACADEMY —

Sign In

Email Address \*

Password

Given a code to create an account?

Forgot your password?

Sign In



# Safe Environment



PRAESIDIUM  
ACADEMY

Fill in your details, validate your redemption code, and click redeem to access the school.

Already a Member? [Sign In](#)

[+ Add Another Code](#)

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## Member Engagement



# Faith in Action

- 33 Programs designed to fulfill the Order's mission
- Resources include:
  - Guide Sheets
  - Posters
  - Brochures
  - Prayer Cards and Booklets
  - Athletic Supplies
- Information available at [kofc.org/faithinaction](http://kofc.org/faithinaction)



# Faith Programs

- **RSVP**
- **Into the Breach**
- **Spiritual Reflection**
- **Holy Hour**
- **Pilgrim Icon Program**
- **Building the Domestic Church Kiosk**
- **Rosary Program**
- **Sacramental Gifts**



# Family Programs

- Food for Families
- Family of the Month/Year
- Family Fully Alive
- Family Prayer Night
- Keep Christ in Christmas
- Family Week
- Consecration to the Holy Family
- Good Friday Family Promotion



# Community Programs

- Coats for Kids
- Helping Hands
- Global Wheelchair Mission
- Habitat for Humanity
- Disaster Preparedness
- Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
- Free Throw Championship
- Soccer Challenge
- Hockey Challenge



# Life Programs

- March for Life
- Ultrasound Initiative
- ASAP
- Silver Rose
- Novena for Life
- Special Olympics
- Mass for People with Special Needs
- Christian Refugee Relief



# **Cor is...**

- ◆ ***Christ centered brotherhood***
- ◆ Intentional and frequent time for:
  - ◆ Prayer
  - ◆ Formation
  - ◆ Fraternity
- ◆ Offered by the council for all men of the parish
- ◆ To build and strengthen them in faith and virtue as they strive to live the mission of their vocational fatherhood and share their faith



Learn more at [kofc.org/cor](http://kofc.org/cor)



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## Culture of Invitation



# Renewing Our Culture of Invitation

We asked Catholic men why they join groups like ours. And we asked them why they don't. The study suggests that as many as seven million men are open to joining groups like the Knights. **But the vast majority haven't joined for a simple reason: they haven't been invited.** Think about that. Seven million potential Knights. We have a duty to invite these men to build with us.

- Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly  
*Annual Report of the Supreme Knight*



# Why are men looking to join?

## Charity

Helping those less fortunate

Having an opportunity to give back

## Faith

Give me a sense of purpose

Enable me to achieve peace of heart

Strengthen my prayer/spiritual life

## Fraternity

A desire for friendship

To become a better father and husband

Enrich my social life

➤ Source: CARA Survey, 1,003 Catholic adult men, 2023



# How are we going to bring men to Jesus Christ?

The same way Jesus brought men to himself:

1. **Invitation** (*John 1:39*)
2. **Friendship** (*John 15:12-15*)
3. **Brotherhood** (*Psalm 133:1*)
4. **Shared Mission** (*Acts of the Apostles 2:42*)



# One-on-One

- **Invite men to participate in council events**
- **Parish and Council events are a perfect venue**
- **Be Prepared**



# Pastor Ask

- **Invitation from a priest is powerful**
- **Can be done in person or via letter**
- **Be ready to follow up**



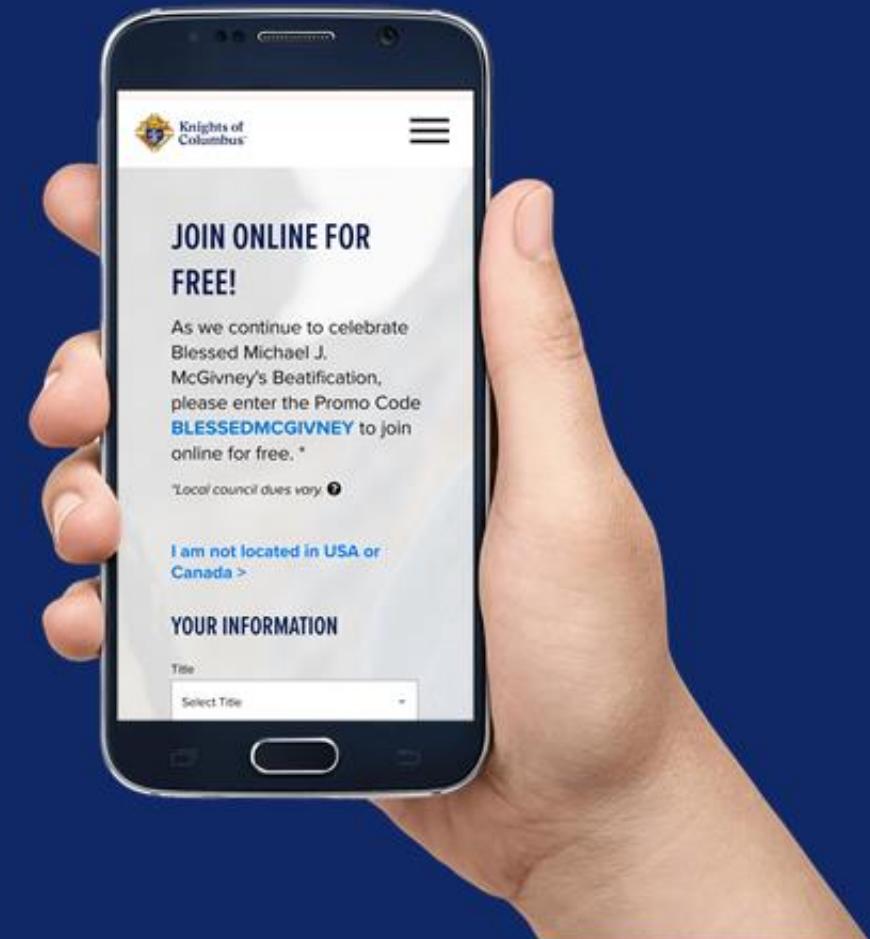
# Church Drives

- Make sure your pastor is on board
- Promote – Promote – Promote
- Enthusiastic members on hand
- Get family members involved
- Invite them to an event
- Follow-Up



# Online Signups

- **Invitation can happen anywhere**
- **Strike while the iron is hot**
- **Be Prepared**

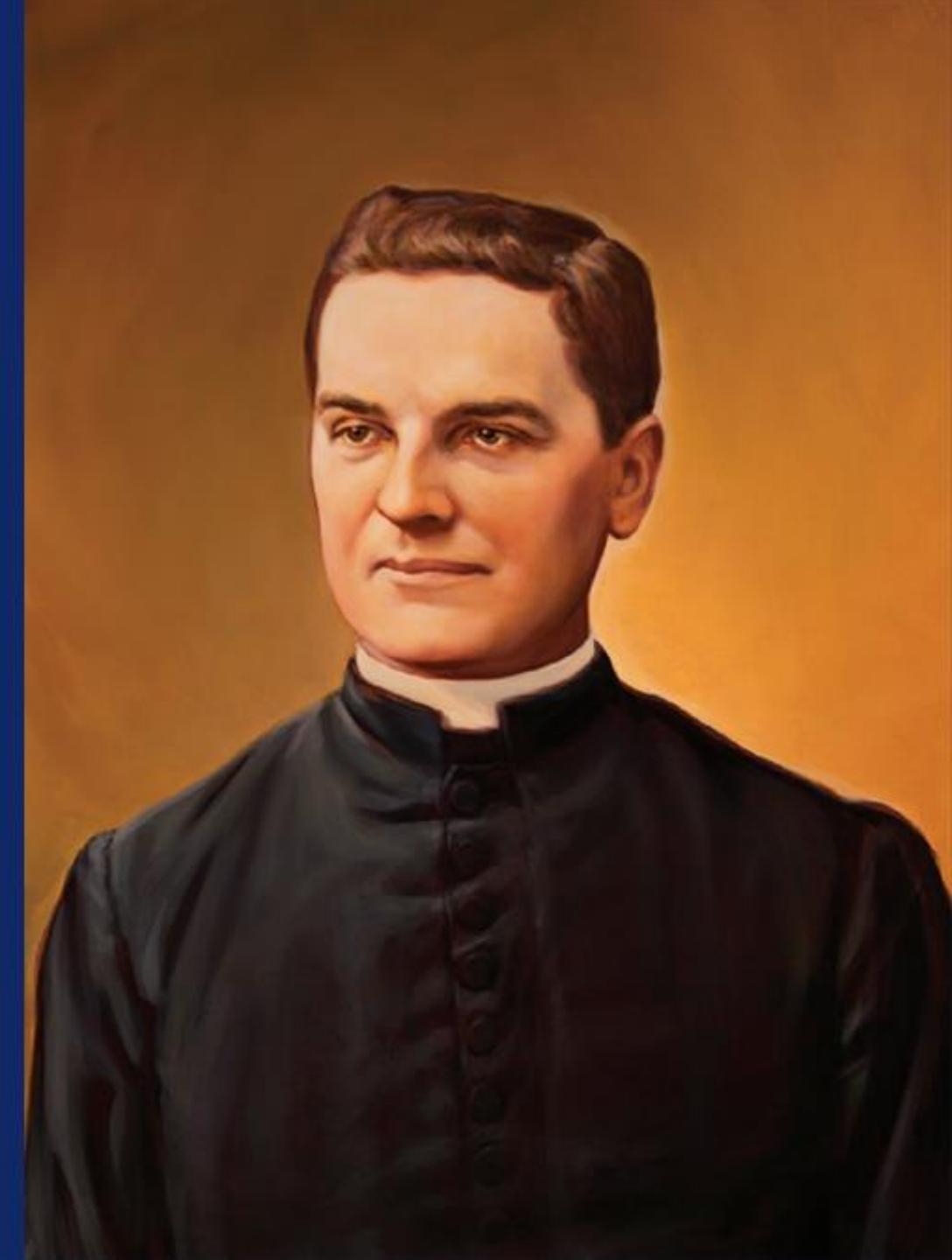


# Questions



# Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

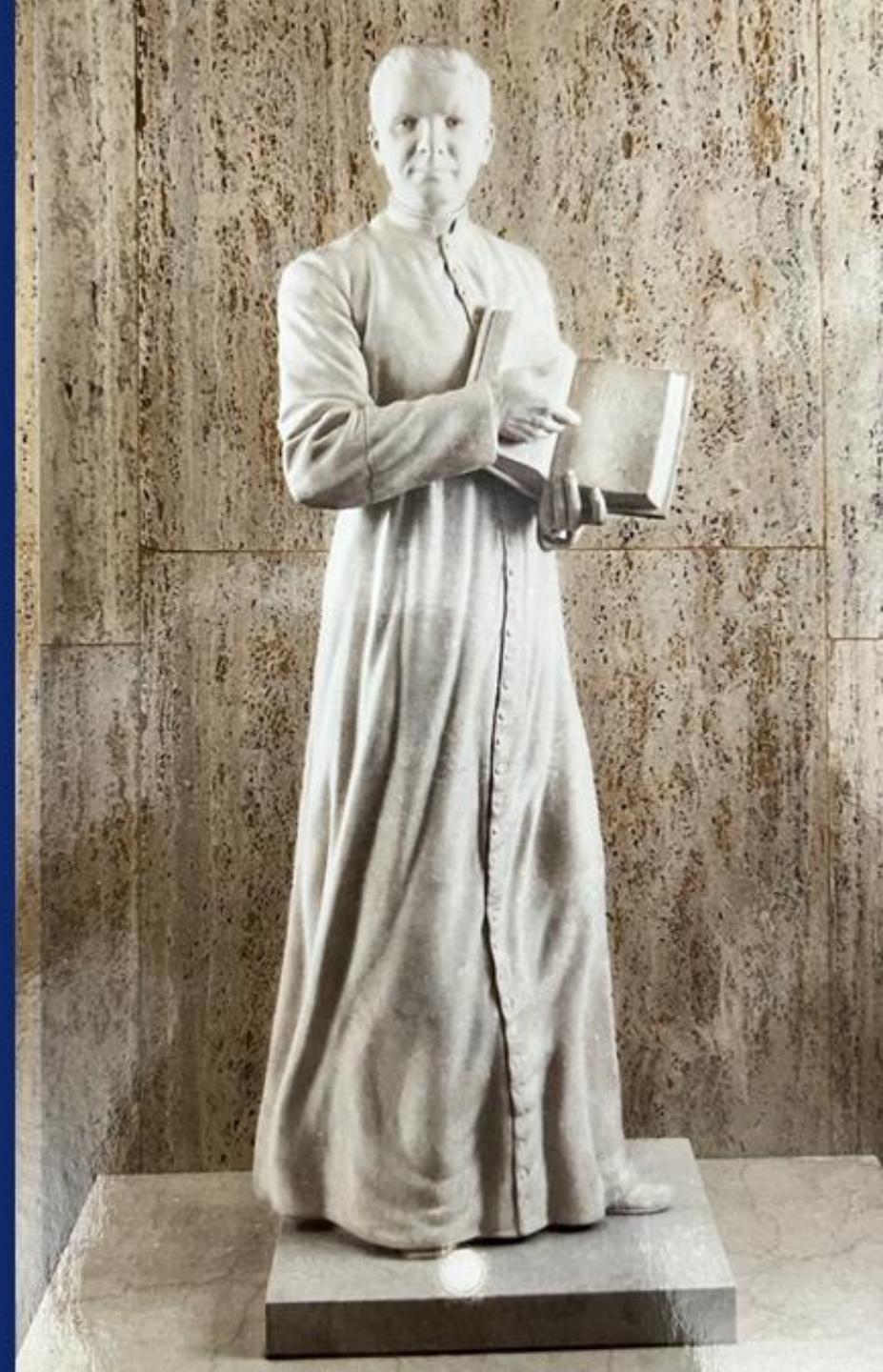
God, Our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, 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.





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**Thank You!  
Vivat Jesus!**