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"Our goal is very specific.

Developing Catholic Leaders.

Strengthening Catholic Families."

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From Our State Deputy, Jim McCraw



What a great convention and what a great way to close this year on a high note! You gave the state officers your stamp of approval by re-electing us. I call that an A+ and say thank you, brothers!

We were honored to have Supreme Director Tommy Harger and his wife, Patti, visit and get to know our members. Tommy attended many meetings and most of the workshops. We have been very fortunate that our Supreme Knight sent such a personable and well-informed representative. In most meetings, Tommy was able to add at least one point or share his experience as Past State Deputy of Virginia. I overheard one young leader tell his wife about talking with a Supreme Director about something their council was doing. It's a big deal to have this kind of access and I was very proud of all the members who went out of their way to meet our guests and make them feel welcome. Your Personal Network Grew.

I was also very proud to announce the appointment of

Ron DiPalma, Council 13472, as our official State Cantor. Ron led the Opening and Closing Odes at each of our business sessions. Mississippi may be the first to have such a position. On the final day, the Ode cards had disappeared. Our good men never missed a beat. Loud and strong voices, singing in unison. Even Father Bob, who has a magnificent voice, was impressed.

Many well deserved accolades were presented. This year we did group presentations for Honor and Council of Excellence. It looked like class photos, so many councils were represented. We will have all of these listed on the state website by May 5th and the photos will be added as soon as they are received.

I had the privilege of addressing the State Ladies Auxiliary meeting about the important role they will play as we launch "Strengthening Catholic Families". The State Council will put much more emphasis on Family, Youth and Church involvement this coming year. Our State Program team is including clearer guidelines for various activities in the State Resource book that will be used at the regional Schools of Columbianism in July.

I am personally counting on our ladies to assist the councils with youth and family activities, and help recruit existing members. We are all negligent when it comes to those folks we don't see very often.

We will announce a retention goal net month that will impress you. Councils who have few potential members in their parish will now focus on recruiting within council walls. We are sitting on a goldmine!

Your assignment for June 15 is:

Elect Council Officers, Submit 185 List of Council Officers, Schedule your Installation of Officers, Submit your SP7 Columbian Award report, Make sure you meet all the criteria for Star Council, Appoint Program, Membership and Retention Chairmen, Schedule a Council Family picnic.

I wish to thank each of you for your support and friendship this year. You were able to achieve goals other jurisdictions admire. Mississippi has one of the highest report submission rates and you are on track to set records with the number of councils who will achieve Star Council. These were things you did. Let's also salute our District Deputies. Coordinate with them for more Second and Third degrees!

One First Degree In Every District Every Month!

Jim

Fourth Degree Exemplification Held April 18th

D'Iberville Assembly hosted a Fourth Degree Exemplification on April 18th at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Biloxi.

A large number of Knights took the charge on Patriotism.

The Degree was held early in the afternoon and a social was held afterwards. Then a Mass capped of the ceremonies.

The Honoree was Jim Higginbotham.



Honor Guard Provided For Holy Thursday Service

KC 9543 provided an Honor Guard for the Holy Thursday service at St. Francis.

The Knights of Columbus Council 9543's Fourth Degree Honor Guard looks on as the Holy Thursday service begins at St. Francis of Assisi in Madison.



Council Holds Inaugural First Degree

Our inaugural First Degree Ceremony was held on Tuesday March 10, 2015. We had three new members join our Council: Jerome Dedeaux, Trampas Ladner, and Frank Martinez.

The First Degree Team consisted of Chuck Heim, Paul Minnaert, John Leonhard, Clark Lizana, Wally Piper, Harold Foster, Edward Archer, and David Hebert.

We would like to welcome our new members and provide a hearty thank you to the team members!



Oxford Council Hosts Monthly Prayer Breakfast

St. John the Evangelist, Oxford, hosted the April meeting of the Mission Mississippi Prayer Breakfast on Tuesday April 7. The interdenominational and interracial prayer service is dedicated to promoting both racial and religious understanding and reconciliation through prayerful interactions among people of different races and denominations.

A hearty 6:45 a.m. breakfast of grits, eggs, bacon, sausage and biscuits and gravy was prepared by the Knights of Columbus Council 10901 of St. John the Evangelist. Father Joe Tonos welcomed the 39 attendees who represented a number of Oxford churches, then related his experiences growing up in the Delta and how he encountered and reacted to prejudice, both denominational and racial. Reverend Eric Hankins, Pastor of the 1st Baptist Church of Oxford then led those attending on a series of prayerful discussions intended to determine the sources of prejudices among Christians, both Black and White.

The May meeting of Mission Mississippi Prayer Breakfast will be at North Oxford Baptist Church with Community Church hosting on May 12 at 6:45 a.m.



Photo 1. Reverend Eric Hankins, 1st Baptist Church of Oxford, and Fr. Joe Tonos, St. John the Evangelist of Oxford, co-hosted the April meeting of Mission Mississippi at St. John on April 7th. The interdenominational and interracial committee is devoted to understanding and reconciling religious and racial prejudice in the Oxford/Lafayette County area.

Photo 2. Ricky Berry, coordinator for the Mission Mississippi Prayer Breakfast for KofC Council 10901, supervises Faithful Recorder Buddy Seely on the layout of the breakfast line on April 7th. The Knights served 39 guests representing various churches and races at the monthly prayer breakfast.

Photo 3. Buddy Seely, Faithful Recorder, and Burke Nichols, Grand Knight, Council 10901, wash dishes during the monthly meeting of the Mission Mississippi Prayer Breakfast on April 7th. The interdenominational and interracial committee is devoted to understanding and reconciling religious and racial prejudice in the Oxford/Lafayette County area.

Hattiesburg Sir Knights Support Confirmation Mass

Sir Knights from Assembly 562 of Hattiesburg dressed out for the Hattiesburg Confirmation Mass celebrated in April 14, 2015 at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church.

Those Sir Knights in attendance are from left to right: Faithful Navigator Quincy St. Pierre, District Marshal Bill Jarret, Sir Knight Drew Porrier, Sir Knight Joe Niezgoda, and Sir Knight Chris Tomlinson.



Vicksburg Council Provides Tuition Assistance

The Knights of Columbus Vicksburg Council 898 presented St. Aloysius Principal Jules Michel with a \$1,268 check for Tuition Assistance at the Lenten mass on March 19th.

KC members in photo, Jerry Roberts, Grand Knight, on left, and Al Diehl, Guard (Activity Chairman), on right.

Funds were raised by donations collected from distribution of The Little Blue Book (Advent and Christmas Seasons) and The Little Black Book (Lenten Season) at the local parishes.



Ocean Springs Ladies Auxiliary To Local Kitchen

On March 31st, KC Council 5654 Ladies' Auxiliary donated \$200 to The Lord Is My Help kitchen in Ocean Springs. The money was raised from a bake sale held during the Knights' monthly first-Sunday breakfast in March.

Auxiliary President, Kay Brochard (left) and Treasurer, Rosemary Van Acker (right) are shown presenting the check to Lord Is My Help General Manager, Barbara Riddiman (center) in the soup kitchen on Desoto Street, Ocean Springs.



State Free Throw Contest Held

Winners of the K of C State Free Throw Competition are:

Boys

Major Gorgone 10 = council 1522,
Justice Davis 12 = council 9094,
Jacob Owens 13 = council 9124,
Jason Santiago 14 = Northern council

Girls

Patricia Morgan 10 = council 9124
Shaylyn Chandlee 11 = council 9124
Lauren Skinner 14 = council 5654

District Deputy Spotlight— Chuck Heim

Effective July 1, 2014, Charles (Chuck) Heim was newly appointed District Deputy #009 for the Knights of Columbus Mississippi Jurisdiction. Chuck and his wife LouAnn and their children Charles (CJ), Isaac and Katrina Moved to Diamondhead Mississippi in May 2007. Chuck has some unique experience in that he is a three time Past Grand Knight in three different states, Iowa, Alaska and Mississippi. His new district deputy position includes responsibility for five different councils, Council 1522, Bay St Louis, Council 6872 Picayune, Council 9958 Lizana, Council 11995 West Harrison Pass Christian, and Council 12331, Dedeaux. This new and interesting challenge is certain to be a rewarding task similar to some of his previous positions held in the Knights of Columbus. In March of 1983 Chuck made his first, second and third degree in his home town of Maquoketa Iowa. Later that same year in September 1983 he married his wife LouAnn (Reuter) Heim. Chuck became active in his home council and served as the Grand Knight for council 8269. He also joined

the 4th degree in the Dubourg Assembly 1573 while he still lived in Iowa. In September 1986, Mathew their first son was born prematurely and Died in December of 1986. In March 1987 Chuck joined the military, which took him and his wife to Eielson AFB in Alaska where he had the privilege of being the Grand Knight of Council 8308. He remained a member of the Knights of Columbus throughout his twenty year military career. In April 2007 Chuck retired from the Military and took a job working for NASA when he moved to Diamondhead and later became the Grand Knight for Council 11995.

Chuck's father recruited him to become a member of the Knights of Columbus, and Chuck recruited his two sons who are also committed to the Knights of Columbus and support the programs they sponsor. Charles Heim Jr (C.J.) and Isaac Heim both joined the Knights of Columbus in 2008 and went on to make their 4th degree. CJ and Isaac both attended the University of Alabama, earned their Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering and try to be as active as time permits. C.J. is

currently a Lt in the USAF stationed at Laughlin AFB in Del Rio Texas and Isaac is continuing his studies at the University of Alabama working towards his PhD. In Mechanical Engineering. CJ regularly attends KofC meetings in Del Rio and Isaac participates in KofC functions when he is home. Katrina is currently attending the Southern Mississippi where she is studying Business Administration. You may be asking why there is such a strong dedication to the Knights of Columbus. In December of 1986 when Chuck and LouAnn's lost their first Son Mathew the Knights of Columbus were there to help with the funeral expenses. "We had a difficult time dealing with the loss mentally, and had just started our lives together as a couple, and we were not real financially sound, so when the Knights stepped in to help out we were ever grateful." The Knights of Columbus is a great organization and they provide great fraternal benefits for their members. I am proud to be a Knight and I want others to spread the word and share the pride.



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Regional Special Olympics Held

The Southern Regional area Special Olympics was held on March 21, 2015 at Stennis Space Center. Several Local Mississippi and Louisiana Knights of Columbus Councils participated in the running the event. The Mississippi Councils participating in the event were Council 1522 Bay St Louis, Council 7087 Kiln Council, Council 12331 Dedeaux, Council 11995 Pass Christian. The Knights of Columbus organized and ran the Bocci Ball Pit for the event. The weather cooperated and the event was a huge success! We would like to extend thanks to everyone who



Councils Join Together To Host Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

On March 27th a Volunteer Appreciation Reception was held for Sav-A-Life Pregnancy Support Services of the Pearl River Area. Over 60 volunteers and family members attended.

Picayune and Kiln Councils both made a donation to the Center totaling \$227!



Bar Keep, Ronnie Sperier & Frank West



Bryan Cassagne, Picayune Council, Bonita Wynn, Director, Mike Radzyniak, Kiln Council.

Our Lady Of Guadalupe Silver Rose Run—One Life, One Rose

Below is the schedule for the 2015 Silver Rose. The services are open to anyone and extensive advance publicity is encouraged to attract participants. The service is not just for Knights but also for their families, parishioners of local churches, members of nearby K of C councils, assemblies and circles and their families, members of Catholic organizations and the community at large. Every effort should be made to inform anyone who might be interested as to where and when each service will be held.

Date	Day	District	Council/ Assembly	Location
13-Sep	Sunday	4	802	Meridian
14-Sep	Monday	4	13471	Philadelphia
15-Sep	Tuesday	4	6765	Starkville
16-Sep	Wednesday	1	10901	Oxford
17-Sep	Thursday	2	13502	Batesville
18-Sep	Friday	3	5556	Cleveland
19-Sep	Saturday	2	7120	Southaven
20-Sep	Sunday	2	7120	Hernando
21-Sep	Monday	1	8912	Cornith
22-Sep	Tuesday	1	8848	Tupelo
23-Sep	Wednesday	6	School	St Anthony's Catholic School - Madison
24-Sep	Thursday	6	School	St Joseph's Catholic School - Madison
25-Sep	Friday	5	School	St Richards Catholic School - Jackson
25-Sep	Friday	5	15131	St Richards - Jackson
26-Sep	Saturday	5	848	St Peter's - Jackson
27-Sep	Sunday	5	898	Vicksburg
28-Sep	Monday	5	898	Vicksburg
29-Sep	Tuesday	6	10216	Flowood
30-Sep	Wednesday	6	9543	Madison
1-Oct	Thursday	6	8038	Pearl
2-Oct	Friday	5	School	Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School - Jackson
3-Oct	Saturday	7	7915	Brookhaven
4-Oct	Sunday	7	1034	Natchez
5-Oct	Monday	7	8054	Mccomb
6-Oct	Tuesday	8	A 526	Hattiesburg
7-Oct	Wednesday	12	9124	Gautier
8-Oct	Thursday	11	15155	Vancleave
9-Oct	Friday	12	10499	Ocean Springs
10-Oct	Saturday	11	9673	Woolmarket
11-Oct	Sunday	10	12271	Seabee Base
12-Oct	Monday	11	9409	Biloxi
13-Oct	Tuesday	10	4472	Pass Christian
14-Oct	Wednesday	9	1522	Waveland
15-Oct	Thursday	13	7087	Kiln
16-Oct	Friday	9	11995	Most Holy Trinity - Pass Christian
17-Oct	Saturday	9	11995	Most Holy Trinity - Pass Christian
18-Oct	Sunday	9	6872	Picayune

Star Council Report—Bill Heath

How many of you are in the running for Star Council ?

Many councils throughout the state are probably close!

60 Days from achieving your goal.

Many of you need 1,2, or maybe 3 new members and 1,2, or 3 new insurance. Your insurance agent can be very helpful. There are a wide variety of insurance products available from life insurances, disability, long term care, and annuity products.

All DDs received an email from me in the last 10 days regarding the status of their councils and how close many of them were to achieving STAR.

Most of the councils were either close in membership or close in meeting their insurance quota. Some councils like:

848 Jackson needs 1 new member ;

10216 Brandon needs 1 new insurance;

11995 Pass Christian need 2 new insurance;

7120 Southaven need 2 new insurance;

13471 Philadelphia needs 1 new insurance;

There are at least 19 other councils that have a realistic chance to achieve Star.

Several councils have met single Star status:

15382 Hattiesburg

9543 Madison

15131 Jackson

7087 Kiln

1522 Bay St. Louis

How to achieve?

If it is Insurance: your agent can help!

Programs !

What you are doing in the council! The activities, the projects, the socials, the tootsie roll drive, the fish fries, the helping of the needy, the prayer breakfasts, helping with Special Olympics, 2nd Responders, working on projects in the parish , helping other KC members, etc.

Catholic men want to be part of something. They want to join an organization that helps others ;

that helps the Church and the parish. Men want to enjoy the comradery that comes when working together. BE VISIBLE!

Wear your BADGES! Wear your KC PINS. Ask every man to join us. As they say "timing is everything".



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Knights of Columbus Council #11654
1st Annual Golf Tournament
Saturday, May 16, 2015 @ Pine Burr Country Club
Wiggins, MS

Format: Two Person Scramble

Entry Fee: \$120.00 per team/\$60.00 per person (includes closest-to-pin & meal)
Mulligans will be sold – 2 per person for an additional \$10.00 Please make
checks payable to Knights of Columbus #11654

Time: 8:00 a.m. registration
9:00 a.m. shotgun start

Awards and meal after play @ Pine Burr C.C.

- Prizes awarded for 1st – 3rd place in each flight with a minimum of 8 teams in a flight. Flights with less than 8 teams will have awards for 1st – 2nd place.
- Flighting will be done after play.

Send completed entry form and fee to:

David Russell
600 Ashwood Dr.
Wiggins, MS 39577
601-716-6480

PLEASE RETURN YOUR ENTRY FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Player #1	_____	Player #2	_____
Phone #	_____	Phone #	_____
Email	_____	Email	_____
Hdcp Index	_____	Hdcp Index	_____

State Convention Membership Workshop

We had the honor of having our Supreme Representative Tommy Harger attend and take part in our Membership Workshop during our State Convention. Other presenters included Bill Heath Star Council Chairman, Raul Gomez District Deputy IO, Top Proposer's from the Northern Region for 2014 and 2015 Dennis Fink and Grand Knight Ted Lander both from Council 7120 Southaven. Discussion was not just how to recruit new members but to re-recruit our current members that are no longer involved in Councils activities.

Keep points discussed;

How is your Council perceived by your Parish and other Catholic Men?

Is it a Family centered Council?

Are the new members your recruiting active from day one?

Do they attend meetings after their First Degree?

Do they get involved in projects?

Is the Chancellor looking after these new Members?

Are your activities enhancing to the members that are no longer active?

When they do come to a meeting or social are your Councils Officers welcoming them?

Are your Council meetings productive?

Do we socialize after a Council meeting?

Are we having Fun?

These were just a few topics that we talked about but read through the points and see where your Council stands.

During the billing process in between the Knight Alert and Intent to Suspend the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary should send a personalize letter. Included in the letter should be an Knights of Columbus Fraternal Benefits flyer # 2773 and remind them about their pledge to keep their dues current.

Important Upcoming Due Dates

Report	Form #	Due Date
Annual Report KofC Round Table	2630	30-Jun
Columbian Award Application	SP-7	30-Jun
Food For Families Report Form	10057	30-Jun
RSVP and Plaque Application	2863A	30-Jun
Report of Officers Chosen for Term	185	1-Jul
Report of Officers Chosen for the Term	186	1-Jul



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The Mississippi Knights on Bikes are off to a fast start. New members are being recruited every day from the two dioceses across the state.

The Knights on Bikes is an international organization and is intended to provide camaraderie with our Brothers of Faith as motorcycle riders. We serve our communities through charitable works and leadership while

enjoying motorcycle riding with our fellow Knights.

Additionally, we view ourselves as a family oriented organization and try to organize events and activities that will allow the entire family to participate.

Any member of a Knights of Columbus council in the state is eligible for membership provided they are in good standing and have

a motorcycle of any make and model (or plan to purchase one within 6 months). We do not discriminate on models of motorcycles. If it will start and stay started, it qualifies.

Knights on Bikes-MS will soon have a web site but until then, email SK Jay Gamble at jay.gamble@bellsouth.net for more information and an application.



SK Jay Gamble, State President, K on B-MS and Knight Joel Dicharry, Council 1522

JOIN THE MISSISSIPPI KNIGHTS TODAY
www.knightsonbikes.net

State Convention Photos



Ben Mokry leads a very engaged workshop on Technology. 30 participants



Past State Deputies Robert Fratesi, 1983-85; Dave Atteberry, 1977-79; Tom Zettler, 1993-95; David Scott, 2013-14



District Deputies discuss Star Council with State Star Council Director Bill Heath



Supreme Director Tom Harger presents a \$2,500 donation from the Knights of Columbus to Honorary State Special Olympics Chairman Derek Medjesky. Next to Derek is PSD Dave Atteberry, first statewide Tootsie Roll Program Chairman in 1976. On May 7, Derek will present the check on behalf of the Knights of Columbus to Special Olympics at the VIP Kickoff of the State Special Olympics games at Keesler AFB in Biloxi.



Check presentation Deacon Mike Gilly, Supreme Director Tom Harger, Honorary State Special Olympics Chairman Derek Medjesky, PSD Dave Atteberry, State Deputy Jim McCraw.



Ron DiPalma leads Closing Ode on Sunday



State Auxiliary President Marcia Flagg at the Ladies Auxiliary Information Booth



Sunday mass Joe Jones, Jerry Schmuck, Philip Jabour and Noel Aucoin serve as Eucharistic Ministers at St. Michael



PSD Danny Lechner, 2007-2009; Not shown Jerry Schmuck and Peter Sukanek who were conducting committee meetings



Legendary Fry Team preparing meals for



Delegates seated at Business meeting.

Leadership Development Workshops

Mississippi State Jurisdiction has three Leadership Development Workshops planned in the month of May at the following locations.

Northern Region – Saturday May 30th Starkville Council 6765 Host Grand Knight Tomasz Haupt
Saint Joseph Catholic Church, 607 University Blvd, Starkville, MS 39759
Workshop Time – 8 am to 11 am

Central Region – Saturday May 30th Flowood Council 10216 Host Grand Knight Anthony Carpenter
St. Paul Catholic Church, 5971 MS-25, Brandon, MS 39047
Workshop Time – 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Southern Region – Sunday May 31st Gulfport Council 7910 Host Grand Knight Hugh Frazier
St Joseph Catholic Church, 12290 Depew Road, Gulfport, MS 39503
Workshop Time – 1 pm to 4 pm

David Tebo Past State Deputy of Florida and currently our Membership and Program Coordinator will be facilitating a two hour workshops on “Leading in our Current Environment”. The third hour will be how to “Semi Annual Audit” in 15 minutes or less.

Coaching can help you develop your natural skills to become an exceptional leader, and overcome obstacles.

Knowing the difference between leading and managing and how to do both?
Preparing to take on a leadership role?
Effectively coaching and mentoring others?
Building and leading high-performance leadership teams?
Thinking more strategically about your Council?
Identifying developmental opportunities for yourself and others?

You can register for a class in your area on the State Web Site.

Schools of Columbianism Planned For July

For Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Program Directors and Financial Secretaries and Brother Knights wishing to learn more about Columbianism Bound by Brotherhood.

Northern Region – July 11th - Oxford Council 10901 Host Grand Knight Burke Nichols
St John the Evangelist Catholic Church - 416 South 5th St., Oxford, MS 38655
Lunch 11.30 to 12 - Meet 12 noon to 4 pm

Central Region – July 12th - Pearl Council 8038 Host Grand Knight Matt Polk
St. Jude Catholic Church - 399 Barrow Street, Pearl, MS 39208
Lunch 11.30 to 12 - Meet 12 noon to 4 pm

Southern Region – July 18th - Biloxi Council 9409 Host Grand Knight Danny Lechner
Our Lady Of Fatima - 2090 Pass Road, West Biloxi, MS 39531
Lunch 11.30 to 12 - Meet 12 noon to 4 pm

You will be able to register starting May 1 on the State website

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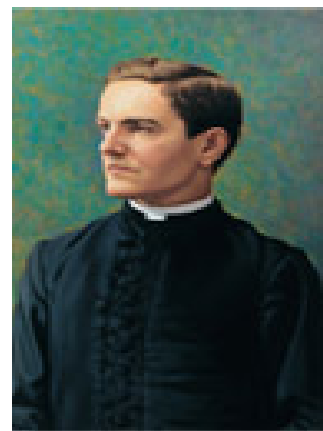


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The McGivney Prayer

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. 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 your venerable servant Father Michael J. 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.



Register For The Guild

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney. The Guild distributes informational materials about him, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics. Guild members receive regular updates on the progress of Father McGivney's cause for canonization and are invited to participate in promoting devotion to this Servant of God. Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join the Guild. The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild Newsletter is published bimonthly except July-August, and is sent free to Guild members. To join the Guild go to <http://www.fathermcgivney.org/mcg/en/contact/register.html>

Read The Book

Is now the time for an American parish priest to be declared a Catholic saint? In Father Michael McGivney (1852-1890), born and raised in a Connecticut factory town, the modern era's ideal of the priesthood hit its zenith. The son of Irish immigrants, he was a man to whom "family values" represented more than mere rhetoric. And he left a legacy of hope still celebrated around the world.

