

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 9352**  
*St. Paul the Apostle, Alliston*

**NOVEMBER**



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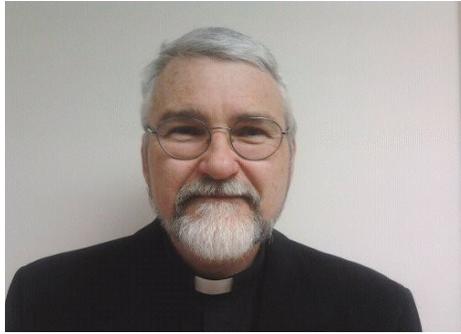
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**“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” “Watch at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of man.”**

Advent begins with a call to vigilance as reflected in the passages above. There are numerous Scripture passages that call us to this vigilance and anticipation of the Lord’s coming; these are only a few. Being vigilant means, also, that we are prepared. We are not caught off guard. Imagine if Christmas morning came and you woke up suddenly realizing that you forgot to prepare! Imagine if you had no gifts, no food purchased and no plans were made. Of course you wouldn’t allow that to happen, but we do sometimes allow it to happen spiritually speaking. We often are not prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ within our hearts.

The first week of Advent also offers the focus of the Second Coming of Christ. Jesus will return again, in all splendor and glory, to judge the living and the dead. We profess that fact every Sunday in our Creed. So, even though Advent is a time for the preparation of the celebration of the first coming of Jesus in the flesh, it is also a time to acknowledge that His first coming is ultimately fulfilled in His final glorious coming.

As Advent begins, reflect upon how ready you are for Jesus’ coming. Are you preparing for it with the same fervor that you prepare for Christmas through shopping, cooking, decorating, etc? Are you looking forward to that day when He will return? Are you preparing for the spiritual celebration of His birth? Are you awake and attentive to the numerous ways that God speaks to you on a daily basis?

If you find that you are not as prepared for His return in glory as you’d like to be, make this Advent a time when you get your heart ready. Commit to prayer, spiritual exercises, reflection and attentiveness to His gentle and glorious voice.

***Lord, as Advent begins, help me to put my eyes on You. Help me to open my ears to Your voice. And help me to open my heart to Your glorious presence. May I be attentive to You in every way You desire to come to me. Jesus, I trust in You.***

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### *Brothers*

The month of November means much to us as Brothers of the Knight of Columbus and Canadian citizens. We celebrate our history. Because of COVID-19, we cannot attend the usual event at the Memorial on November 11th, but we have to take a moment to remember them. We recognize the soldiers who have died and the ones who returned home as our heroes.

***Let us remember all the dear, deceased Brother Knights of our Council. We thank them for their faith and hard work. May they experience the joy of Heaven.***

Since there appears to be no immediate end to this pandemic a lot of Councils, as well as the State Board, have been streaming celebrations and informational meetings.

We had our first Council Executive zoom meeting last week. We hope to involve more Brothers than in a physical presence if we use this vehicle. Yes, there are fewer programs and events with many cancelled since March of this year. There is no reason to forget about the Knights of Columbus.

There are still other programs that we can do. There are prayer programs and novenas. Let your spiritual side shine through. Our monthly Rosary standing at the front of the altar before mass was very moving and inspiring. Thank you to Brothers Michael **Crowley**, Brian **Skelton**, Tom **Coffin** and Bill **Lynch**.

On October 31, 2020, Fr. Michael McGivney, the Founder of the Knights of Columbus, was Beautified. Let us remember Fr. Michael McGivney with gratitude in our prayers and call on him for help in the success and progress of our Council.

*Yours in Christ*

ANDREW KOKELJ

GRAND KNIGHT

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## *YOUR FAITH IS AN IMPORTANT STORY TO TELL*

You can make a difference in other people's lives just by being a blabbermouth about God's love!

How comfortable are you telling stories about your faith growth? If anyone asks you why you're a Catholic and how did it happen, would you have a conversion story to share? Yes, undoubtedly. No matter whether you were raised Catholic or in some other Christian denomination or you discovered the Christian faith more recently, you have a story that could help others.

Actually, you have a number of conversion stories. Any time your life changed as a result of discovering something new spiritually - taking you closer to God and deeper into the life of the Christian community - you experienced conversion. Any time a problem brought you closer to Jesus and his sufferings on the cross, you experienced conversion.

Any time you repented from a sin, you experienced a conversion that could help others if you talk about it. Any time you put aside the busyness of life to sit quietly and learn from Jesus, you experienced conversion.

There are people in your life right now who are ready to be like Mary in the Gospel, but they don't know how. They want to sit at the feet of the Jesus who lives in you; they want to hear him from your voice. God has placed you in their lives to be Jesus in the flesh for them. They want to hear your stories of love and faith. They want to be loved by the Jesus in you.

Trust that the Holy Spirit will inspire them through your story. Some will ponder what you said and respond to the Spirit's guidance rather quickly. Others will change their lives only after hearing many other faith stories, because right now they don't want to accept the truth completely. That's okay! God appreciates you for sharing the truth with them in your own way, with your own faith-building story.

Here's how to become more comfortable sharing your story: First choose any conversion experience and get very familiar with it. Answer these questions: (1) What was my life like before this happened and why did I want something to change? (2) What helped me to find God? (3) How did my life improve as a result of this conversion?

Next, tell it to people who understand, for example in a prayer group or faith-sharing community at church or a Christian friend. Then you'll know that you really do have the ability to share it. This confidence will empower you to tell it to someone who needs to hear it for their own growth.

Never underestimate the power of your story! You can make a difference in other people's lives just by being a blabbermouth about God's love!

# P O P E S

## St Hyginus, The ninth Pope *Pope from 136-140 A.D.*

### *How do we know he was pope?*

Having documented every Pope (12) up to his lifetime, St. Irenaeus identified St. Hyginus as the eighth successor of St. Peter in *Adversus haeresis* ("Against Heresy").

He was Greek by birth, according to the *Liber Pontificalis*, but otherwise little else is known about his early life. Was he among the cleanliest of Popes? We'll never know. His feast day is celebrated on January 11.

During Hyginus' pontificate, he had to deal with two prominent heretics, Cerdo and Valentinus, coming to Rome and trying to gain followers. Cerdo and Valentinus were both Gnostics, but tried to say, "Hey, our teachings are totally Christian." To which St. Hyginus replied (probably), "No, they're totally not," ultimately excommunicating both men to protect the integrity and avoid confusion within the still-young Church.

Though ancient sources can't confirm whether Hyginus was a martyr, he's believed to have died near the Vatican Hill in Rome, and is buried close to St. Peter.

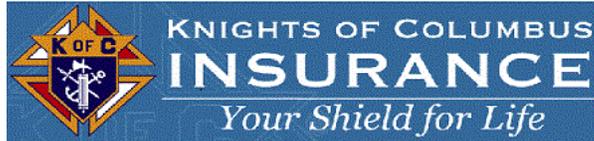
### *What else was going on in the world at the time?*

About a year after Hyginus became Pope, Marcus Aurelius was named Caesar of the Roman Empire.

*Vivat Jesu*

*Michael Crawley*





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*Dear Brother Knights and families,*

Soon you'll be receiving your 2020 Fraternal Survey. Separate and distinct from the council fraternal survey, this survey is designed to help members update the Supreme Council on their information and circumstances, so that the Supreme Council can - in turn - advise them of the member benefits available to them that they may not be taking advantage of. And just what are those benefits?

Of course, you, your spouses and your dependent children have the exclusive opportunity to protect your financial future through the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus can insure your life, protect your family, safeguard your paycheck, help provide for your long-term care, and help you retire happily and comfortably. You know that part well.

But that's not all. The Knights of Columbus also provides a complimentary financial benefits to members, like our accidental death coverage.

One of the benefits of membership that I think is most important and most underrated is the simple benefit of having a relationship with a brother Knight field agent. Unlike my commercial counterparts, I share a common bond with you. We're brothers! And, as such, my primary focus is not to make a sale or close a deal, it's to help you determine what protection you and your family may need. My job is to help you identify solutions that work best for you, period.

So as a Knight, you can meet with me as often as you'd like. I can use some of our cutting edge software and tools as well as my own experience, to start exploring your financial situation, or your retirement, and present potential solutions for you and your family to consider. I can help you customize a plan for protection that is specific to your circumstances and your budget. But I can't help you with what I don't know.

So as things get somewhat back to normal, and we all start to ramp up again in the fall, I encourage you to keep an eye on your mailbox for the Fraternal Survey, fill it out, let me know what's new, and I'll be in touch to schedule a follow up conversation - virtual or otherwise - so we can talk about potential next steps.

I look forward to connecting soon. *Sincerely and fraternally,*

*Vivat Jesus Andrei Dias*

# Fr. McGivney left extraordinary legacy

BY [GERRY TURCOTTE](#)

It seems to be self-evident that the two meanings share a similar spirit, which is the foundational joy that attends the true goodness that makes someone saint-worthy.

The beatification and canonization of beloved individuals throughout history has also been a celebration of diversity both geographically and politically. Beati include children, men and women from all over the world, representing poignant martyrdoms and selfless acts; devout behaviours and courage in both extraordinary and ordinary times.

On Oct. 31, a special Mass will be held to celebrate the beatification of Fr. Michael McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus. Despite the seismic influence of Fr. McGivney worldwide, I would like to think that we celebrate this important individual because of the ordinary, human impact of his achievement. I say ordinary in the most reverential terms and mean to acknowledge an impact on the quotidian, the personal, the humble.

Fr. McGivney was not a statesman in the typical sense, moving chess pieces on the world stage. Rather, Fr. McGivney sought to support and change the lives of everyday working-class people. He founded the Knights of Columbus to assist widows and orphans, and I am certain the assistant pastor at St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, Conn., never expected that his organization would grow to become the largest Catholic lay organization in the world.

Indeed, one of the most significant insights Fr. McGivney had was understanding and championing the role that the laity can play in the mission of the Church. And it was his commitment to supporting those on the margins that appealed to blue-collar workers like my father and uncles, who joined the Knights because they felt that their stories and lives were legitimately heard and valued by the fraternity.

I know that many of the men in my community felt out of place amidst the finery of the churches, and the elaborate complexity of the robes and ceremonies that attended so many spiritual celebrations (though none would dare say so publicly of course). But they visibly relaxed when they undid their ties and rolled up their sleeves to support a food bank, mow a church lawn or build a home for a recently widowed mother.

When they assembled to celebrate the life of a fallen Knight or rallied to support victims of a natural disaster, this seemed second nature to them and it helped to reinforce their faith life in demonstrable ways. This, I truly believe, was something that Fr. McGivney understood.

Another area that has flourished under the care of the Knights is education. It would be impossible to quantify the many initiatives that the organization has supported, from funding scholarships to building schools. At St. Mary's University in Calgary our partnership has seen us build a space for our Masses and classes.

Fr. Michael J. McGivney Hall has been restored over the years by over a million dollars of funding raised by individuals, councils and their foundation. The renovations have allowed us not only to offer state of the art classes for our Catholic education program, but also to celebrate weekly Masses and large community events co-ordinated by our CWL Chair for Catholic Studies.

I suspect that many of our remarkable Catholic colleges and universities across Canada — ably represented by the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities of Canada — will be hosting celebratory events on Oct. 31 to mark Fr. McGivney's beatification.

These events will mark a deep acknowledgement of a remarkable individual who quite literally changed our world for the better and whose influence continues to do so every day through the over two million Knights who carry on his legacy, and the many millions more who are inspired and uplifted by this example.

That in itself is a worthy definition.

*(Turcotte is president of St. Mary's University in Calgary.)*

<https://www.catholicregister.org/opinion/columnists/item/32176-gerry-turcotte-fr-mcgivney-left-extraordina>

## COMING EVENTS

Executive and General Meeting have been cancelled until further notice

Good news, Brother *HUBERT COLARIS* is now out of hospital and is recuperating at home

Brother Lemire has been in contact with Father *BENNETT* and has inform us that he is still alive, as well as can be expected, using a walker, and still saying Mass at his house.

For information, *Patrick St. Almant* has moved to Shelburne, Ontario

Rosary Sunday will be starting November 15th at St. Paul's before the 10:30 am Mass, **WE WILL BE STANDING IN FRONT OF THE ALTAR** . Members are in urgent need to, as a group of Knights, to say the Rosary at this Mass.



**This is the our Mother, the Blessed and wonderful Queen of Heaven**



## BIRTHDAYS + ANNIVERSARIES

### MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS

October 2020— William SKELTON

November 2020— Neil MORRISON; Kevin McGUIRE; Austin HEAP; Neil ARSENAULT; Dominic GERONIMO; Michael REPKO; Charles MAGUIRE;

### OUR MEMBERS' WIVES BIRTHDAYS

November 2020—Fatima HEALY; Diane COFFIN





## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

November 2020– Kevin & Emma McMORRAN; Richard & Christine De FARIA; William & Donna LYNCH



## OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE SICK



*Father C. BENNETT; Patrick St. ALMONT; Don SULKER; William SKELTON; Geoffrey Allan ROCHARD; Donald BERTRAND; Peter HART; ;Hubert COLARIS*



## OUR DECEASED MEMBERS

*Charles HANCOCK; Ron RANGLES; Walter McCLOSKY; James McAULEY; Albert MORAN; Fergus SHEEHAN; Bert JESKY; Terry McCAULEY; Mel OXBY; Michael PARSONS; James McPARLAN; Jean CHARBONNEAU; Peter BROWN; John KENNEDY; Raul TARANCO; Lawrence SKELTON; Msgr Philip KENNEDY; Jean (John) GALLANT; Louis FONTAINE; Rev. Deacon Desmond CARROLL; Wayne MASON; Charles DONNELLY; Michael ROWETT; Kent TAYLOR;*

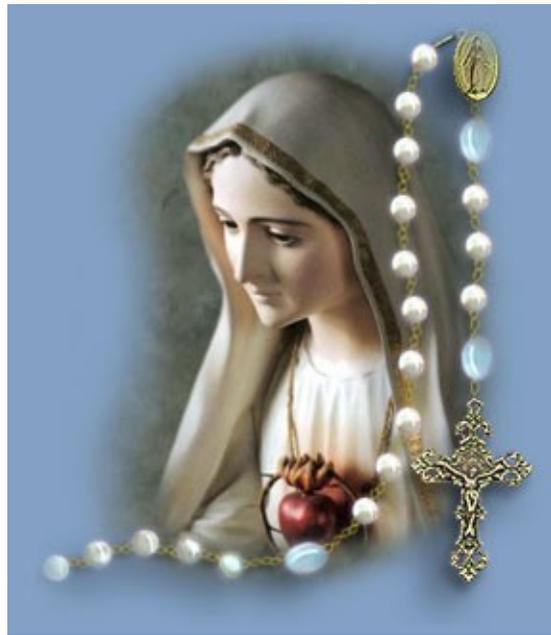


## FOR THE FAMILIES OF OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO ARE SICK

**Bridget HEAP** Wife of Austin Heap; **Bob HARTE** Brother of Peter Harte; **Maureen HARTE** Sister-in-Law of Peter Harte; **IRENE** Sister of Aurele Lemire; **Arran DEEGAN** Son of Jason and Andrea Deegan; **Tyler HOLGATE's Mother**; **Maria TAVARES** wife of Moses Tavares; **Linda LEMIRE**, wife of Aurele Lemire; **Irma BOGAART** mother of George and Ann Bogaart; **Greg COFFIN** son of Tom and Diane Coffin; **Vicky COFFIN**, daughter of Tom and Diane Coffin;



## FOR THE FAMILISE OF OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO ARE DE-CEASED



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROSARY SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 15 2020**

**MYSTERY OF THE LIGHT**

*First Mystery Michael CROWLEY*

*Second Mystery Brian SKELTON*

*Third Mystery Richard de FARIA*

*Fourth Mystery William LYNCH*

*Fifth Mystery Gonzalo De RAMANA*

