



The 2019 McGivney Campaign – Marquette Council

Brother Knights, Clergy and Parishioners at St. Mary and St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton:

Given the recent polarization in our society, the Knights of Columbus – Marquette Council feels now more than ever it is paramount to bring the message of our founder Father Michael J. McGivney to as wide an audience as possible. The organization Fr. McGivney founded makes a point of checking politics at the door and asking its Brother Knights to focus on helping the needy and championing the marginalized in society. Today most people who encounter the Knights of Columbus do so through the charitable works of the order at-large and our local Council in particular. However, it is also important to recognize the life, vision, charity and sacrifice of our founder.

I am writing today to ask each of you to consider joining the McGivney Guild. It is open to all regardless of religion or sex. Its stated goal is to serve “as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney.” Registration is quick, simple and can be done at www.fathermcgivney.org/en/index.html. We have a goal of registering 1,000 people in our parishes during 2019 ... and goals are made to be broken so refer a friend(s).

Further, prior to September 2019 the Knights of the Marquette Council intend to donate copies of Parish Priest, the book written about the life of Fr. McGivney, to all of the public schools in Ridgefield, St. Mary’s, Ridgefield Academy and the Wooster School for their libraries. In addition, new copies will be distributed to the Ridgefield and South Salem libraries. Copies of the hour-long DVD docudrama on Father Michael McGivney (that aired nationwide on public television) will also be distributed to the parish offices at St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton and St. Mary, and to the religious education departments of each parish. We welcome any assistance or ideas you may have in this regard and encourage you to make use of these resources or to acquire copies of your own (available at the Guild site).

Education has always been the key to overcoming prejudice and intolerance. Now more than ever, as threats emerge to the Sixth Amendment to the Constitution, as a society we must emulate the works and perseverance of Fr. McGivney to stand up for truth and aid those in need.

Sincerely,

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