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Knights of Columbus

Bishop Arthur J. O'Neill

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Greetings and Salutations Brother Knights!

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to Co-Chair SK Bill Byrne and his team that made the Clergy Appreciation Dinner a huge success. There are too many to list and I do not wish to offend anyone if excluded. You know who you are; job well done and THANK YOU!

For those of you who could not attend the event I thought a reflection of the keynote address written and presented by my Co-Emcee SK Babicz would be appropriate.

A Love note from father to son:

“Son...I need you to build a bridge. Here are all the tools you will need. See you soon. Love, Dad.”



Monsignors, Fathers, Sisters, and Deacons –

Tonight, we are here to thank you. To express our gratitude for all you do for us all the other days of the year, and all the years of your lives as clergy. Somehow, one night hardly seems enough.

Our pathways to that bridge are filled with milestones along the way; and no matter your chosen vocation: priest, nun, or deacon, you all live lives anchored in service to others, guiding us on our paths, and in so many different ways.

You are there for us at every stage of our lives. As priests and deacons, you are there at our baptisms. As mere babies...at our most defenseless, vulnerable time in our lives, you serve as Christ’s representative here on earth, anointing us with Holy Water and officially welcoming us into our community of faith.

When we are small children, our nuns teaching in our catholic schools and CCD guide us with simple, gentle words and lessons. You take the mysteries of God that are too difficult for us to comprehend, and you pull from them the essential elements, those simple concepts that serve as foundations for us to lead lives based in solid, Catholic faith.

At our first communion, our priests introduce us to the Eucharist; that timeless gift of Christ’s body, blood, soul, and divinity. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, you open a door for us that will lead us, throughout our lives, to be closer to our Heavenly Father through the mercy and forgiveness of Christ.

As we grow into adolescence, we need guidance at that confusing time in our lives. We are trying to figure out just how life really works. Often, our Deacons guide us as we prepare for that most critical moment of confirmation, to make the decision for ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit and to seal our commitment to a life of Catholic faith. Deacons bring their perspectives as both clergy and family men to bear, sharing their wisdom. They teach us the critical lessons we need as we prepare to take our place in the world as adults.

And when we meet that special someone, and fall in love, we look to our priests and deacons to provide spiritual guidance for us, and to grant God's seal of our commitment in Holy Matrimony. And you do, both preparing us, and being the channel of God's love and blessing on our union.

As we live out our adult lives, we experience many joys and sorrows. Our clergy counsel us in our times of need: sudden unemployment, discouragement, depression, trouble in our family lives...any time, again, where we are at our most vulnerable and needy, and feel like we can't talk to anyone else about it...we turn to you. And you are always there for us. To pray with us, to advise, to just listen...but always, to give us hope.

When we experience the joys of secular life, be it a new job or promotion, the achievements of our children, moments of spiritual insight, or even just great vacations...we can't wait to share them with you. And you listen and share in our joys with an enthusiasm as if they were your own. And this affirms us.

We also watch and learn as you, our nuns, administer to the neediest and most distressed in our community: the sick in hospitals, the poor and homeless in shelters, those alone in prison, and expectant mothers in crisis, facing that most critical decision of Life. Through it all, you are examples to us, inspiring us to follow you, as we strive to become the best versions of ourselves.

And when the inevitable time of our lives comes; to pass to the next life, we again seek out our clergy. When that call comes in the middle of the night

from a hospital, or God forbid a tragic accident...you answer. And you come. And you may not think you'll know what to say, what to do...but yet you come, to be there for us and with us. To pray with us and our families. To administer the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to us...but also to be there again, as Christ's earthly representatives, to assist us on that final journey; and to comfort those we leave behind.

There's a fundamental theme that runs through it all. Across the whole spectrum of our lives, you bring Christ to us, and us to the Father through Christ. You guide us in perpetual faith on our journey to that bridge.

But even with all that our priests, deacons, and sisters do for us, what we have to thank you for most of all is one action each of you took as a lay person...you made a choice. You chose to say "Yes."

Yes to a calling to permanently transform your lives to be Christ's most real, human representatives to us here on earth;

Yes to relinquishing the freedom to do whatever you want, whenever you want...often foregoing those earthly rewards of wealth, or of raising your own family...all to serve us, your faith **community**

Yes to living a life dedicated to bringing God's love and mercy to us.

And so tonight we say again, thank you. Thank you for all that you have done for us in the past, for all that you do today, and for all you will do for us in all the tomorrows to come.

And we look forward in hope to that day when we will meet again across that bridge; and live in joyful eternity with each other and with our heavenly Father.

Congratulations Monsignor Joseph Linster as the 2019 Clergy Appreciation Dinner Honoree for fifty years of service as a priest.

FATHER MICHAEL J. McGIVNEY GUILD

The Order of the Knights of Columbus has established The Father McGivney Guild to promote the cause for canonization of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney. The goal of the Guild is to spread the good word about his holiness of life, to encourage devotion to his memory, and to seek his intercession before the throne of God. The Guild serves as a clearinghouse for information about Father McGivney, his life and works, and any favors attributed to his intercession. Father McGivney is a unique model for today's Catholic and today's Catholic priest because of his attention to the social ills and injustices of his day and his collaboration with the laity. He was zealous for the life of union with God through prayer and the sacraments, and he would have been right at home in today's world. He was then and would be today an eager apostle for the Gospel of life, and a determined foe of the culture of death.

Membership in the Guild is open to anyone who wishes to share in this mission of making known the life and work of Father McGivney and of encouraging devotion to his memory. All one need do is fill out the application below and mail it in to become enrolled. There is no charge to enroll, but donations are accepted.

The Guild is anxious to receive reports of favors received through Father McGivney's intercession. It is not only miracles that are required to move the cause forward, but witnesses to the power of the servant of God's prayers before the throne of God.

As a member of the Guild you will receive a newsletter and periodic updates on the progress of the cause for canonization. Welcome to the Guild. We ask your prayerful support that God's will be done and that the Spirit guide us at each step along the way.

Complete and return to The Father McGivney Guild, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326.



YES I wish to enroll in the Guild and to receive the newsletter.

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Country _____

Please list below the names and addresses of any family or friends who might be interested in the Guild's work.

Name _____ Name _____

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MONTHLY MASS FOR GUILD MEMBERS

Please remember these specific intentions at the monthly Mass for Guild members.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

If you wish to make a tax-deductible contribution to support the mission of the Guild, checks should be made payable to The Father McGivney Guild, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326.



From the Editor

This month is very light. Sorry, but I'm very busy after having sold my home and moved just last week. Hopefully we can catch up next month. Submissions for this newsletter are due **NO LATER** than the 3rd Sat of each month. Please submit your articles and photos (with taglines) to the editor. **NEXT DUE DATE IS Nov 16.**

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2019-2020 Meeting Schedule

Oct 22 – ALGONQUIN	St Margaret Mary	111 S. Hubbard St
Nov 26 – HAMPSHIRE	Domoulin Farms	16N393 Walker Rd
Dec No Meeting		
Jan 28 – WEST DUNDEE	St. Catherine Sienna	845 W Main St
Feb 25 - HUNTLEY	St. Mary	10307 Dundee Rd.
Mar 24 - ELGIN	KofC Hall	10 Villa Ct
Apr 28 – CARPENTERSVILLE	St. Monica	90 N John F.Kennedy Dr
May 26 – ALGONQUIN	St Margaret Mary	111 S. Hubbard St
Jun 23 – HAMPSHIRE	Domoulin Farms	16N393 Walker Rd