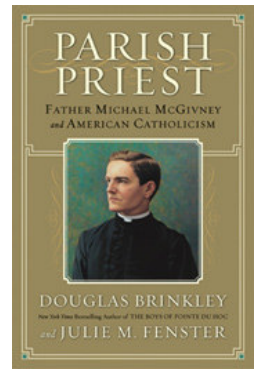


New Father McGivney Biography

Authors Douglas Brinkley and Julie M. Fenster have written a new biography about Father Michael J. McGivney, the founder of the Knights of Columbus. The book, which is titled, *Parish Priest: Father Michael McGivney and American Catholicism*, is published by William Morrow and is available at most major bookstores for about \$24.95. Shortly after its release, *Parish Priest* became a best-seller, making it to #20 on the New York Times bestseller list.



The following was extracted from an article that was written by Dominican Father Gabriel B. O'Donnell, who is director of the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild and postulator of Father McGivney's cause for canonization:

“The authors, Douglas Brinkley and Julie M. Fenster, have done a marvelous job of bringing the world of Father McGivney to light and thereby bringing him to life. From the beginning of their project they have consulted the Knights of Columbus Archives and consulted the research done for Father McGivney’s canonization process to insure that their portrayal of him is authentic. They have supplied a fascinating setting for the life of this ordinary parish priest who lived his life in a most extraordinary way.

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild often receives requests for more information about Father McGivney’s life and work. This new biography responds to those requests in a big way.

Written in a careful yet readable style, Brinkley and Fenster bring to life the relationships that influenced Father McGivney and that shaped his vision of the priesthood and family life. Facts such as Patrick McGivney’s resistance to young Michael’s vocation to the priesthood, Michael’s academic and athletic success, and his desire to become a Jesuit help to form a more complete picture of the Servant of God as a young man and a seminarian.

The authors recount the story of Father McGivney through the examples of the many relationships in his life. His family, his friends, most of all those who called him “Father,” those who knew him as a priest, form the backdrop for their account of a man with the unusual ability to touch the hearts of many of those around him. Quiet and shy by nature, Father McGivney was nonetheless a charismatic figure in 19th century Connecticut.

Brinkley and Fenster’s focus on Father McGivney’s priestly identity, his priestly heart and his manner of acting toward others, which jumps out at the reader. Part history, part biography and part religious anthropology, the book successfully captures Father McGivney’s vision.”

Fr. O'Donnell went on to say, “This new volume makes clear the important place Father Michael holds in the history of the Catholic Church in North America. As founder of the largest Catholic fraternal benevolent organization of our time, Father McGivney must be recognized for his originality, his spiritual vision and his organizational genius.”

Council 4828 recently purchased four copies of this new biography. Two will be presented to the Churchill County library, one will be presented to the Churchill County high school library, and the fourth one will be donated to the St. Patrick’s Church library. All Brother Knights are encouraged to obtain a copy of the book and read it.

More Pro-Life News

Submitted by Br. Jeff Scholz

As you have all probably heard, South Dakota now has the strictest abortion law in the nation, but it is being challenged by the pro-abortionists. I found the following on *blogher.org*, “... state legislatures in Ohio, Indiana, Georgia, Tennessee, and Kentucky also have introduced similar measures this year...” *Blogher.org* is a pro-choice web site. I can detect fear in the article. They believe that there is momentum behind the pro-life movement. I also learned from *PriestsforLife.org* that there is an initiative movement in California for Proposition 73 Parental Notification of an abortion.

Pope John Paul II said, “...there is always hope...,” and that is the case today. I detect fear in the pro-choicers and confidence in those for life. Therefore, we cannot let up. We must still work for every human being. We can do this, not only by changing laws, but also by changing hearts. That is where the longest lasting change will occur – the heart. We can also keep praying. I invite all of you to our bimonthly Living Rosaries. They are held on the first Saturdays of the month at 9:00 a.m. and the third Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m.

The next edition of the *Oasis Knightline* will be published in late June. If you have an idea for an article, please submit it to FS Jim Shurtliff at shurfam@cccomm.net or at 4712 Benson Lane, Fallon, NV 89406 or send them to the Council’s address at PO Box 2545, Fallon, NV 89407. Submittals should be received by June 15th for inclusion in the newsletter. Photos (regular or digital) are welcome, too. Articles, photos, and/or suggestions for the Council’s web site are also welcome.