

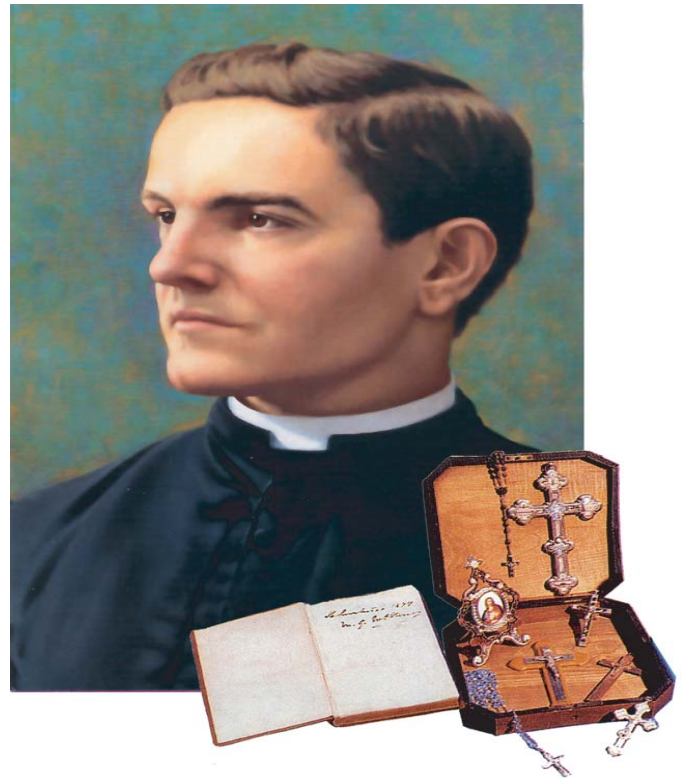
A Vision Fulfilled

THE SPIRIT OF
FR. MICHAEL J. McGIVNEY

It is the wish of His Excellency and Brother Knight Kevin C. Rhoades to have a Diocesan Day for Men in the spring of uneven years. This year, the Men's Day of Recollection that was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus was held on April 4, 2009. While the initial enrollment was somewhat slow, nearly 400 men from the different parishes in the Harrisburg Diocese attended this event.

In recent years, before this event, Saint Bernard Council #11805 has sponsored a day of recollection for Knights of Columbus for their Council and surrounding councils during Lent in even years.

When discussing the day of recollection and the availability of the facilities at St. Bernard parish with Fr. Robert Sharman, Pastor of Saint Bernard Church and Chaplain of St. Bernard Council #11805, he suggested "A Vision Fulfilled, the Spirit of Fr. Michael McGivney" as the theme for the Day of Recollection. Subsequently, Father Gabriel B. O'Donnell, OP, the Vice-Postulator of the cause of sainthood for Fr. Michael J. McGivney, was contacted, to ask him if he would be willing and available to conduct such the Day of Recollection. He has agreed to conduct a Knight's day of recollection on Saturday, March 20, 2010.



Following is the proposed schedule of events

- 8:30 Registration at St. Bernard Church, 811 Shermans Valley Road (PA Rte 274), New Bloomfield, PA 17068 (There may be limited opportunity to receive the sacrament of penance.)
- 9:00 Celebration of the Mass.
- 10:00 Keynote address by Fr. Gabriel O'Donnell, OP.
- 10:40 Small Group discussions.
- 11:00 A presentation by Fr. Robert Sharman.
- 11:40 Private prayer and meditation.
- 12:00 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Closing conference by Fr. Gabriel O'Donnell, OP.
- 1:30 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and celebration of the Sacrament of Penance.
- 2:40 Benediction and closing blessing.

The registration cost is \$25.00 per person. This spiritual exercise is offered to all the Knights of Columbus in the Harrisburg Diocese. Apply early to reserve your place at this unique spiritual experience for a Knight. Reservations will be restricted to 200 attendees.

It is important that we practice the four principles of our order; that through Unity and Fraternity we can encourage spiritual growth among our brothers; that through charity we can give assistance to others and encourage and help them to travel to New Bloomfield which is located in the rural splendor of God's country.