



Father Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882 at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in New Haven, Connecticut.

His goal was simple: to establish an Order that would unite men in their faith as well as help provide for Catholic families in times of need.

The Knights of Columbus are guided by four core principals:

- **Charity**
- **Unity**
- **Fraternity**
- **Patriotism**

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Membership in the Knights of Columbus is available to men who have reached 18 years of age and are practicing Catholics, in union with the Holy See.

This means that an applicant or member accepts the authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church.

Why become a member of the Knights of Columbus?

In today's world, many Catholic men are looking to fulfill their desire to spend meaningful time with their family, serve their community and their Church, and to grow in their faith. Joining the Knights of Columbus provides these men and their families with volunteer opportunities and activities that accomplish these goals. If you are such a man who is dedicated to making a difference, then membership in the Knights of Columbus is for you.

Additionally, the Knights of Columbus also offers a portfolio of top quality life insurance, long-term care, and annuity products exclusively for members and their families.

Who are the Knights

Knights are Catholic men, priests, and bishops, who are committed to making their community a better place, while supporting the needs of their church.

The Knights of Columbus is the largest international Catholic lay organization with 1.9 million members. Knights are regular guys with regular jobs. They are your friends, and your neighbors. They are involved within your community; they support your local Catholic Church.

The Knights of Columbus Serving Our World

Together, members of the Knights of Columbus improve their world through remarkable achievements and staggering numbers such as:

- \$1.1 billion raised and distributed to our Church and in our communities over the past 10 years from our 13,000 councils worldwide.
- 593 million volunteer hours in service through the "Surge With Service" outreach program since 1998.
- \$38 million contributed to aid and support thousands of seminarians and postulants in their religious journey since 1980.
- \$20 million in the "Knights of Columbus Vicarius Christi" fund, the earnings on which are conveyed annually to the Holy Father for his charities.
- \$1 million in the Heroes Fund, which provides aid to the families of the emergency personnel killed or disabled during the 9/11 attacks.
- \$10 million collected and given to the victims of the 2005 Gulf States Hurricane Disaster.
- 8,000 wheelchairs provided to people with disabilities worldwide.

The Knights of Columbus Serving Your Neighborhood

On December 15, 2010, the Saint Damian Council of the Knights of Columbus, #15204 was founded in Westland, Michigan. The council has since been renamed in honor of a great priest from Detroit, Monsignor Russell E. Kohler, who passed away in 2016. Our home parish is found at Saint Mary, Cause of Our Joy Catholic Church led by our pastor and council chaplain, Fr. Ken Mazur, PIME.

With local support, here are a handful of the programs we aid within the community:

- Angels' Place in Southfield has received over \$9,000.00 in donations from our council!
- We support our parish RCIA program as well as having council members serving as Catechists in our Religious Education Program.
- Coat for Kids Drives during the holidays to support teens at Holy Cross Children's Services.
- Financial support to our parish Seminarian at Sacred Heart Major Seminary.
- Fifth Sunday Rosary Prayer Service
- Gravesite care for parishioners at Saint Hedwig Cemetery
- Keeping Christ in Christmas Awareness Campaign every December!
- Lenten Supper and Stations of the Cross
- And many other local programs to support our parish and community! Find out about them online at our website: www.westlandknights.com