



Star Assembly Award

“There’s Still Time”

Supreme Master
Michael R. McCusker
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The Lord's Prayer

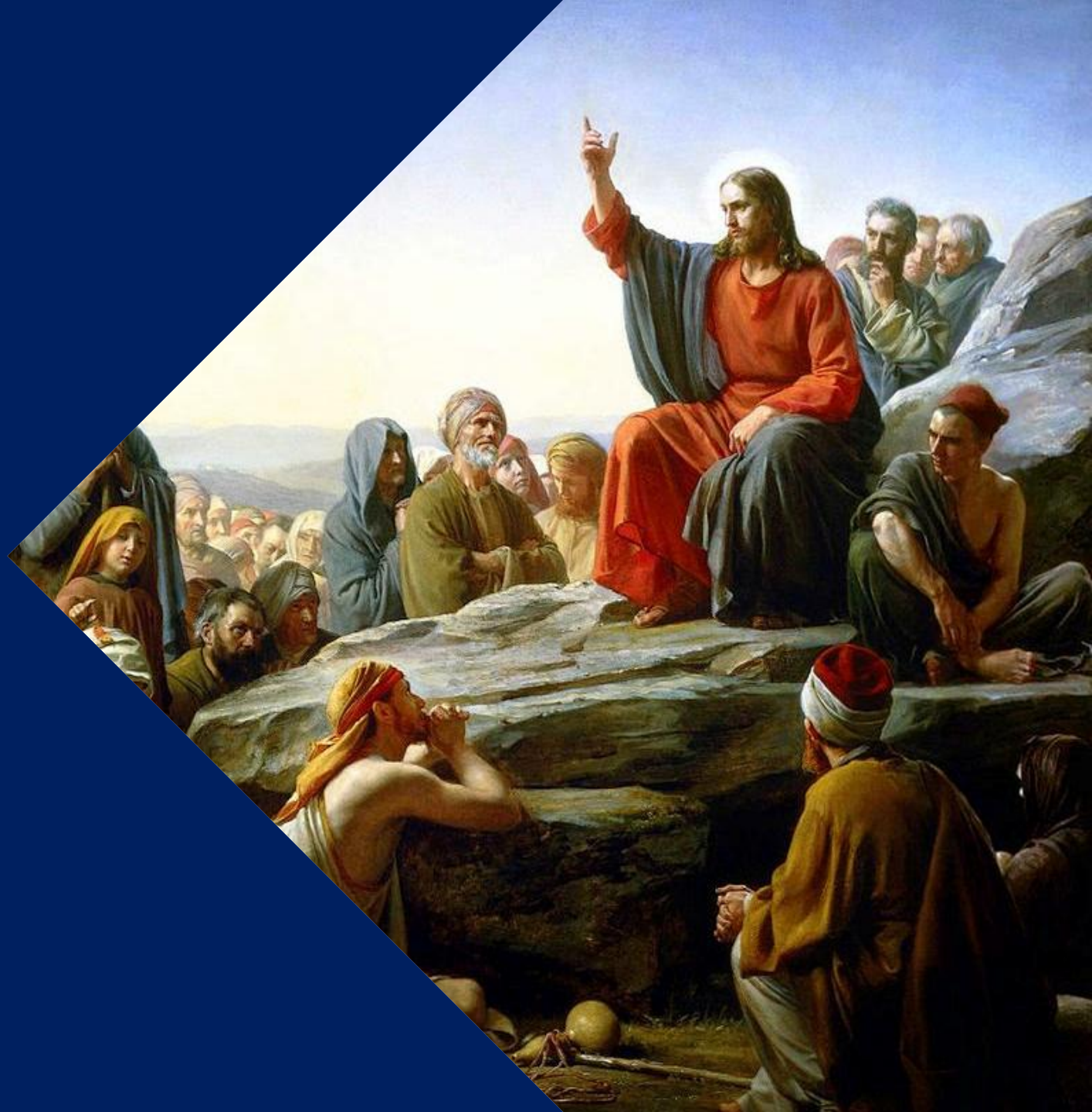
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

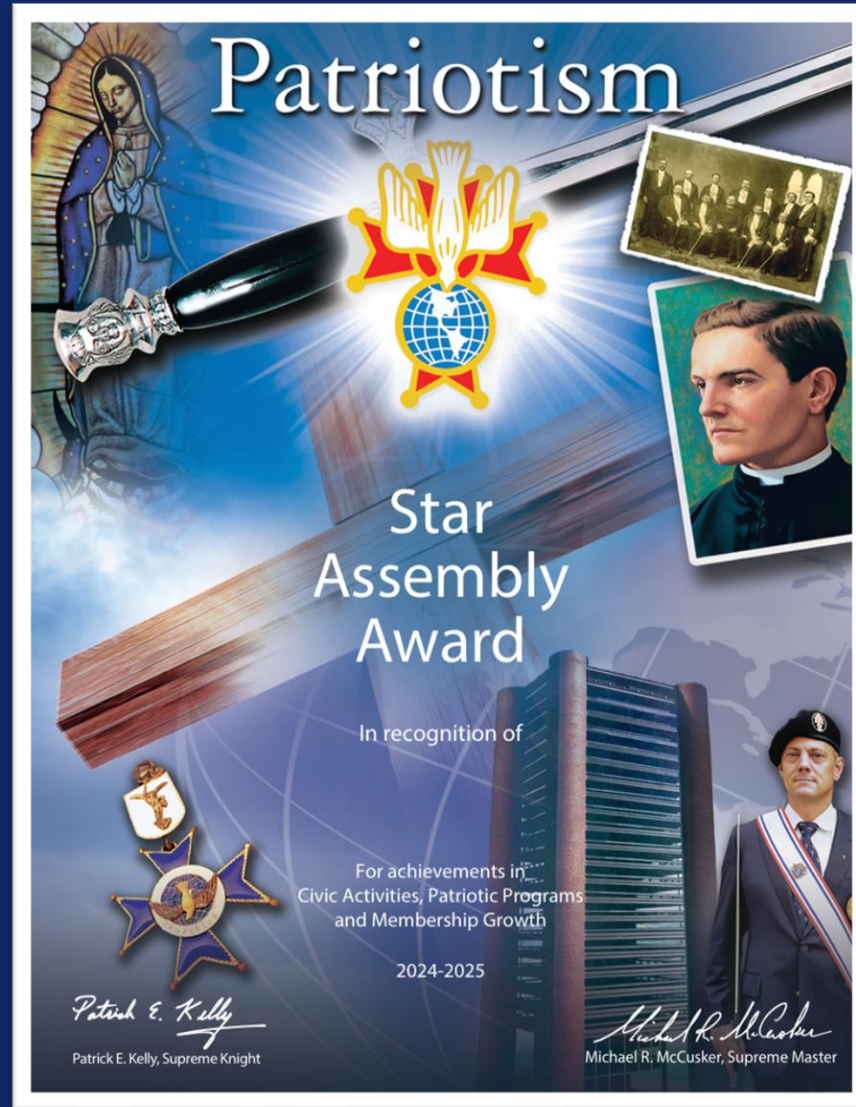
Thy will be done

on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us,
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.



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Why should you try?

Our membership in the Knights of Columbus allows us to use our GOD given gifts and talents to serve GOD, our families, our Parish, our Veterans, our communities.

We must be good stewards of our faith.

We must offer activities that allow our Catholic brothers to use their gifts to serve.

We must replace ourselves though membership because we are mortal.



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Star Assembly Award Checklist

Complete?	Task	Due Date	Form	Email
	Meet 6% Membership Goal	June 30		
	Earn 4 th Degree Civic Award	June 30	#2321	fraternalmission@kofc.org
	Submit "To Be A Patriot" Award	April 30	#TBP-1	suprememaster@kofc.org
	Submit Assembly Officers Report	July 1	#186	membership@kofc.org
	Submit Assembly Audit Report	August 1	#1315	suprememaster@kofc.org
	Submit Assembly Survey of Fraternal Activity	January 31	#1728A	fraternalmission@kofc.org

Communication is key to your success!



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Membership

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New Membership Goal

6%



6% Membership Goal

- Plan a 4th quarter membership drive in your assembly's councils that supports an upcoming exemplification date. You still have more than 2 months to go.
- Faithful Navigators should work with their District Master. If there are no more Exemplifications planned in your area, enough recruitment from your assembly and other assemblies nearby may prompt your District Master to add an Exemplification.



New Membership Goal

Use your resources:

1

Officers Online

2

District Masters

3

Appointed Liaisons

4

Council Grand Knights

- Get to know your Grand Knights
 - Share information
- Ideas for activities 4th Degree can assist in
- Coordinate with GK's to make a presentation for last-minute members



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Civic Award & To Be A Patriot Award Star Assembly Award



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Civic Award Application

What Qualifies as a Patriotic Civic Award?

Focus on American, Canadian, Mexican, Filipino, French, Polish, Korean, and etcetera **values and principles:**

Events that celebrate or promote core American, Canadian, Mexican, Filipino, French, Polish, and Korean values like liberty, justice, equality, democracy, and civic responsibility.

Activities that honor the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, or other founding documents.

Make sure all your programs have been documented (including photos).

You still have time to plan and perform programs that fit this criteria!



Civic Award Application

What Qualifies as a Patriotic Civic Award?

Demonstrated **patriotism and national pride**:

Events that show respect for the national flag, the national anthem, and other national symbols.

Activities that honor veterans, active-duty military, and first responders.

Observances of national holidays like Independence Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Flag Day.

You have 2 months; plenty of time to plan a Memorial Day program!



Civic Award Application

What Qualifies as a Patriotic Civic Award?

Educational Components:

Events that teach the history of the United States, Canada, Mexico, Philippines, French, Polish, and Korea, its government, or its people.

Activities that promote understanding of civic duties and responsibilities.

Events that explain the importance of the Constitution and the bill of rights.

With 2 months to go, consider a presentation on our Civic Duties, or a Flag retirement service.



Civic Award Application

Examples of Qualifying Events:

- Participation in/or organization of Memorial Day or Veterans Day ceremonies
 - Flag retirement ceremonies
- Community service projects that benefit veterans or active-duty military
- Educational programs about the U.S. Constitution or your country's history
 - Events that honor local first responders (police, firefighters, EMTs)
 - Participation in 4th of July parades, or other patriotic parades
 - Presentations of the Flag to schools, or other civic organizations
 - Working with youth organizations to promote patriotism

Yes! You can find something from this list to do in the next few months!



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE CIVIC AWARD APPLICATION

Due By: JUNE 30

ASSEMBLY NUMBER: LOCATION:

(city) (state or province)

Those assemblies deemed outstanding in their implementation of an agenda of patriotic programming in the fraternal year are eligible to receive the Supreme Council's **CIVIC AWARD**. This award is a tribute to the spirit of patriotism and national pride exemplified by the assembly's program of activities. Those assemblies winning the award should display it with justifiable pride.

In order to qualify for the Civic Award, the assembly must conduct and report at least **four varied patriotic programs** held within the fraternal year. Please note that assembly programs must be patriotic in nature. Programs must be reported on this Civic Award application, completed by the faithful navigator and submitted to: **Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, Department of Fraternal Mission, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326**. This application must be received by the Supreme Council office no later than **June 30**.

Please list and briefly describe those patriotic programs sponsored by your assembly between July 1, and June 30. Use additional paper if necessary.

1.
2.
3.
4.

"I hereby certify and affirm that the information provided herein is true and accurate, to the best of my information and belief."

Faithful Navigator:

Name Membership No. Date:

SUBMIT ORIGINAL TO: DEPARTMENT OF FRATERNAL MISSION (email to: fraternalmission@kofc.org)

SEND COPIES TO: VICE SUPREME MASTER
MASTER
ASSEMBLY FILE



To Be A Patriot Award

- Flag retirement ceremonies
- Memorial Day wreath-laying at veteran's cemeteries
- March in Veterans Day & 4th of July parades
- Serve meals to homeless veterans
- Stand guard at wakes & funerals
- Stand guard at Eucharistic adoration, corporate communities, & escorting bishops
- Sponsor children's programs on Pledge of Allegiance & flag etiquette



TO BE A PATRIOT AWARDS PROGRAM

Due By: MAY 31

Flying the flag, singing the national anthem, taking an active interest in the history and destiny of one's country. These are some of the ways we show love and respect for our country. There are others, though, and that's what the Fourth Degree awards program, **TO BE A PATRIOT** is about.

Since the turn of the century, members of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus, "the patriotic degree," have combined their Catholic heritage with their love of country and sponsored and participated in a variety of interesting patriotic programs and activities. **TO BE A PATRIOT** has been established to recognize these programs.

► **COMPETITION** Competition to determine the **best patriotic programs** during a given fraternal year will be held on the district and provincial levels of the Fourth Degree. To enter the competition, each **assembly must submit a report on their single best patriotic activity on form #TBP-2 to THE MASTER.**

The master will then judge the entries and select the top activity in his district. The district winners will then be submitted to the vice supreme master. After selecting a top winner in his province, each vice supreme master should submit the entry form to the supreme master. Every entry will then be reviewed by a committee appointed by the supreme knight and supreme master. Winners will be announced by the Supreme Masters office.

► DEADLINES

ASSEMBLIES — Original entries must be submitted **TO THE MASTER** by April 30.

MASTERS — Select top entry from district and submit to **vice supreme master** by May 15.

VICE SUPREME MASTERS — Select top entry from province and submit to **supreme master** by May 31. Any entries after May 31 will not be eligible.

► **GUIDELINES** Listed below are some suggested guidelines for masters and vice supreme masters to use when selecting the top activity in the **TO BE A PATRIOT** program.

1. The award is based upon a **single patriotic project or activity** conducted by an assembly during the fraternal year.

2. BASIS FOR JUDGING

- Does the program truly exemplify the virtue of patriotism?
- How many members participated in the program? What percentage of the entire membership participated?
- What were the benefits of the program? How did the results affect the community at large?
- How original was the program?
- How was the program publicized and how effective was the publicity?

TO BE A PATRIOT ENTRY FORM

20____ - 20____

Due By: MAY 31

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR: _____

ASSEMBLY NAME: _____ NUMBER: _____

LOCATION: _____
(town/city) (state/province)

The information which follows describes our assembly's patriotic program and serves as our entry Supreme Council's **TO BE A PATRIOT** awards contest.

Date project conducted: _____

Project Title: _____

Purpose of Activity: _____

Chairman's Name: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Number of assembly members participating in the project: _____

Percentage of assembly members participating in the project: _____

Number of man hours expended in the project: _____

In the space provided, describe briefly how this project exemplifies the virtue of patriotism.

On a separate sheet, describe the program in more detail. Explain how the program was conducted from start to finish and include relevant information about publicity, member participation and the overall import of the project to the community, the intended recipients or audience and the assembly. (Photos, newsclippings, scrapbooks, letters, testimonials, etc., may be included with this reporting form.)

Signed: _____
(Faithful Navigator)

Attest: _____
(Master)

(Vice Supreme Master)

MAIL ORIGINAL TO: Master

KEEP A COPY IN ASSEMBLY FILE



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THIS FORM MAY ONLY BE COMPLETED, PRINTED OUT AND SUBMITTED THROUGH MAIL

Required Forms

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Forms: Communicate these requirements to each Assembly July 1:

Complete?	Task	Due Date	Form	Email
	Assembly Officers Report	July 1	#186	membership@kofc.org
	Assembly Audit Report	August 1	#1351	suprememaster@kofc.org
	Assembly Survey of Fraternal Activity	January 31	#1728	fraternalmission@kofc.org
	To Be A Patriot Award Application	April 30 <i>District Master</i> May 15 <i>DM to VSM</i> May 31 <i>VSM to SM</i>	#TBP-1	suprememaster@kofc.org
	Civic Award Application	June 30	#2321	fraternalmission@kofc.org
	Assembly RSVP Program	June 30	#2863A	fraternalmission@kofc.org

**Faithful Navigators, always copy your District Masters.
District Masters, always copy your Vice Supreme Masters.**



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Don't wait!

Start your plans **now for the next Fraternal Year. Your goal every year is to **achieve the Star Assembly Award!****



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Questions?

Contact your Vice Supreme Master



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Summary

Wrap-up by
Supreme Master McCusker



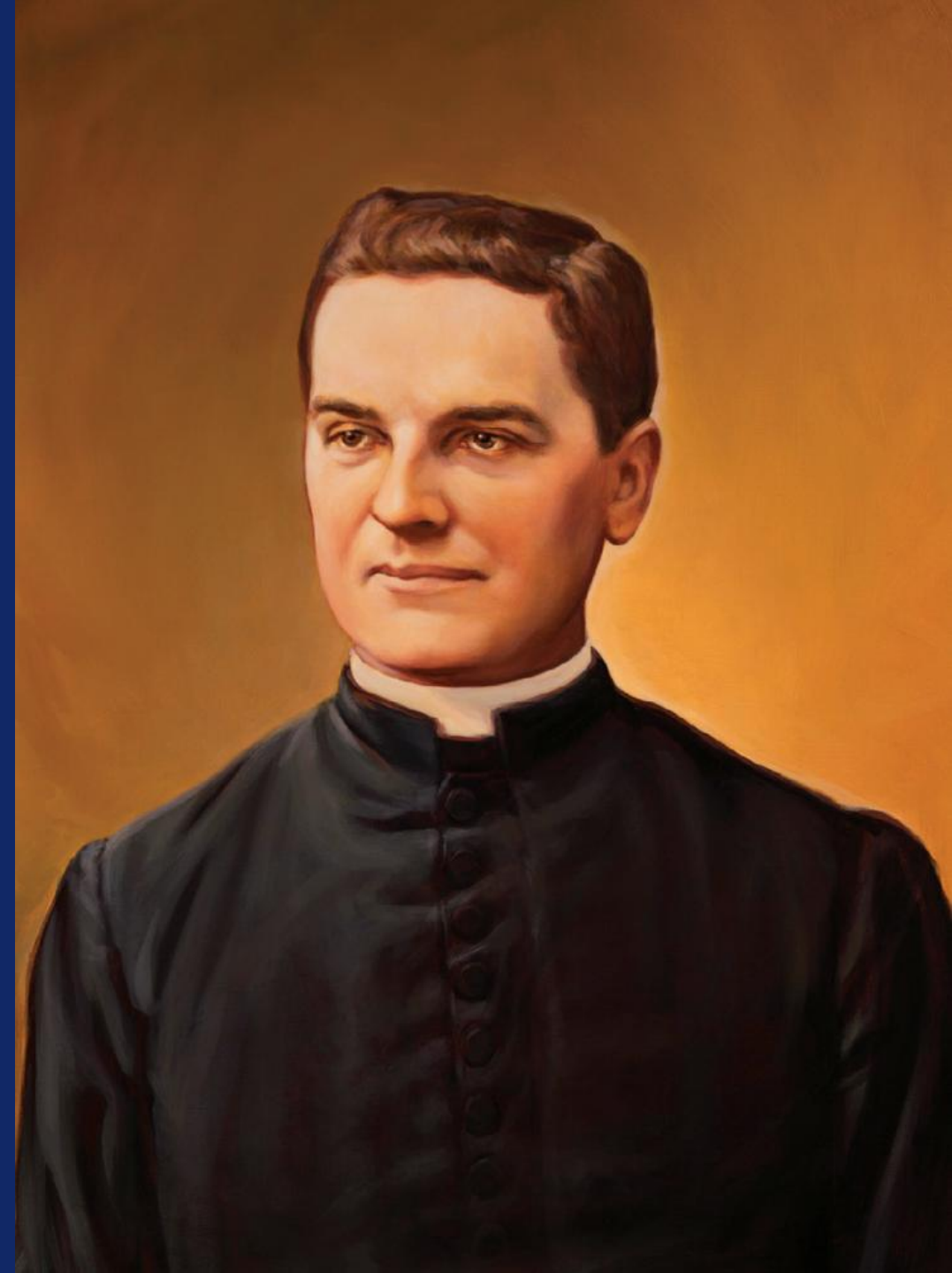
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Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

**God, Our Father, protector of the poor
and defender of the widow and orphan,
you called your priest, Blessed Michael
McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian
family life and to lead the young to the
generous service of their neighbor.**

**Through the example of his life and virtue
may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ,
more closely, fulfilling his commandment
of charity and building up his Body which
is the Church.**

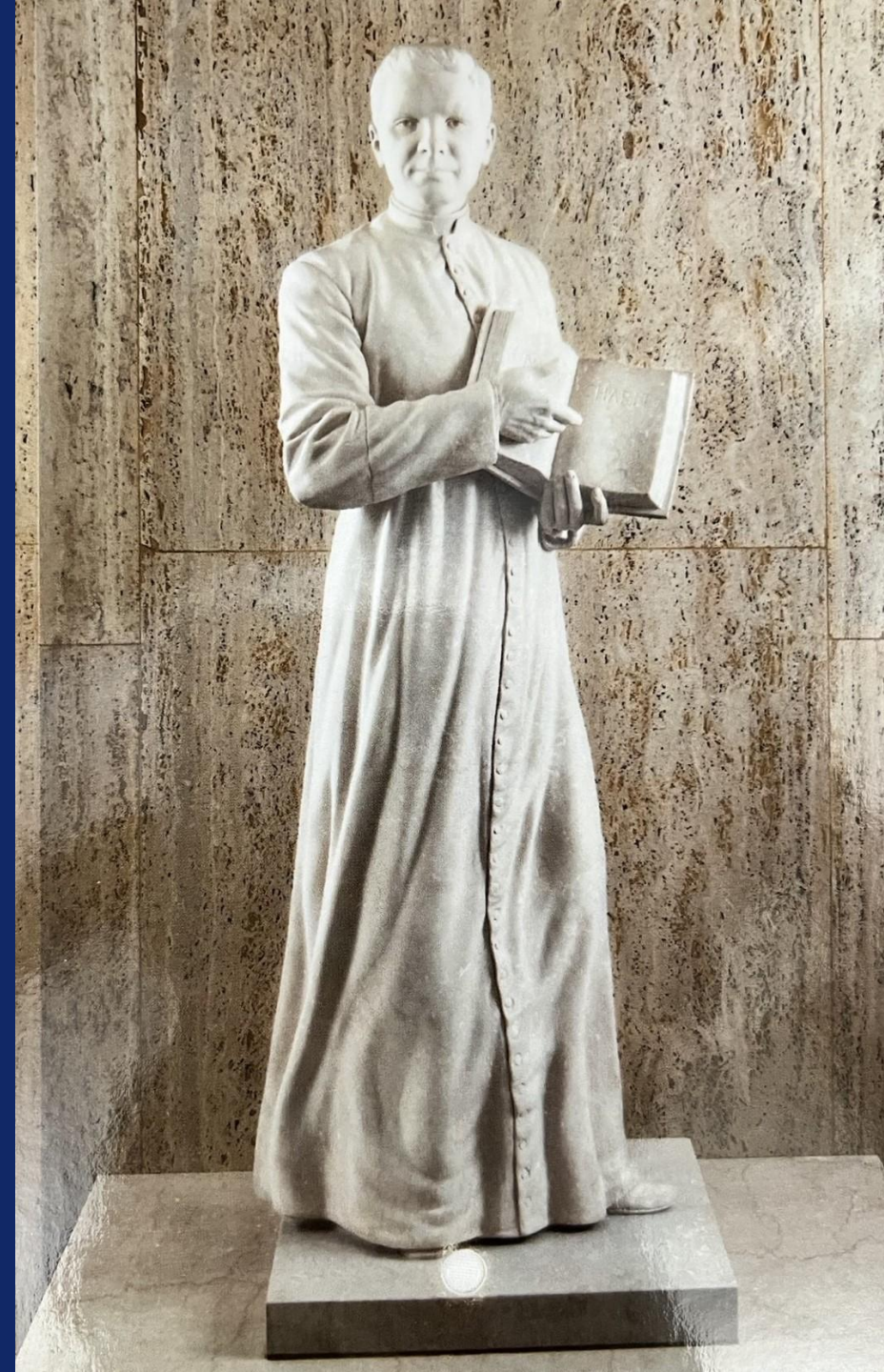


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Let the inspiration of your servant
prompt us to greater confidence in your
love so that we may continue his work of
caring for the needy and the outcast. We
humbly ask that you glorify Blessed
Michael McGivney on earth according to
the design of your holy will.

Through his intercession, grant the favor
I now present (*here make your request*).
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.





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**Thank You!
Vivat Jesus!**

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