

# Voice of the Spirit

JUNE 2019



Kevin Miller  
State Deputy

## State Deputy's Report

Brother Knights:

As I leave office as your State Deputy for the last two years, I must say that they have been the most enjoyable and rewarding of my 46 years as a Knight. From the bottom of my heart, I thank each and every one of you -- my fellow state officers, directors, District Deputies, Grand Knights, council officers and members, and all of their wives and families -- for your

the more challenging moments, as well as a great sense of pride in those many high points throughout the years. It is truly that spirit, that dedication, that inspires each of us as we work each day in our councils, our districts, our dioceses, and around our state. It is the men -- dedicated to service, to charity, to Christ and his teachings -- that truly set the Knights apart; it is the source of our greatest strength and our most precious resource. I can only thank you for letting me be a small part of this great effort, and I hope that I have been of some assistance along the way.



As the quote says above, there are no real endings -- with the new fraternal

dedication, support, participation, and enthusiasm for the Knights of Columbus during my term of office. I thank you for the very special privilege of allowing me to serve you and to advance the cause of Columbianism in Ohio.

During my tenure as both a State Deputy as well as a state officer, I have been continually amazed and awed by the tremendous commitment that my Brother Knights show for our Order. I have taken great comfort from that commitment in

year approaching, I turn the reins over to our new State Deputy Bob Byers and he now takes up the work of leading our State Council. He has hand-picked, with the help of the other state officers, good and loyal Knights to help him direct the fortunes of our Order in Ohio for the next two years. I have no doubt you will show him all the support and cooperation that you provided me during my term of office.

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But again, our work never really ends. Each day, we as Knights must continue to work together to make the cause of Columbianism a way of life in our parishes, our communities – more than just another parish organization or a social club, but a real movement, a catalyst to make better men, better husbands, better fathers, better sons, all guided by our Catholic faith and an fervent desire to help others. If each of us continues to strive to be worthy of the legacy of Father McGivney and truly strive to live “In His Honor,” we will set the stage for a new generation of Knights. And, in turn, they will

continue to build and grow the culture of charity and fraternity for the future. May we all dedicate ourselves to the goal that every Catholic man become a Knight and Knights of Columbus councils exist in every parish, wherever possible.

Lastly, I offer special thanks and appreciation to my beautiful wife Tish and my entire family; as each of you knows, the activities of our Order, although important, sometimes take away from family activities. Her infinite patience and backing have been essential to my participation and I owe any success I have achieved to her support

Again, thanks to each and every one of you for your service “In His Honor” these last two years. I wish each of you the best moving forward – let the new story begin!

Vivat Jesus!

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## *A Final Message from Charity Father*

Mark Siracusa, State Treasurer



One last offer you cannot refuse....

Congratulations to all of this year's winners! Charity Father is going to move on to bigger and better things. So keep your eyes open....wait till you see what is coming!

Your Brother in Christ  
Charity Father  
15398 Silver Pine Court  
Perrysburg, Ohio 43551-1261  
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[cuzza52@gmail.com](mailto:cuzza52@gmail.com)

### Ohio State Council, Knights of Columbus OFFICIAL PRIZE LIST "2019 Super Cash Bonanza"

Prize # 1	\$414.00 A MONTH FOR 10 YEARS (\$49,680)	
Winner:	Mark Knapke, Kalida, OH	288047
Prize # 2	\$313.00 A MONTH FOR 5 YEARS (\$18,780)	
Winner:	Brian Pensk	167192
Prize # 3	\$212.00 A MONTH FOR 5 YEARS (\$12,720)	
Winner:	Matthew Weber, Wauseon, OH	279922
Prize # 4	\$4,000.00	
Winner:	Lila Roberts, Vandalia, OH	336656
Prize # 5	\$3,000.00	
Winner:	Jim Baydonas, Perrysburg, OH	294667
Prize # 6-9	\$1,500.00	
Winner:	Giacomo Didonato, Wellsville OH	534493
Winner:	Mike Liederbach Cincinatti Oh	451533
Winner:	Tish Miller Columbus Oh	147510
Winner:	Julie Hicken New Middleton Oh	597124
Prize # 10-13	\$1,250.00	
Winner:	Michael Sherman, Grafton, OH	476195
Winner:	Steven Chovanec, Perrysburg, OH	292401
Winner:	Natalie Was, Cleveland, OH	324120
Winner:	Ruth Betty, Carrollton, OH	638349
Prize # 14-17	\$1,000.00	
Winner:	John Henry Wyckoff, Magnolia, OH	608696
Winner:	Tony Chapman, Columbus, OH	392412
Winner:	Andea Navratil, Westlake, OH	303103
Winner:	John Dietsch, Edgerton, OH	393157
Prize # 18-21	\$750.00	
Winner:	Karen Gradbre, Akron, OH	306214
Winner:	Elaine Falcione, Pittsburgh, PA	027913
Winner:	Peter Seibenick, West Chester, OH	345052
Winner:	Lisa Jackson, Poland, OH	568049
Prize # 22-25	\$500.00	
Winner:	Barbara Toth, Maple Hts, OH	177464
Winner:	Mike Berlin, Columbus, OH	394544
Winner:	Jaycee Clark, Marietta, OH	627537
Winner:	Eileen Mazzocco, Lewis Center, OH	417491

Drawing of Award Winners, Saturday, May 27, 2019 at 9:30 A.M.  
Kalahari Resorts 7000 Kalahari Dr, Sandusky, Ohio 44870

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Mark Saracusa  
State Treasurer



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## Insurance Corner

*James Valent*

Dear Brother Knights:

What a wonderful State Convention we had this past month at Kalahari. It was great to see so many good Catholic Gentlemen! I wanted to take this moment to inform those of you who were unable to attend the State Convention of some of the changes in the Ohio Insurance leadership.

Please welcome two New General Agents to the State of Ohio as of May 1<sup>st</sup> 2019. General Agent David Cary and his family have moved here from the State of Colorado and will be servicing the Toledo and Cleveland areas of the State. General Agent Jason Staas and his family have moved here from Florida and will be servicing the Cincinnati, Dayton and Findlay areas of the State.

General Agent Ross Conklin also arrived from Texas last Spring and he services the Youngstown area and the northern half of the Steubenville Diocese.

Please welcome these gentlemen as they travel around their areas to introduce themselves in the next few months. I have provided their contact information below.

David Cary, GA  
[David.Cary@kofc.org](mailto:David.Cary@kofc.org)  
800-760-8012

Jason Staas, GA  
[Jason.Staas@kofc.org](mailto:Jason.Staas@kofc.org)  
800-484-0304

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412-729-2709

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740-674-7001

God Bless

## Membership Minute

*Frank Iannaggi, State Membership Director*

My brother knights the end of our fraternal year has come. It is with heavy heart that I sit to write this final column. It has been a pleasure to serve the In His Honor team and specifically our state deputy Kevin Miller.

As the year comes to an end are numbers do not reflect the effort that the many councils had put forth, however our numbers are still good as of June 5th we were at 1482 new members. The friendships and respect that have been bestowed upon our team has been immeasurable. We put out some incentives to foster membership growth and you ran with. It was a straight forward program for membership that would make it easy for all councils to take in at least one new member and report on it and we were successful. Although we did not

attain or Supreme goal of 2050 new members this year we had a significant growth in the membership. Something to be well proud of.

Here are the many Councils that took advantage of the cash incentives for the summer incentive : Council 608 Tiffin, Council 20362 Cuyahoga Falls, Council 377 North Canton, Council 10820 Dresden, and Council 16571 Dayton. Now the Councils that cashed in on the winter incentives are: Council 1195 Cincinnati, Council 1362 Delphos, Council 5669 Clyde, Council 7552 Archbald, Council 14416 Olmsted Falls, Council 14995 Kettering and Council 15614 Parma. Thank you all for participating .

Finally thank you to all the councils having made their membership quota for this year and hopefully you'll be able to do that again in the following year. Many blessings and continued success to all of your Councils and I pray that you will be successful in

your recruiting.

Closing thank you to my team could not have done it without you: Jim Maslach, Jim Collins, Michael Jordan, William Keane, Tom Offenberger, Keith Dunnigan, Ray Darr and Micheal Freil continued blessings in your future endeavors.

The membership numbers through June 2019 are on the next page.

Vivat Jesus!

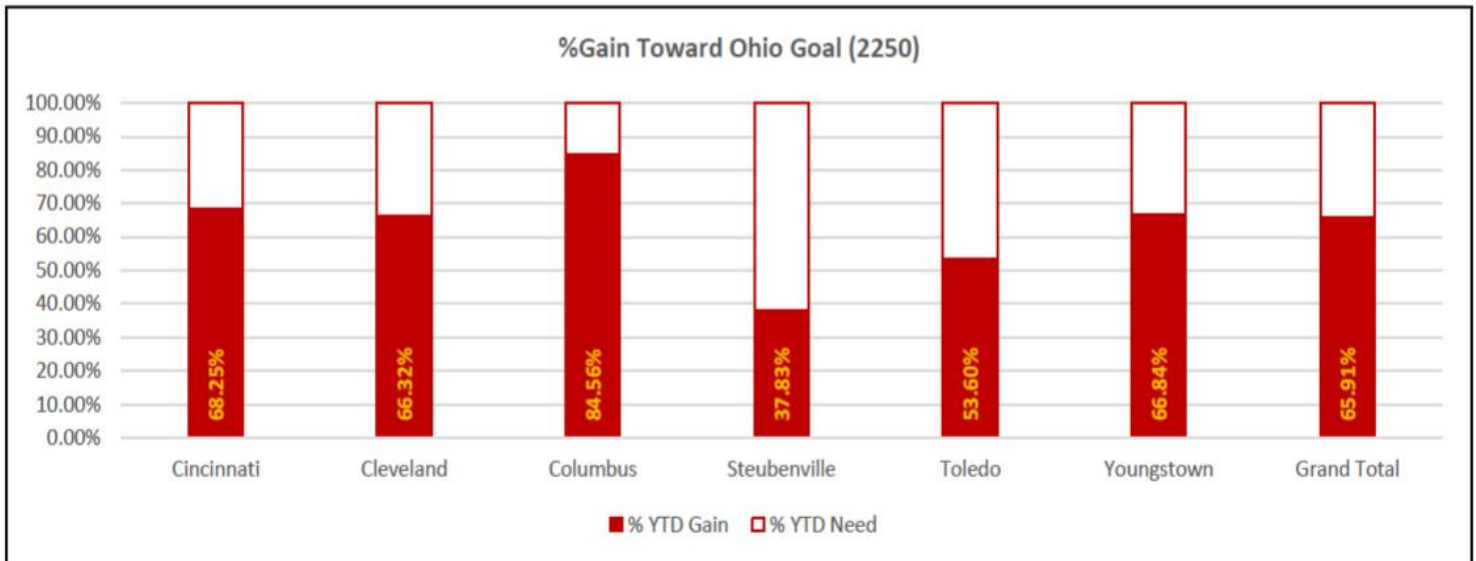


# MEMBERSHIP

Start Date 7/1/2018  
Updated On 6/7/2019

MEMBERSHIP ON 7/1: 57,046  
MEMBERSHIP AS OF 06/07/2019: 56,694  
DIFFERENCE: (352)

	Cincinnati	Cleveland	Columbus	Steubenville	Toledo	Youngstown	Grand Total
Membership 7/1	14,995	10,233	9,840	2,472	12,955	6,551	57,046
# Active Councils	89	72	73	25	70	60	389
Membership Quota	1,024	729	676	214	805	457	3,905
Ohio Quota (2250)	590	404	389	98	511	257	2,250
YTD Gain	403	268	329	37	274	172	1,483
YTD Loss	200	91	70	26	260	62	709
YTD Net	203	177	259	11	14	110	774
# Active No Recruit	16	12	16	17	14	18	93
% YTD Gain	68.25%	66.32%	84.56%	37.83%	53.60%	66.84%	65.91%
% YTD Need	31.75%	33.68%	15.44%	62.17%	46.40%	33.16%	34.09%
% Supreme Quota	19.82%	24.28%	38.31%	5.14%	1.74%	24.07%	19.82%
% Non-Recruiting	17.98%	16.67%	21.92%	68.00%	20.00%	30.00%	23.91%
Target %	93.36%	93.36%	93.36%	93.36%	93.36%	93.36%	93.36%
How Much On/Off?	-25.11%	-27.04%	-8.80%	-55.53%	-39.76%	-26.52%	-27.45%
Est. # Ahead/Behind	(148)	(109)	(34)	(54)	(203)	(68)	(618)



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Updated On	Values	Cincinnati	Cleveland	Columbus	Steubenville	Toledo	Youngstown	Grand Total
5/3/2019	YTD Gain	356	242	296	37	263	147	1,341
	YTD Loss	197	80	63	26	242	56	664
	YTD Net	159	162	233	11	21	91	677
6/7/2019	YTD Gain	403	268	329	37	274	172	1,483
	YTD Loss	200	91	70	26	260	62	709
	YTD Net	203	177	259	11	14	110	774
Difference	YTD Gain	47	26	33	0	11	25	142
	YTD Loss	3	11	7	0	18	6	45
	YTD Net	44	15	26	0	(7)	19	97

## ***IHH State Programs***

*Rod Anderson, State General  
Program Director*

### **You are doing it: – “If You Build It, They Will Come!”**

Bob Collins and the Cleveland Diocese put on a great State Convention at the Kalahari Resort last month “IN HIS HONOR!” THANK YOU on behalf of all the attendees and Brother Knights in Ohio!

Brother Knights, you still have time for your Councils to finish with a glorious flurry to achieve Star Council. But there is not a lot of time to get cracking. It’s time to get those new recruits through their First Degree and finish up paperwork to get them on the membership rolls. And if you have not already done so, get those Forms SP-7 completed and submitted to Supreme for the Columbian Award and don’t forget to copy the State. And contact your Field Agent and/or your General

Agent to get your Council quota for new insurance members. It is not too late, but the sands of time are running through that hour glass very quickly! But you CAN do it, all IN HIS HONOR.

It is also time to continue making plans for the next fraternal year that begins on July 1. First, make sure to hold your Council officer election, and get your Form 185 submitted by June 30. Then, make sure your Council has at least 2 Officers, preferably the incoming Grand Knight and the Financial Secretary, attend the State Tour Meeting in your Diocese in early July. And if you have not already done so, schedule a Council Planning Meeting to plan and schedule your Council Program and Activities to max the State Program next year. The program planning, including your membership recruiting efforts is critical to your Council’s future growth and success. Don’t forget that In His Honor, ***“If you build it, they will come!”***

On a personal note, once again I

thank all the Brother Knights and Councils in Ohio for your support and participation in the IN HIS HONOR State Program **these last two years. It has truly been an honor and a pleasure to serve you as the State General Program Director on behalf of State Deputy Kevin Miller and the other State Officers. And I am sure you will continue to fulfill Father McGivney’s vision in charity, unity and fraternity under State Deputy-elect Bob Byers and his team the next two years.**

Finally, I owe a special debt of gratitude to the State Program Directors, Mike Nau, Bob Walsh, Tim Mangan, Tom Buehner, Brett Gissell, Frank Iannaggi, Stew Vetter and Ed Olenhouse. You served admirably and did all that was asked of you, and more. You truly made my job easier and more fulfilling. Thank you, all, and best of luck and much success in your future endeavors.

**IN HIS HONOR, VIVAT JESUS!**

## ***Youth***

*Stewart Vetter, State Youth Director*

It was a great convention. Congratulations to State Warden Elect Jim Maslach and great job to Bob Walsh on running a good campaign.

As this is my last VOS article as State Squires and Youth Director, I’d like to thank a few people. Thank you first to State Deputy Kevin Miller for offering me a new prospective on the Columbian Squires. I’m happy to report the Squire program in Ohio is doing well. There are some “old school” tweaks that would make it even better but those take time. Thank you to Rod Anderson and my fellow state directors. We shared many laughs, some frustrations, a few inside jokes, and I always looked forward to all of us being together. I’d like to thank the Squires counselors first for all the time, love, and energy you donate to the Squires program in Ohio and second for being the definition of fraternal brothers by welcoming me in to the fold an entertaining my ideas and suggestions. I can’t say enough about the charity and fraternity these Brother Knights display and endeavor to instill in the Squires. I’d like to thank the Squires, especially the State Officers from the past 2 years, for being open and energetic and reminding me what open, honest, and sustained participation really means. Lastly, I’d like to thank my family. My wife and boys for being understanding and supportive. My Mom for her constant encouragement and her liberal nostalgia of she and my dad traveling the state for K of C and Squires events. My best friend Matt “Smitty” Smith for being my sounding board and talking me through the long last few miles home after long weekends.

In closing I’d like to remind you that YOU can still start a Squires circle and it is imperative that you do so. We, the Knights of Columbus, are the only ones that can. If we want young members and strong Catholics, we MUST work with our youth. If you are interested in hearing more about starting a circle or getting some information, I’m always up to talk about Squires or I’ll just send you some info.

Esto Dignus

## ***Council***

Tim Mangan, State Council Program Director

Brother Knights, what a great state convention we just had! Congratulations to Bob Collins and the Cleveland Convention Committee on a job well done! I know it's a lot of work getting ready for a state convention, but they pulled it off with great success! Great job to ALL involved!

I would also like to congratulate Bob Collins as he finishes up his 12th year as a state officer! Bob did an outstanding job serving as a state deputy and a state officer! Once again, congratulations to Bob on a job well done and Thank You for ALL you do and have done for the Knights of Columbus!

Congratulations to Jim Maslach for getting elected as our next state warden! Both Bob Walsh and Jim

Maslach ran a good, clean campaign! So, good job to both Bob and Jim for that! Now Jim has some "Big Shoes" to fill but I know he is up for the task and ready to serve! Best of luck to you Jim as you prepare yourself to serve as a state officer.

I would like to congratulate Daniel White for being the state winner of the Knight of the Year award! I would also like to congratulate Emily Mauro for being the state winner of the Lady of the Year award! Both individuals were truly deserving of their respected awards!

I would also like to congratulate St. Edward the Confessor Council 10876 for getting the best state council activity award as well! Their Helping Hands Ministry volunteer group took on some impressive projects and had a huge impact on their council, parish and surrounding community. They did an awesome job in pulling it off. Once again, a job well done.

If you have not done so already, your Columbian Award application is due to supreme, state and your district deputy by June 30<sup>th</sup>. You must submit this report to get both the Columbian Award and Star Council. So, don't wait to the last minute! Get it submitted now!

I have enjoyed serving as your state council director for the past 2 years! Once again, I would like to thank our State Deputy Kevin Miller for the opportunity to serve as the state council director! I have really enjoyed it! Also, it has been a real pleasure working with our State General Program Director Rod Anderson and the other state directors for the past 2 years! So, Thank You Rod for ALL you have done for the past 2 years and for ALL you do for the Knights of Columbus! Thanks for everything!

Vivat Jesus!

## ***Family***

Tom Buehner, State Family Program Director

### ***Thank you***

Thank you to everyone that submitted reports of your Family activities this year. Keep up the great work and continue to remember to provide activities that families can participate in. It is our duty as Knights of Columbus to help Build up the Domestic Church and support families. We can do this by offering activities for families to practice, share, and deepen their Catholic Faith.

Thank you to all of the State Officers, State Directors, and District Deputies throughout the state. Your friendship, guidance, and support throughout the year has been comforting. It has been a great honor and privilege to serve the past two years as the State Family Director.

Vivat Jesus!

## ***Community***

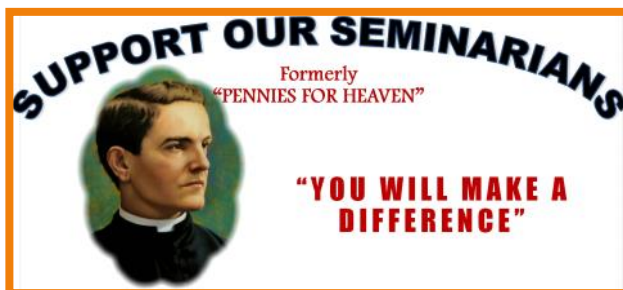
Robert Walsh, State Community Program Director

I would like to thank every council that participated in the "IN HIS HONOR" Community program. The activities showed how dedicated all the councils are to the community.

The activities ranged from Blood Drives, helping at food drives, and serving dinner for the homeless. Cleaning the roadways leading into the city, and helping around the parish. Again it was hard to pick the Activity of The Year because of the quality of the activities, the number of Knights that participated, and the impact that it had on the Community. Please continue to work in your community so that everyone in need is helped.

Thank you for the opportunity to assist you.

A note from the State Convention. The web site to see the pictures from the photo booth is <https://www.dadanddaughterphotography.com/Family> Password: kofc2019. If you liked your pictures a copy can be made.





# ***Knights of Columbus Council #1016 Clergy Night***

On May 15, 2019, the Knights of Columbus, Council 1016 held their annual Clergy Night. On this night we honor the Priest, Deacons, and Sister of the Lancaster churches. There were 3 priest, 2 Deacons and 2 nuns present. We were all served a good dinner followed by a presentation by Vincent Johnson, the Grand Knight, of a check for \$1,500.00 to Sr Bea Tiboldi to be used for the Vocations. The Knights are delighted every year to be able to present a check to the Sisters.

Present were Sr. Bea Tiboldi, Sr Dian Kozlowski from the Dominican Sisters of Peace in Columbus, Fr. Peter Gideon from St Mark's Church, Deacon Mark Scarpitti



from St Bernadette Church, Fr. Tyron Tomson from St Bernadette and St Mary's church Bremen, Fr. James Walter from St Joseph Church Sugar Grove, and Deacon

## ***Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney***

*Our Spiritual Father In Christ!*  
By: Paul A. Crowley

I have always been fascinated with how many religious orders, both men and women view their founder as their spiritual father or Mother in Christ. An example of this would be the Franciscans viewing their founder, Saint Francis of Assisi as Holy Father Saint Francis because he is the Franciscan founder and that is why Franciscans have great love for him. Every October 4th is his feast day and while it is just a memorial for the Church, it is a solemnity and Holy day for all Franciscans! Even the Gloria and creed are said on his feast day in Franciscan places.

Every Saint that has founded a religious order of some type had a great reason for doing so. Saint Francis had a vision one time where Our Lord asked him to rebuild his church. At first Francis started building the church building but our Lord was talking about his body the Church! Every Saint is called to build up the Church in a very special way. Every Saint's life is such a blessing to the Church, world and people of their time and it is a blessing that will never be seen again!

On March 29, 1882 in the basement of Saint Mary Catholic Church in New Haven, Connecticut a handful of Catholic men gave the church and the world a great gift under the direction of one young parish priest who had very much concern for the widows and children of a departed Brother and for Catholics who were being discriminated against because of their faith. What started out as a nightmare turned out to a great blessing in disguise!

Those men who rallied around Father Michael J. McGivney gave the church and the whole world the Knights of Columbus that one March evening in 1882. Today the Knights of Columbus is the largest society of Catholic men and their families in the world. It all started with one spiritual father and priest of our Lord JESUS!

Just how a natural father shows great concern for his children, so do our Priests show great concern for their parishioners. Father McGivney was no different. He showed time after time the love and concern he had for the youth, aged, disabled and especially the widow and children whose bread winner was killed while working a dangerous job and he showed even more concern for the Catholics who were discriminated against and forced to take dangerous jobs.

Think about what Father McGivney had started out of that nightmare! Think of how he had great concern for his

spiritual children. Just like his parishioners that he served as a spiritual father to them so we too, the members of the Knights of Columbus and our families, are his spiritual sons and how he is our spiritual father in Christ! Just how the Franciscans celebrate every important moment in the life of Francis, his birth and death and other life events, we need to celebrate the important days in the life of Father McGivney, our father in Christ! His birthday is August 12th, his ordination today is December 22nd, the day he started the Knights of Columbus is March 29th and the anniversary of death is August 14th! May we, his son's look to him for guidance! May we ever keep upmost in our hearts the lessons of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism just like those first Brother Knights. May we care for the families of deceased members and build up the Church just like Saint Francis and his Franciscans did so long ago! May The Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, be our Holy Father in Fraternity and we his spiritual sons in Christ!

Walking the way to Mount Calvary!