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Weekly news for Knights around the world

This Wednesday marks five years since the canonization of St. Junípero Serra. In response to the recent controversy surrounding the saint, Columbia magazine featured several stories about the history of the saint and the influence of the missions he founded. Learn more below.

A sure way forward



Supreme Knight Carl Anderson shares how the authentic history of saintly missionaries, Native Americans and Our Lady of Guadalupe shows us the path of reconciliation and justice.

Recently, we have witnessed throughout the United States attacks on our Catholic heritage. Catholic churches and statues of saints have been desecrated, especially statues of St. Junípero Serra. This heroic and holy missionary has become the victim of a false history.

Why is the truth about Father Serra not more widely known?

Catholics should realize that, for generations, much of the history of Catholic missionaries in New Spain and New France was written by their historic competitors — that is, English-speaking Protestants. And today, the legacy of our missionaries is viewed by many through the distorting lens of a militant, anti-Catholic atheism. [READ MORE](#)

A painting of St. Junípero Serra hangs in the Santa Barbara Mission Archives-Library in Santa Barbara, Calif. The Franciscan friar founded the first nine Catholic missions in what is now the state of California. CNS photo/Nancy Wiechec

Why Father Serra is a saint

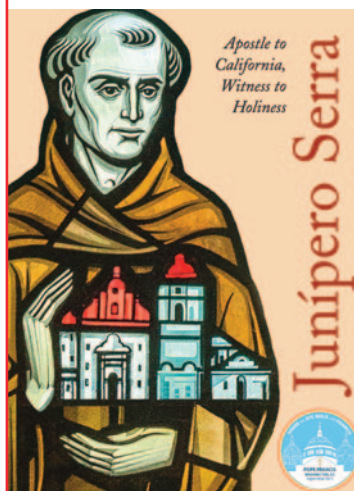
Andrew Galvan is a descendant of the Ohlone, Bay Miwok, Plains Miwok and Patwin Indians, and he serves as curator at Mission Dolores in San Francisco. Here, he shares how St. Junípero Serra fought to protect his ancestors — and bring them the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

“To get a true sense of Father Serra, I always tell people to go back to his writings and see how he described the Indians. He was in love with the native peoples; there’s no other way to put it.” [READ MORE](#)

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Father Serra: Witness to holiness

Prior to the canonization of Junípero Serra, a “Day of Reflection” was hosted at the Pontifical North American College in Rome on



May 2, 2015, organized by the Pontifical Commission for Latin America with the support of the Knights of Columbus. *Selections from the Day of Reflection on Junípero Serra Apostle to California, Witness to Holiness* — including a speech on Father Serra and Our Lady of Guadalupe by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson — is available as a PDF download by clicking [here](#). You can also read it online [here](#).

California Knight walks 800 miles to honor St. Junípero



Image courtesy Christian Clifford

Christian Clifford, a Knight from San Mateo Council 1346, sought to educate others about the Hispanic Catholic missionary.

Christian Clifford could have given up after the first day. His feet were blistered, and his strength depleted.

“Every step hurt,” Clifford said after the first day. Nearly two years later, Clifford completed the roughly 800-mile trail from Sonoma to San Diego, one of only 47 people to do so since 2013. [READ MORE](#)

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Bishops respond to intolerance of religion

In his monthly *Columbia* column, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore reminds us that we are called to model charity, reason and civility in response to attacks on churches and religious art. [READ MORE](#)

Several other bishops, including Bishop Robert Barron, have addressed the movement to remove religious statues, including those of St. Junípero Serra. *Columbia* covered their response [here](#).

In the footsteps of Father McGivney

Father Brett Garland is a Catholic priest and a Knight of Columbus serving as a parochial vicar in the diocese of Columbus, Ohio. Check out this short video clip that shares how K of C founder Father Michael McGivney inspired his vocation. [WATCH](#)

One of the best ways to honor our founder and learn the details of his beatification on Oct. 31 is to join the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild. Free membership benefits include a quarterly newsletter and a weekly Mass offered for your intentions. If you haven't yet joined, visit www.fathermcgivney.org today!

As communities continue to face the aftermath of Hurricanes Laura and Sally, Knights continue to devote countless hours to relief. Watch [this video](#) to learn more about aid our Knights provide for victims of these disasters.

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