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### Weekly news for Knights around the world

As we begin the third week of Advent, find a reason for hope amid the pandemic with this reflection. You can also find hope from the inspiring stories of Knights — like those working to keep Christ in Christmas — below.

#### K of C Christmas sales raise \$300,000 for charity



Knights in Wisconsin have provided hundreds of thousands of dollars to local charities through 50 years of Christmas tree sales.

Due to the success of the Christmas tree sales, Knights from Abbot Pennings Council 3955 have been able to help local families, homeless shelters, the St. Vincent de Paul Society and other worthy causes in their community for the last 50 years. It's all part of an ongoing effort to keep Christ in Christmas. READ MORE

Knights from Abbot Pennings Council 3955 set up their Christmas tree sale in De Pere, Wis. (Image courtesy Pete Nordeen)

## How are you keeping Christ in Christmas during COVID?

This Christmas season might look different than in years past, but Knights are still making sure that the true meaning of Christmas is not forgotten. Whether you're participating in a Giving Tree, organizing a Coats for Kids event or otherwise helping your community, let us know how you and your brother Knights are sharing the gift of faith and charity this Christmas.

Report your Keep Christ in Christmas events and other council programs here.

## K of C's Silver Rose Program celebrates 60 years

The pro-life program honors Our Lady of Guadalupe, while exemplifying the Order's unity in Canada, the U.S. and Mexico.

In 1960, Columbian Squires from Mexico ran a rose from Texas to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Sixty years later, eight silver roses, including one blessed by Pope Francis, now stand in the place of that single flower.

But the intent is the same: to reaffirm the Order's commitment to the sanctity of life, honor Our Lady and unite Knights across different countries — a crucial need today as all people, regardless of race and nation, face the effects of a global pandemic. READ MORE

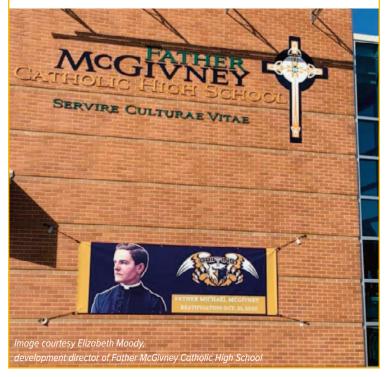


A Knight holds a silver rose as roses were exchanged on the International Bridge on the border between the United States and Mexico, Dec. 10, 2009. (Copyright by the Knights of Columbus)

## School named for Father McGivney celebrates his beatification

The Father McGivney Catholic High School in Illinois is the only school named after America's newest blessed in the United States. For years, the school ended each day reciting the prayer for the canonization of its namesake. But since his beatification on Oct. 31, instead of calling the Knights of Columbus founder "venerable," they refer to him as "blessed."

It may be a small change in the daily routine, but it has a significant impact on the school's culture. READ MORE



## Webinar on new council meetings

Based on feedback from our members, we've streamlined the agenda for council meetings to make the meetings more rewarding, informative and enjoyable for all Knights. Join our webinar on Dec. 17 to receive detailed training on implementing the new agenda. REGISTER NOW

#### Do you like what you see in *Knightline*?

Forward the newsletter to Catholic men interested in the Knights. You can also share your questions, feedback and story by emailing knightline@kofc.org.

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# VIDEO: When public Mass was canceled, these Knights stepped in

Knights in Sierra Vista, Ariz., are helping their pastor livestream the Mass during COVID-19. YOUTUBE | TWITTER

# VIDEO: 'Joining online is the first step in a life-long commitment' says Marine Corps vet

Jon Marsili served as a Marine in Afghanistan. His brushes with death brought him to prayer and the rosary. Now, he strengthens his faith as a Knight of Columbus. Here's what he says about joining. WATCH

Like Jon, interested men may sign up at kofc.org/join. Use promo code MCGIVNEY2020 and get your first year of membership free of charge. Act now — this promotion expires Dec. 31, 2020.

# K of C to honor indigenous peoples who passed away from COVID-19

The Knights of Columbus will be working with Native American and First Nations peoples in planting trees and developing "living memorials" on reservations.

The project was announced during a "Mass for Healing Among Native Communities" held at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine Dec. 9, the feast day of St. Juan Diego. READ MORE



Father Maurice Henry Sands celebrates a Mass for healing among native communities at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine on Dec. 9, the feast day of St. Juan Diego. (Image by Sarah Gorham)

## What will your legacy be?

Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund can help you plan your charitable legacy. Contact us to schedule a consultation today.