

Honoring an ‘Extraordinary Herald of the Gospel of Life’

Mother Agnes Mary Donovan, founding superior general of the Sisters of Life, receives the Gaudium et Spes Award at this year’s States Dinner

Three decades after the Knights of Columbus presented the first Gaudium et Spes Award to Mother Teresa, the medal — the Order’s highest honor — was bestowed on another mother superior who embodies the “joy and hope” of its name.

Mother Agnes Mary Donovan of the Sisters of Life received the Gaudium et Spes Award at the States Dinner of the 141st Supreme Convention, Aug. 1, in Orlando, Florida, capping a festive evening of food, song and prayer. Cardinal Timothy Dolan, archbishop of New York, gave an invocation to open the program, followed by welcoming remarks from Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and greetings from the host ordinary, Bishop John Noonan of Orlando. Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori read the Gaudium et Spes Award citation before the supreme knight bestowed the medal on Mother Agnes, its 13th recipient.



Mother Agnes recently retired after leading the order, founded in 1991 by John Cardinal O’Connor, then-archbishop of New York, for 30 years.

She was a clinical psychologist working at Columbia University when she heard Cardinal O’Connor’s call for women willing to dedicate themselves entirely to protecting human life through prayer and pro-life work. One of the first eight women to join the new community, she became its first superior general in 1993.

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Minutes of the August Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM on August 8, 2023 by Grand Knight Machovec. Guest DD Morris was present at the meeting. The Advocate, Outside Guard and Inside Guard were excused. Roll call followed our Chaplain leading us in prayer. The Warden led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from July were approved as written.

Membership Report

One potential candidate has expressed interest.

Grand Knight Report

GK Machovec thanked the dinner host for providing the meal. Also, spoke of the birthday party for Charlie at Perkos.

Chaplain’s Report

The Chaplain spoke briefly about Charity and how God is our strength and Holiness should be our goal.

Treasurer Report

Checking account balance - \$14,295.97
A check of \$5,000 shall be sent to open a CD.

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August Meeting Minutes**Continued from page 1:****Financial Secretary Report**

Income – \$95 dinner, \$2 – 50/50
 Bills— State Per Capita - \$689, Brother Strazzo -
 \$103.96 Donut Sunday

Communications

No Communications

Programs Director Report

Wine and cheese after the first Saturday vigil mass.
 First Tuesday night of the month 5:30 Rosary. Sep-
 tember host to be determined. Every second Sun-
 day the council sponsors donuts after the 10:00
 mass. Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve
 and clean up. Parish Picnic – August 13 after the 10
 AM Mass – The council shall provide and cook the
 meats. Installation of officers on August 20 after
 the SKD 10 AM mass at St. Pats and potluck in the
 hall. September 17 – Clergy appreciation potluck
 Sept 30 Tri tip dinner. September dinner host is
 Brother Phil.

Unfinished Business

It was M/S/A to pay the bills.

New Business

The next chapter meeting is in South Lake Tahoe
 and Brother Nick shall represent the council. It was
 M/S/A to purchase 400 books 'This is my Body' for
 \$800. The book shall be distributed after masses to
 help increase the Eucharist Revival movement

Advocate Report

No report

Chancellor Report

No report

Insurance Agent Report

The agent is Dave Moeller. Contact information is
 forthcoming.

Vocations Report

No report

Fourth Degree Assembly

Pray for our Diocese and the abused individuals and
 their families.

District Deputy Report

DD Morris encourages us to keep up to date on the
 Safe Environment requirements and to keep reaching
 out to Members who have yet to pay annual dues.

Good of the Order

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Barbara Fi-
 netti and Hanora Moore. Pray also for Jane Ragusano,
 Joyce Perry daughter of Ed Tolsdorf, Sharon Mangini,
 Mark Koenig Jr., Steve Oneto, Deacon Ed, and Fr. Reli-
 han.

Lecturer Report

A presentation on the Nicene Creed was read and
 shown.

Chaplain's Summation

The meeting was closed in prayer by the Chaplain.

GK Machovec closed the meeting at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted by David Sanders

Gospel of Life

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Cardinal O'Connor became the second recipient of the Order's Gaudium et Spes Award in November 1994, two years after the award was introduced. The citation read in part, "Of Cardinal O'Connor it can truly be said that he has earned the respect and gratitude of millions by his unflinching and eloquent championship of the cause of unborn human life in the face of the evil of abortion." It further noted the cardinal's compassion for the poor and sick, especially persons suffering from AIDS, as well as his "courage, sensitivity and great heart."

In remarks after accepting the award, Cardinal O'Connor said the \$100,000 honorarium would go directly to the Sisters of Life and the work of the fledgling order, "to try to help turn back this onslaught on human life."

Today, the Sisters of Life comprise nearly 130 religious sisters who bring God's love to women and children at apostolates in New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Arizona and the District of Columbia. In addition to fielding a crisis pregnancy hotline, the sisters welcome pregnant women into their homes and care for them and their babies after birth. They also host post-abortion healing retreats, some of them at the Villa Maria Guadalupe, a retreat center in Stamford, Connecticut, owned by the Knights of Columbus.

"Through all the community's manifold works, and hours, days, weeks, months and years of prayer and contemplation before the Blessed Sacrament, Mother has led by example and guided them with wisdom," the awards citation read in part. "She offers everything to God for the good of others, and she has been one of the most significant leaders in the

Catholic Church and the broader society for more than 30 years. She has been a highly esteemed collaborator of three supreme knights, and the entire Order of the Knights of Columbus has been blessed by her wise counsel and sustained by her prayers."

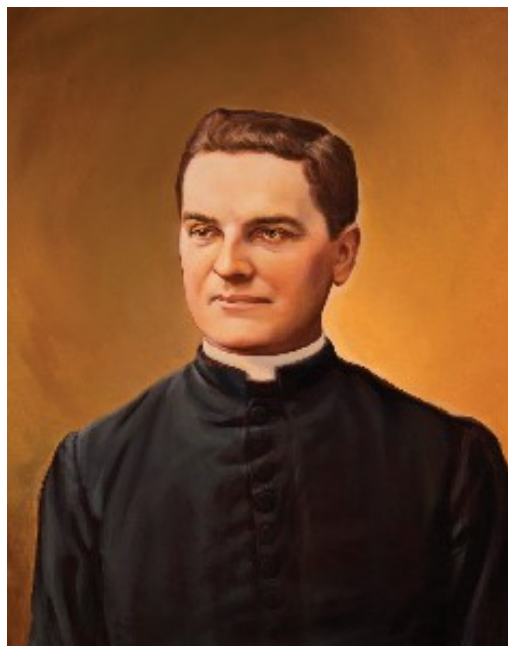
The citation concluded, "it is with great 'joy and hope' for the future of the Sisters of Life and the pro-life movement that the Knights of Columbus recognizes this extraordinary herald of the Gospel of Life"



Mother Agnes Mary Donovan, founding superior general of the Sisters of Life.

After receiving the medal from Supreme Knight Kelly, Mother Agnes thanked the Order for its pro-life leadership and urged Knights of Columbus to strive to show God's love to vulnerable women and children.

"The question is how do we love as God loves? What does such love look like?" she asked. "Within the Sisters of Life, we call it the 'secret of loving.'"



Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney Founder of the Knights of Columbus 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. 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.

Dinner Hosts

Phil Gonzales Sept 12

Steve Frias Oct 10

Joe Trassare Nov 14

TBD Dec 12

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Installation of Officers



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Events Calendar 2023—2024

Officer meetings at Saint Patrick's Hall, first Wednesday at 6:00 PM of every month, starting July 2023 until June 2024.

Monthly Business meetings at Saint Katharine Drexel (St. Teresa of Calcutta Room) on 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM, starting July 2023 until June 2024. Dinner at 6:00 PM.

Family Fishing Day, Silver Lake, July 1st, 2023

Installation Mass and Picnic, SKD 10 AM August 20, 2023 (3rd Sunday)

Summer Dinner (Tri-tip), at SKD after 5PM Mass September 30, 2023 (5th Saturday)

Clergy Appreciation Dinner, Mark and Nancy Koenig Residence 5:00 PM September 17, 2023

Tootsie Roll Drive, weekend of October 13, 14, 15, 2023

Mass for Departed Knights, SKD 10 AM November 12, 2023 (2nd Sunday)

Christmas Party, SKD 6 PM, December 15, 2023 (3rd Friday)

Winter Dinner (Fish), SKD 6:30 PM February 3, 2024 (1st Saturday)

Family Potluck, SKD 6:00 PM March 26, 2024 (4th Tuesday)

Spring Dinner (Ribs), SKD 6:30 PM April 20, 2024 (3rd Saturday)

Family Potluck, SKD 6:00 PM May 18, 2024 (3rd Saturday)

Hospitality Donuts every 2nd Sunday at SKD

Hospitality Wine and Cheese every 1st weekend Vigil Mass at SKD

Rosary before 10 AM Mass, SKD every 5th Sunday of months with 5 Sunday

KVGC Rosary Tuesday before the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 at SKD – St. Maximillian Kolbe Room

September Calendar of Events

Saturday, September 2: Knights Wine and Cheese Hospitality at Saint Katharine Drexel after the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass.

Tuesday, September 5: Knights Rosary on KVGC at Saint Katharine Drexel at 5:30 PM.

Wednesday, September 6: Officer Meeting at Saint Patrick's Hall at 6:00 PM.

Tuesday, September 12: Business Meeting at Saint Katharine Drexel. Dinner at 6 PM. Meeting at 7 PM.

Sunday, September 17: Clergy Appreciation Dinner at 230 Golden Hills Drive, Sutter Creek, CA at 5:00 PM. Mark and Nancy Koenig Residence.

Saturday, September 30: Summer Tri-Tip Dinner at Saint Katharine Drexel at 6:30 PM.

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