



## The Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney Honoris

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# SECOND SUMMER BULLETIN 2021

### Remember to Plan a Family Program.

August is the month set aside to dedicate a special week of the year, to recognize the vital importance of families as the foundation of our domestic church and to promote Catholic family values. Though traditionally celebrated in the Summer to commemorate the birth and death of our founder, Blessed Michael J. McGivney, this program can take place anytime during the year. Specific Days to be aware of are: August 12 – Fr. Michael McGivney’s Birthday; August 14 – Fr. Michael McGivney’s passing; but highlight the 12 or 14 of any month of the year that works for your council. August is also the month for a Novena to Father McGivney. As well, the Church has designated August 13 as his Memorial.

God created humans to live as a family unit. Father McGivney knew that we would have many ups and downs in our family relationships, and he provided guidance and wisdom for every situation. No matter what you’re facing as a family, God is ready to protect and bless you.

These were also the ideas that Father McGivney lived out. In his work as a pastor, he did things like organize plays and musicals, set up baseball games between parishes, and take groups on outdoor activities. He was known for his ability to make people laugh when he visited the sick and disabled. He made the words “God, Who gives joy to my youth” a reality for the families in his parish, as he lived out youthful joy.

We must set aside any temptation to be cynical or pessimistic, and instead commit ourselves to emulating Father McGivney’s energy, passion, and good humour.

### **Novena : BLESSED FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY.**

*Repeat the following Novena prayers every day for 9 consecutive days.*

God, our Father, protector of the poor  
and defender of the widow and orphan,  
You called Your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney’  
To be an apostle of Christian family life  
and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbour.  
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  
Your Blessed servant Father Michael J. McGivney  
on earth according to the design of Your holy will.  
Through his intercession, grant the favour I now present (here make your request...)  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.  
**Say:** 1 Our Father... 1 Hail Mary... 1 Glory Be...  
Blessed Father McGivney, intercede for us.

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