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FOUNDERS DAY

Knights of Columbus Founders Day began with a simple mission: to support Catholic families in need.

This idea took root in 1882 when Father Michael J. McGivney, a young priest in New Haven, Connecticut, founded the Knights of Columbus.

He saw the struggles many immigrant families faced and wanted to create a support system based on charity and fellowship. His vision brought together a group of men who valued faith, unity, and service.

Father McGivney's group quickly grew beyond its original members. Soon, councils formed across states, building a strong network of support.

This growth encouraged a commitment to community service and charity, which remains central to the organization today. Each year, the Knights celebrate this spirit of kindness and unity through Founders Day.

Founders Day now honors the roots of this organization and its long-standing dedication to helping others. It reminds members and supporters of Father McGivney's vision and their role in making a positive difference.

Through their many initiatives, the Knights have extended their charitable reach, helping communities both locally and globally.

From providing food and shelter to supporting causes worldwide, the Knights of Columbus embody Father McGivney's goals.

Founders Day is not just about celebrating the past; it's about continuing this work with renewed purpose. Today, the Knights honor this history by expanding their support to anyone in need, carrying forward a tradition of service.

A day we should celebrate and remember.

Visit the Father Michael J. McGivney Honoris Ottawa website: <http://www.michaeljmcgivneyhonoris.ca>

Vivat Jesus!

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