

Worthy State Deputy

Knights everywhere are anxiously looking forward to October 31, the day on which our beloved founder will be beatified and declared Blessed by the Church. In recognition of that momentous day in the history of the Order and of the Church in North America, and to help us move closer to fulfilling Fr. McGivney's dream of a council in every parish, I am pleased to announce that every new council instituted between now and October 31 will be granted a special "Founders Beatification Charter." What a wonderful opportunity to commemorate the Beatification of Fr. McGivney in perpetuity in parishes and communities throughout the Order!

I encourage you to promote this opportunity among the district deputies in your jurisdiction, and all others who are involved in New Council Development. To be sure, every effort should be made to "close the deal" at every new council site where the process has already begun. And even where efforts have not yet begun, experience has shown that – with focused and coordinated effort – a new council can be instituted in as little as seven weeks. Fr. McGivney will be beatified is eight weeks from Saturday.

I can think of no better way to honor our saintly founder than by spreading his vision to every parish and community. And where that happens between now and October 31, the new council will be forever linked to Fr. McGivney in a very special way.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

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