

Answers to Requirements

- 1) He was born in Waterbury, Connecticut on August 12, 1852 and lived for 38 years.
- 2) (Prayer) 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 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 your venerable servant Father Michael J. 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. (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be.)
- 4) Credited with starting the Knights of Columbus; being a confessor of souls; Apostle to the youth; Protector of Christian Family Life; Servant of Charity; Man of Pastoral Action.

Frequently Asked Questions

May only Catholics or Scouts earn this? Who may earn this activity patch?

Any youth or adult may earn any of the activity patches. The requirements are grade-specific.

Is this activity considered a Religious Emblem and may a Scout receive a religious knot after completing this activity?

No. This activity is considered a Religious Activity, not a Religious Emblem program. Scouts may not receive a religious knot for earning this activity patch.

Will there be more Saint Activity Patches?

Yes. There may be additional Saint patches released, from time to time.

Who may serve as an adult mentor for this activity?

Any parent or adult who meets the standard BSA and diocesan safe environment requirements.

Is there any time requirement?

Only that the grade-specific requirements need to be completed while in the respective grade level.

Do the answers need to be submitted?

No. The answers should be reviewed by an adult. The Order Form and patch fee are the only things that need to be submitted.

Whom do I check with once I complete the requirements for my grade level?

Any knowledgeable parent, Scout leader, group leader, priest, religious or catechist.

American Saint Series



Blessed Michael McGivney Activity Patch



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American Saint Series Activities

The American Saint Series honors men and women who led heroic lives of faith that have greatly influenced American Catholics. Their words, their deeds, and their devotion to prayer and the sacraments, inspire all American Catholics. Some of these men and women are canonized as “Saints” and are venerated by the Universal Church. Some are beatified as “Blessed” and are venerated by the Local Church. Some are honored as “Venerable” and, while on the way to becoming a “Saint”, may be venerated by Catholics. Most of these men and women lived and worked in North America in what is now the United States. Some others never set foot in America, however they had a huge impact on the Catholic American landscape. All of them sought to follow Jesus.

Requirements for Blessed Michael McGivney Activity Patch

All – Read about Blessed Michael McGivney. You can find the answers to these questions on <https://www.kofc.org/en/events/father-mcgivney-beatification/index.html> or www.americancatholic.org. Feel free to use other resources.

1st thru 5th Grades - Complete 3 requirements and 2 activities.

6th thru 12th Grades - Complete 4 requirements and 3 activities.

Requirements:

- 1) Where and when was he born and how long did he live?
- 2) Together with your family say the Fr. McGivney prayer. (See back panel)
- 3) Fr. McGivney has often been described as a “humble parish priest”. Visit with a parish priest and discuss with him what he most enjoys about being a parish priest and what he finds most difficult.
- 4) What is Father McGivney known for (major accomplishment)?
- 5) Learn about the Knights of Columbus at www.kofc.org. Invite an officer of a local Knights of Columbus Council to speak to your group. Alternatively attend an event sponsored by the Knights of Columbus with your unit.

Activities:

- 1) Draw the logo of the Knights of Columbus and color it in. Explain what Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism mean.
- 2) Fr. McGivney worked closely with young people, holding catechism class. Meet with the Catechism organizer in your parish and assist in one or more Catechism classes.
- 3) Fr. McGivney founded a total abstinence society to fight alcoholism. Find out more about his abstinence society and discuss it with your parents and unit members. Then write and take an abstinence pledge (contract) wherein you promise not to consume any alcohol before the age of 21.
- 4) Discuss with your family what Christian charity is. Pick one way in which your family can do one good deed of generous service to your neighbors and do it with your family.
- 5) Organize your group to do a charitable activity through your parish or Knights of Columbus Council.

Requirements for Adults:

- 1) Assist the youth with this American Saint Activity.
- 2) Share your thoughts with the youth about this American Saint.
- 3) Review the responses to the requirements of each youth participant to confirm their accuracy and to ensure his/her understanding.
- 4) Complete the order form for this American Saint Activity and submit it with payment for the patch to NCCS.