



Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary
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To Mr. Mike Courtney
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It is with great joy that we have received the announcement of the beatification of Venerable Michael McGivney, the Founder of the Knights of Columbus. Although we have not known him personally, we have, in a certain sense, come to know him through the untiring service of so many brother Knights in North Texas who have always been supporting of our priestly vocations. Therefore, on this joyful occasion, we would like to congratulate you and all the Knights, as well as to assure you of our prayers.

The charism of your Order has enriched our Church with a renewed appreciation and solicitude for the priestly ministry. Here, at the *Redemptoris Mater Diocesan Missionary Seminary of the Diocese of Dallas*, we have experienced and can testify that the Knights have shown themselves real brothers, especially to those who have been entrusted to our care in the seminary formation. We currently have 29 seminarians from 8 nations in formation, of whom three will soon be ordained deacons and four ordained priests.

The generosity of the Knights of Columbus, demonstrated in so many ways, has manifested to us the generosity of our Lord, who "gives to all men generously" (James 1:5). Thus, we write to you to express our sincere gratitude and our renewed appreciation for your ongoing support and faithfulness to the charism of your founder, who even now continues to remind us about the meaning of fraternal charity.



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We pray that the Lord may sustain and bless all your efforts to build up the local and universal Church and that He may bring us all to the holiness witnessed by Father Michael McGivney.

Fraternally,
the Formators at the *Redemptoris Mater Diocesan Missionary Seminary of the Diocese of Dallas*, together with all the seminarians,

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