

NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT
Father Michael J. McGivney's Dream

In April of 1882, Father McGivney sent a letter to all the pastors in the Hartford Diocese of Connecticut urging them to use their influence to start a Knights of Columbus Council in their respective parishes. In May of 1882, Father McGivney installed the first officers of a council in New Haven, Connecticut. This demonstrated that Father McGivney saw new councils as the best viable means of growth and expansion for the order. Those new councils were parish-orientated.

The development of new councils is primarily the responsibility of the District Deputy with the assistance of the State New Council Development Chairman and the Insurance Agent. Supreme Council has given Wisconsin a goal to start 10 new councils for this fraternal year. Basilica of St. Josaphat Council #13583 was started in Fall of 2004. Weyauwega will be chartering their new Council #13702 in the month of February, 2005. Congratulations to all those who worked getting these councils started and off the ground running. Big Bend, Wisconsin is close to getting a council started in their community.

The days of one council serving many parishes are dwindling. Each priest deserves his own Knights of Columbus Council. The Knights of Columbus should be assisting our parish's everyday of the year.

District Deputies should be contacting the parish priests with information on starting new councils where it is feasible and will not hurt existing councils.

If you have contacted your parish priest about the establishment of a Knights of Columbus Council, please complete a Parish Profile Form and send it to Jon Olson.

Fraternally,

New Council Development Coordinator

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PARISH PROFILE

Diocese: _____ Date: _____

Parish Name: _____

Pastor: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

District Deputy: _____

District Number _____

General Insurance Agent: _____

Phone Number: _____

Neighboring Councils: _____

Previous Contacts: Yes: _____ No _____

If yes; who talked to Pastor:

If yes; date contact was made: _____

Pastor's Support: Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____

Results of Past Contacts:

_____ Positive, Interested in STARTING A NEW COUNCIL

_____ Negative, not interested in starting a new council at this time

Reason Why?

Parish Contact: _____ Phone No. _____

Other Comments:

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