

District Deputy Report August 2022

My Brothers,

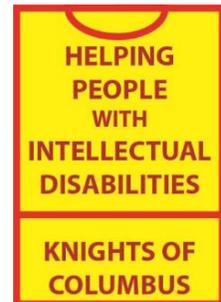
As we begin the month of August, I congratulate the newly elected officers (or soon to be elected officers) of the councils in District 2. To the outgoing officers, I wish to convey my thanks for outstanding leadership during an extremely challenging year. All responded to the needs of your parish communities and accomplished many remarkable things! I look forward to working with all of you in the year ahead.



Many changes are coming in the new Columbian Year, including implementation of a new program from the Supreme Council supporting pregnancy centers called "ASAP" (Aid and Support After Pregnancy). Essentially, for every \$500 a council donates to a qualified pregnancy resource center or maternity home, the Supreme Council will add \$100 (up to a maximum of \$400 per year). Pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes are also in dire need of supplies. Councils are encouraged to sponsor baby or maternity home drives to collect essential items like diapers, wipes, and clothing. For further information on this new program click [here](#).

The Feast Day of The Blessed Michael McGivney falls on Saturday, August 13. Not coincidentally, his feast day falls between his birthday on August 12 (1852) and the day of his death due to complications from tuberculosis on August 14 (1890). **Please plan a special prayer reflection or Mass to honor our Founder on his Feast Day, August 13.** If you are not already a Blessed Michael McGivney Guild member, join online for free at www.fathermcgivney.org and begin receiving a monthly newsletter with the latest news on the beatification of our Founder.

Another program with a long history of charitable service is **the Annual Fund Drive for People With Intellectual Disabilities**. Although not occurring until October, it is never too soon to start planning. The official dates for the drive this year are **October 21, 22 and 23, 2022** (although councils are free to order Tootsie Rolls and/or schedule and hold a fundraiser benefiting people with intellectual disabilities at any time during the year). I'm certain one or more organizations in your local community serving people with intellectual disabilities would benefit from money and manpower derived from your charitable efforts. Such include Special Olympics, the ARC (for people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities), Camp Recreations and local independent living or residential care facilities. For further information and resources regarding the Annual Fund Drive for People With Intellectual Disabilities, click [here](#).



I continue to challenge each council in District 2 to organize their own Combined Exemplification team to perform the Ceremony of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Further information on the roles and materials required can be found online at kofc.org/ceremonials. **Free online membership using the online application found at www.kofc.org/join (or by scanning the QR Code pictured below with a smartphone) has been extended through June 30, 2023.** The new promo code is "BlessedMcGivney" and is not case sensitive.

As always, thank you for your charity and service!

May God bless,
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