



CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF SOUTHERN NEBRASKA

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Fr. Michael McGivney/Mike Hosek

Finding unity in our charity

One person really can make a difference.

In 1882, Fr. Michael McGivney, a parish priest from Connecticut, was blessed with an insight into the unique vocation of the layman's role in parish life. He understood not only the needs of his parishioner, but also their potential contributions to the parish and fellow parishioner. At this time, his Catholic families were facing challenges such as poverty, poor health, the loss of men who died during the Civil War, and anti-Catholicism. In response to these needs, and with his understanding of

the role of the laity, Fr. McGivney created the Knights of Columbus.

The original principles of the Knights of Columbus were unity and charity. As Fr. McGivney wrote, "Unity in order to gain strength to be charitable to each other in benevolence whilst we live and in bestowing financial aid to those whom we have to mourn." With a vision for growth, Fr. McGivney asked the pastors in Connecticut to kindly help "in the formation of a council in your parish."

Fr. McGivney's love for helping families and individuals in need, along with his

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In the first quarter of this year, our Refugee Staff helped **32** refugees secure employment

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belief in the goodness of the laity, has helped the Knights of Columbus become one of the largest charitable organization's in the world. On October 31, 2020, during the Mass of Beatification, Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter read that Blessed Michael McGivney's "zeal for the proclamation of the Gospel and generous concern for the needs of his brothers and sisters made him an outstanding witness of Christian solidarity and fraternal assistance."

What a difference one person can make.

Mike Hosek, a member of the Knights of Columbus Msgr. David Hintz Council #13576 (St. Patrick in Lincoln), is trying to make a difference. Mike is also on the board of BetterLife, a fraternal organization. BetterLife sponsors a fundraiser called "Walk to End Hunger" and last year, Mike called to get involved. "I felt a deep call into this," Mike said. "Jesus talks about 'when I was hungry, you fed me.' To me, it's a calling, helping people with their most basic need, and CSS does a great job of that."

Along with the help of his brother Knights, Mike brought the "Walk to End Hunger" to Lincoln last summer to raise funds for the Catholic Social Services Food Market. Through the generosity of sponsors, donors, plus through the hard work of Mike and his army of volunteers, over \$8,300.00 and more than 3,100 pounds of food were raised for the CSS Food Market.

Mike is in the midst of planning the 2nd annual "Walk to End Hunger" This year's event is Sunday, August 7th from 5:00 PM-8:00 PM at Pius X High School's track at 6000 A Street, Lincoln. Mike looks forward to this year's walk, with the goal of raising 15,000 (dollars and pounds of food combined) for CSS. "It's a deep calling for me to help those with food insecurity," Mike said. Thank you Mike, and your fellow Knights, for making a difference.

Learn more about Mike Hosek and the 2nd Annual Walk to End Hunger on our latest Hope in the Good Life Podcast at csshope.org/podcast or scan this code.



2nd Annual Walk to End Hunger set for Sunday, August 7th

5:00 PM-8:00 PM Pius X High School stadium 60th & A Street Lincoln

Enjoy refreshments and hear from Bishop James Conley, CSS Executive Director Katie Patrick and Lt. Governor Mike Foley. You can choose the amount of time or laps you'd like to walk, or just drop off your food or monetary donations to meet the goal of 15,000 dollars and pounds of food combined. See csshope.org for more details.