



FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR'S MESSAGE - Fall 2025

Dear Sir Knights:

First of all, I would like to extend a big thank you to our past Faithful Navigator (FN), SK Wayne Watts, for his service as FN during this past year.



When I became a Sir Knight in 2008, I never imagined that I would have the chance to be an FN.

I feel gratitude and honoured to be chosen as your FN, and a sincere thank you to every fellow Sir Knights who has taken a position on the executive of Cartier Assembly for the fraternal year of 2025/26.

I know that I could make mistakes, just like everyone does, but I want to ensure you that I do, and will learn, from my mistakes.

I want to thank our outgoing Pilot, SK Spencer Noye, and wish him the best of luck in your endeavours in PEI. Personally, I will miss working with you.

During the next few weeks, we will be looking for a both a new Pilot and a Patron. If ever you are interested in one of these positions, please let me know.

As your FN. I promise to be there for you, to work with all Sir Knights and to be as present that I can at events.

I would like to remind you all, Sir Knights, that we have to be visible members of the Knights of Columbus. We have to be patriotic for our country, our order and our church.

I encourage you all to participate in Honour Guards that we will conduct during the year, and to get the new uniform, if you haven't purchased it yet.

I invite you all, Sir Knights, to communicate with me for anything you want to discuss with me, I am an open book.

Now back to work for the fraternal year.

VIVAT JESUS

SK Daniel Boyer
Faithful Navigator
Cartier Assembly 860



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Recent Special Honour Guards

Annual Celtic Cross Memorial Ceremony

An honour guard consisting of members of Cartier 860 and Reynolds Assembly 1670, participated



in the Annual Rideau Canal Celtic Cross Memorial Ceremony. The ceremony was held on the Civic Holiday (August 4, 2025) on Lock 2 on the Rideau Canal. Sponsored by the Irish Society of Ottawa, the Ottawa & District Labour Council, and the ByTown Museum; the ceremony consisted of a procession across the Rideau Canal, with colours, pipers from the Sons of Scotland, and soldiers of the Cameron Highlanders of Ottawa.

Participants had an opportunity to learn about the history of the

Irish labourers and their families who lost their lives constructing the Rideau Canal between 1826 and 1832. Fr. Gerard Monaghan of St. Faustina's Parish in Cumberland led all in a prayer in honour of the deceased and their families.

A shoutout to SK Michael Ferrigan for organizing the assembly's participation and to all who attended! Our assembly also received the distinction of being recognized on the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall's Website:

<https://ottawacornwall.ca/news/celtic-cross-ceremony-honours-rideau-canal-workers/>



THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER 2025

Pope Leo XIV released his monthly prayer intention for the month of October, inviting the faithful to pray for "collaboration between different religious traditions." - Vatican News Service.



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Tree Planting in Honour of Thomas D'Arcy McGee

Members of Cartier Assembly 860 were invited by the Irish Society of the National Capital Region, in partnership with the Bytown Museum and Father Steven Amesse Rector of St. Patrick Basilica, to present the colours at a tree planting ceremony on the grounds of St. Patrick Basilica in Ottawa. The ceremony was in honour of the 200th Anniversary of the birth of Thomas D'Arcy McGee, one of the Fathers of Confederation and to recognize him for his contribution to this country and to this city.



Participants (left to right): SKs Finley Kavanagh, Michael Leeder, Dominic Ferrari and Tom Kavanagh

Known by many as "Canada's first nationalist," McGee was assassinated near 90 Sparks St, right down the street from St. Patrick's Basilica, where Assembly 860 meets today. McGee was a strong voice and passionate advocate for Catholics and Protestants to work together, ultimately leading to the foundation of self-governing Canada. All Canadians benefit from his efforts to unite our nation "A mari usque ad mare", from sea to sea (Psalm 72:8).

The colour guard was provided on the lawn outside of St. Patrick's Basilica on Saturday Oct 4, 2025, at 2-3pm with a reception in the Scavi until 4 pm. Assembly 860 participation was coordinated by SK Michael Ferrigan, our organizer, and liaison with the Irish Society.

The ceremony was attended by a CTV camera crew, and was on the news that night at 6p.m., 11p.m. and the following day. A plaque to commemorate the event was placed there. The ceremony was attended by Fr. Steven Amesse, the Irish Society, several City Counsellors and the public. It was a beautiful afternoon.

Submitted by SKs Nicholas Quadrini and Finley Kavanagh.



THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER 2025

For the prevention of suicide.
Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life - Vatican News Service.



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Our New Sir Knights and Their Families

Cartier Assembly 860 welcomed four new 4th-degree members to our Supreme roster.



Congratulations to these Worthy Brothers and their wives who now join us in the honours of the Fourth Degree:

SK Matt Brodie and Lady Christina (Council 16005)

SK Francisco Gomez-Gonzalez and Lady Claudia García-Camargo (Council 12249)

SK Jarod St Pierre and Lady Dinaliz (Council 485)

SK Matthew Trolly and Lady Rebecca (Council 16005)

Reynolds Assembly 1670 hosted the exemplification at St. Patrick's Fallowfield. Of interest is the fact that the interior of the church had just completed twelve weeks of repairs to the interior of the church. The pews were installed during the week. The result is stunning. Fr. Paul Shepherd presided at the 5 p.m. Mass, co-celebrated with Fr. Emanuel (Kingston), one of the candidates to partake in the exemplification.

Two brother knights were unable to attend but will hopefully be available for the next exemplification, scheduled for 7 February 2026. They have already been advised of the date. Reynolds Assembly will be hosting the 4th-degree exemplification, to be held at Our Lady of Fatima parish hall (Woodroffe and Richmond Road)—full details to follow when available.

Here is the challenge for all members of the assembly: do not hesitate to promote this exemplification to brother knights of your council. It is never too early to start approaching brother knights. There is no guarantee when the next exemplification will be held in Ottawa, and it is best if local brother knights take advantage of the opportunity on 7 February 2026.

One final note: there are four English assemblies in Ottawa. It is likely to be Cartier Assembly's turn to host an exemplification not too, too far down the road.

SK Henry Kinsella, Faithful Scribe

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ELECTED & APPOINTED OFFICERS CARTIER ASSEMBLY- 2025/2026 FRATERNAL YEAR

A REMINDER

Faithful Navigator	SK Daniel Boyer
Facilitator to Faithful Navigator	SK Finley Kavanagh
Faithful Comptroller	SK John De Bruyn
Faithful Friar (appointed)	SK Fr. Emeka J. Onyeogubalu
Faithful Admiral	SK Wayne Watts
Faithful Captain	SK Nicholas Quadrini
Faithful Purser	SK Joe Prince
Faithful Pilot	SK Matthew Iwueze*
Faithful Scribe	SK Henry Kinsella
Inner Sentinel	SK Mike Leeder
Outer Sentinel	SK Samir Abou Samra
One Year Trustee	SK Deacon Jacques Mayer
Two Year Trustee	SK Finley Kavanagh
Three Tear Trustee	SK John Schembri
Commander (appointed)	SK Wayne Watts
Patron (Appointed)	Open
Patron Assistant (Appointed)	Open
St. Malo Editor (Appointed)	SK Nicholas Quadrini
St. Malo Publisher (Appointed)	SK Mike Proctor
Webmaster (Appointed)	SK Patrick McIvor

* Elected during the Assembly 860 General Meeting of October 16th, 2025



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CARTIER ASSEMBLY 860 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR FY 2025/26

August	28 Executive Meeting** (for September)	September	18 General Meeting 20 Installation of Officers 20 Exemplification	October	02 Executive Meeting** 16 General Meeting 25 Archdiocese Meeting
November	06 Executive Meeting** 08 Archbishop's Dinner 20 General Meeting 22 Memorial Mass	December	TBD Executive Meeting 11 or 18 General Meeting	January	08 Executive Meeting** 15 General Meeting**
February	05 Executive Meeting** 19 General Meeting**	March	05 Executive Meeting** 19 General Meeting 26 Executive Meeting (for April)	April	02 Holy Thursday 05 Easter 16 General Meeting
May	07 Executive Meeting** 21 General Meeting	June	04 Executive Meeting** 18 General Meeting	July	TBD Audit

Notes:

1. Executive Meetings on "Teams" begin at 7:00 P.M.
2. In-person General Meetings in Chambers at St. Patrick Basilica begin at 7:30 P.M.
3. In-person General Meetings will also be on "Teams." Link will be provided in advance.
4. ** Denotes a virtual meeting only on "Teams." Link will be provided in advance.

RECENT AND PLANNED COLOUR/HONOUR GUARDS

Recent		Planned		
04 August	Rideau Locks Celtic Cross	08 November	6:00p.m.	Marconi Centre, Archbishop Dinner
13 September	St. Patrick Parish Fallowfield Re-opening after renovation	09 November	10:00a.m.	St. Basil Parish, Remembrance
04 October	St. Patrick Basilica Tree Planting honouring Darcy McGee	09 November	10:30a.m.	St. John the Apostle Parish, Remembrance
05 October	Shen Shang Parish 70 th Anniversary			
10 October	Assumption Parish Funeral SK C. Hebert			
19 October	St. Teresa Recruitment drive			
02 November	St. Basil Parish 65 th Anniversary			



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SPECIAL COUNCIL EVENT

St. Gabriel Council 6740 - 50th Anniversary Dinner

A Mass and Dinner/Dance was held on September 27th, 2025, for the 50th Anniversary of St. Gabriel Council 6740. It was attended by members of Cartier Assembly SKs Finley and Thomas Kavanagh, SK Michael and Carolyn Ferrigan, SK Roger Richard, SK Andre Richer, and SK Deacon Jacques Mayer, the social butterfly, who was on the Coordinating committee. The Pastor praised the Council in his sermon at the 4 p.m. Mass held before the dinner took place.

The Council has a room and chambers where their many awards and galleries are held. Also, they have all the members of the executives, the DDs and Wardens for each year for the past 50 years. Also in chambers, they have a list of all departed brothers and a book with their obituaries.

The Grand Knight, Jeffrey LeBlanc, gave a speech outlining the activities and growth of the council over the years. Did you know that SK Jaques has been the Grand Knight for 10 of those fifty years as and when needed - is that dedication or what? The event was well attended with a beautiful meal and live band to dance by. Very well done, St. Gabriel!

Submitted by SK Finley Kavanagh

St. Gabriel Council 50th Anniversary Photo Gallery





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ARTICLES OF INTEREST

THE HONORIS

How It Came to Be

In the year 2012, a group of Knights from several councils held a meeting. They all had the



same ideas, that was to assist the cause of The Venerable Michael J McGivney. We started by making our councils aware and then all the faithful. A physical centre was set up in the Scavi, the lower level of Saint Patrick Basilica here in Ottawa.

We built a website www.michaeljmcgivneyhonoris.ca

We have passed out over 70,000 Prayer Cards for his Canonization. Perpetual Masses are said for our deceased loved ones and members. As well, we accept prayer requests from those needing them all under the care of Father McGivney. You will see the beautiful hand carved, one of a kind, statue of Father McGivney, a gift from Deacon Kevin Daudelin Past State Deputy of Ontario.

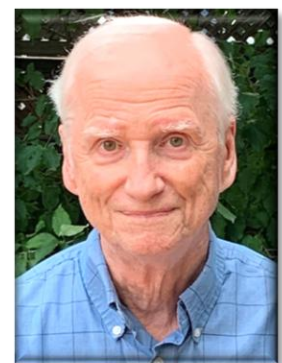
And, of course, we are so happy and proud of the First Class Relic that the Fr. Michael McGivney Guild gifted us. It is in a permanent position for the faithful in the kneeler at The Honoris Site.

Thank you for the opportunity for us to advance the cause of Our Dear Founder.

V.J.

Michael O'Neill.

Chairman of The Honoris Committee.



Br. Michael O'Neill



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TRUTH ABOUT ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

(Abbreviated from the full version.)

The topic of ordaining women to the



priesthood is where I began. Little did I know what I would encounter, the emotions that would stir within me, or the question of what direction I would take in preparing a narrative faithful to the teachings of the

Church. Where is the focus? This is the question that ruled the day and determined much. With empathy, the idea of ordination of women to the priesthood remains on my mind. In this narrative, there is an intentional absence of discussion about the equality of men and women, gender-related issues, feminism, and social and cultural norms. Much has been written in these areas in apparent support of the ordination of women. Expressed are opinions that are not necessarily untrue, but that are contrary and a stumbling block to the understanding of the Church, and why women cannot be ordained.

I begin with the word 'faith.' Faith, in a word, is never below reason. Some things cannot be understood or explained by reason or logic. When God reveals Himself to us, the proper

response is to believe, although the tendency may be to think of it as knowledge. Perhaps, in a sense, it is knowledge, but without faith, it loses much of its meaning.

Pope John Paul II in his Encyclical Letter *Fides Et Ratio* on the relationship between Faith and Reason, writes, "Faith and Reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth - in a word to know himself - so that, by knowing and loving God, men and woman may also come to the fullness of truth about themselves."

Such a reflection is deep and challenging. But it does underscore what one needs to be occupied with: the 'Truth' and the 'Love of God'. Later, Pope John Paul II comments on the knowledge "peculiar to faith, surpassing the knowledge proper to human reason." Primarily, the encyclical is "an attempt to establish the correct link between the two orders of knowledge," that being revealed truth and philosophy. Therein lies the difference between divine law and human thought, regarding the teachings of the Church.

Historically, there has been, and continues to be, a push for the ordination of women to the priesthood. The Church has not shied away from the issue; instead, it has stood steadfast



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in its approach. There are two prominent references for suggested reading. The first is the Declaration *Inter Insigniores* on the Question of Admission of Women to the Ministerial Priesthood, issued by the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, on 15 October 1976. The second is the Apostolic Letter *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis* of John Paul II to the Bishops of the Catholic Church on Reserving Priestly Ordination to Men Alone, 22 May 1994 (On the Solemnity of Pentecost).

It is in the second document that Pope John Paul II clearly states, "that the Church has no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women and that this judgement is to be definitively held by all the Church's faithful." Rather than continuing a dialogue on why the Church could not make the proposed change, and when he could not satisfy those promoting it, Pope John Paul II initiated a shift in strategy. He emphasized the value of

women to the Church and the diverse and "irreplaceable" good they do.

Over the years, the Church has consistently followed a particular and unchangeable approach to ordination to the priesthood, including that of the Bishops and Popes. Unity thrived despite the existing division. This divisiveness was defeated and, if necessary, will be defeated once again.

History is an important aspect, but unfortunately, it is often distorted and manipulated into a misrepresentation of the truth for a specific purpose, including the intent to instill a particular disposition in a person's mind. May we always and under every circumstance, seek the truth and the love of God.

Peace be with you!

SK Henry Kinsella

Order Donates 2,000th Ultrasound Machine

In July, the Knights of Columbus sponsored its 2,000th ultrasound machine since January 2009. The machine, funded by St. Timothy Council 7369 in Chantilly, Virginia, and a matching grant from the Supreme Council, was donated to "A Best Choice Pregnancy Resource Center," a mobile pregnancy resource center serving women in Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C.



Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and Angela Clarke, Resource Center Executive Director

The Ultrasound Initiative has allowed qualified centers to give countless pregnant women the opportunity to see the miracle of their child's life. We launched this program in 2009 with a simple goal: to help more parents see their unborn children," said Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly. "That's the power of ultrasounds - and they're a game changer." - Columbia magazine September 2005.



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PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS IN NIGERIA

Nigeria is the sixth most populous country on earth at over 237 million inhabitants, about 109 million of which are Christian. This number includes over eleven million Catholics. There are slightly more Catholics in Nigeria than in all of Canada.

Our last article for the St. Malo about Knights of Columbus activities in and for Nigeria, ended on an ominous note. The three Nigerian clergy studying Catechetics at a US Catholic university, under Knights of Columbus sponsorship, were quoted as fearing for their lives on returning to Nigeria to practice what they learned. The following articles appeared in a respected Catholic news magazine and will provide background to their concerns for those who wish to read further.

The following list of ten Articles, by date and title, on the plight of Christians and Catholic Clergy in Nigeria, were published in the Catholic Register (Toronto, Canada) in just the past few months. The publication claims to be "Canada's leading source of Catholic news and commentary since 1893." To read any article online, go to "catholicregister.org", select "find an article" and type "Nigeria". Then scroll down and "click-on" the title(s) of interest.

October 1st, 2025 - *"Persecuted Nigerian Christian's seek world's prayers."*

September 24th, 2025 - *"Christian genocide feared in Nigeria."*

July 22nd, 2025 - *"Kidnapped Nigerian Priest who served in Alaska is now free."*

July 15th, 2025 - *"One officer dead, three seminarians kidnapped after attack on Nigerian Seminary."*

July 11th, 2025 - *"Kidnapped Nigerian Priest who served in Alaska still held captive, sources say."*

June 27th, 2025 - *"Nigeria's Government complicit in Christian Slaughter, priest says."*

June 17th, 2025 - *"'This is Genocide': hundreds slain in Nigeria."*

April 14th, 2025 - *"Threats on Nigerian clerics draws condemnation."*

April 8th, 2025 - *"Christians a target in Nigeria, Bishop claims."*

March 19th, 2025 - *"Kidnappers kill young Nigerian seminarian."*

Note and bibliography submitted by SK Mike Proctor.



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St. Marie Margarite d'Youville

(Feast Day - October 16th)

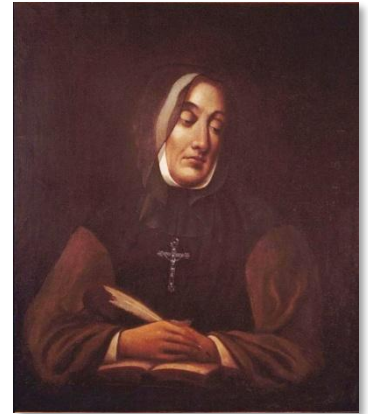
Foundress of the Gray Nuns, or Sisters of Charity, St. Marie Margarite d'Youville was born near Montreal on October 15th, 1701. After studying for two years at the Ursuline monastery of Quebec, the oldest institution of learning for women in North America, she returned home to take up support for her widowed mother and to undertake the education of her brothers and sisters.

She married M. d'Youville in 1722, who treated her with indifference, and eight years later left her a widow with heavy debt, during her sixth pregnancy. Four of her six children died in infancy. Two of her sons survived to adulthood and became priests.

Out of her own poverty, she helped the needy. She conceived an ardent devotion to the Eternal Father, which was to be the keynote of her life. Providence destined her to rescue from debt and ruin the hospital, at Montreal founded in 1694 by M. Charon, and previously managed by a brotherhood bearing his name. This undertaking became the beginnings of a new religious institute, the "Grey Nuns," or "Sisters of Charity." It was destined to flourish under the wise and zealous direction of Mother d'Youville.

When, in 1747, the General Hospital was entrusted to her, she had already, with a few companions living under a provisional rule, begun practicing the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. She opened the hospital to disabled soldiers, the aged of either sex, the insane, the incurable, foundlings, and orphans. Mother d'Youville assumed the entire debt. To meet the expense of restoring, rebuilding, and harbouring numerous patients, she, with her companions, made clothing for the king's stores and for the traders of the upper country. This constituted her chief revenue.

During the Seven Years War. many English soldiers were treated and then worked at the hospital for room and board. Mother d'Youville ransomed from the Indians, several English prisoners that had been destined to be tortured. One of the prisoners moved by gratitude, later prevented the bombardment of the fortress-like hospital.



Owing to the exorbitant cost of necessities of life, and due to unscrupulous corruption, the hospital was heavily indebted at the time of the conquest. Despite her poverty, Mother d'Youville undertook to rescue all foundlings thrown upon her charity. In 1766, the General Hospital was destroyed by fire, but nothing could destroy Marguerite's faith and courage. She asked her sisters and the poor who lived at the hospital, to recognize the hand of God in this disaster and to offer him praise. At the age of 64 she undertook the reconstruction of this shelter for those in need. Totally exhausted from a lifetime of self-giving, Mother Marguerite died on December 23, 1771.

Pope John XXIII beatified Marguerite on May 3, 1959, and called her "Mother of Universal Charity. She was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1990, becoming the first native-born Canadian to be declared a saint.

Submitted by SK Mike Proctor

References: The Catholic Encyclopedia, Wikipedia and the Vatican News Service.