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Remember to Plan a Family Program.

August is the month set aside to dedicate a special week of the year to recognize the vital importance of families as the foundation of our domestic church and to promote Catholic family values. Though traditionally celebrated in the summer to commemorate the birth and death of our founder, Blessed Michael J. McGivney, this program can take place anytime during the year.

Specific days to be aware of are:

- August 12 – Blessed Michael McGivney’s Birthday,
- August 14 – the day of his death,
- August 15 – day set aside by the Church for his memory, but also,
- highlight the 12th or 14th or the 15th of any month of the year that works for your council,
- October 31 – Blessed Michael McGivney declared “Blessed” by Pope Francis

Also, remember that August is the principle month for a Novena to Blessed McGivney.

God created humans to live as a family unit. Blessed McGivney knew that we would have many ups and downs in our family relationships, and he provided guidance and wisdom for every situation. No matter what you're facing as a family, God is ready to protect and bless you.

These were also ideas that Blessed McGivney lived out. In his work as a pastor, he did things like:

- organize plays and musicals,
- set up baseball games between parishes, and
- take groups on outdoor activities.

He was known for his ability to make people laugh when he visited the sick and disabled. He made the words “God, Who gives joy to my youth” a reality for the families in his parish, as he lived out youthful joy.

We must set aside any temptation to be cynical or pessimistic, and instead commit ourselves to emulating Blessed McGivney’s energy, passion, and good humour.

NOVENA: BLESSED MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY.

Repeat the following Novena prayers every day for 9 consecutive days.

**God, our Blessed, protector of the poor
and defender of the widow and orphan,
you called your priest, Blessed Michael J. McGivney,
to be an apostle of Christian family life
and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbour.
Through the example of his life and virtue
may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely,**

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**fulfilling his commandment of charity
and building up his Body which is the Church.
Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us
to greater confidence in your love
so that we may continue his work of caring
for the needy and the outcast.
We humbly ask that you glorify
your venerable servant Blessed Michael J. McGivney
on earth according to the design of your holy will.
Through his intercession, grant the favour I now present
(Here make your request...)
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Say: one "Our Father" , one "Hail Mary", one "Glory be to the Father".

Blessed McGivney, PRAY FOR US.

Visit "**Other Prayers**" page on the website <http://www.michaeljmcgivneyhonoris.ca> for a longer version of the Novena.

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