

BASEBALL

BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY

BLESSED MICHAEL WAS A CATHOLIC PRIEST WHO FOUNDED THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, WHICH BECAME INTEGRAL TO THE GROWTH OF CHRISTIANITY IN AMERICA. HE WAS NOT JUST AN EXEMPLARY STUDENT BUT ALSO AN EXCELLENT BASEBALL PLAYER (LEFT FIELD). HE UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF SPORTS, SAYING, "BASEBALL CONTINUES TO SERVE AS A PATH OF SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND CHARITY." THE LESSONS TAUGHT ON THE FIELD NOT ONLY TEACH US ABOUT BASEBALL BUT ALSO ABOUT OUR LIFE WITH CHRIST. HIS FEAST IS AUGUST 13TH.

VIRTUES

Charity: Athletes must be charitable to not only their own teammates but also their opponents, recognizing that we are all God's children, whether we win or lose.

Unity: Athletes must be unified on and off the field, recognizing that the only way to achieve their goal is by lifting one another up.

Fraternity: As athletes, our teams are to be a brotherhood, treating one another with respect and dignity above all else.

APPLICATIONS

Invoke the intercession of Bl. Michael during your practices and games (ie. Bl. Michael, Pray for us)

Name a drill after the saint.

Encourage the players to discover ways to relate the saint's life to what you are doing during practices or games.

