Did you know on his journey to the founding of the Knights of Columbus, Venerable Father Michael McGivney was inspired by his seminarian studies at St. Mary’s Seminary & University right in downtown Baltimore?

As a seminarian from 1873—1877, Father McGivney worshipped in the 1808 Seminary Chapel (pictured below), now listed National Registry of Historical Places and open for tours.

Most importantly to the Knights of Columbus and the millions of those who have benefited from their generous and selfless endeavors, the young seminarian discerned his vocation at St. Mary’s and – following his ordination at the Baltimore Cathedral in 1877 – took the lessons of the Sulpician Fathers back to New Haven, Connecticut, where he founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882.

As an esteemed member of the Knights of Columbus, whether a Maryland native or welcomed guest from a visiting council, you are invited to tour the site at St. Mary’s on Paca Street, and walk in Father McGivney’s footsteps!

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