



2021 Kinsman of the Year

Scott McCawley

Scott grew up in Coal City. He had his first bagpipe lesson when he was a cadet at West Point. After college he returned to the Chicagoland area, playing with and leading a number of bands, including the Tunes of Glory, Invermich Gaelic Society, the University of Chicago, Chicago Caledonian and Midlothian Scottish. He was a founding member of the bagpipe rock group, Celtic Aire. He has been involved with the Midwest Pipe Band Association for many years, as a piping adjudicator, a member of the Music Board, and as Vice President. He is a long-time student and teacher of

piobaireachd. Besides performing as a soloist, piping in a band, playing for Highland dancers and giving bagpipe lessons, he is a Roman Catholic priest. Throughout the pandemic lockdown, Scott and the Thistle and Heather Highland Dancers visited Caledonia Senior Living every week to perform (in every kind of weather) for the residents and staff. The stirring sound of Scott's bagpiping inspired the people who live and work at Caledonia to rise to the challenge of COVID and achieve an impeccable record of safety.

