



Life Activity Programs

“Our Mission, DEFENDING Life”

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Welcome Grand Knights, Ladies Auxiliary Presidents and District Deputies to the Life Activities State Programs! Please read through this guide as our hope is that our programs will assist your Councils in Respecting and Protecting all Life from conception to death. Our theme for this year is “Our Mission, DEFENDING Life”.

In keeping with the Supreme Office changes from the *Surge with Service programs* to the *Faith in Action programs*, our previously named Respect Life Activities has been changed to Life Activities. Some new programs will be added to Life Activities along with the ones we have currently had in the past.

Our Meet Life Campaign will continue with new direction after achieving our 5 year goal of 2 million and reducing abortions in half in Missouri by the year 2016 which was a great accomplishment.

The Silver Rose will continue across Missouri starting on September 9th to October 10th so hopefully you will get a chance to view it.

Marian Hour for Life program will continue with the aid of a new traveling icon to pray to Mary for Life.

Roses for Life Program will continue as we draw awareness to our Church’s and also to our State Legislators in Missouri to the dignity of life.

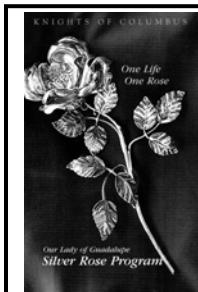
Some added programs recognized by the Supreme Faith in Action program update are some that we are already doing but will add additional focus to. Those are: Pregnancy Center Support, Marches for Life Council Support and the Ultrasound Program.

New programs added to the Life program by Supreme are: Novena for Life, which we intend to add with our Roses for Life program in October but can be held at anytime, Mass’s for People with Special Needs, and support to the Christian Refuge Relief.

The “Featured” programs for Life Activities is Marches for Life and the Ultrasound Program. In the past, if you did one event in this area, you would get four or full credit for this program on your Columbian Award. Now, only two credits are awarded. So you will have to participate in two more areas in Life Activities, which should be easy to do.

The urgency of the threat to a culture of life cannot be misunderstood. Respect for the dignity of life demands a commitment to human rights across a broad spectrum. Both as Knights of Columbus and as followers of Christ. Saint John Paul II in 1995 stated “Catholics must be committed to the defense of life in all its stages and in every condition”. This is a call for all of us to do our part in our Mission of Defending Life!

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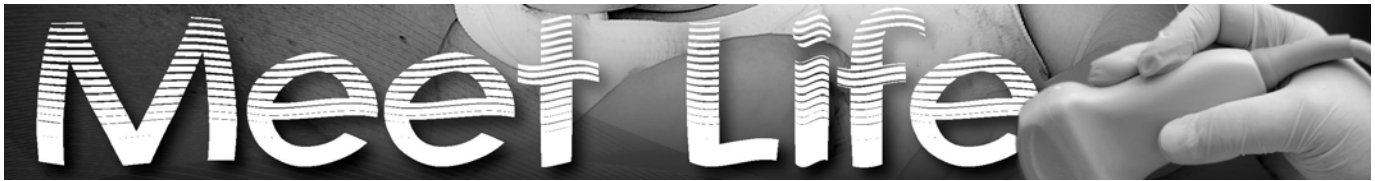
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Meet Life Campaign - The History.....

On July 16, 2011, the Missouri State Council Knights of Columbus announced the establishment of their "Meet Life" campaign. The goal of the campaign is to reduce the number of abortions performed in the State of Missouri by 50% by the end of the year 2016. The campaign was coordinated by the Knights of Columbus and included Vitae Foundation and In His Image Ultrasound.

The mission of the "Meet Life" campaign is to reduce abortion in Missouri through the placement of ultrasound technology in local Pregnancy Centers along with mass media advertising to direct women to those centers. These efforts would provide opportunities for mothers experiencing unplanned pregnancies to bond with their unborn babies and encourage them to carry their babies to term.

The steps to accomplish the goal were:

1. Place an ultrasound machine in every pregnancy resource center in the state that meets the criteria.
2. Create a marketing plan that brings abortion minded women to the pregnancy resource center.
3. Utilize the resources available to assist the pregnancy resource centers in their staff development.
4. Determine areas in the state of Missouri that are under served or not served by a resource center.
5. Raise \$2,000,000 and supplement that through local giving and matching funds.
6. Work with the Councils and Auxiliaries to create long lasting relationships with their local centers.
7. Create a 10-year/ongoing plan to further eliminate abortion in the state of Missouri.

The Results

By the end of 2016, the goal of \$2,000,000 was reached by donations over the 5 year campaign. An endowment with a beginning amount of \$500,000 was established with a private donor donation. Although abortion numbers are hard to quantify, the number of abortions from the beginning of the campaign, which was 9234 a year was decreased to 7275 a year. By the end of 2017-2018 fraternal year, we will have placed 45 ultrasounds in pregnancy resource centers.

A forty-five year review from Vitae shows these results: In 1990, there were over 2,100 abortion clinics and now there are only 800 remaining. Today there is around 2,700 Pregnancy Resource Centers and forty five years ago, when abortion became legal, less than 800. We may be one U.S. Supreme Court justice away from reversing Roe v. Wade. Advances in modern medicine such as ultrasound and in utero surgery have changed the way people think about unborn children. Instead of a "blob of cells", these babies in the womb have become "tiny patients" and "preemies". 72% of the American people support abortion restrictions. And, according to their most recent annual report, Planned Parenthood is now performing fewer abortions.

Meet Life Campaign - The Future.....

With the results above, you can see that there is some very promising results in stopping the abortion industry and saving lives. But we can't stop now and need to go further in collecting funds for the Meet Life campaign.

Many councils have give way above their pledge they made in 2011, just 7 years ago. Those councils also continue to work hard and making fund raising a priority for this program. There is other councils though that have not donated. I encourage those that have not to prayerfully consider helping this great cause for life. We need everybody's help now more than ever. **We expect that 3 new abortion facilities will be in operation this year in Missouri!**

The goal that we need each year going forward is around \$200,000. We are working on endowments now so that might decrease over the years to come.

The funds that are collected today, assist with placing ultrasounds in any new pregnancy center that qualifies with our partnership with Alliance for Life. Some monies are used to replace older ultrasounds that are in need of being replaced or some that need repairs. Funds also assist Vitae in their pregnancy center digital marketing efforts and with the pregnancy center webpage updates. Vitae is also critical in helping us with research in getting the abortion-determined women into a pregnancy center instead of a Planned Parenthood center.

The easiest way to gather funds is with a Baby Bottle campaign. Some tips to do this is on the following page. Another way is to have a fundraising event like a dinner, mouse race etc. You can also do a second collection with the Pastor's permission. We have some envelopes available that will help you with this.

There is much more to come on the Meet Life campaign in the future so hope that you can help make the future an age were life is respected and honored!

Contact Chairman Greg Elsey at meetlife@mokofc.org if you have any questions!

Missouri Knights of Columbus “MEET LIFE” Baby Bottle Campaign

The Missouri State Council Knights of Columbus have always been leaders in respecting the lives of the unborn. The Baby Bottle Campaign is an easy and effective way to raise funds for the Meet Life Campaign. We need every Council and Auxiliary to join us on this “MEET LIFE Baby Bottle Campaign.

Guidelines for a successful fundraiser:

- First, meet with your pastor to gain his approval and to set a tentative date for the campaign and share with him everything the Knights have done in the campaign and how successful we have been.
- Request Baby Bottles if you do not have any. Contact Greg Elsey, meet life chairman to see where bottles are located and who the diocesan coordinator is that has them.
- Select a Knight who is comfortable with public speaking to make a pulpit presentation.
- Place a full page ad in the church bulletin the week before the presentation. Make sure you have several Knights to hand out bottles after Mass.
- Distribute bottles to your church organizations (the Parish school, PSR, scouts, etc. and don't forget the Ladies Auxiliary to assist!).
- Use your bulletin for reminders to bring their bottles back on a designated date (around four weeks and have Knights in the back of church to receive the bottles.)
- When the Campaign is over please return the bottles to your diocesan coordinator. Keep in mind bottles will continue to trickle in so make a plan to get remaining funds turned in.
- Make your check payable to “**Columbian Charities**” and mail to Columbian Charities treasurer Ralph Cupelli at 6 Circle Lane, Kirksville, MO 63501. Be sure to mention what Council, Assembly or Auxiliary the monies are coming from and designate funds go to the **Meet Life Campaign**. Be sure to email Greg Elsey at meetlife@mokofc.org that you are sending in funds and let him know your Council, Assembly or Auxiliary number and information.

If you have any questions or need help with your campaign please contact Meet Life Chairman Greg Elsey at 417-861-1444 or e-mail meetlife@mokofc.org.

Statements from Meet Life Pregnancy Help Center Directors for motivation!

“We have been incredibly blessed by the most recent Meet Life Campaign. This Campaign has been so effective in reaching the abortion-minded women and getting them in our clinic door” Sony Ride, Executive Director, Parkville Women's Center

“The research-based website you put together for us has really increased the number of abortion-minded calls. We've seen a great increase in the number of abortion-minded clients that are texting, calling and emailing” Gary Smith, Executive Director, Hand 'N Hand in Barnhart



Roses for Life Weekend

January 5-6th, 2019

Looking for another way to help the Abortion Issue? Join the Knights in the Roses for Life Program. Order your Roses and have the Parishioner sign the label and have them keep the Rose. Orders for Roses need to be submitted to your DD by **September 15, 2018**. All orders must be in multiples of 100. Roses can be bought with or without the KC emblem. Make check payable to **MISSOURI STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**.

Roses must be paid for at time of ordering with check accompanying this order form!

Late orders add \$25 for shipping!

Roses will be distributed at the December State Meeting to your District Deputy.

Council Order Form

Council Name and Number _____

Number of Roses (In multiples of 100) With Emblem _____ Without Emblem _____

Total Number of Roses: _____ @ \$15.00 per 100 = \$ _____

Event Chairman Information:

Name and Address _____

Phone Number Daytime _____ Night time _____

Email: _____

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District Deputy Order Form

DD # _____ Council Number	Number of Roses With Logo	Number of Roses With-out Logo	Amount
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If a council participates in the Pro-Life Weekend, but does not order Roses though this program list their Council number: _____

District Deputies, please send this report and the Council checks to:
Ed Spence 2375 Wedgwood Dr. W, Florissant MO 63033, BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2018

Novena for Life New Supreme Program

The Knights will come together through both public and private acts of prayer to lead their communities in the spiritual battle to establish a culture of life in our nations. The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church and, in particular, of the Knights of Columbus. At set times of the year, a council can promote a novena, which is nine days of sustained prayer, to build up a culture of life in our parishes, in our homes, and in the wider community via communal gatherings and promotional efforts. These novenas could precede or end major feast days or pro-life events.

As a State Program, we are encouraging you to do your Novena for Life sometime in conjunction with your Roses for Life in October. Novena examples can be found on the Supreme or Catholic websites or as simple as reciting the Rosary.



One Life, One Rose Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Run

The Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose has been a Knights of Columbus tradition for 58 years. In 1960, groups of Columbian Squires in Mexico, Canada and the United States decided to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe by carrying a rose across North America from Canada to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico. In 2001 Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, at the 119th Supreme Council Meeting in Toronto, addressed the effort in culture of life terms, referring to the Our Lady of Guadalupe - One Life, One Rose Program. He urged that it be expanded to every North American jurisdiction.

In recent years the program has expanded to eight silver roses traveling the western, central, and eastern corridors of North America, with Knights of Columbus from Canada to Mexico carrying the roses from destination to destination, and finally to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico.

Every stop along the route of the Silver Rose Pilgrimage is an occasion for prayer and spiritual renewal centered on the rosary. English, French and Spanish booklets containing recommended prayers, scripture readings and a litany accompany the Silver Rose. The Silver Rose for our area will be following Route 3 and will enter Missouri on September 9th from Illinois and leave on October 10th through Arkansas.

Silver Rose Chairman John Clarke has the schedule and will be alerting the District Deputies on the dates and times that they will be having the Silver Rose available for Council events. Contact John Clarke by email at silverrose@mokofc.org.

Marian Hour Devotion for Life

The Supreme Council would like every Council to hold a Marian Hour of Prayer Service for Life this year. Here are the suggested steps involved in setting one up. 1.) Contact your Council chaplain or pastor to schedule the prayer service. 2.) Pick a place to hold it (a church is preferred but you may use your Council hall or meeting area). 3.) Select a date and time that is convenient for the chaplain and for most members. 4.) Plan a companion event (a breakfast, picnic, banquet, membership drive etc.) to be held in conjunction with the service. 5.) Promote your event through your council newsletter, parish bulletin, diocesan newspaper, etc. 6.) After holding your prayer service, please make a report on the event and send it to Chairman John Clarke.

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The Supreme office does provide an icon display, including Marian prayer books, that will help assist you and we hope to have the new one soon. Once the icon has arrived, a schedule will be developed for each District Deputy. Contact Chairman John Clarke or your District Deputy with questions.

Mass for People with Special Needs **(New Supreme Program)**

Culture of Life is not simply about the beginning stages of Life; it is a commitment to affirm and defend life in all its stages and in every condition. A Knights of Columbus sponsored Mass, conducted annually for people with special needs, is an opportunity to welcome individuals or families who might not normally feel comfortable attending regularly scheduled Mass.

Those with special needs are living icons of the love of Christ in the world and must be welcomed fully into a parish community. Physical or social barriers may dissuade some people from attending Mass. Family member anxiety may keep them from bringing a loved one out of concerns of disrupting the Mass or, unfortunately, even because they may not feel welcome.

A dedicated Mass may be the first of many steps toward integrating people with special needs into weekly or even daily Mass as well as sacraments and other aspects of parish life. Holding this Mass sends the message that all of God's children are welcome under the parish roof and that every person is an integral part of the parish family.

Christian Refuge Relief **(New Supreme Program)**

"Whether at home or abroad, charity is our Order's first principle and the basis for all we do as brother Knights. It is the tangible way that we live out that spirit of fraternity and "missionary discipleship" to which Pope Francis has called us." - Supreme Knight Carl Anderson.

The message from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson is clear and that we need to look at ways all over the world that are in need. Prayers and financial support is needed for many Christian relief programs that the Supreme Council is supporting. Please try to do your part as a Council, Auxiliary or Assembly. Details are available on the Supreme Council website at kofc.org.

Marches for Life **(New Supreme Program)**

This program is one of the Featured programs that will get you two credits on the Columbian Award. Many Councils throughout Missouri support the March for Life. Either by attending a March for Life, providing financial support for transportation or supervising a group for a March for Life. Your Diocesan Office will be able to give you lots of areas to help in if you are not already supporting a March.

Ultrasound Program **(New Supreme Program)**

This program is also one of the Featured programs that will get you two credits on the Columbian Award. The Supreme Ultrasound initiative, where Supreme pays half of a ultrasound is critical in our Meet Life program. If your Council is specifically gathering donations for a ultrasound for a pregnancy resource center, than you can count this double credit. All of our ultrasounds in Missouri are qualified by Alliance for Life and have to pass a strict criteria by them and the Diocese. Make sure you contact me at lifedirector@mokofc.org to verify your pregnancy resource center qualifies.

Pregnancy Center Support **(New Supreme Program)**

This program is also one that a lot of Councils in Missouri participate in already. If you need help finding a Pregnancy Center in your area, contact either myself at lifedirector@mokofc.org or the Meet Life Chairman at meetlife@mokofc.org and we will find one in your area. There are many ways you can help support the center. Just ask and they will tell you! A lot of them need baby supplies and probably volunteer time. Some need help with updating equipment like computers and phones. Most have a Walk for Life as well and welcome the Knights participation and financial support.