CULTURE OF LIFE
The Knights of Columbus remains firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being, from the moment of conception to natural death.
Culture of Life Team

- Culture of Life Director and Pro-Life Masses - Mike Furst
- Culture of Life Co-Chaircouples - Jeff & Jennifer Quinton, and Lawrence & Mary Susan Grayson
- Pro-Life Newsletter - Lawrence Grayson
- Cemetery of the Innocents - Jim McFillin
- March for Life & Legislative Liaison - John Eure
- Ultrasound Project - Richard V. Siejack, PSD
Our Culture of Life activities are available to you, to supplement the activities you and your council plan.

The Pro-Life Chaircouples are a tremendous resource. Use them!

The entire Culture of Life Team is available to you, to help you and your council succeed!

We can help advertise your Culture of Life activities. Contact us in advance.

We can help getting the word out about the successful activity you had. Send us a write-up.
WAYS YOUR COUNCIL CAN HELP

CHOOSE LIFE
Volunteer
Educate
Advocate
Donate
Pray
Host a Pro-Life Mass
Install a Cemetery of the Innocents
PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE, JANUARY 27, 2017
Represent Your Parish and District at Lobby Night

"Politics is one of the highest forms of charity because it seeks the common good."
-Pope Francis
Donate to the Ultrasound Project
Support Your Local Pro-Life Pregnancy Center
Pray in front of an Abortion Clinic
Almighty God, Our Father, You have given us life and intended us to have it forever, grant us Your blessings. Enlighten our minds to an awareness and to a renewed conviction that all human life is sacred because it is created in Your image and likeness. Help us to teach by word and the example of our lives that life occupies the first place, that human life is precious because it is the gift of God whose love is infinite. Give us the strength to defend human life against every influence or action that threatens or weakens it, as well as the strength to make every life more human in all its aspects. Give us the grace...

When the sacredness of life before birth is attacked, to stand up and proclaim that no one has the authority to destroy unborn life.

When a child is described as a burden or is looked upon only as a means to satisfy an emotional need, to stand up and insist that every child is a unique and unrepeatable gift of God, a gift of God with a right to a loving and united family.

When the institution of marriage is abandoned to human selfishness or reduced to a temporary conditional arrangement that can easily be terminated, to stand up and affirm the indissolubility of the marriage bond.

When the value of the family is threatened because of social and economic pressure, to stand up and reaffirm that the family is necessary not only for the private good of every person, but also for the common good of every society, nation and state.

When freedom is used to dominate the weak, to squander natural resources and energy, to deny basic necessities to people, to stand up and reaffirm the demands of justice and social love.

Almighty Father, give us courage to proclaim the supreme dignity of all human life and demand that society itself give its protection. We ask this in Your name, through the redemptive act of Your Son and in the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Adapted from Pope John Paul II's Homily, Capital Mall, October 7, 1979.)
EVERY LIFE IS WORTH LIVING

RESPECT LIFE

www.usccb.org/respectlife
The Supreme Council has a number of other materials to aid you. All of these are free of charge except for the shipping. The Supreme internet site; http://www.kofc.org/en/members/programs/culture-of-life/additional-culture-of-life-programs.html#/Support%20Materials
Recommended Links

A listing of recommended pro-life Web sites. Uncompromisingly pro-life, the Knights of Columbus is pleased to point to other, more specialized organizations that carry on the cause of life;

Pro-Life Masses – Mike Furst, director

The Priests for Life internet site contains Masses, prayer services, and prayers for the unborn; http://www.priestsforlife.org/prayers/index.asp

Respect Life, Coffee and Conversation, USCCB internet site; http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/coffee-and-conversation.cfm

9 Days for Life, USCCB internet site; http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-events/nine-days-of-prayer-penance-and-pilgrimage.cfm
The 44th March for Life will be on January 27, 2017. Councils are encouraged either to organize a bus to the March or to assist their local parish to organize a bus to the March.

See the National March for Life internet site; http://marchforlife.org/
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See the Maryland March for Life internet site; http://www.marylandmarchforlife.org/
Legislative Liaison – John Eure, chairman

See the Maryland Catholic Conference internet site; http://www.mdcathcon.org/LobbyNight
With the continued blessing of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we have now placed sixteen ultrasound machines in Maryland, and are looking for homes for many more!


The Knights of Columbus and Maryland Right to Life have installed over 299 Cemeteries of the Innocents since 2004, and more are scheduled. For more information on installing a Cemetery of the Innocents, please contact Jim McFillin at (240) 577-2258.
Pro-Life News is a monthly publication focusing on issues and events that affect pro-life efforts in the State of Maryland. It is distributed to Knights of Columbus leaders and other pro-life activists throughout the state. If you would like to receive the publication, send your email address to Lawrence Grayson at LPGrayson@verizon.net. Pro-Life News is also available on the Maryland State internet site http://www.kofc-md.org/service1415/prolife.asp.
The connections activities provide councils with the opportunity to connect and support their local parishes, pregnancy care centers, and other pro-life organizations (i.e., 40 Days for Life, Gabriel Network, etc.).

Pregnancy care centers (PCCs) are an essential element in the fight for a culture of life. They are often the first contacts that expectant women considering abortion have as they struggle with their decisions. The PCCs provide counseling, comfort, and various physical and emotional support that can help a woman choose to have her child. Yet, the PCCs often operate on shoestring budgets with volunteer labor. KofC councils can aid PCCs and other pro-life organizations by providing monetary and material support, advertising their fund-raising events, and providing volunteers for a wide variety of support. Individual councils have conducted and participated in numerous events, including fund-raisers such as golf tournaments, dinners, baby bottle campaigns and baby showers for pregnancy centers. In addition, individual councils have conducted and participated in living rosaries for the community, praying the rosary for the unborn at council meetings, participating in 40 Days for Life and Life Chain campaigns, and many others.
We are also collaborating with pro-life groups that are active in Maryland, such as the diocesan pro-life offices, Maryland Catholic Conference, Maryland Right to Life, and others, to improve the moral climate of our State.

Does your parish have a Pro-Life or Respect Life Ministry? How can your council get involved?

- Supreme internet site for additional Culture of Life programs; http://www.kofc.org/en/members/programs/culture-of-life/additional-culture-of-life-programs.html#
- List of pregnancy care centers in Maryland; http://www.mdrtl.org/pregnancyhelp.html
- Project Rachel; http://hopeafterabortion.com/
- Project Rachel Baltimore; http://www.project-rachel.net/
- The Gabriel Network; http://gabrielnetwork.org/
- 40 Days For Life; https://40daysforlife.com/

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- USCCB Respect Life Program internet site; http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/
- How to run a spiritual adoption program, Archdiocese of Baltimore; http://www.archbalt.org/family-life/respect-life/spiritual-adoption/
- Additional respect life resources, Archdiocese of Baltimore; http://www.archbalt.org/family-life/respect-life/educator-resources/index.cfm