



Maryland State Council Leadership 2020

Life Programs

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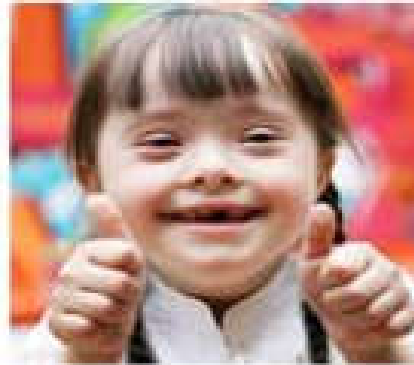
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Pregnancy Center Support

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Hospice

Opposing euthanasia

Marygold



Novena for Life

Silver Rose Program

Cemetery of the Innocents



Life Programs



- How can you as Grand Knight, establish and foster a Life Culture in your Council?
- What can you do today to put the Life Culture of your Council into action?



Establish a Life Culture



- Read and distribute *Pro-Life News* - the monthly publication that you will receive electronically



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- Be sure to forward to every member of your council
- Highlight one item from the newsletter each month as part of your Grand Knight report



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How to Establish a Life Culture



- Be sure you have a Council Life Chairman or Chair Couple
 - There are members of your Council who are passionate about Life issues. Ask them. They will say yes
- Commit to prayer
 - Prayers for Protection of Life can be incorporated into every one of your meetings. Make a simple Prayer for Life be a foundation of all your Council activities



Faith in Action



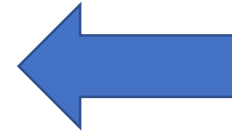
- How do you put your Council's Life Culture into Action?
- Implement "Faith in Action"
 - Follow the Supreme Life Program guidelines to ensure you have a variety of strong Life programs for your membership
- Where do you find the Supreme Life Programs?



Faith in Action



Supreme Website: KofC.org



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Lead your family and community in faith and service through our local councils' programs.

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Supreme Life Programs

- **Pregnancy Center Support**
- **Ultrasound Program**
- **March for Life**
- **Special Olympics**
- **Mass for People with Special Needs**
- **Christian Refugee Relief**
- **Novena for Life**
- **Silver Rose Program**

LIFE PROGRAMS

 <p>NOVENA FOR LIFE Lead your community in the spiritual fight to establish a culture of life. LEARN MORE</p>	 <p>MARCH FOR LIFE Show public support for the right to life. LEARN MORE</p>	 <p>SPECIAL OLYMPICS Celebrate the intrinsic worth and dignity of every single human being. LEARN MORE</p>
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Red Programs are Featured Programs



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Other State Life Programs

- 40 Days for Life
- Cemetery for the Innocents
- National Day of Remembrance
- Marygold





What can you do now



- We are in a pandemic, are there Life Programs we can do now?

YES!



Pregnancy Center Support





Pregnancy Center Support



- Reach out to your closest **pregnancy center** or **maternity home**
 - Introduce yourself and offer your Council's assistance
 - Ask them what they need and then begin as a council to support the center or home through fundraising, volunteering, and prayer



Pregnancy Center Support



If you need help identifying or making contact with a local pregnancy center or maternity home, we can help you:

Mickey Dillow - Pregnancy center support chairman

tmdillow91@aol.com

Frank and Sue Arlinghaus - State Pro-Life Couple

farlinghaus@yahoo.com



Ultrasound Program



- On June 11, a state-of-the-art Siemens ultrasound machine was installed at the Grace Center for Maternal and Women's Health in Ocean City thanks to the fund-raising leadership of **Ocean City Council 9053**



- It is expected that several additional ultrasound machines will be donated in the coming months
- For information about the ultrasound program or to make a donation, contact **Lawrence Grayson**
LPGrayson@Verizon.net



Support Respect Life Ministry



- Establish a relationship with your Parish Respect Life Ministry
 - Work hand in hand with your Parish Respect Life Ministry
 - This can also be a great recruiting tool
- The Archdiocese of Baltimore and Washington desire a Respect Life contact in each Parish. Sadly there are many parishes that do not have a Respect Life Contact
 - If your Parish does not have a Respect Life Ministry or contact, fill the void and serve as that contact for the diocese!



Novena for Life



Schedule a Novena for Life

- Work with your pastor to sponsor a nine-day Novena for Life
- If it is not possible to do so in the Parish, then sponsor the Novena within your Council





Novena for Life



You could also consider timing the novena to coincide with the Council participation in:

- The **40 Days for Life** campaign
- The **USCCB's 9 Days for Life** in January
- The March 25 **Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child**
- You can also schedule it to precede a major feast day or pro-life event
- **Prayer** is our **strongest weapon** in the cultural fight for all life. Be sure to schedule this program ASAP
- **All material can be obtained on the KoC website**



40 Days for Life



40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated **40-day campaign that aims to end abortion** locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses.

40daysforlife.com



40 Days for Life



The 40 Days for Life fall campaign begins on **September 23** and continues through All Saints Day, **November 1**

- Annapolis -- Planned Parenthood, 929 West Street
- Bethesda – AbortionClinics.org, 10401 Old Georgetown Road
- Catonsville – Hillcrest abortion facility, 5602 Baltimore National Pike
- College Park – Metropolitan Family Planning Clinic, 5915 Greenbelt Road
- Frederick – Planned Parenthood, 170 Thomas Johnson Drive
- Fullerton – Whole Women's Health, 7648 Belair Road, Baltimore
- Hagerstown – Hagerstown Reproductive Health, 160 W. Washington St.



National Day of Remembrance



To Honor the Gravesites of our Unborn Brothers and Sisters

National Day
of Remembrance
for Aborted Children

Saturday
Sept. 12
2020

- There are 54 known gravesites and hundreds of memorial sites to the unborn. Many of these have been erected by Knights of Columbus councils
- On **September 12**, for the 8th consecutive year, Day of Remembrance services are scheduled at 82 sites



National Day of Remembrance



- One gravesite exists in Maryland, at **Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Elkton**, where 34 children from Stephen Brigham's illegal abortion center are interred
- A memorial service is scheduled for 10am on Saturday September 12th
- For more information about the Elkton service, or to learn about other sites, go to <http://abortionmemorials.com>



Silver Rose



- Each year, a **Silver Rose** honoring **Our Lady of Guadalupe** and reaffirming our commitment to the **sanctity of human life** is carried by Knights from Canada, through the United States, and into Mexico, ultimately arriving at the **Basilica in Monterrey, Mexico on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe** (December 12)





Silver Rose



- All councils should consider accepting the invitation to **receive the Silver Rose** and **host a prayer service** (including Rosary, readings and litany). A kit will be provided, which includes instructions, programs and prayer cards
- Current schedule is for the Maryland Jurisdiction to have the Silver Rose from **September 20th - October 17th**
- For information – Contact Romeo C. Paternoster
romeopaternoster@yahoo.com



Cemetery of the Innocents



- The cemetery of the innocents is a display of **721 crosses**, arranged in solemn rows and columns, symbolizing the number of children killed by abortion in America every working day
- The display can be installed on the grounds of your church or parish school, preferably within view of a well-traveled road
- The display is usually kept up for 3 – 6 weeks
- There have been **337 installed since 2004**, with a total of four so far in 2020



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Michael C. Kidd Council, Holy Family Church, Mitchellville, MD



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Cemetery of the Innocents



- Right now, there are no Cemeteries of the Innocents displayed in Maryland. The lockdown in response to the pandemic temporarily halted all new installations
- Resources are available for four installations right now
- For more information or to schedule an installation, contact **Jim McFillin** at jimmcfillin@cs.com



Christian Refugee Relief



Christians are at risk in areas all around the globe.

The Knights of Columbus has responded with the **Christian Refugee Relief Fund**, which provides humanitarian assistance, primarily in Iraq, Syria and the surrounding region.

Councils will aid this cause by collaborating with their parishes to spread awareness and raise funds to help these Christians and those in their care.

In particular, councils are encouraged to utilize **Solidarity Crosses** as a fundraiser and prayer campaign in their parishes.





Special Olympics



- Special Olympics is slowly opening back up in Maryland
- Continue reaching out to Special Olympics of Maryland to understand their plans
www.somd.org
- The State is exploring a new potential program that is being used in Florida
 - “An athlete in every council”





Special Olympics



- Be sure to report your Special Olympics volunteer hours and donations
- Local Special Olympics can receive additional funding based on your reporting

SPECIAL OLYMPICS			
PARTNERSHIP PROFILE REPORT			
For Twelve Month Period Ending December 31, 20____		Due By: JANUARY 31	
Council Number _____		Location _____ <small>city/town state/province</small>	
I. Volunteer Hours provided by K of C members and their families to Special Olympics throughout the calendar year		III. Number of Events in which K of C members and families volunteer	
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II. Number of K of C Volunteers at Special Olympics Games and Events		IV. Total Funds Contributed to Special Olympics <small>Dollars Only</small>	
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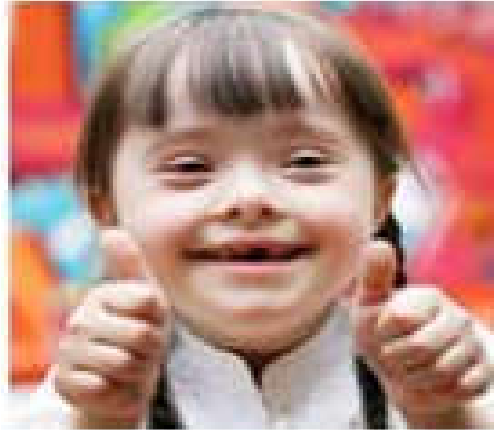
- Additional Programs to plan
 - **March for Life**
 - National - Friday, **January 29, 2021**
 - Maryland – TBA
 - **Marygold Program**
 - Honoring mothers of all ages
 - Information available at Midterm Meeting
 - **Mass for People with Special Needs**
 - Schedule with your Pastor when appropriate



What will be your Legacy



Establishing a Life Culture in your Council





Life Programs



Thank you!

