



Maryland State Council Program Seminar August 30, 2021

Life Programs

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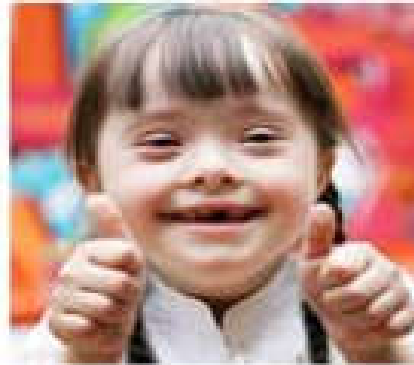
**“Catholics must be committed to the defense of life in all its stages and in every condition”
(St. John Paul II, 1995)**



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Establish a Life Culture



Two important steps to establishing a Life Culture in your Council

- 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



Life Prayer at Meetings



Celebrate the Gospel of Life

O Mary,
bright dawn of the new world,
Mother of the living,
to you do we entrust the cause of life:
Look down, O Mother,
upon the vast numbers
of babies not allowed to be born,
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,
of men and women
who are victims of brutal violence,
of the elderly and the sick killed
by indifference or out of misguided mercy.
Grant that all who believe in your Son
may proclaim *the Gospel of life*
with honesty and love
to the people of our time.
Obtain for them the grace
to *accept that Gospel*
as a gift ever new,
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude
throughout their lives
and the courage to bear witness to it
resolutely, in order to build,
together with all people of good will,
the civilization of truth and love,
to the praise and glory of God,
the Creator and lover of life.

Joannes Paulus M. I.
— *Evangelium Vitae*



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:

Frank Arlinghaus- Pregnancy center support chairman

farlinghaus@yahoo.com

John Sniezek- State Life Programs Director

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Ultrasound Program



- In the past 15 months, the State Council has been able to place or secure funding for ten ultrasound machines in the state.
- Funds come from local Councils, the State Ultrasound fund, and matching contributions from Supreme



- It is expected that several additional ultrasound machines will be donated this year
- 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!



Support Respect Life Ministry



What: Respect Life Workshop sponsored by the Archdiocese of Baltimore

When: Saturday September 11th 8:30am – 4:00pm

Where: Resurrection Parish in Ellicott City Maryland

Who: Recommended for Pro-Life leadership, Respect Life Coordinators, those who may be interested in joining or creating a parish Respect Life team

How: For more information or to register, please go to

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/respect-life-workshop-tickets-164537505107>



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 22** and continues through **October 31**

- 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, 7600 Belair Road, Baltimore
- Owings Mills – Femi-Care Surgery Center 100 Painters Mill Road
- Rockville - Jackson Place N 966 Hungerford Drive, Ste 24



Special Olympics



- Special Olympics is open and active in Maryland
- Special Olympics of Maryland Website
 - www.somd.org
- Volunteer portal
 - <https://somd.volunteerhub.com/lp/KOC/>
- Reach out to your local county Special Olympics office



For more info: John and Jill Durbin: jndurbin@msn.com
Stephen Adamczyk: sjacheck@verizon.net



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 can 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.





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





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
- The Maryland Jurisdiction will have the Silver Rose for three weeks this fall
- 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 hour of 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**
- For more information or to schedule an installation, contact **Jim McFillin at jimmcfillin@cs.com**



Cemetery of the Innocents



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



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National Day of Remembrance



- 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 Saturday **September 18**, for the 9th consecutive year, Day of Remembrance services are scheduled at many of these locations
- Visit <https://nationaldayofremembrance.org/>



What will be your Legacy



Establishing a Life Culture in your Council





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Thank you!

