

Culture of Life Guard --- Knights of Columbus --- Ontario

Pro-life Newsletter

Issue Number 002 Feb 2012

Prayer for the Unborn

*Eternal Father, Source of Life,
strengthen us with your Holy Spirit
to receive the abundance of life you have promised.*

*Open our hearts to see and desire
the beauty of your plan for life and love.*

*Make our love generous and self-giving so that we may be
blessed with joy.*

Grant us great trust in your mercy.

*Forgive us for not receiving your gift of life
and heal us from the effects of the culture of death.*

Instill in us and all people reverence for every human life.

*Inspire and protect our efforts on behalf of those most vulnerable
especially the unborn, the sick and the elderly.*

*We ask this in the Name of Jesus,
who by His Cross makes all things new.*

Amen.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.



Culture of Life Guard --- Knights of Columbus --- Ontario



Pope John Paul II's landmark encyclical [Evangelium Vitae](#), No. 100:

“In this great endeavor to create a new culture of life we are inspired and sustained by the confidence that comes from knowing that the Gospel of life, like the Kingdom of God itself, is growing and producing abundant fruit (cf. Mk 4:26-29). There is certainly an enormous disparity between the powerful resources available to the forces promoting the “culture of death” and the means at the disposal of those working for a “culture of life and love”. But we know that we can rely on the help of God, for whom nothing is impossible (cf. Mt 19:26).

Filled with this certainty, and moved by profound concern for the destiny of every man and woman, I repeat what I said to those families who carry out their challenging mission amid so many difficulties: **a great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.** Jesus himself has shown us by his own example that prayer and fasting are the first and most effective weapons against the forces of evil (cf. Mt 4:1-11). As he taught his disciples, some demons cannot be driven out except in this way (cf. Mk 9:29). Let us therefore discover anew the humility and the courage to pray and fast so that power from on high will break down the walls of lies and deceit: the walls which conceal from the sight of so many of our brothers and sisters the evil of practices and laws which are hostile to life. May this same power turn their hearts to resolutions and goals inspired by the civilization of life and love.”

Culture of Life Guard --- Knights of Columbus---Ontario

Brothers,

We Brother Knights must be defenders of life from conception to natural death and we Knights are the front line in our Catholic faith. Life is a gift from God and it is not to be taken away. We are made in God's image and we need to protect life in any way we can.

Someone once said that a picture is worth more than a thousand wordswhat words does this picture bring to mind?



To me this speaks to the value of what we are trying to do ...saving lives.

All Knights are encouraged to participate in pro-life , attend a rally or marches. They are held on each side of the province and provide an excellent opportunity for Knight's to show their support for pro-life initiatives. These are great opportunities to support our bishops and proudly stand up for the preborn. If your city or town does not have a March, think about having one.

If your council doesn't have a pro-life couple, we strongly urge you to please appoint one. This couple serves as a liaison between the state pro- life chairmen and your council. Plus, they can come up with ideas for other pro-life activities and can implement these for your council . They are the key to the success for your council's pro-life activities.

Every life is sacred, from the moment of conception till natural death. As Knights of Columbus, we are called to defend the dignity of each human being at every stage and work together in building a culture of life and a civilization of love.

In the continual battle for the rights of unborn children and the elderly, Knights of Columbus members, their families and all pro-life supporters need to change hearts as they strive to change laws. They must witness to the injustice of abortion, embryonic stem cell research, euthanasia and doctor-assisted suicide, as they assist pregnant women in need, tend to vulnerable handicapped persons and care for the elderly.

Vivat Jesus!

Bro. Guy Poisson

State Pro- Life Chairman, Editor Culture of Life Guard

Culture of Life Guard --- Knights of Columbus --- Ontario

A message from Master Tony Noonan, First Ontario District

4th Degree Knights,

WE ARE THE VISIBLE ARM OF THE ORDER

Just being a member of the Knights of Columbus is not enough. We must show the public the presence of our strength. The March for Life is an excellent opportunity for us to get out and show our support and our values regarding Life, from conception to natural death.

By attending the Masses, and participating in the March on the Hill we stand tall and proud as the Visible Arm of our Order. Whether you attend as a 3rd or 4th degree Knight please plan to attend. Only with as many as possible will we show the public our dedication and our values concerning the Value of Life.

Leading the March from the Hill ,with the youth around us, our Color Guard leaves a lasting memory with the public. They notice us and from experience they want to know who we are and what we do.

Do not hesitate to talk to them and explain who we are, and why we are there. Yes, you will hear and see opposition in the March for Life, but the more numbers we have the more we will show our support for Life.

Please plan to attend. I know I will be there in Regalia marching along beside my brother Knights.

I will close with this:

ONE SNOWFLAKE IS FRAGILE, BUT LOOK WHAT THEY CAN DO WHEN THEY BAND TOGETHER.

TONY NOONAN,
Master, 1st Ontario District.

A reminder from Vice Supreme Master Nat Gallo

I want to remind the Sir Knights who plan to attend in regalia that security personnel at the Hill have made it very clear **that no swords will be permitted**. Therefore, in compliance with their wishes, I direct you to wear a tux, cape, chapeau and service baldric while leaving the sword behind. Please do not jeopardize the participation of all our members by anyone showing up with swords.

Culture of Life Guard --- Knights of Columbus---Ontario

A Message from George W. Hanna Senior Vice President, Supreme Council

December, 2011

Worthy Grand Knight:

When God gives the gift of life, it is forever. Unfortunately, the laws of the land do not always protect each life as they should. Therefore, as Knights of Columbus, we must defend life by helping to enact protective laws and sponsoring activities to help people gain a greater respect for life.

In particular, councils can help organize or support marches and walks for life in January to mark the anniversary of the U. S. Supreme Court's infamous Roe v. Wade abortion decision, or at other times of the year as such events are held locally, regionally, or in your state, provincial, or nation's capital.

When these events are held some distance away, councils can charter buses to provide transportation to help Knights, family members and parishioners to attend. When the event lasts more than a couple of hours, involving a trip of one or more days, councils can help religious, seminarians and students attend by subsidizing their transportation and lodging expenses. Knights should bring their council banner to the event and wear shirts, caps and jackets with the K of C emblem, so everyone will know that the Knights of Columbus supports life. If the event will allow time to meet with legislators, make an appointment and prepare your delegation to discuss the pro-life position concerning pending legislation in a respectful but persuasive manner.

As an incentive for councils to organize or to participate in March for Life events, the Supreme Council will count a qualifying March for Life event as fulfilling all four of the Culture of Life Activities requirements for the Columbian Award. In order to qualify, councils must involve a minimum of 100 Knights/family members/parishioners in a local, regional or national march for life event and then submit the enclosed Featured Programs report form with the March for Life section completed. Also, outline the details of your council's March for Ufe participation on your Columbian Award Application (due by June 30,2012), and report all monies raised and hours volunteered on the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (due by January 31,2012).

All of these forms can be easily accessed at the Supreme web site.

Please contact Bill O'Brien, Senior Coordinator of the Culture of Ufe, Marriage and Family Values Office, at 203-752-4403 or william.obrien@kofc.org with any questions you may have.

Finally, as you give thanks for the gift of life you have received, pledge to help the Knights of Columbus create a Culture of Life and a Civilization of Love for every person, born and unborn.

Fraternally,

George W. Hanna Senior Vice President,
Fraternal Services

Culture of Life Guard --- Knights of Columbus --- Ontario

Dan Heffernan National Coordinator for Lay Movements, Campaign Life Coalition

“My brother Knights, “Now is the hour of the lay faithful. Now is the hour of the Knights of Columbus”. These words were spoken by our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson in 2004.

As the National Coordinator for Lay Movements, I am reminded of how relevant they are to our situation today as Knights in Canada. Why? Because so many are attacking the leadership of the Church – our Bishops and our Priests – as these good men try to defend Her and Her teachings. Who is coming to their aid in this defence? That is our job as our Knights, what we have sworn to do.

Our Holy Father has given us direction. He identified three non-negotiable principles for the Church and Christians in public life: **protection of life, recognition of the family, and freedom of education.** As Knights, we can start by doing our utmost to become as educated on these issues as possible. This is especially important for us today, when prevailing opinion is so against what we believe.

Who amongst us doesn't know the awkwardness of having to stand up for the unborn in a society where 100,000 babies are aborted each year? Who amongst us doesn't have trouble articulating a defence against claims that euthanasia and assisted suicide are really just about people's rights to determine their own fate? These are not easy situations to deal with. We know in our hearts and from our Church what is objectively wrong, but giving reasons for it is a real challenge.

So education – self-education as Knights is a critical starting point. We need to become good Catholic citizens – well-informed of our faith and well able to defend it. A great starting point is news services that we can trust, such as the Vatican's own news source, Zenit. For those of us on the internet, it is easily reached at <http://www.zenit.org>.

The next task is to become engaged. The month of May is just around the corner and it offers a huge opportunity for us to do that. **Canada's National March for Life 2012** takes place on Thurs. May 10 in Ottawa.

The following is the schedule of events:

Wednesday May 9/2012

- 12:00 noon
Pro-life Prayer Service, Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church, 721 Somerset Street West
- 7:30 pm
Pro-life Mass, St Theresa Parish, 95 Somerset Street West
- 9:00 pm
Candlelight Vigil, The Canadian Human Rights monument, Elgin and Lisgar Streets

- 10:00 pm
All-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, ending with 7:00 am Mass, St. Patrick Basilica 220 Kent Street (use side street entrance)

Thursday May 10 /2012

- 10:00 am Catholic Pro-life Mass # 1
Notre Dame Cathedral, Sussex Drive, Mass led by Archbishop Terence Prendergast
- 10:00 am Catholic Pro-life Mass # 2
St. Patrick Basilica, 220 Kent Street
- 11:00 am French Catholic Mass / Mess pro-vie
Paroisse Saint-Francois-d'Assise, angle des rues Fairmont et Wellington .

Celebrer par Mgr. Gerald Cyprien Lacroix
- 12:00 noon
Gather on Parliament Hill

Speeches by:
-Pro-life Members of Parliament
-Religious leaders including several Catholic Bishops
- 1:30 pm
March through downtown Ottawa
- 2:45 pm
Silent No More Awareness Campaign, hear testimonies from post-abortive women (again at Parliament Hill steps)
- 4:00 pm
Closing Prayer Service by Eastern Catholic Chaplaincy of Ottawa, Parliament Hill
- 6:00 pm Rose Dinner (adult event)
This prestigious dinner event features some of the premiere pro-life speakers in the world inspiring attendees. This year's keynote speaker is:

Steven W. Mosher, president of the Population Research Institute, located in the state of Virginia (USA). Steven is a writer who publishes books and essays on matters dealing with China. He is the author of numerous non-fiction books such as "Broken Earth: The Rural Chinese" (1983), A Mother's Ordeal, and Hegemon."

The publication of Broken Earth revealed among other things that forced abortions were common in China as a part of the one-child policy

Location: Hampton Inn, 200 Coventry Road, Ottawa, ON

Call in advance for tickets 800-730-5358 or local Campaign Life Coalition office. Ticket prices: \$75

- 6:00 pm Youth Banquet / Dinner (for youth and chaperones only)
Keynote speaker to be announced.

Ticket prices: Adults (*includes chaperones and teachers at the Youth Dinner*) \$75.00

Students (*High School and full time university*) \$ 40.00

Friday May 11 /2012

- 9:00 am to 2:30 pm -Youth Conference:
Sponsor a Youth! Cost is \$45 per student and \$40 for teachers/chaperones.

This event is popular for pro-life Canadians who come from all across our nation. Knights' members and their families attend, and our 4th Degree Knights lead the March. If you are a 4th Degree, why not join the colour party? Consider getting your Council involved by sponsoring or organizing a bus to go to Ottawa. In a recent publication from Knights of Columbus Supreme office George W. Hanna, Senior Vice President, Fraternal Services had this to say:

“As an incentive for councils to organize or to participate in March for Life events, the Supreme Council will count a qualifying March for Life event as fulfilling all four of the Culture of Life Activities requirements for the Columbian Award.”

The larger the crowd, the more dramatic the impact it creates for our elected officials who see that Canadians care a great deal about this issue.

For more info, contact **Dan Heffernan** nmfl@heffer.ca 705-842-1315 or Campaign Life Coalition at 613-729-0379, or 1-800-730-5358 or 416-204-9749.



Culture of Life Guard --- Knights of Columbus --- Ontario

Ms. Amanda Country, Pro life Club President, Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Defend Life. Defend Love :

“Be not afraid”- JP2

A university campus unfortunately is not a culture of life. Protecting the vulnerable in our society, especially the pre-born, is not something that is openly discussed. As a young Catholic leaving home for the first time to attend Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario, I was quiet about my faith. I heard stories of emergency contraception use and abortions that some young women had faced.

Something became evident to me: to transform our society’s treatment of life, we must first be not afraid to make a stand. Our campus had a small pro-life club which was a thorn in the side of our pro-choice campus. Over the years we have been a small voice, but our message is hard to ignore.

It does not have to be difficult or time consuming to defend life. I’m a full time student in the Faculty of Education, I know what it is like to be busy. During the school year defending life can start with speaking up among friends, discussing pro-life issues or even brushing up with some apologetics in your spare time. Devoting a rosary to the intentions of all the pre-born or a spiritual adoption program can truly assist in defending human life. Summer 2011, I did a 3.5 month internship with the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform (unmaskingchoice.ca) which cemented my pro-life roots and prepared me to face any opposition to defending the pre-born.

In defence of the pre-born, we must remember that love has to be shown, especially on a university campus. Lake head University Life Support Club has held baby showers, donated to young mothers and played cards with seniors as well as hold fetal development displays and apologetics talks. Being pro-life doesn’t mean shunning someone for what has happened or looking down upon who they are. We need to show love to those who are hurting, to those who are confused, those having to make a choice. They need our love.

At 22 while still in school, I won’t change the world. But if I can change how students on my campus think about human life then that is a huge achievement. We are called to be priest, prophet and king. We need to proclaim the dignity of the human person, share our Catholic values and be charitable in our actions while we defend human life.

“This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live” Defend life.” Deut. 30:19.

Culture of Life Guard --- Knights of Columbus --- Ontario

An article submitted by PDW 98 Keith Anderson.

He is being mocked and ridiculed but he keeps bending that knee!!!

In a recent email, I read about a woman named Pam, who knows the pain of considering abortion. More than 24 years ago, she and her husband Bob were serving as missionaries to the Philippines and praying for a fifth child. Pam contracted amoebic dysentery, an infection of the intestine caused by a parasite found in contaminated food or drink. She went into a coma and was treated with strong antibiotics before they discovered she was pregnant.

Doctors urged her to abort the baby for her own safety and told her that the medicines had caused irreversible damage to her baby. She refused the abortion and cited her Christian faith as the reason for her hope that her son would be born without the devastating disabilities physicians predicted. Pam said the doctors didn't think of it as a life, they thought of it as a mass of fetal tissue.

While pregnant, Pam nearly lost their baby four times but refused to consider abortion. She recalled making a pledge to God with her husband: If you will give us a son, we'll name him Timothy and he will be a preacher.

Pam ultimately spent the last two months of her pregnancy in bed and eventually gave birth to a healthy baby boy August 14, 1987. Pam's youngest son is indeed a preacher. He preaches in prisons, makes hospital visits, and serves with his father's ministry in the Philippines. He also plays football. Pam's son is Tim Tebow.

The University of Florida's star quarterback became the first sophomore in history to win college football's highest award, the Heisman Trophy. His current role as quarterback of the Denver Broncos has provided an incredible platform for Christian witness. As a result, he is being called The Mile-High Messiah.

Tim's notoriety and the family's inspiring story have given Pam numerous opportunities to speak on behalf of women's centers across the country. Pam Tebow believes that every little baby you save matters. I pray her tribe will increase!

