



# The Life Guard

Pro-Life Committee of the  
Knights of Columbus

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Ottawa

Building a Culture of Life that we commit ourselves to a long-term goal of building the culture of life that Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI have so strongly urged, and regard the establishment of the Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Fund as a significant step toward this goal.

During the Supreme Knights report and through many of the key note speakers each focused on the importance for the Knights of Columbus to champion the Pro-Life movement. In support of the Pro-Life movement resolutions was passed each expressing and committing Knight to support the Pro-Life initiative. Knights of Columbus are encouraged to read these resolutions which can be found at:  
[http://www.kofc.org/un/eb/en/convention\\_2009/resolutions/index.html](http://www.kofc.org/un/eb/en/convention_2009/resolutions/index.html).



Knights are urged to schedule prayer services for unborn children at government monuments or participate in other appropriate activities. The best means is to volunteer and participate in the March for Life. We must build a culture of life, where every life - born and unborn - is respected and protected, and where women faced with difficult situations know that they are not alone, and that they will get the help they deserve.

## GO PRO-LIFE

### Volunteer

Your valuable time can save precious lives. Contact a local pro-life pregnancy center to find out how you can help women choose life and turn away from abortion. You can also support programs that work with women who have been physically and emotionally wounded by abortion.

### 2. Educate

Share your knowledge with others who may not fully understand the value of all human life, or take it upon your-self to find out more, so you can be a more effective witness for life.

### 3. Advocate

Work to change laws and touch hearts. Support your council's pro-life committee, and start a pro-life group in your parish if there isn't one already. Consult your diocese's pro-life office to find out issues of concern, and write or meet with your local and national elected officials to discuss legislation.

At the 127th Supreme Convention held on Phoenix Arizona, in August 2009, three re-curring themes, focused on the importance of Pro-Life:

Health Care Reform Must Exclude Abortion Coverage, emphasizing the organization's "long-standing policy of not inviting to any Knights of Columbus event, persons, especially public officials or candidates for public office, who do not support the protection of unborn children against abortion or who advocate the legalization of assisted suicide, euthanasia and other violations of the right to life."

Defending the Right to Life, that the Knights of Columbus reaffirms its commitment to unconditional

support for the right to life and full protection in law for every human being from conception to natural death.

#### 4. Donate

Your personal donation, and funds from your council, could make a big difference in the shoestring budgets of local pro-life organizations. Locate the pregnancy center in your area and arrange a regular donation schedule that will help these groups provide pregnant women with counseling services, medical referrals and basic items for newborns.

#### 5. Pray

Prayer is the power that should support all of your pro-life activities. Pray for life personally and with your family. Each Knights of Columbus council should include prayers for life at its regular meetings and take part in the annual Day of the Unborn Child on the feast of the Annunciation. Stand Up For Life In the words of Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, "The Knights of Columbus' formula is simple: Become in-formed, get involved and stand up for life!"

For more on what you can do to support Pro-Life visit

<http://www.kofc.org/un/eb/en/about/activities/culture/programs.html>

Réal Thibault

Grand Knight Council 7873 and Ottawa Archdiocesan Association delegate to the Supreme Convention

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#### **Call for 4th Degree Knights**

If you or your Assembly will be in attendance for the March, there are a few other opportunities for you to contribute. We have Honour Guards at each of the Masses, there is the all night vigil and ushers positions at the churches. Then of course you will take part in the March itself.

For the time being you could call me, Michael McCarthy at 613-742-0154 or use the email below. In the next issue of this newsletter we may have another person volunteering to receive calls.

We do need as many Fourth Degree Knights as can be available. Please let us know numbers and Assemblies when you contact us.

As Pro-Life Chair for Ontario, I am asking all Brother Knights and their families to participate in any and all Pro-Life activities all year long, but especially at the time of the National March during May of this year. If there are no events planned in your community get your council involved and form your own March, speak with your Pastor, your school principals and see how they can help and become involved. Get a presence of the Knights out in your community in solidarity with Knights all across Ontario during the Pro-Life week in May. Your support in Ottawa and all across our jurisdiction is important. Stand up for life from conception until natural death.

Joe Salini

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The days are winding down to the day of the March for Life, May 13th. In preparation for the event here are several reminders.

1. We have posters in English and French. They are sized so that they can be carried or hung by way of a cord. We would like to have as many of these posters in circulation as we can. We would like to run out of them on or before the March date. Some will be at each of the Mass sites.
2. The mass at Notre Dame will be bi-lingual.
3. There will be coffee offered at both Notre Dame and St. Patrick's prior to the March. If you have a need to return to each church to pick up your clothing there may be coffee available then as well.
4. All Councils and Assemblies should have their banners with them on the March.

5. There will be an all night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the evening and morning of May 12-13th. If you can please attend for at least one hour. Cartier Assembly is coordinating the times: Michael Ferrigan ([mferrigan@rogers.com](mailto:mferrigan@rogers.com))
6. There still are tickets available for the Rose Dinner. Price is \$75. You may reserve at 800-730-5358.
7. There are only two Masses being offered on Thursday: Notre Dame and St. Patrick's. Both are at 10 am

### **Schedule of events for Pro-Life Week in May 2010**

Wednesday May 12th

- 7:30 pm – Pro-Life Mass at St. Theresa Parish
- 9:00 pm – Candlelight vigil, the Canadian Tribute to Human rights monument
- 10:00 pm – All night adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ending with mass at 7 in the morning – St. Patrick's Basilica

Thursday May 13th

- 10:00 am – Pro-Life Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral and simultaneously at St. Patrick's Basilica.
- 12:00 – Gather on Parliament Hill for the Pro-Life Rally and march through downtown
- 4:00 pm – Silent No More Awareness Campaign on Parliament Hill
- 6:00 pm – Rose Dinner and Youth Banquet at the Hampton Inn (\$75 / person tentative)
- Call :1-800-730-5358 before April 15th for tickets

Friday May 14th

- 9 am – Youth conference, Hampton Inn

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There is a special guest rate at the Delta Hotel Ottawa. The hotel is virtually central to the three church in which liturgy will be taking place and a short distance from Parliament Hill. Single occupancy of \$139 will apply. In calling the hotel please mention that you are a Knight of Columbus and are looking for a room for the period of May 13th to 15th. Karen Wiersma will be your contact. Her number is 613-598-0312.

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**God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. [Gen. 1: 31]**

