

LIFE PILLAR

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- The new Faith in Action program, has moved programs into different categories and created new programs.
- **The Life Pillar** constitutes previous programs such as:
- Pro-Life, Roses for Life, March for Life, Euthanasia, Ultrasound Program, Silver Rose and Life Matters Bulletin.
- **The Life Pillar** now includes other programs such as:
- Special Olympics, Christian Refugee relief, Mass for People with special needs, Pregnancy Center Support and Novena for Life.

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- **Roses for Life:**
- The Roses for Life program was once (nearly) universally done in Ontario. Now many councils do not participate and other councils do not send in their report.
- Roses for Life is an easy and effective program for supporting local or other pro-life activities.
- In order to encourage more participation **we are moving the Roses for Life to Life Chain weekend.**
- **In 2018 the Life Chain is September 30, 2018.**
- Councils can continue the Roses for Life on another weekend, but we need a renewal of this program.

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- **March for Life:**
- In 2018 we became more involved with the March for Life. We continued to encourage councils/districts to sponsor buses to the March for Life and we began new initiatives.
- In 2018 we provided water at the March for Life and we urged councils to donate to Niagara Region Right to Life to defray the cost of the March for Life Youth Conference.
- **Kevin Smith – March for Life Chairman**, has signs from Supreme. We want Councils/Districts to organize a pro-life witness in their community on other dates.
- Kevin Smith: smoyd@sympatico.ca or (519) 835-8287.

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- **Ultrasound Program.**
- Supreme has instituted the Ultrasound Program in nearly every jurisdiction of the order.
- The Ontario government, in their infinite wisdom, regulates the use of Ultrasound machines, making it nearly impossible to take advantage of this program.
- **Ultrasound machines save lives.**
- The Knights of Columbus of Ontario has appointed lawyer, Phil Horgan (Ultrasound Chairman) to implement this program. Phil Horgan phorgan@carltonlaw.ca
- **We will implement this program in this fraternal year.**

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- **Euthanasia:**
- The **Euthanasia Prevention Coalition** and **Dunn Media** has produced the film *Fatal Flaws* and pamphlets.
- We want each District to organize at least one screening of *Fatal Flaws* in a Church hall and advertised to all of the parishes, or preferably in a local libraries or movie theatre.
- This is an inexpensive but effective project.
- Euthanasia Prevention Coalition
- www.epcc.ca info@epcc.ca 1-877-439-3348.

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- **Silver Rose Program:**
- The Silver Rose has a long heritage in Ontario. Our State Deputy has asked Supreme to make a Silver Rose permanently available to our jurisdiction.
- The Silver Rose will be scheduled for sharing across our jurisdiction.
- If someone is interested in being the Silver Rose Chairman, please speak to Brother Dan and myself.

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- **Special Olympics:**
- Special Olympics is celebrating its 50th year during this fraternal year.
- The Knights of Columbus have been part of the Special Olympics program since its inception.
- Special Olympics has always been an important program, but this year our councils must give it their full support.
- There will be a special presentation this weekend.
- **Joe Mathews** is our Special Olympics Director.
- Joe Mathews at: joe.mathews@bell.net

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- **Mass for people with disabilities:**
- People with disabilities will often personally feel that they are not welcome at Church or as members of the Knights of Columbus.
- Supreme has recognized that people with disabilities need our support but they also need our encouragement.
- This program is part of the Program Life but it is also a prime component on how we share our Faith.
- Deacon Alex Litt is the Chairman of this program.
- Alex Litt at: alitt@sympatico.ca or (519) 326-1516

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- **Novena for Life:**
- Prayer is our most powerful action for cultural change. We should be intentionally praying for respect for human life.
- The Novena for Life can be done at any time, but we have scheduled the Novena for Life from **Dec 4 – Dec 12, 2018**.
- Dec 6 – St. Nicholas, Dec 8 – Immaculate Conception, Dec 9 – St Juan Diego, Dec 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- The Novena for Life will also prepare us for the celebration of the birth of Christ.

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- **Pro-Life Sunday:**
- We recognize the need to promote the sanctity of human life at all of its stages.
- In Ontario we are planning our first Pro-Life Sunday for **Father's Day – June 16, 2019.**
- We will distribute an information pamphlet that will focus on one important topic and we will ask for a special collection to be done for pro-life ministry in Ontario.
- A few Diocese already have a Pro-Life Sunday. For the Diocese that have a Pro-Life Sunday, we will help the local initiative.

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- **Life Matters Bulletin:**
- Last year we produced and distributed three Life Matters bulletins. We will be doing the same this fraternal year.
- The Life Matters bulletin will publish articles for Program Life updates and information and articles from Priests for Life and other great writers.
- We also want articles from District Deputies and Councils concerning local and regional events or interests.
- Submit articles to Alex Schadenberg at: alex@epcc.ca