

# LIFE PILLAR 2018 - 2019

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# Life Pillar – Alex Schadenberg

- The 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.

# Life Pillar – March for Life

- The March for Life and Rose Dinner will be on Thursday May 9, 2019. We need Councils/Districts to sponsor buses to the Ottawa March for Life and/or the Youth Conference.
- The March for Life Youth Conference is Friday May 10. Last year 800 young people attended the Youth Conference. Donations to Niagara Region Right to Life are needed to defray the cost of the March for Life Youth Conference.
- Some of us are going to the National March for Life in **Washington DC on Friday January 18.**
- Campaign Life has a bus going to Washington March for Life and Youth Conference on Saturday January 19.

# Life Pillar – March for Life Signs

- Kevin Smith – March for Life Chairman, has **pro-life signs from Supreme** to enable Councils/ Districts to organize a pro-life witness in their community on other dates.
- **These signs are free.** Please get signs from Kevin.
- Kevin Smith: [smoyd@sympatico.ca](mailto:smoyd@sympatico.ca) or (519) 835-8287.

# Life Pillar – 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**. to be completed on the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- The Novena for Life can also be done **May 1 – 9, 2019** to be completed on the day of the March for Life in Ottawa.

# Life Pillar – Novena for 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.

# Life Pillar – Roses for Life

- The Roses for Life program is an easy and effective program for supporting local or other pro-life activities.
- In order to encourage more participation **are encouraging councils that do not participate in the Roses for Life program to do it on Life Chain weekend.**
- **In 2018 the Life Chain was September 30, 2018.**
- If your councils are successfully doing the Roses for Life program they should continue doing it as before. It is our goal to increase participation in this program.

# Life Pillar – Silver Rose

- The Silver Rose has a long heritage in Ontario.
- Thanks to the Knights on Bikes a Silver Rose will be permanently available in our jurisdiction.
- The Silver Rose will be scheduled throughout our jurisdiction.
- The Knights on Bikes have agreed to take care of this program in Ontario. Thank you.



# Life Pillar – Pro-Life Sunday

- We are planning to have our first Knights of Columbus **Pro-Life Sunday** on **Father's Day – June 16, 2019**.
- Councils need to ask their parish priest permission to hand-out our pamphlet and to have a special collection done for KofC pro-life work. The number of pamphlets should be based on the number of Sunday bulletins.
- The collection can be a voluntary second collection but more likely a collection done at the back of the Church.
- A few Diocese already have a Pro-Life Sunday. For the Diocese that have a Pro-Life Sunday, we will help the local initiative.

# Life Pillar – Special Olympics

- Special Olympics is celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> year since its first Ontario event, during this fraternal year.
- The Knights of Columbus have been committed to the Special Olympics program since its inception.
- Special Olympics is an important program, but this year our councils must give it their full support.
- **Joe Mathews** is our Special Olympics Director.
- Joe gave us important information on Friday night.

# Life Pillar - Euthanasia

- The **Euthanasia Prevention Coalition** and **Dunn Media** produced the *Fatal Flaws* film and pamphlets.
- We want each District to organize a screening of Fatal Flaws in their Church hall.
- This is an inexpensive but effective project.
- We have post-cards to be sent to Members of Parliament opposing the expansion of euthanasia for psychiatric reasons.
- We also have pamphlets concerning psychiatric euthanasia.
- Euthanasia Prevention Coalition
- [www.epcc.ca](http://www.epcc.ca) [info@epcc.ca](mailto:info@epcc.ca) 1-877-439-3348.

# Life Pillar – Life Matters Bulletin

- Last year we produced and distributed three Life Matters bulletins. We will be doing the same this fraternal year. The second Life Matters bulletin will be emailed in December.
- The Life Matters bulletin publishes Life updates and information and includes articles from Priests for Life and other important groups.
- We also want articles from Districts and Councils concerning local and regional events or interests.
- Submit articles to Alex Schadenberg
- Life Pillar Director at: [alex@epcc.ca](mailto:alex@epcc.ca)