

LIFE PROGRAMS

2020 - 2021



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- The Life theme for this year is caring for others, especially our Seniors and Widows.
- **Life Programs:** March for Life (featured), Ultrasound Program (featured), Special Olympics (featured), Pregnancy Center Support (featured), Novena for Life, Mass for People with Special Needs, Christian Refugee Relief / Holy land and Persecuted Christians, Silver Rose.
- **Ontario programs:** Seniors and Widows. Roses for Life, Life Matters Newsletter, Pro-Life Sunday.

State Priority – Widows program



- Mario Duguay (Chairman)
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- **The Widows Poinsettia program** is designed to show the family of our deceased members that we have not forgotten their contribution to the Knights.
- By delivering a **Poinsettia or a gift with a Christmas card** to all of our Widows, it shows our Widows and their family that we still care and that we are keeping them in our hearts and prayers.
- It is an easy program to implement and a great make a difference in other people's lives.



State Priority - Seniors program



- Alex Schadenberg (Chairman) 519-851-1434 alex@epcc.ca
- Our State Deputy wants every council to visit with or contact (call) seniors and widows in their council.
- There are many lonely elderly members or widows. It is essential that we care for our members and widows.
- Councils can casually visit or contact (call) their seniors and widows because they are important to us.
- I am offering the Compassionate Community Care visiting training program for Knights of Columbus members and their wives. This program needs to be organized by District.



Roses for Life

Clare Maloney (Chairman) Email: cmm1@eastlink.ca (DD22)

- The Roses for Life program has a new Rose Lapel sticker and Rose pins are available in 2020.
- Due to COVID-19 Councils were unable to do the Roses for Life program on Mother's Day.
- **Councils need to do the Roses for Life program on Life Chain weekend in 2020.**
- **In 2020 Life Chain Sunday is October 4, 2020.**
- Life Chain Sunday will also be Pro-Life Sunday in 2020.



Novena for Life (required)

- Brother Alex Schadenberg (Chairman) 519-851-1434
- Prayer is our most powerful action for cultural change. We need to be praying for respect for human life.
- The Novena for Life can be done at any time. I have scheduled the Novena for Life from Dec 4 – 12, 2020 completed on the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- The Novena for Life can also be done May 5 – 13, 2021 completed on the day of the National March for Life.



March for Life (featured).

- The March for Life and Rose Dinner will be on Thursday May 13, 2021. 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 14.
- The virtual March for Life in 2020 was a success and there is a discussion about making the 2021 March for Life a hybrid model, both live and available online.
- **Brother Kevin Smith (Chairman) smoyd@sympatico.ca**



Ultrasound program (featured)

- Alex Schadenberg (Chairman) alex@epcc.ca
- The difficulty with the Ultrasound Program is working within Ontario regulations. In Ontario we need: A pro-life physician who works with crisis pregnancy centers, and within a medical clinic that has an Ultrasound technician on staff.
- The program requires a council/councils to cover half the cost of the Ultrasound machine. Supreme pays the other half. The application must be approved by: Supreme, State and the local Bishop.

Special Olympics (featured)



- Joe Mathews (Chairman) joemathewskofc@gmail.com
- Brother Joe is committed to the Special Olympics program and your councils should share his zeal.
- Joe Mathews has a special presentation for Special Olympics.
- The Knights of Columbus has been involved with Special Olympics since its inception. We need to give more attention to this program.

Mass for People with Special Needs

- Daniel Boyer (Chairman) DD54@ontariokofc.org
- Councils are asked to sponsor an annual mass for people with special needs.
- We are encouraging councils to bring people with special needs to mass every Sunday. People with special needs often have difficulty going to mass based on mobility issues.
- We need to be a welcoming presence.
- People with special needs often feel uncomfortable in the faith community.



Pregnancy Center Support



- Bryan Noble (Chairman) programdirector@ontariokofc.ca
- We can help to change hearts and minds concerning abortion by providing help for the mother and child.
- Councils can provide material, financial, labour and other volunteer support for pro-life pregnancy centers.
- Many communities have a Crisis Pregnancy Center (CPC), Birthright or home for “unwed mothers.”
- Toronto has several services such as the **Sisters of Life** and Aid to Women (which is next door to an abortion clinic).
- Councils need to help pregnancy centers in their community.

Silver Rose



- Dennis Mailloux (Chairman) dennisfm@hotmail.com
- The Silver Rose is a special program that the Knights on Bikes are committed to in Ontario.
- The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the US and Mexico through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady.
- Contact Dennis to schedule the Silver Rose in Ontario.

Pro-Life Sunday, October 4, 2020



- Alex Schadenberg 519-851-1434 alex@epcc.ca
- The Knights of Columbus **Pro-Life Sunday** will be on **Life Chain Sunday – October 4, 2020.**
- Councils need to ask their parish priest for permission to insert the bulletin insert. The number of bulletin inserts are based on the number of Sunday bulletins.
- We are also asking councils to do the Roses for Life on this same weekend.
- The theme of the bulletin insert in 2020 is: **Caring for others in their time of need.**



Life Matters Newsletter.

- Last year we produced and distributed 2 Life Matters Newsletters. We will be doing the same in 2020.
- The Life Matters newsletter publishes Life updates, information and includes articles from groups like the Priests for Life.
- We also want articles from Districts and Councils concerning local and regional events or interests.
- Submit articles to Alex Schadenberg Life Director at:
alex@epcc.ca 519-851-1434

Christian Refugee Relief



- Christians are at risk in areas all around the globe. The Knights of Columbus responded with humanitarian assistance, primarily in Iraq, Syria and the surrounding region. Councils will aid this cause by collaborating with their parishes to spread awareness and raise funds to help these Christians and those in their care.
- This has been a very successful program and I urge you to continue working with Hikmat.
- Hikmat Dandan (Chairman) 416-893-8060
- knightsofcolumbus@hotmail.com

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Brother Marcel Lemmen or join the run.



**Join the
Hamilton Bay
Half Marathon!**

Sunday October 4, 2020



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