

LIFE PROGRAMS PANDEMIC RESPONSE 2020 - 2021



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- **Life Programs:** March for Life, Ultrasound Program, Special Olympics, Novena for Life, Pregnancy Center Support, Mass for People with Special Needs, Christian Refugee Relief / Holy land and Persecuted Christians, Silver Rose.
- **Ontario programs:** Seniors and Widows. Roses for Life, Pro-Life Sunday.
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Novena for Life



- **Brother Alex Schadenberg (Chairman) 519-851-1434**
- Supreme is urging every council to participate in the Novena for Life during the Pandemic. The Novena for Life can be done at any time. Ontario urges every council to participate in the Novena for Life from **May 5 – 13, 2021** with the National March for Life.
- The defense of life and the promotion of human dignity in every stage and condition are preeminent concerns of the Knights of Columbus and the entire Church.
- Knights are called to join in prayer for an end to abortion, euthanasia and other social ills that bring illness, broken families, and premature death, especially for the most vulnerable.

State Priority - Seniors program



- The State council urges every council to visit or because of COVID to contact (**call**) seniors and widows in their council.
- There are many lonely older members or widows.
- Councils can casually visit or contact (**call**) their seniors and widows because they are important to us.
- Contact Alex Schadenberg to be trained in the **Compassionate Community Care** visiting training program. It is available for Knights of Columbus members and their wives.
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State Priority – Widows program



- Mario Duguay (Chairman) marioduguay.kofc@gmail.com
- **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 bringing a **Poinsettia / gift with a Christmas card** to a widow, it shows our widows and their family that we care and that we are keeping them in our hearts and prayers.
- It is an easy program to implement and will makes a great difference in other people's lives.



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 that became available in 2020.
- Due to COVID-19 Councils were unable to do the Roses for Life program on Mother's Day. Most councils have not done the Roses for Life program in 2020.
- **Councils can do the Roses for Life program on any weekend and hopefully we will return to normal in 2021.**



March for Life

- The March for Life is on Thursday May 13, 2021.
- The March for Life Youth Conference is scheduled for Friday May 14.
- The virtual March for Life was a success in 2020.
- The 2021 March for Life may be a hybrid, (both live and online), but it is too soon to predict.
- **Brother Kevin Smith (Chairman) smoyd@sympatico.ca**



Ultrasound program

- Due to provincial regulations, the Ultrasound Program is very difficult in Ontario. In Ontario we need: A pro-life physician who works with a crisis pregnancy center and within a medical clinic that has an Ultrasound technician.
- The program requires a council/councils to cover half the cost of the Ultrasound machine. Supreme pays for the other half. The application must be approved by: Supreme, State and the local Bishop.
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Special Olympics (featured)



- Brother Joe Matthews is committed to the Special Olympics program and your councils should share his zeal.
- The Knights of Columbus has been involved with Special Olympics since its inception. We need to give more attention to this program.
- Make plans to support Special Olympics in 2021.
- <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life/special-olympics.html>
- Joe Mathews (Chairman) joemathewskofc@gmail.com

Mass for People with Special Needs

- Councils are asked to sponsor an annual mass for people with special needs.
- We encourage councils to help people with special needs to attend mass on Sunday. People with special needs often have difficulty attending mass based on mobility issues.
- We need to be a welcoming presence in our parish.
- <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life/mass-for-people-with-special-needs.html>
- Daniel Boyer (Chairman) DD54@ontariokofc.org



Pregnancy Center Support



- We can help to change hearts and minds by helping pregnant women and their children.
- 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.”
- The **Sisters of Life** and Aid to Women (which is next door to an abortion clinic) are also worthy organizations.
- Bryan Noble (Chairman) programdirector@ontariokofc.ca
- <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life/pregnancy-center-support.html>



Silver Rose

- The Silver Rose will be in Ontario from **February 29 – March 28, 2021**. We need several districts to volunteer to share the Silver Rose during this time-frame.
- The Silver Rose program unifies the Knights of Columbus in Canada, the US and Mexico through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life.
- Contact Dennis to schedule the Silver Rose in Ontario.
- Dennis Mailloux (Chairman) dennisfm@hotmail.com
- <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life/silver-rose.html?1tab=1tab0>

Christian Refugee Relief



- Christians are at risk throughout the world. The Knights of Columbus has 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 Dandan.
- Hikmat Dandan (Chairman) 416-893-8060
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Christian Refugee Relief

- Hikmat also provides resources in the following areas:
- During the Pandemic, **Leave No Christian Refugee Behind**
- Give a poor Catholic family in North India a sense of worth.
- 300,000 people were displaced by the Beirut blast, many of these people were Maronite Catholics.
- www.jerusalemstudents.org
- www.iamiraqiamchristian.org (I am Iraqi I am Christian).
- <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life/christian-refugee-relief.html> (Supreme council website).

Thank you.



- Thank you for sponsoring Brother Marcel Lemmen (State Secretary) and Brother Alex Schadenberg (Life Director) for our half-marathon run on Saturday October 3.
- Marcel and I raised more than \$12,000 for the Compassionate Community Care charity. **Join us on our run next year.**



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