

LIFE PROGRAMS

2021 - 2022



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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.
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Novena for Life



- **Brother Chris Naus (Chairman) 416-526-3589**
- We want the Novena for Life to culminate with the Ottawa March for Life on May 12, 2022. Hence, we are urging all Councils to participate in the Novena for Life from May 4 to May 12, 2022.
- A Novena for Life is prayer said on 9 consecutive days for the cause of life.
- The defense of life and promotion of human dignity in every stage and condition are preeminent concerns of the Knights of Columbus.
- Let's ask God for His grace to inspire us to do our part to foster a culture of life that will end abortion and euthanasia and help us to lovingly see the face of Christ in the vulnerable.

State Priority – Widows program



- Alex Schadenberg membershipdirector@ontariokofc.ca
- **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 families that we care and that we are keeping them in our hearts and prayers.
- It is an easy program to implement and will make a great difference in other people's lives.



State Priority - Seniors program



- Our State Deputy wants 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.
- Alex Schadenberg (Chairman) 519-851-1434
- membershipdirector@ontariokofc.ca



Roses for Life

- Chris Naus Email: lifedirector@ontariokofc.ca
- Roses for Life has successfully promoted pro-life awareness in our parishes and raised significant funds for pro-life groups.
- We have not been able to conduct Roses for Life during the past two years due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- We want to bounce back in 2021 by rescheduling it on the masses during the first Sunday in October which also is Life Chain Sunday.
- Let's proactively gain the support of our pastors so announcements can be made from the pulpit to promote the event with our parishioners.
- The Roses for Life program has a new rose lapel sticker and rose pins we redesigned in 2019. In addition to the red rose representing abortion, there is a white rose representing euthanasia.



March for Life

- The March for Life and Rose Dinner will be Thursday May 12, 2022 with the March for Life Youth Conference scheduled for the next day. With COVID-19 restrictions behind us, let's make this our premiere pro-life event.
- Ottawa is our nation's capital and is a beautiful city. Let's have some fun while also being witnesses to life.
- In order to help drive the attendees into the tens of thousands, we need Councils/Districts to sponsor buses.
- If your council is not sponsoring a bus, please make a donation for the Squires bus that we'll be sponsoring.
- **Alex Schadenberg and Chris Naus**



Ultrasound program

- The difficulty with the Ultrasound Program in Ontario is working with 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.
- 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/Diocese.
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Special Olympics (featured)



- 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.
- <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

- We encourage councils to bring people with special needs to mass on Sunday. People with special needs often have difficulty going to mass based on mobility issues.
- People with special needs often feel uncomfortable in the faith community. We need to be a welcoming presence.
- Let's identify Catholics with special needs in our parish. Let's reach out to them to better understand their special needs and how getting them to mass can be made possible. Let's greet them upon their arrival and at the end of mass.
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Pregnancy Center Support



- We can help to change hearts and minds concerning abortion by providing help for pregnant women and their 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).
- Bryan Noble (Chairman) familydirector@ontariokofc.ca
- <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life/pregnancy-center-support.html>

Silver Rose



- Dennis Mailloux (Chairman) dennisfm@hotmail.com
- The Silver Rose will be in Ontario for 4 weeks in Feb-Mar, 2022 (period to be determined by Supreme).
- 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 your part of Ontario.
- <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 in areas all around the globe. 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
- knightsofcolumbus@hotmail.com

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 have been displaced because of the Beirut blast, many of these people were Maronite Catholic Christians.
- www.jerusalemstudents.org
- www.iamiraqiamchristian.org (I am Iraqi I am Christian).
- www.iamiraqiamchristian.org (Supreme council website).

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