

Ontario Life Programs

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 - Roses for Life Program
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 - Promoting the Silver Rose Program



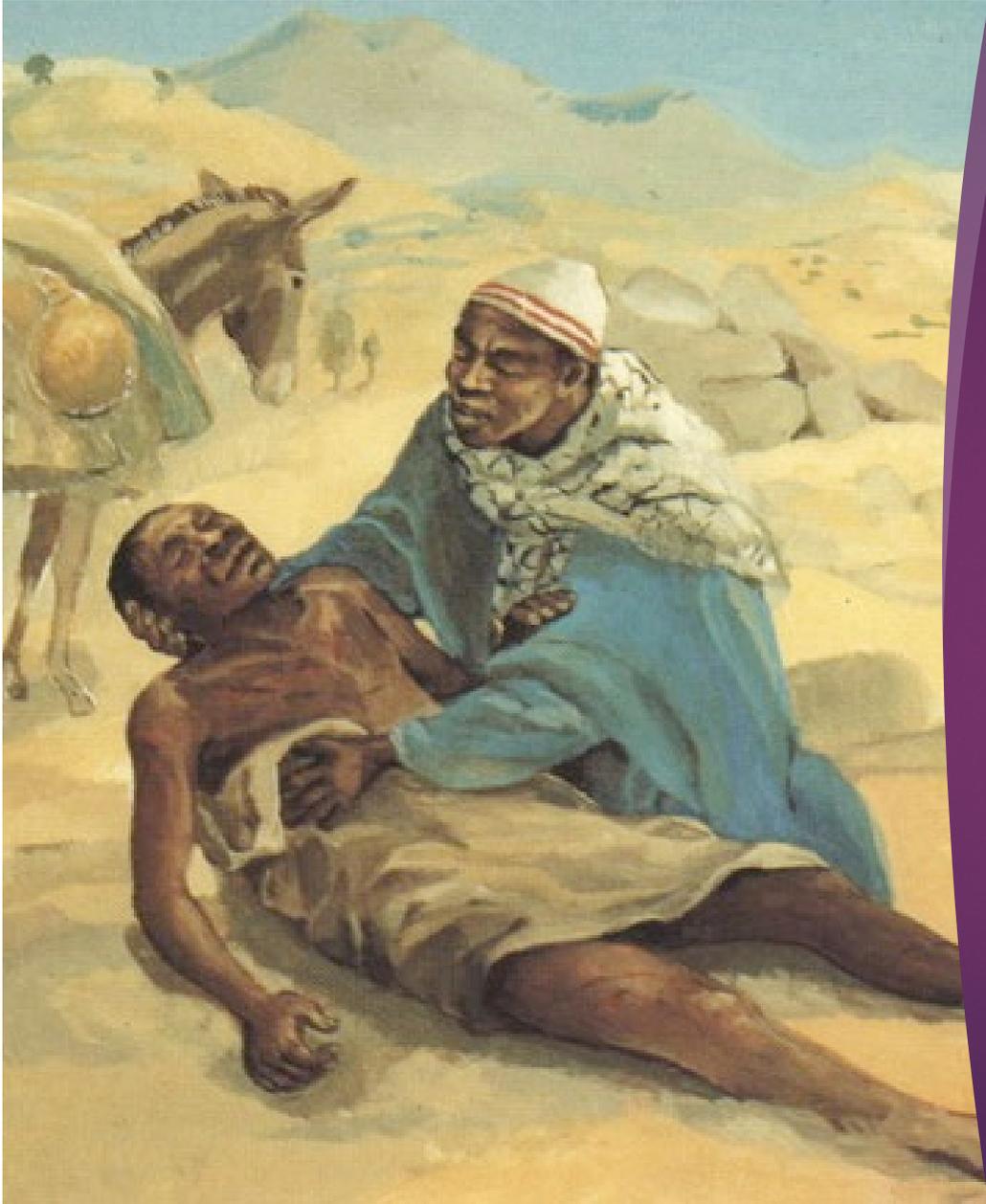
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Eucharistic Miracles

- ▶ The Eucharistic Miracles in Lanciano Italy and Santa Pressede in Rome
- ▶ We should feel assured by the truth of our faith





What does it mean to be pro-life?



Life Programs

Featured Programs:

- ▶ Aid and Support After Pregnancy
- ▶ March for Life
- ▶ Ultrasound Program
- ▶ Special Olympics

Other Supreme Programs:

- ▶ Novena for Life
- ▶ Mass for People with Special Needs
- ▶ Christian Refugee Relief / Holyland and Persecuted Christians
- ▶ Silver Rose

Ontario Programs:

- ▶ Seniors and Widows
- ▶ Roses for Life



Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP)

- ▶ Support **mothers & children** in need. Donate **\$500** to pregnancy resource center or maternity home
 - ▶ Donations can be either **monetary** or **in-kind** (e.g., baby clothes, diapers, winter coats)
- ▶ Supreme Council will augment donation by **20%**
 - ▶ \$100 for every \$500, to maximum of \$400 for \$2,000
 - ▶ Submit ASAP application to Supreme Council





Some of the numerous babies across Ontario who were saved from abortion



Roses for Life program



- ▶ Collect donations for rose stickers and pins
- ▶ Hold the event on Mother's Day or on the first weekend of October
- ▶ Money raised can be donated to pregnancy centers, with a bonus from Supreme
- ▶ All councils can join the program anytime



Ottawa: May 9, 2024

Washington DC: Jan 19, 2024

March for Life

- ▶ We encourage **promotion** and bus **sponsorship**
- ▶ Youth conference **requires funds**
- ▶ **Volunteer** for sign distribution & marshaling
- ▶ Supreme Council organizes and funds the Washington DC march and the State Deputy **Bruce Poulin** attending this year



Seniors Program

- ▶ Visit or call seniors and widows
- ▶ As many seniors and widows are lonely, show seniors and widows they are valued
- ▶ Free training available through Compassionate Community Care program



Widows Program

- ▶ Honors deceased members' families
- ▶ Present a Poinsettia or gift with a Christmas card to widows to express care and remembrance
- ▶ Simple to carry out and positively impacts widows' lives





Focus on life: caring not killing





We, as Knights of Columbus members, should do our best to help our brothers and sisters in Christ

Hikmat Michel Dandan

Christian Refugee Relief Director

- ▶ Christian Refugee Relief in Middle East.
- ▶ Refer to hand-out.
- ▶ Visit the display in the Marketplace to find out more about the programs.

Christian Refugee Relief

Jerusalem Students

Rosary Sisters Hospital (Beirut Blast)

Food for Syria / Food for Caritas Lebanon

I am Iraqi, I am Christian

Support the Holy Land

Support Haiti Earthquake Victims

Orphans for Jesus

Holy Land Handicrafts

The Knights of Columbus Bethlehem Olive
Wood Rosary

Churches for Jesus

St Anne's Patriarchal Seminary

Mass Intention in the Holy Land for Deceased
Brothers



Ultrasound program

- ▶ A **pro-life doctor** who provides ultrasound services near Toronto has been approved by Ontario State Council
- ▶ Seeking **approval** from Archdiocese of Toronto and Supreme Council
- ▶ Ultrasound machine **cost shared**: half by Council/District, half by Supreme
- ▶ We need donations for this Ultrasound machine



Ultrasound Program – Saving the Unborn

Data proves that pregnant women who see their child's ultrasound image will rarely choose abortion.

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ULTRASOUND MACHINE

All donations go to the Knights of Columbus Ontario Ultrasound Machine program.

Amount Information

- \$25.00 + 1 -
- \$50.00 + 1 -
- \$75.00 + 1 -
- \$100.00 + 1 -
- \$335.00 + 1 -
- \$500.00 + 1 -
- Other Tax receipts issued \$20.00 or more

Total: \$0.00 CAD

Payment Information

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Mass for People with Special Needs

- ▶ Hold annual masses for those with special needs
- ▶ Help individuals with special needs attend Sunday Mass
- ▶ Address mobility issues to ease access
- ▶ Create welcoming environment for those in faith community with special needs



Silver Rose Program

- ▶ The Silver Rose **circulates** throughout Ontario from late Feb to March 2024
- ▶ Symbolizes **unity** among Knights of Columbus across North America
- ▶ Promotes **dignity of life** and honors the Virgin Mary
- ▶ Ontario has its own Silver Rose for **special events** (through “Knights on Bikes”)



Life Program Reflection



Discussion and Next Steps

- ▶ Distribute detailed program information and resources to all attendees
- ▶ Plan follow-up meetings for further discussion and implementation strategies
- ▶ Set goals for each district to participate in and promote these life-affirming programs

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