

Prayer to End Abortion

Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life,
And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters.

I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion,
Yet I rejoice that you have conquered death
by the Resurrection of Your Son.

I am ready to do my part in ending abortion.
Today I commit myself
Never to be silent,
Never to be passive,
Never to be forgetful of the unborn.

I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement,
And never to stop defending life
Until all my brothers and sisters are protected,
And our nation once again becomes
A nation with liberty and justice
Not just for some, but for all.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen!

[Courtesy of Priests for Life]

Worthy Brothers

Pro-lifeOur message is simple yet frightening. There is currently a war being waged against life. Our society has been corrupted by the culture of death. This is a state of mind that devalues human life. Unborn babies to some are viewed as an inconvenience and mere tissue to be ripped out of the womb and discarded in the trash. Our elderly and the disabled are viewed by some as not being productive and not deserving of a place in society and should be put down like a sick animal. Some think it a mercy to take the life of someone just because they ask to die. Others believe that in the name of science we can create life only to kill those babies in order to harvest their stem cells for research that may or may not help others. To those people, life is not special, has no intrinsic value, and can be disposed of all in a day's work.

As members of the Knights of Columbus, we are here to speak for those who have no voice. We are here to advocate for the unborn, the elderly, and those who have lost hope. We are here to defend life from conception to natural death. Pro-life is one of the single most important causes of our Order. With the darkness of death all around us, we are the torch that brings forth illumination to cast out the evil darkness and send the death-mongers scurrying.

You, my brothers and sisters, are the army of the culture of life. I urge you to arm yourselves with knowledge and promote pro-life activities. I urge each Council to appoint a pro-life chair-couple and promote strong pro-life programs in your Council, parish and community. There is so much you can do in this battle.

1. Learn more about pro-life activities. Make an effort to attend the March for Life in Ottawa this May. Some of our Brother Knights and their families have attended the March since it's inception. It will be informative and uplifting and you will draw knowledge as you stand with others who believe in life over death.

2. Get involved. Identify the location of the closest abortion mill to your *Council*. Adopt that particular house of death. Pick a day and time for your Council to visit the site and peacefully pray the Rosary. It takes about one hour to pray all four mysteries. One hour is a small amount of time to devote to this activity, yet it can save lives. Do not discount the power of prayer. Women have literally run out of the examination room rather than go through an abortion as they could hear the prayers being recited outside. Commit to this once each month. Invite your parish and friends to join you.

3. Publically display your support of life by attending one of the Marches for Life. .If your community does not have a pro-life march and rally, organize one, or ask your Pastor to celebrate a Mass on that day and invite Knights and family members, friends, and parishioners.

4. Have your Council attend adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament in reparation for the millions of babies killed by an abortion.

5. Raise money for organizations that help support pro-life. These organizations help hundreds of women each year. They are in desperate need of donations of time and/or money. For example: think of a pro-life billboard somewhere in your City. Your donations to this or help to those or work with other pro- life organizations can make a difference.

6. Exercise your right to free speech and let our elected leaders know that life is precious to you. Make your voice heard with your elected officials at the federal, provincial, and local level. Oppose legislation that fully legalizes all forms of abortion at any time for anyone no matter the age; even late term and partial birth abortions.

7. Do not support any candidate for any office who does not support life from conception to natural death.

All of these are great ideas so that you can have an active pro-life Council this fraternal year.

The following articles in this newsletter will give you some information of what others outside of the Knights of Columbus are doing for the pro-life movement. We support their goals and ideas as they do ours. Pro-Life is a concern for everyone.

An update on National March for Pro-life

There will be three masses before the March on May 12 celebrated by:

At Notre-Dame Cathedral on Sussex 10:00 a.m. Archbishop of Ottawa Most Rev. Terrence Prendergast

At Saint Patrick's Basilica on Kent and Nepean 10:00 a.m. Archbishop of Toronto Most Rev. Thomas Collins

At Saint-François-d'Assise on Wellington and Fairmont 11:00 a.m. a French Mass with the New Archbishop of Quebec City Most Rev. Gérald Cyprien Lacroix

Vivat Jesus.

Yvon Robert IPSD
State Pro- Life Chairman

Links to others involved with Pro-life:

<http://www.priestsforlife.org/>

http://www.vatican.va/phome_en.htm

<http://www.lifeathletes.org/>

<http://www.40daysforlife.com/>

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A Message from St. Joseph's Workers for Life and Family

The mission of St. Joseph's Workers for Life and Family is to promote and defend the sanctity of life and family in accordance with the faith and teaching authority of the Roman Catholic Church, through prayer and education.

Our mission is fulfilled by disseminating information and educational materials through publications, conferences/public discussions, internet and radio/television communications, on the truth about life, family and faith issues.

Our mission draws its basic inspiration from the Holy Family and, moreover, is consecrated to St. Joseph, virtuous spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Patron Saint of Canada, by following his example of "being a just man" (Matt 1, 19).

St. Joseph's Workers for Life and Family was founded 1993 and has been led by Executive Director, Eric Vink, for the past six years. Eric is also a member of the Knights of Columbus, St. Patrick Basilica Knights of Columbus Council #12158, where he is the current Grand Knight.

The Board of Directors is comprised of five individuals, two of whom are priests, two women and a layperson. Four of the board members are either members of the Knights of Columbus or married to a Knight. St. Joseph's Workers is a registered charity and derives most of its revenues through donations from individual supporters throughout Canada, as well as many parishes and groups, including CWL and Knights of Columbus.

St. Joseph's Workers publishes pamphlets, books, booklets, CDs, and prayer cards/brochures. It also publishes a monthly newsletter, Life and Family Report, which covers current issues on life, family and faith from a solidly Catholic perspective, by bishops, priests, religious, doctors, authors/writers and lay people who contribute to our monthly report.

One of the most popular programs offered by St. Joseph's Workers is the John Paul II Theology of The Body CD Program, which has been active for a number of years in many parishes throughout Canada. Not only have seminarians, priests, religious, and teachers benefitted from it, but youths, seniors, engaged and married couples have as well. We are particularly pleased that many Catholics enrolled in marriage courses in parishes across Canada are using our CDs.

For further information on St. Joseph's Workers or to sign up for our free monthly newsletter, visit our website at www.sjw.ca or contact us by mail at: St. Joseph's Workers for Life and Family, PO Box 7369 Station V, Ottawa, Ontario, K1L 8E4 or phone: 613-742-7012.

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A message from Campaign Life Coalition










One question I am often asked is "Why is the March for Life held in May each year?" The reason is because the Omnibus Bill which legalized abortion in Canada was passed in Parliament May 14th, 1969.

The first March for Life was held 29 years later on May 14th, 1998 to mark Canada's "Day of Infamy". The first March for Life was attended by 700 participants which has continuously grown over the years to reach 12,500 at last year's March.

As the Marches have grown in the number of participants over the years, it has become necessary to have someone coordinate the involvement of the lay movements. To this end, I have appointed our Brother Knight, Dan Heffernan as the National March for Life Coordinator for Lay Movements/Organizations. If you need more info, please contact Dan at NMFL@HEFFER.CA or call 705-254-8719 or Campaign Life's office at 416-204-9749.

The involvement of the Knights of Columbus has grown as well, with the 4th Degree Honour Guard leading the March through the streets of Ottawa. Many other Knights have assisted with the logistics of getting buses to Ottawa with participants, assisting the youth, making it possible for them to attend the March and stay overnight to attend the Youth Conference on the day following the March.

What Can You Do?

-  Attend the March for as much or as little as is convenient for you.
-  Be part of the 4th Degree Honor Guard leading the March or at the overnight Adoration at St. Patrick's Basilica.
-  Volunteer to do an hour or more of Adoration at St. Patrick's Basilica.
-  Bring your Council's Banner to carry while at Parliament Hill and during the March through the streets of Ottawa.
-  Purchase tickets for the Rose Dinner.
-  Place an ad in the Rose Dinner Program.
-  Assist with organizing and sponsoring buses from your community.
-  Hold fundraising events to support the youth so they can travel to the March and stay overnight for the Youth Conference.
-  Support the Candle Pledges by promoting them within your parish; all money raised through the candle pledges support the Youth Conference. Candle Pledge forms can be sent to you from Campaign Life's office.

Fraternally yours,

Jim Hughes
National President
Campaign Life Coalition

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A message from Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Academy Students attend Washington March for Life

On January 22, 2011 over one quarter of the student body of Ontario's ***Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Academy*** joined two hundred thousand other pro-lifers at the Washington, D.C., March for Life. The annual march marks the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision (Jan. 22, 1973), legalizing abortion and the killing of millions of unborn children in America.

Though a small representative group of students attended the march last year, this is the first time the OLSWA pro-life group has organized an official trip—and the response of the student body is impressive, with attendance numbers multiplying by six. The group feels passionately that they have a duty to protect innocent life and stand up for unborn children who do not have a voice.

“The issue of abortion is not just a Canadian issue. It is something that affects the world at large,” said second-year student Kathleen Dunn, president of OLSWA's “Paul Sanders and Janine Lieu Pro-Life Club.” The students feel that it is important to attend this march, because of the major influence American culture has on Canada and the rest of the world. “If the Pro-Life voice makes a difference in the abortion laws of America, we can hope that Canada will follow suit,” said first-year student Elliott Warner of Charlottesville, Virginia. “As a Catholic and an American citizen, it is my duty to tell my government that I truly believe that abortion should not be allowed in my country. I am honoured that my Canadian classmates are willing to stand along with me to fight for the protection of the children in their neighbouring country.”

Dr. Keith Cassidy, President of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom expressed his satisfaction “I am delighted that so many of our students are willing to make the long trip and sacrifice their weekend to take part in the March for Life. That over a quarter of the student body is willing to do this is a testimony to the deep pro-life spirit found among these remarkable young men and women.”

The students offer their thanks to the Knight of Columbus of Barry's Bay, Ontario, as well as the others in the community who have offered financial assistance to help cover travel expenses.

Founded in 2000, OLSWA is a Catholic post-secondary liberal arts institution offering one-, two-, and three-year certificates in Christian Humanities. Credits from courses at OLSWA have been accepted at a number of universities, including Redeemer University College, Franciscan University of Steubenville and Christendom College. The Academy is actively pursuing degree-granting status in the Province of Ontario.

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