

Life

April 2025

Greetings!

I hope you having a fruitful lent, and soon we will celebrating the birth of our Savior, Our Lord Jesus Christ! And many of our Faith in Action program activities are applicable to Lent and Easter, especially Life activities!

Many councils have reported wonderful life activities and I encourage each council to submit activities that may qualify a council for the Columbian award.

Life is one of four categories in the *Faith in Action* Program. The other three are Family, Faith and Community. Supreme has provided several recommended programs in each of the four categories. The Life recommended programs are:

March for Life
Special Olympics
Ultrasound Program
Pregnancy Center Support-ASAP
Christian Refugee Relief
Silver Rose
Mass for People with Special Needs
Novena for Life

March for Life, Ultrasound Program, Pregnancy Center Support (ASAP) and Special Olympics are featured programs and count as two activities.

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Some upcoming life events:

State Golf Outing for Life...last year the Indiana Knights sponsored a golf outing with proceeds to the Women's Care Center and we raised \$17,000! Thank you for your participation in this life affirming event. We plan to replicate the outing at the Hillcrest CC, Indianapolis. The outing is Monday, July 28th. Donations Registration is at indianakofc.org or pay by check to the Knights of Columbus. The registration and donations forms can be found on the website.

The golf outing days schedule is:

Registration 10:00am; Mass at 11:00am; Lunch 11:30am; Golf 12:30pm and Awards/Social 5:00pm.

Biking for Babies was held September 6-8. It was the eleventh annual and we had 28 riders-best ever! Thanks to many of you and your councils, as we raised over \$37,400—enough to pay for two ultrasound machine (each machine is \$35,000 but with a match, \$17,500 provided on machine) plus additional monies to begin paying for a third machine **SAVE THE DATE for the 11th annual event- Sept 12-14.**

Silver Rose Program... Indiana will host the Silver Rose from April 27th to May 24th. Twenty councils are hosting the service, the highest number of councils saying yes to Mary and to Life since we began in 2021. kofc.org/silverrose

Also, the following are some Life programs that many Indiana councils are currently doing or have done:

- A Life goal for the fraternal year is for each council to support a Pregnancy Resource Center. The Women who are facing crisis pregnancies need our help, and supporting/being connected to a resource center in your area would be a difference maker. The new Supreme's Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program provides an opportunity to support and then received \$100 for each \$500 contributes. See kofc.org/life for detailed info. Please make your donation using the online form to ensure the additional \$100 support is given to the resource center.
- Women's Care Center Endowment – we plan to assist the Indiana Women's Care Centers (WC). We plan to raise \$10 million over 10 years.
- Ultrasound initiative – in the last few months we have awarded or paid for eight units, and now we have requests from several pregnancy resource centers in need of an ultrasound machine. If each council member could contribute \$5, we could raise the monies to meet the demands for the next year... or if each council raises \$500 from its members we could meet those requests. Please remember that statistics show that 90% of women in a crisis pregnancy, who see their ultrasound, will keep their baby.
- Offer up your council Rosary monthly or quarterly for Life. And consider a Novena for Life in your council, your parish in January. Offer up your council Rosary monthly or quarterly for Life. And consider a Novena for

Life in your council, your parish in January during the anniversary of Roe v Wade, and the March for Life.

- Invite the local Special Olympics representative to speak at a social night.
- As a council, attend right to life events/dinners a supporting the organizations who are the front line and lobbying legislators for Life.
- Host a movie night for the council/parish with movies such as Unplanned, Bella, Roe v. Wade, The Matter of Life, Lifemark or October Baby. Have pizza, popcorn, cookies and lemonade with a free will offering, with proceeds to Life organizations.
- Special Olympics...one of our featured programs and our goal is for each council to have an Ambassador (include on form IN-FORM1) and raise at least \$2,000 and provide 200 man hours...the Polar Plunge and Tootsie Rolls are both life initiatives that can help each council meet their goal.

Check for complete details on each Faith in Action program and the Faith in Action initiative at <https://kofc.org/uns/en/programs/index.html>. Keep in mind these are recommended programs, but other Life based programs such as those listed above (some you have developed in your council) also qualify as part of the required four activities for this category.

Also, please begin sending your activities today online at <http://www.indianakofc.org/> and click on Forms.

One final comment/suggestion: **PRAY and COMMUNICATE**...as a leader, begin everything with prayer and communicate often. We have some wonderful initiatives and want to be sure all brother Knights are aware so they/the council can receive the blessings of these programs.

If you need help or have any questions about the Knights, especially the Knight's Life initiatives, please contact me at life@indianakofc.org. Also, there are a couple of brother Knights who I work closely with: Culture of Life Chairman Michael Velasco (prolife@indianakofc.org) and Special Olympics Chairman Brett Striegel (soic@indianakofc.org). The three of us are the Indiana Life team. Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of Life and the Knights of Columbus, pray for us!

Vivat Jesus and God bless you!
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