

Pro-Life Causes and Activities Supported by the Knights of Columbus

Notable Pro-Life causes and activities supported by Richland and/or Holy Spirit Councils and other local councils include:

Catholic Family and Child Services (Maternity and Pregnancy Counseling)

<http://www.cfcstribes.org/?id=2&p=1>

Local Knights support the Catholic Family and Child Services (CFCS) Maternity and Pregnancy Counseling services. CFCS helps pregnant women with the many decisions needed to be made with pregnancy. They offer free, confidential maternity counseling to help women make choices that are in their best interest. CFCS serve all clients regardless of race, national origin, or religious preference. The goal of this counseling service is to give pregnant women information so they are in control of their decisions. CFCS have an assessment method, which will guide you to your own conclusion. If a pregnant woman decides to parent, CFCS will connect her with community resources, which will be helpful to her.

“It’s about Life” Conference

<http://www.itsaboutlife.info/>

Knights of Columbus of District 7 in the State of Washington, led by Council 8179 in Kennewick, WA are holding their 7th Annual “It's About Life” Conference on Feb. 25, 2012. Other Councils who have had strong roles in previous conferences and who continue to support this conference include Holy Spirit Council 10653 of Kennewick and Walla Walla Council 766.

The principle objective of the conference each year, as it was for previous conferences, is to provide a forum for citizens of the Tri-Cities to hear preeminent and credentialed speakers who respect the sanctity of human life in all of its stages from conception through to the dignity of the sick and elderly. The conference is non-denominational and prefers to not necessarily “speak to the choir” which is why all citizens are invited to participate, particularly teenagers and young adults who are in their formative years.

Safe Place for Newborns

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

Local councils have been supporting “Safe Place for Newborns” in the printing and distribution of pamphlets in public outlets promoting the Washington Safe Haven Law. A distressed parent who is unable or unwilling to care for their infant can give up custody of their baby, no questions asked. They must simply bring the infant to a safe haven location and make sure they locate a person to give the child. As long as the child shows no signs of intentional abuse, no name or other information is required. Anyone can leave their baby, up to 3 days old, with a staff member or volunteer at any fire station, or the emergency room of any hospital, in Washington. In Washington, no one ever has to abandon a child again.

Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Program

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/prolife/ultrasound/>

On January 22, 2009, the 36th anniversary of the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision legalizing abortion on demand, the Knights of Columbus launched a new initiative aimed at providing women considering abortion a new way of viewing the life within them. On that same day, The K of C Supreme Council matched funds raised by Knights in Florida and Iowa to provide two pregnancy care centers complete funding for the acquisition of ultrasound machines that will help the centers to provide for the health of both mother and child.

Since then, funding has been provided for the purchase of machines in several other jurisdictions, with many other state and local councils launching fund raising campaigns for ultrasound machine purchases in the near future.

K of C Councils in the State of Washington have raised funds to help acquire 15 ultrasound machines for use in our jurisdiction.

March for Life - Olympia

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

The March for Life began in Washington, D.C., in 1974 to peacefully protest the Supreme Court's infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision which decriminalized abortion. Each year on Jan. 22, thousands of pro-life Americans, led by March for Life president Nellie Gray, march in Washington, D.C. K of C Councils in the Washington State support the participation in the local March for Life organized during the same week at the State Capitol in Olympia.

Forty Days for Life

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

40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that draws attention to the evil of abortion through the use of a three-point program: prayer and fasting, constant vigil and community outreach. Following successful local 40 Days for Life campaigns from 2004-2006, the first national campaign was conducted in more than 80 cities in fall 2007 including the Tri-cities area.

Tri-City Human Life

http://www.humanlife.net/view_resource.htm?rid=89

Local Knights support the Tri-Cities Chapter of Human Life of Washington in their efforts promote pro-life views of all types through the internet and other public media. Their mission is to reestablish throughout our culture, the recognition that all beings of human origin are persons endowed with intrinsic dignity and the inalienable right to life from conception to natural death. To accomplish this restoration, we use peaceful and lawful means of educating and motivating the human heart.