



## Massachusetts State Council Knights of Columbus

# Culture of Life Plan Outline

### MISSION STATEMENT

The Massachusetts State Council Culture of Life Committee seeks to make an immediate, local, positive impact on the lives of women in crisis pregnancy and their children, whether born or unborn, by providing physical resources, financial support, education, and prayer.

### GENERAL STATEMENT

The culture war over abortion has changed radically over the last decade. The hearts of many good people have been blinded by the propaganda of “For Profit” organizations that seek financial gain at the expense of women and their unborn children. Now, medical science stands ready to offer “abortion on demand” right in your own home through prescription medication.

While few Americans identify themselves as being “Pro-Abortion”, many are willing to accept the moniker of being “Pro-Choice”. Even in our Catholic community we find many individuals who don’t understand the Church’s teaching on the sanctity of human life and are ill equipped to defend it. Even worse, the Culture of Life movement has been defined not by our many acts of charity and sacrifice, but rather by a few disturbed individuals who have acted out in violence.

With the deck stacked against us, some might lose hope, but by looking to Christ and his teachings in the Gospels, we can overcome these odds. Christ called us, as his disciples, to live our lives in his image. He taught us to feed the hungry, comfort the afflicted, shelter the homeless, and give money to the poor, and most importantly to pray for those in need and those who we disagree with. By praying for both women in crisis pregnancies and those who promote abortion, we place the awesome task of changing people’s hearts and minds back in God’s hands.

If we are to make a positive impact, we must do two things. First, we must abandon anger towards and judgment of those we disagree with and turn to prayer. Abortion is a wrong with many victims and we must not forget that all sin separates us from God and his plan for our lives. Without Faith and forgiveness, none of us would escape sins hold. Second, we must practice with Jesus preached. By donating money, resources, time and prayer, we can change the lives of those most effected by abortion, women in crisis pregnancies and their babies.

In the end, it will be by our actions and prayers that lives are changed and abortion will no longer be a choice.

## **PLAN**

Over the next twelve months, the Culture of Life committee will reach into our communities and deliver support to women who find themselves in crisis pregnancies. Starting at the Council level, we will initiate Food and Clothing Drives, Baby Showers, and Raffles to raise money and other support resources. We will then work with the Culture of Life office of the dioceses throughout the state, along with Crisis Pregnancy Centers, and existing Pro-Life Groups at Catholic Colleges to deliver our support where it is most needed.

Furthermore, we will hold Culture of Life Masses and encourage Culture of Life Rosary prayers in each diocese. We will work to educate our members and their families by attending council meetings and show short videos with QA time at the end.

We will continuously update the Mass State Council Culture of Life Webpage with information, resources and a calendar of events along with email chains for activities.

Last, we will engage our college councils and work to institute support networks and resource guides for students. This will assist students with education, volunteer opportunities, and provide resources for those in need.