

## Precious Life

Our faith tells us that all human life is sacred. We are God's most precious creation. Modern science tells us that this life of ours is an ongoing process of development from conception to natural death. If we are to build a truly just and humane society, we have only one choice to make—to fully embrace this precious gift of life. Pope Benedict XVI makes this clear when he states, "The fundamental human right, the presupposition of every other right, is the right to life itself."

## Human Rights

Many do not view all human life as sacred. Actively or passively, they condone abortion, euthanasia, human cloning and the destruction of human embryos for research. Perhaps they do not see the image of God in each person; or know the clear scientific evidence about when life begins; or realize that the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights states that "everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person."



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**A PEOPLE OF LIFE**

**AND FOR LIFE**



## BUILDING A CULTURE OF LIFE

Watch a 3D sonogram of a child moving in the womb. Hold a newborn baby in your arms. Feel the first stirrings of life and you will know that no one has the right to declare another human being unworthy. Yet millions of lives have been lost to abortion and other destructive methods. In the face of this fact, we must continue to be a people of life and for life, following the highest aspirations of the human heart and laying the groundwork for a truly just society.

As Knights of Columbus, we are called to do something to reverse the trend toward a culture of death. All of us have a duty to defend life at all stages and build

a culture of life—and we have. By advocating a consistent pro-life message, by supporting pregnancy centers and alternatives to abortion, and by educating our fellow citizens on the necessity of protecting vulnerable human life, our impact is being felt throughout the world.

It has been said that “women deserve better than abortion.” We strongly agree. In fact, as leaders in the pro-life movement for the past three decades, Knights of Columbus have led with the utmost care and compassion.

We seek to support women who are driven to abortion as much as we seek to defend the defenseless in our society. We are pro-life and pro-woman.

## GO PRO-LIFE

What we choose to do, or not do, about abortion, euthanasia, human cloning and embryonic research impacts lives for generations to come. Take action now and support a culture that values human life at all stages. Visit [kofc.org](http://kofc.org).

### 1. Volunteer

Your valuable time can save precious lives. Contact a local pro-life pregnancy center to find out how you can help women choose life and turn away from abortion. You can also support programs that work with women who have been physically and emotionally wounded by abortion.

### 2. Educate

Share your knowledge with others who may not fully understand the value of all human life, or take it upon yourself to find out more, so you can be a more effective witness for life.

### 3. Advocate

Work to change laws and touch hearts. Support your council's pro-life committee, and start a pro-life group in your parish if there isn't one already. Consult your diocese's pro-life office to find out issues of concern, and write or meet with your local and national elected officials to discuss legislation.

### 4. Donate

Your personal donation, and funds from your council, could make a big difference in the shoestring budgets of local pro-life organizations. Locate the pregnancy center in your area and arrange a regular donation schedule that will help these groups provide pregnant women with counseling services, medical referrals and basic items for newborns.

### 5. Pray

Prayer is the power that should support all of your pro-life activities. Pray for life personally and with your family. Each Knights of Columbus council should include prayers for life at its regular meetings and take part in the annual Day of the Unborn Child on the feast of the Annunciation.

### Stand Up For Life

In the words of Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, “The Knights of Columbus’ formula is simple: Become informed, get involved and stand up for life!” Visit [kofc.org](http://kofc.org).

