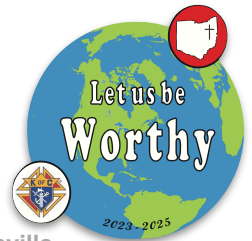




Newsletter of The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Knights of Columbus – September 2023

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Cor - The Heart of it All



The mission of Cor is to refocus Catholic men on Jesus Christ and to form and strengthen them in faith and virtue through a brotherhood committed to prayer, formation, and fraternity. The goal of each Cor gathering is to provide the opportunity for men to encounter Christ, to pray together, to be formed in their faith, and to strengthen their bonds of brotherhood, preparing them for courageous leadership and the mission of evangelization for their families and communities.

I have asked two other Knights to help be the Evangelization and Faith Formation (EFF) Ambassadors of Cor, Robert Richter in the south and Chris Boozell in the north. Cor is an initiative and not a program or meeting. To learn more about Cor and how you can bring it to your local council visit: kofc.org/cor or reach out to our ambassadors.

“What we’re trying to do with Cor is to really give men a grounding in their faith so they can be better husbands and better fathers and better Catholics.” - Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly

Matching Funds

Now is the time to send your Matching Funds check to State Advocate Chris Sarka. 100% of the money sent in from our councils stays in the Archdiocese to support Religious Education and Evangelization. The Ohio Charity Foundation will match the first \$25,000 mailed in so get your check in the mail ASAP to double your donation!

October 6th March for Life

The October 6th March for Life in Columbus will be a pivotal moment in showing our support for life and for the defeat of the November ballot initiative on abortion. Ohio Right to Life is also looking for the Knights to help as marshals along the route. Please read the letter on page 2 from State Advocate and Columbus State Officer Chris Sarka for more information.



The Bishops throughout Ohio are asking us to help defeat the upcoming Ohio Abortion Amendment this November. This is not a political issue it is a **Moral** issue. In meeting with Archbishop Schnurr he has asked that the Knights spread the word about this affront to life but also the removal of parental rights which is contained in the language. A great explanation of this flawed and terrible legislation can be found on page 3. In addition I have received permission to reprint an article from Kenneth Craycraft, Ph.D., J.D., Associate Professor of Moral

Theology at Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology (see page 4). Please, Please, print and share this information with everyone you know!

Passports Needed

The 2024 Supreme Convention will be held in Quebec City, Quebec Canada. If you are planning to attend either as a delegate or guest, now is the time to obtain or renew your passport for travel.

Wrapping Up

There is a lot of information in this edition including columns from General Agent and Advisor Jason Staas and some great tips from our Growth Coordinator in the North, Vic Lauterbach. Keep an eye out for an announcement regarding the Regional Soccer Shootout traditionally held in October. Measure Up checks will begin to be mailed. There are hundreds of checks to be processed so I have my work cut out for me for a while.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael J. Felerski
State Secretary



October 6th Ohio March for Life by Chris Sarka – State Advocate

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Dear Brother Knight,

This November, Ohio will vote on whether to put the so-called right to abortion into our constitution. We have unfortunate numbers of radical activists who are focusing on key states by pouring millions of dollars into this battle of life and death. As Knights, we are charged with the spiritual and public show for the right to life! As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from conception to its natural end.

Our Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, stated in his report for the 141st Convention, “The powers that be said Roe was settled law. They said it would never be overturned. But the pro-life movement kept the faith. And we carried the day. And the Knights of Columbus will continue to fight — until the right to life is fully restored!”

Once again, we have the opportunity to peacefully demonstrate our support as Knights of Columbus. This coming October 6th, in partnership with March for Life, Ohio Right to Life, Center for Christian Virtue, Catholic Conference of Ohio, and many more, the Knights of Columbus are being called to serve along our brothers and sisters.

The first step in participating and joining this effort is registering for the March. This can be done by visiting the following website and completing the requested information. We are asking all who attend or volunteer to please go to <https://p2a.co/XdMTG1x>

Secondly, begin promoting within your parish and council the need for a large attendance. Our presence and voice will be heard by the numbers we demonstrate. In efforts to help with the event logistics, it is very important to register each bus that is planning to drop off groups at the Statehouse. Please complete the following document with information regarding the planned trip by bus.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe_wha25D9FoN_VEUp5z4rC9FN6opdKm-RZmucHVdHANwCX2w/viewform

Finally, we are in great need for 2023 Ohio March for Life Marshals. Last year, dozens of Knights of Columbus answered the call. This year, we are looking to triple the number due to projected crowd size. What are the duties of a marshal?

Marshal Responsibilities:

General Guidelines:

1. Maintain the secure perimeter needed around the stage and backstage area, ensuring that only those with the proper badges are able to access these areas.
2. Lead and direct the March for Life’s banner carriers, students from universities.

Maintaining the Perimeter:

- 1) Arrive to the March around 9:30am. Proceed to the speaker’s tent where you will receive a badge and instructions on which area you are designated to.
- 2) Ensure that anyone entering that perimeter is in possession of the proper badge (staff, speaker, volunteer).
- 3) Proceed to march along the side of the parade route. Help facilitate safety of those marching by communicating any issues with parade leaders and/or authorities.

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WHERE DOES IT SAY THAT?



THIS CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT...

THREATENS PARENTAL RIGHTS

By using “individual” instead of adult or woman, anyone under the age of 18 could have an abortion or make any other reproductive decision without their parents’ consent or notification.

PUTS WOMEN AT RISK

Current Ohio laws* require abortion providers to explain procedure risks and ensure access to hospital transfer if needed. These health and safety standards could be seen as a “burden” and be eliminated, making it even less safe for women seeking an abortion.

ALLOWS ABORTIONS THROUGH 9 MONTHS OF PREGNANCY

In U.S. law,** “health” includes age or physical, emotional, or psychological well-being. This means a woman’s age or emotional health could be cited to justify aborting a full-term baby. An abortion-providing physician would decide when a baby could survive outside the womb, leaving no clear protections for preborn children.

IS MISLEADING

Referring to “miscarriage care” promotes a myth that a “right to abortion” is necessary to preserve care for miscarriages and ectopic pregnancies. This is false. Catholic hospitals have always provided comprehensive miscarriage care and will continue to do so regardless of the outcome of this vote.

ARTICLE I, SECTION 22

The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety

1. Every individual has a right to make and carry out one’s own reproductive decisions, including but not limited to decisions on contraception, fertility treatment, continuing one’s own pregnancy, miscarriage care, and abortion.
2. The State shall not, directly or indirectly, burden, penalize, prohibit, interfere with, or discriminate against either an individual’s voluntary exercise of this right or a person or entity that assists an individual exercising this right, unless the State demonstrates that it is using the least restrictive means to advance the individual’s health in accordance with widely accepted and evidence-based standards of care.
3. However, abortion may be prohibited after fetal viability. But in no case may such an abortion be prohibited if in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient’s treating physician it is necessary to protect the pregnant patient’s life or health.
4. As used in this Section, “Fetal viability” means “the point in a pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient’s treating physician, the fetus has a significant likelihood of survival outside the uterus with reasonable measures. This is determined on a case-by-case basis”; and “State” includes any governmental entity and political subdivision.
5. This Section is self-executing.

* Ohio Revised Code, Sections 2317.56 & 3702.303

** Based on Doe v. Bolton

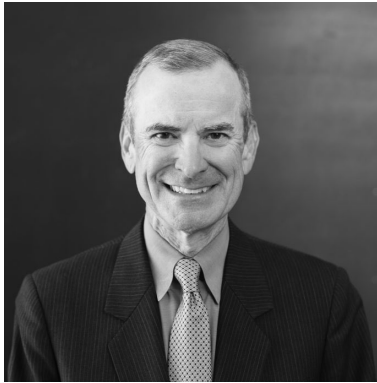
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Dr. Kenneth Craycraft Response to
 Criticism of Archbishop's Op Ed
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Guest columnist Kenneth Craycraft says a proposed amendment that would enshrine abortion into the Ohio Cons: more extreme than Roe v. Wade. *Albert Cesare / The Enquirer*

Supporters of the proposed ballot initiative to establish the so-called right to abortion in the Ohio Constitution rely on obfuscation, distortion and falsification to attempt to scare Ohioans into voting "yes" for a constitutional amendment that is more extreme than *Roe v. Wade*. While he couches his position in sepia tones and treacherous sentiment, Al Gerhardstein's Aug. 17 op-ed continues this tradition of shameless fabrication. In his prevarication about the amendment, Gerhardstein also falsely accuses the Catholic Archbishop of Cincinnati of lying about its provisions.

So what does the proposed amendment *really* say, and what would be its effect?

First, the amendment would prevent Ohioans, through their elected representatives, from passing any meaningful regulation of abortion through all nine months of pregnancy, up to the date of birth. To be clear, the amendment does say that "abortion may be prohibited after viability." But this is a meaningless provision. The very next sentence says that abortion may not be prohibited after viability "if in the professional judgment" of the woman's physician, the abortion is "necessary" to protect the woman's "life or health." (The actual language of the amendment erases women. It never uses the word "woman" or "mother," preferring the gender-ideologically mandated "pregnant patient." I will not play this misogynistic game.)

Nearly 50 years of abortion law under *Roe v. Wade* demonstrated what that language means in practice. The malleable term "health" is not even a pretend limit. It means whatever an abortionist says it means as he prepares to dismember and aspirate an unborn child. As to protecting a woman's life, after viability abortion is almost never clinically necessary to save the life of the mother. If continuing the pregnancy creates a life-threatening emergency for the mother, the standard clinical option is immediately to deliver the child, and to treat the mother and child as two patients. The exceptions to this standard are extraordinarily rare, and the Ohio Legislature has never passed a law regulating abortion that does not account for them. The purpose of the caveat "life or health" of the mother is to give cover for abortion on demand through all nine months of gestation, without exception.

Second, the proposed amendment would divest parents of any participation in a minor child's decision to acquire hormonal contraception or procure an abortion. Note, I did not say it would deprive parents of the right to grant *permission*. It takes away their rights even to be consulted or informed. The amendment begins, "Every individual has a right to carry out one's own reproductive decisions." Not "every individual of majority;" not "every adult;" not "every person over the age of 16" or 12 or 8. Every individual. And, the amendment continues, the "State shall not, directly or indirectly, burden, penalize, prohibit, [or] interfere with" any "individual's voluntary exercise of this right." A minor who cannot consent to having sex as a matter of law can purchase birth control pills in anticipation of having sex. And you, mom and dad, have no say in the matter. The Ohio Legislature cannot even pass a law requiring you to be informed by the physician that your minor child is procuring an abortion or using contraception to have sex.

Third, the drafters of the amendment think Ohioans are stupid. It is deliberately fashioned to address issues that do not and will not ever exist in Ohio law, solely for the purpose of frightening people into supporting it. It provides that Ohio may not interfere with "every individual's" decision about "contraception," "fertility treatment," and "miscarriage care." But no law in Ohio, conceived, proposed, or passed has interfered, or would ever interfere, with any of these things. And no governor would sign such a bill.

The proposed constitutional amendment is an exercise in the most extreme abortion advocacy imaginable. I hope Ohioans are smart enough not to fall for the ruse.

Kenneth Craycraft lives in Milford.



All those wishing to serve in this role, must also sign up with the following link:

Scan this code with your smartphone camera now: <https://signup.com/go/dCZAeBs>



Any questions, please feel free to contact me. KofC vests will be loaned out for those who volunteer as marshals. Many of the details about the March are still being developed. Once updates are available, I will send out a new communication. For more information on the Ohio March for Life, you may also visit <https://marchforlife.org/ohio-march-for-life/>

Let's show our state and the world Ohio loves life and our Knights are here to defend it!



We are excited to have the involvement of the Knights of Columbus in the National Eucharistic Congress as it processes through the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

I had the opportunity to speak with Sean Ater, Director, Center for the New Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati about the upcoming National Eucharistic Pilgrimage. The Elizabeth Ann Seton pilgrimage will begin at St. Mary's in New Haven Connecticut, head south then west to Ohio reaching the Archdiocese on July 1, 2024. There will be several stops with events July 1-7 at parishes along the route. Once the locations have been finalized they will be announced. I do know that there will be will be an historic stop at the Basilica Cathedral.

Sean Ater
Director
Center for the New Evangelization
Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Sean and the Archbishop are looking for support of this monumental event from all the Knights of the archdiocese. I know our support and help will be vital for third and fourth degree Knights. As details emerge I will let everyone know.

State Secretary, Mike Felerski

State Secretary Presents 2022-23 Support our Seminarians Check



State Secretary and diocesan state officer Michael Felerski had the privilege of presenting Archdiocesan Vocations Director Father Dan Schmitmeyer with this past fraternal year's Support Our Seminarians (SOS) check at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary.

The check for over \$21K normally is presented during the State Tour in July but Father was unable to attend the that evening. Father had some great news, 15 men entered the seminary this school year and he is looking at 17 for next school year. Six of these men are from the Archdiocese. The dorms are full!

Please continue to support both the SOS and RSVP programs.



Worthy Council Officers and Directors,

It seems incredible, but we're already two months into the "new" fraternal year, and that equals 17% of the calendar year. Our growth in the Arch is currently at 7% of our goal, so you can see that we have a lot of work to do.

We need to maximize our efforts in the upcoming months because September and October present the best time period for Fall recruiting. We all know that once we get into the Holiday Season, everyone is really busy and time for recruiting gets scarce. The State Council has Fast Start Incentives in place for September, so take advantage of them!

Every Grand Knights and Financial Secretary must look at the Prospect tab in Officers Online because every man listed there is an E-Member who joined our Order and is already in the virtual Ohio Council #98034. Then take the following actions:

1. Find out if they have been contacted by your council? They should have been called or emailed right after you received their eForm 100. If they weren't contact them immediately, call and invite them to attend an online CUF (or a live CUF if there is one nearby and soon)! The best option is to schedule a live CUF before your September or October council meeting!
2. If your eMember has already been contacted, find out why they did not yet attend a CUF. Invite them to one, and in the meantime also invite them to a council or parish event where they can meet brother knights and learn about your council.

Once you have all of your current eMembers transferred into your council, conduct a short training session for all your officers on how to sign up an eMember. It takes only a few minutes! The key point they need to make sure the man understands it that he must respond to the confirmation email sent by Supreme. If he does not click the link in that email, his eMembership remains incomplete. Give him your name and cell phone # (or that of his sponsor) and ask him to call you if he has not received a confirmation email within 24 hours. Contact the State eMembership Director (see links) for assistance if needed.

Have each officer you train contact five brother knights and train them! It's critical that every knight be able to sign up a man using the online form. Remind that to always enter a PROMO CODE to get his dues waived. Use the code for your Field Agent (which is his first initial and last name). If they can't remember his name, have them use the general code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY. Remind them not to use a paper Form 100.

Order your membership materials and delta church drive kits from Supplies Online now. Make sure you have everything ready for one or more church drives this Fall. Schedule a minimum of one drive for October. If possible, conduct a drive in September also.

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Work with your Field Agent to set up a Fraternal Benefits Night. You need to host two such events to get Star Council, but these events are most important as recruiting events! Leverage the insurance and financial planning offered by the Knights. It is a tangible benefit that can attract younger men who are most likely to need these services. Every man who attends a benefits night is a potential knight. This is a great way to grow your council! Invite ALL eligible men from your parish and encourage married men to bring their wives. Emphasize that the financial services provided by the knights are designed to help Catholic families!

Encourage all your council officers and council members to sign up for “COR: Evangelization and Formation for the Men of Your Parish” webinar on Thursday September 7th at 8 PM. Registration is simple and done on: www.Kofc.org/COR

Have your offices click “Online Events” for the in depth training webinar on how you can start Cor in your parish community. Register here:

https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1626422&tp_key=41ab914069

While Cor is not a recruiting program, its goal of helping all men discover, re-discover, or strengthen their faith life will naturally draw Catholic men to your council. Cor also spreads and emphasizes the message that one of the key missions of the knights is to help families by making men better husbands, fathers and grandfathers.

Lastly, approach every parish and council event this Fall as an opportunity for growth! Never let a man you see at an event leave without a brother knight introducing himself and talking to him. Learn about that man first, listen for clues to what he’s interested in and what he’s looking for, then act based on what you learn. He might be ready for you to invite him to join us, but if not, try to help him as best you can. This is practicing the charity that evangelizes, and he will remember it!

Vivat Jesus!

Vic Lauterbach

A Typical Fraternal Benefit Event Program Flow

Use this sample program flow to help you determine the right sequence of events for a successful event.

1. Opening prayer (by priest if he is present)
2. Grand Knight (or other appointed fraternal leader) welcomes participants and introduces the agent
3. Agent delivers approved presentation
4. Questions & Answers period
5. Final words from agent
6. Final words from Grand Knight, event coordinator/liaison or other appointed fraternal leader
7. Closing Prayer

2023 September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. It's the one month each year that the life insurance industry coordinates a campaign aimed at educating folks about the importance of life insurance and helping them get the coverage they need. Christopher Kauffman, the historian, spent several years at the Supreme Office and at the Museum, researching the book that he wrote on the 100th anniversary of our founding. That book, Faith and Fraternalism, notes on page 35, "...he [Fr. McGivney again] spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature...his emphasis on business was his pastoral concern for the social and financial security of the family."

Fr. McGivney lived both the social and the financial insecurity of a desperate family, with the breadwinner suddenly taken, that had to be supported. He left the seminary to work and support his mother and siblings. As a pastor, he didn't want other Catholic families to find themselves in such a predicament. That, and uniting men of faith, was the impetus for establishing our Order. Everyone who joined in those first years was insured; that was part and parcel of being in the organization.

Now every member has a choice. I'd like every member to know what we do, and how we do it. Here's the process I use when I meet with families:

1. Discover – Identify their current insurance situation and financial goals
2. Gather Data – Collect facts & figures based on their current situation
3. Analyze – Conduct an Insurance Needs Analysis (Input data, run calculations, identify shortfalls)
4. Recommend – Propose appropriate KofC products to help them meet their needs and goals
5. Implement – Work with them to implement the product solution they select (take the application, etc.)
6. Periodic Review – Review regularly (at least annually) for changes in their needs and goals and make appropriate recommendations based on those changes

This is a painless process. But it can help any family, at any age, determine if they have blind spots in their coverage. It can help you avoid the pain of being underinsured. With a variety of life insurance products we offer, we can help find solutions that fit within almost any budget. I don't know about you, but I don't want to buy life insurance...I want to buy what life insurance can provide: protection from the risk of a significant change in lifestyle for the survivors, including not being able to stay in the house where they want to be of not being able to give your daughter the wedding she's been promised, or a child the college education he or she has been promised and much more. What does life insurance provide?

Peace of mind. That's where I can help.

Vivat Jesus!



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