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*Annunciation Council 12761 / St Patrick Assembly 2883*

*January 2024*



" There are few things more powerful in the universe than a mother's love, and the love that mother had for her child was breath-taking. Her journey into the mountains was an incredible act of faith. And the thing is, she believed something extraordinary was going to happen."

Matthew Kelly  
The Rocking Chair Prophet

GK Phil Henderson Sr





## Chaplain's Corner

*January 2024*

Dear Knights and Ladies,

As I “pen” these lines, it is a few days before Christmas. As we anticipate the Savior’s rebirth in our hearts, we are reminded that the Infant Jesus, like all of us, gradually grew in wisdom and grace before God and man. He did not remain an infant all his life. There was a growth process, and we too must grow in our Faith through knowledge and service.

The month of January contains several wonderful feasts, including the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, the Epiphany (the showing forth of the Savior to the world), and the Baptism of the Lord. Just as the wise men brought the very best gifts they had to the baby Jesus, recognizing his three-fold role as priest, prophet, and king; so we have received princely gifts at our Baptism – the seven fold gifts of the Holy Spirit. What gift or gifts did you give to Jesus this year? As the late radio commentator Paul Harvey often observed, "Really, it's His birthday – not ours."

We have just finished our annual exchange of gifts. All presents are given to be used and to be shared, and this is true no less for spiritual gifts – wisdom, knowledge, understanding, counsel, piety/prayerfulness, fortitude, and fear of the Lord.

The greatest gift we have to share with one another is Jesus, when He is recognizable to others in us. The Eucharist was given to us as nourishment for our life and ministry. Vatican II recognized the Lord’s universal call to service, received at Baptism. Our life and ministries are lived in “stewardship,” defined as the worthy use of our time, talents, and treasure, in service to God and one another. It is in developing our talents, and serving with our gifts, that we grow in holiness.

In this New Year of grace, I ask each Knight and Lady to prayerfully consider the Lord’s call to holiness, lived in stewardship, and the particular response you can make as individuals, as married couples, or as a family. The Knights of Columbus are a service arm of the Church. None of us can achieve holiness alone, without God’s grace, or without meaningful relationships. In fact, I believe our stewardship – which goes way beyond the financial aspects – will be the measure of love that the Lord will use in our particular judgments. He may well ask: “How have you loved? Tell me the ways.”

Prayerfully yours,

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## Pro-Life Views January 2024

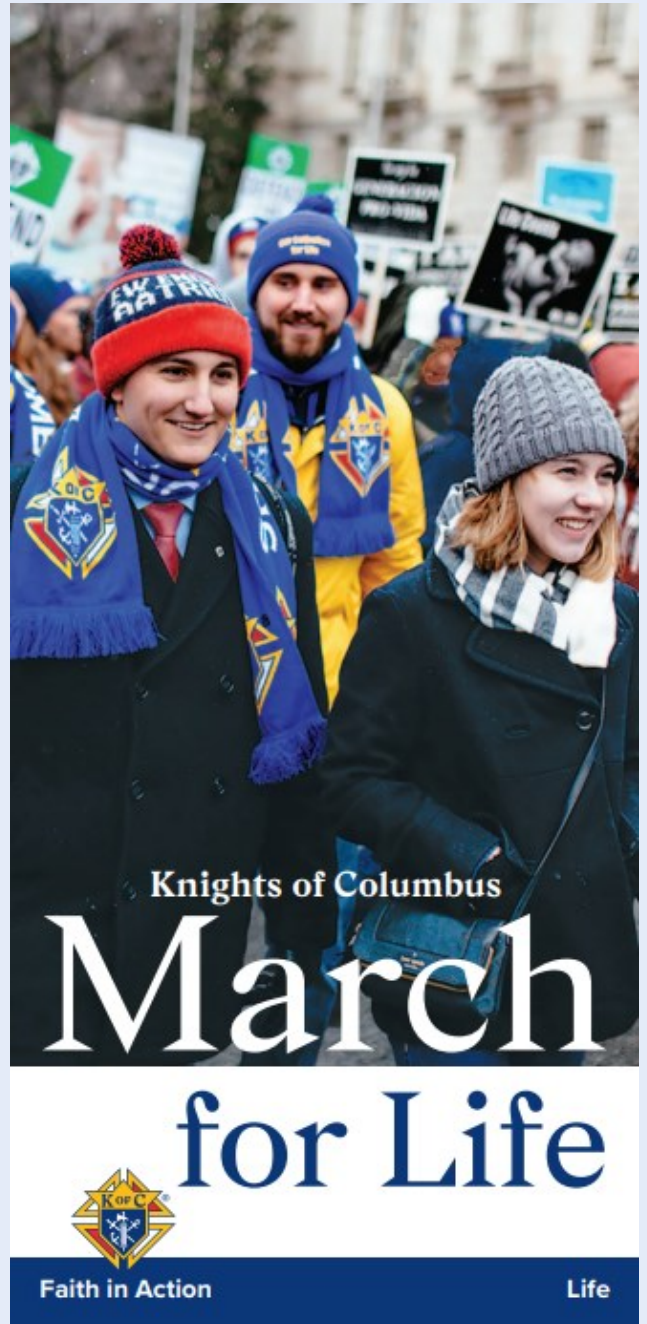


### The History of Marches for Life

On January 22, 1973, the United States Supreme Court officially legalized abortion through the Roe v. Wade decision. Exactly one year later, on January 22, 1974, the first March for Life was held on the West Steps of the United States Capitol Building to advocate for a pro-life civilization of love and “a world where every human life is valued and protected” (March for Life Vision Statement). The first March for Life drew an impressive 20,000 demonstrators, and a new tradition of peaceful protest began. What started with a single March for Life in Washington D.C., has now become a worldwide phenomenon with marches held throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico and at least 20 other countries. Whether called a march, walk, or rally for life, pro-life supporters peacefully gather in great numbers across the world to oppose abortion and to pray in support of pregnant women and their unborn children.

### When is the next march?

Pro-life marches, walks and rallies are held every year and are organized by a variety of organizations including Knights of Columbus councils, local dioceses, pregnancy centers and pro-life organizations. To learn more about events in your area, consult your diocesan Culture of Life Office or local Knights of Columbus. The March for Life in Washington D.C., ([www.marchforlife.org](http://www.marchforlife.org)) is still held every year on the Friday on or closest to January 22. For those not able to reach the east coast, other major regional events are held each year. Please visit [kofc.org/march](http://kofc.org/march) for more information.



Paul and Mary Guyet  
Pro-Life Advocate, Council 12761






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*Patriotic Degree of the Order*




ONE NATION UNDER GOD

During this Holiday Season our St. Patrick's Assembly donated \$500 to each of the five Worthy Charities shown below. Hopefully our members can offer suggestions for new fundraisers so that we can continue to support these charities and raise the bar to help many more through out the year as well as this upcoming Holiday Season.

FN Jim Telesz



**Knights of Columbus**  
**CHARITIES**  
*Military Chaplain Scholarship*



In 2011, the Knights of Columbus established a scholarship program to help fund the education of seminarians preparing to become Catholic chaplains in the U.S. Armed Forces, pledging \$1 million in scholarship money to the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA.

Fundraising for the Order-wide project is led by the Fourth Degree, the patriotic degree of the Knights.



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**WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT**  
 20 YEARS



**MARINE CORPS RESERVE**



**TOYS FOR TOTS**



**NATIONAL VETERANS HOMELESS SUPPORT**

**Announcement Feb 18, 2024 Catholic Veterans' Family Group Communion**

Dear 4th Degree Veterans and families:  
 Sunday Feb 18, 10 AM Mass at St. Mary Magdalen Church, 861 Maitland Ave, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701. In recognition of Presidents' Day, Feb 19, all Veterans, Catholics, and their family and friends, are invited to participate in this Mass celebration on Feb 18. We will sit together in the front of the church, marked with US Flags. After Mass those who would like to get together will meet at Panera for coffee. Please let us know if you can join, by RSVP to Jim Coppens, 407.261.0914, [coppensjh@gmail.com](mailto:coppensjh@gmail.com), or Denise Smith, [Redpsul@aol.com](mailto:Redpsul@aol.com)



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Brothers in Christ –

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Central Florida Laps-for-Life walk-a-thon <http://cf-laps.life> is right around the corner: **9am Saturday, March 2 at Bishop Moore Catholic High School** on Edgewater Drive. This pro-life event, hosted in our district, is the culmination of a year's planning and outreach to identify and meet the needs of mothers and babies across (and sometimes beyond) central Florida.

Last year's walk-a-thon raised over \$90,000, and - for the first time - offered individual fund-raisers the option to raise money for either of two Knights initiatives promoting the culture of life – [Ultrasound Initiative](#) or [Aid and Support After Pregnancy \(ASAP\)](#) . With the Ultrasound Initiative, Supreme matches 100% of all funds donated for purchase of an ultrasound machine by a qualifying pregnancy center, enabling more mothers to see their unborn babies and choose life. Under ASAP, Supreme matches \$100 for every \$500 donated to a pregnancy center or maternity home for other (non-Ultrasound) purposes – up to \$400 matched (against \$2,000 donated) per center per council per fraternal year.

This year, Laps for Life offers councils greater flexibility in meeting the needs of mothers and babies. **Instead of requiring fund-raisers to designate either Ultrasound or ASAP during registration, Laps for Life will ask councils to specify their Ultrasound/ASAP allotments after the event.** Councils should be discussing their anticipated fund-raising goals and Ultrasound/ASAP allotments (and centers [eligible for ASAP support](#)) in officer planning meetings or sidebar meetings.

In the meantime, councils should be forming and registering their fund-raising teams at <http://cf-laps.life>, and extending invitations to brother Knights, faithful and all who support the culture of life. Walking or running laps on March 2 is not important or even required – what is required is our witness and support of human life from conception. Feel free to contact Laps for Life lead James Taglia [jtaglia@gmail.com](mailto:jtaglia@gmail.com) (407) 492-0329 for further information!

Vivat Jesus,  
Michael DD24



**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**  
**\*Keep Them in Your Prayers\***  
**January 2024**

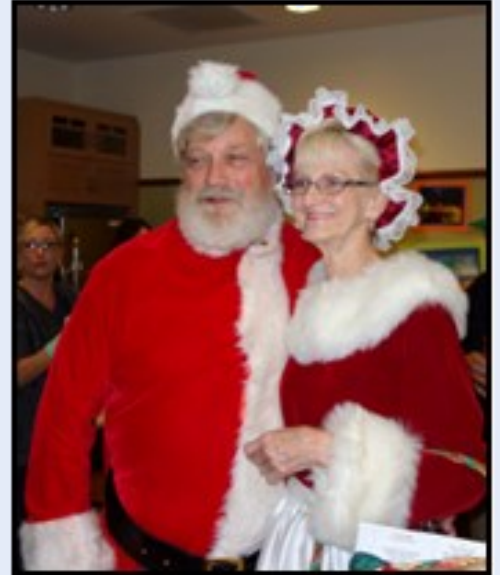


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# Annunciation Council 12761 Information

## Next Council Business Meeting

**7:00 PM - Tuesday 2/6/24.**

**Saint Gabriel Life Center**

**Annunciation Catholic Church Campus**

**1020 Montgomery Rd, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714**

**Annual Dues of \$40.00 covering the period of July 1, 2023 — June 30, 2024, may be paid via Anedot at <https://secure.anedot.com/kofc12761/donate> or by check payable to: KoC Annunciation Council 12761 And mailed to**

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## Happy Birthday January 2024

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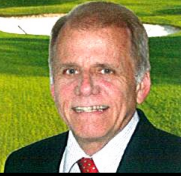



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## ***Annunciation Council 12761 / St Patrick Assembly 2883***

**January 16th** (Tues.– 6:30pm Rosary w/Mtg. at 7:00pm) St. Patrick's Assembly, St. Gabriel Life Center. Annunciation Catholic Church Campus.

**January 30th.** (Tues.– 7:00pm) Council 12761 Officer's Meeting , St. Gabriel Life Center. Annunciation Catholic Church Campus

**February 6th.** (Tues.– 7:00pm) Council 12761 Business Meeting , St. Gabriel Life Center. Annunciation Catholic Church Campus

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