



# Knights of Columbus

In Service to One, In Service to All

Rev. Robert F. Houlihan, S.J., Council 10937

Business Meeting – 10 December 2015

## I. General

- Grand Knight, Gary Mayfield called the council meeting to order at 7:05 **PM**
- Bill Hensen offered the opening prayers.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- The Grand Knight called the role of officers and is noted as follows (P = Present; A = Absence; E = excused)

Title	Status	Title	Status	Title	Status
Chaplain	E	Financial Secretary	P	Inside Guard	P
Grand Knight	P	Treasurer	E	Outside Guard	A
Dep. Grand Knight	P	Lecturer	P	Trustee 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	P
Chancellor	P	Advocate	P	Trustee 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	E
Recorder	E	Warden	E	Trustee 1 <sup>st</sup> Year	P

- The council unanimously approved the November **2015** business meeting minutes as read and published.

## II. Applications for Approval – Dennis Thumann

- No new Form 100s.

## III. Grand Knight Report – Gary Mayfield

- The correspondence for this month concerns the Thanksgiving Basket drive effort:
  - Knight's Call, Knights in Action photo (**See Attachment 3**).
  - Thank you note from Life Steps (**See Attachment 4**).
  - Thank you note from Alternative Pregnancy Center (**See Attachment 5**).
  - Thank you note from Father Jim, Corpus Christi parish in Colorado Springs, **not attached**.
- Pennies from Heaven.
- Knight of the Month – Jay Calvarese.
- Family of the Month – The Luckner Family.
- Other
  - Excess money received from Thanks Giving Basket Drive to go towards food:
    - Support 40 Cans for Lent initiative.
    - Donation to Pax Christi's pantry.
    - 420 dollars for 21 Safeway Gift cards, to be given to Roberta Marsh in support of GIFT's outreach program to needy children in the Denver area.
  - Gary discussed the mid-year state meeting
    - 11 – 13 December
    - Crown Plaza Hotel near DIA, at I-70 and Chambers Road.
  - Christmas Card sale.
    - Sold six boxes, only 8 left.
    - Shawn plans on giving some for the GIFT Christmas outreach program.

- The council is still looking for someone to step up and help with Membership.

#### **IV. Chaplain's Report - Father Marek**

- None

#### **V. Treasurer's Report – Dennis Cullen (See Attachment 1)**

- Given by Dennis Thuman.

Report handed out at meeting.

Bank Balance - \$30,792.27 Available Funds as of November - \$17,099.79

- Outstanding Checks - \$9,137.76
- Haley Funds - \$2,442.06
- Lady Knights - \$2,112.66

#### **VI. Financial Secretary's Report – Dennis Thumann (See Attachment 2)**

Report handed out at meeting.

It matches the Treasurer's report.

Receipts - \$21,616.31 Expenses - \$24,169.29 Bank Balance - \$30,792.27

- The council has a negative cash flow of (\$2,552.98); a result of recent activities.
- Received two checks from Supreme for our Tootsie Roll Drive, \$1650 each.
  - One goes to Special Olympics
  - Another goes to ARC, Dennis will present that check.
- A gift check for \$1,000 has been generated, to be given to Father Marek at the annual Christmas party.
- Lady Knights Trunk-or-Treat event generated \$2,363.00.
- Donuts for the month brought in \$492.00.

#### **VII. Chancellor's Update – Tim Pimmel**

- Vocations.
  - The council is now officially supporting three seminarians.
    - T.J. Kessler – Mt. St. Mary Seminary in Maryland
    - Andrew Koumy – St. Gregory the Great College in Nebraska
    - New, Steven Sonnier.
    - \$500.00 is going to each.
- Tim led the Prayer for Vocations.

#### **VIII. Committee Reports – William Hensen**

##### **a. Membership – Roger Guidici/Brennan Mendus**

- No new applicants
- Supreme verified four new members, the goal for the year is 11.
- Reprinted brochures have been passed out, as of yet no response.
- Help is needed by all council members to recruit new members.

##### **b. Church Director Report – Jay Calvarese**

- Donuts – ongoing
  - Currently scheduled for the 13, 20, and 27 December.
- The Advent reconciliation dinner for the priests is 17 December.
  - There are a total of 10 priests.
  - The start time for Reconciliation is 6:30pm.

- 12 Dec, 9am, bi-lingual mass in honor of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patron saint of the Colorado Springs Diocese.
- c. **Community Report – Ford Fay/Bob Luckner/Dan Doran.**
- Given by Bill Hensen.
  - The Thanksgiving Basket Drive was an outstanding success
    - Raised \$18,806.
    - Delivered 490 baskets.
    - Deacon Ed from St Mark parish sent a write-up into the Highlands Ranch Herald.
- d. **Council Activity Report – Nereus Lobo/Paul Sciera**
- Ben Stancati is the new Council monthly Social coordinator.
    - Dennis and Michelle Cullen have volunteered to take the 15 January 2016.
    - With that, all social activities from December to March are now covered.
  - Sunday Burrito Breakfast was held on 6 December, the council did well financially.
- e. **Family Report – Shawn Conley**
- Family Bronco night in the Great Hall was held on 29 November, it was a great success.
  - The council’s Christmas party is 11 December.
    - Setup at 4pm, help is needed.
    - Keeping Christ in Christmas poster contest for the children,
      - Various age groups up to age 14.
      - Prizes for each age group
      - Drawing materials are to be provided.
    - Santa is planning on being there.
  - The council will be supporting the parish’s Adopt-a-Family Christmas initiative.
    - Sponsored by the parish’s Religious Education GIFT program,
      - POC is Roberta Marsh, the Religious Education Coordinator
    - The council is providing drivers to help with the delivery of Christmas 21 gift packages on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December to St Anthony of Padua parish.
    - One or two more drivers are needed.
  - Working on setting up a ski day
- f. **Right to Life report – Mike McGinnis**
- Mike presented the new “Respect Life” banner.
    - To be placed near the church entrance along with the flags in October.
  - Consider praying in front of Planned Parenthood.
    - Nevertheless, based on the recent shooting incident in Colorado Springs, Gary Mayfield highly discouraged council members from doing so.
  - Volunteers needed to help with the *Rose For Motherhood* initiative, which entails reading a poem and handing out a rose at Mass.
- g. **Youth Report – Tim Pimmel/Ben Stancati**
- For the January 2016 Free-throw Competition, Tim is looking into doing this in conjunction with other councils.
    - For the last two years there has been a lack of participation, therefore, Tim is considering cancelling this event.
  - Discussed the Council’s College scholarship program.
    - An email will be sent out soon announcing it.

- Need to reach out to High School seniors that we know and offer to write letters of recommendation.

#### **h. Newsletter – Chris Kennedy**

- Nothing new to report.

#### **IX. Advocate’s Report – Dave Petteys**

- Nothing new to report.
- Based on rulings concerning the Aurora shooting hearing, security at churches is possible.
- **State Advocate – John Herskovits**
  - Is involved in misappropriation of funds investigation.
    - Thanked our council, and our Treasurer and Financial Secretary, for having our finances in order
  - Resolutions need to be in by March in order to be voted at the State convention.
  - A number of changes are coming down from both Supreme and State.
    - Councils are to become more integrated into the life of the parish and its associated pastor.
      - Councils are to support the parish priest on various activities and events.
      - Councils are no longer able to sponsor a Boy Scout troop.
      - Councils are to end duplication of programs that compete with parish activities.
      - Councils are to work more closely with parish-based youth ministry programs.
    - State covenant is in need of revision.

#### **X. Auditors and Trustees – Chris Kennedy/Paul Sciera/Joe Musso**

- Nothing to report.

#### **XI. Lecturer – Alan Brown/Ben Stancati**

*The Rev. Robert F. Houlihan S.J. Educator Series*

Alan Brown led the discussion, the topic for the meeting centered on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patron saint of the Colorado Springs Diocese. The story begins in 1521, with the Spanish conquest of Mexico that in time resulted in the complete and utter destruction of the Mexican Aztec culture and civilization. Along with conquest the Spanish also brought their Catholic Christian religion, thus forcing many Aztecs to choose either baptism or death. The Aztec natives for centuries had worshiped ancient gods of the moon and the sun, and one goddess called the “Great Mother.” Being dark skinned they strongly resisted the idea of giving up their gods to worship a God-made-flesh, one who had pale skin.

Ten years later on 9 December 1531, a poor native Indian peasant by the name of Juan Diego was walking to mass along a country trail near what today is Mexico City. Suddenly a voice called out to him, and there appeared the Blessed Mary. She wore the garb of the native people and had the physical features, dark skin and eyes, of the Aztecs. According to Juan Diego, Mary stood on top of a burnt-out crescent moon, and in front of the sun blocking its view. Her demeanor was not that of a goddess, but one of humility with her head extended downward in a devout pose. Her clothing, however, was reminiscent of that reserved for Aztec royalty, brightly colored blue-greens tinted with rose. She wore a black sash, an Aztec symbol of a woman who had given birth to a child.

Mary spoke to Juan Diego in his native language, requesting that he tell the Bishop-of-Mexico that her name was Santa Maria Coatalllope and that she wished to have a chapel built on

that mountain site. Juan did as instructed, yet failed in his efforts to convince the bishop of the authenticity of the visitation and the need to honor Mary's request. Finally on her third appearance Mary instructed Juan Diego to take some roses, highly unusual for December, as a sign for the bishop. Juan wrapped some of the roses in his cloak. When he spilled the roses out in front of the bishop, an image of the Blessed Mary was on the garment.

In the context of the brutal treatment of the Indians by the Spanish, the apparition was stern rebuke of their behavior. While few Indians converted prior to the appearance of Mary, they did so in droves after. Within six years, six million Mexicans, nearly the total population had converted to Catholicism. Today the Archdiocese of Mexico City is the world's largest Catholic archdiocese with approximately seven million Catholics. It has about 150,000 baptisms a year, which is more than the entire Catholic population of many dioceses across the globe. In reflection, the appearance of Mary to Juan Diego as one of his own is a powerful reminder of both God's and Mary's love for all peoples.

## **XII. Unfinished Business -**

- Bill reminded council remembers to turn in their Fraternal Surveys/hours.
- Gary reminded everyone that program manager reports are due.

## **XIII. New Business**

- Need volunteers to help clean the church.
  - Tuesday, 22 December.
  - 10:00am show time.
- Need volunteers to help with the 4:30pm Christmas Eve mass.
  - 9:00am show time to move mass items over to the High School gym.
  - Need help after to get mass items back to the church.

## **XIV. 4th Degree Report – Dave Petteys**

- A 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification is 11 December at St Mark.
- The next assembly meeting is January, 2016.

## **XV. Field Agent Report – David Cary**

- None.

## **XVI. District Deputy Report – John Lynn**

- Discussed the District Soccer Challenge.
  - Thanked the council for hosting the event.
  - Looking to combine efforts with other councils in order to make it more effective.
- The District Deputy meeting is slated for mid-January 2016.
- Stressed getting the fraternal hours turned in.
- Discussed midyear meeting, stressed that the council Financial Secretaries should attend.
- Concerning membership, council is 4 out of 11.

## **XVII. Good of the Order**

- Fellow Knights and associated family members in need of both spiritual and/or material assistance.
  - Bridget Mosley
  - Loren Hensen
  - Dennis and Michelle Cullen
  - Tony Yarosh

- Jason McGinnis
- Jim Myers (Art's son)
- Father Mike Buckley
- Herb Engler
- Neil Pugh family, and Calista
- Natch Molina (worked for Gary)
- Andrea Kelly (Herb's daughter)
- Ray Ortiz
- Mary Baron
- Dave Herskovits
- Natch Molina

**XVIII. Chaplain's Summation – Father Marek**

- Given by Gary Mayfield.

**XIX. Closing Prayer**

- Read by Bill Hensen.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:43 PM**

- *The minutes were recorded and reported by Mr. Mike McGinnis for Bernard Stancati.*

----- Attachments/Correspondence/Other Documents -----

Sum of Amount		Category				
Directorate	Account	Acct name	Budgeted Income	Budgeted Expense	Actual Income	Actual Expense
Membership	1	Dues	\$ 5,400.00		\$ 119.00	
	2	Assessments		\$ 2,424.00		\$ 957.70
	3	Major Degree		\$ 300.00		
	4	Recruiting Expense		\$ 100.00		\$ 62.50
<b>Membership Total</b>			<b>\$ 5,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,824.00</b>	<b>\$ 119.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,020.20</b>
Council	10	Peaches	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 5,875.00	\$ 11,222.32	\$ 5,619.00
	11	Burritos	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,670.05	\$ 1,223.24
	12	Football Raffle	\$ 500.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 270.00	\$ 400.00
	13	Fish Fry	\$ 1,536.00	\$ 1,200.00		
	14	Beer Tent				
	15	Council Programs				
	16	Grand Knight Fund		\$ 250.00		\$ 162.50
	17	Capital Investment		\$ 250.00		\$ 149.94
	18	Awards				
	19	Bank Charges				\$ 1.79
	20	Supplies		\$ 600.00		\$ 200.13
	21	Insurance		\$ 450.00		
	22	State Meetings		\$ 1,180.00		
	24	Shirts and Hats	\$ 750.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 139.00	\$ 126.00
	25	Other Council Events				
<b>Council Total</b>			<b>\$ 18,986.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,905.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,301.37</b>	<b>\$ 7,882.60</b>
Right-To-Life	26	Right to Life Donation		\$ 1,000.00		
	27	Ultrasound Machine Donations		\$ 500.00		
	28	Other Right to Life Events				
<b>Right-To-Life Total</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>		
Family	30	Spaghetti Dinners	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 750.00		
	31	Baseball	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		
	32	Christmas Party		\$ 250.00		
	33	Family Outdoor activit	\$ 250.00	\$ 300.00		
	34	Air Force Game		\$ 100.00		
35	Other Family Events					
<b>Family Total</b>			<b>\$ 2,750.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,400.00</b>		
Community	40	Tootsie Roll Drive	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,563.88	\$ 3,563.88
	41	Pennies From Heaven	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 115.89	
	42	Thanksgiving	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 18,806.00	\$ 15,128.60
	43	40 Cans for Lent	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00		
	44	VA Support		\$ 100.00		
	45	Fr. Woody's Support		\$ 400.00		
	46	Adopt-a-Highway		\$ 150.00		\$ 41.96
47	Other Community Events					
<b>Community Total</b>			<b>\$ 14,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 15,050.00</b>	<b>\$ 22,485.77</b>	<b>\$ 18,734.44</b>
Church	50	Keep Christ in Christ	\$ 250.00	\$ 50.00		
	51	Clergy Dinners		\$ 350.00		
	52	Seminarian Support	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00
	53	Beer & Brats	\$ 600.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 630.25	\$ 450.84
	54	Vocations		\$ 150.00		
	55	Diocesan Donation		\$ 1,000.00		
	56	Pax Christi Donation		\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
57	DoNuts	\$ 3,720.00	\$ 2,520.00	\$ 1,912.96	\$ 1,152.36	
<b>Church Total</b>			<b>\$ 4,870.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,970.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,543.21</b>	<b>\$ 4,103.20</b>
Youth	60	Scholarship		\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
	61	Youth Athletic		\$ 250.00		
	62	Relay For Life		\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
	63	Scout Projects		\$ 500.00		
	64	Other Youth Activities		\$ 250.00		\$ 277.54
<b>Youth Total</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 3,250.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 2,527.54</b>
Donations	70	Donations		\$ 1,007.00		
<b>Donations Total</b>			<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 1,007.00</b>		
Hailey Fund	80	Hailey Fund		\$		
	81	Hailey Fund	\$ -	\$ -		
<b>Hailey Fund Total</b>			<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>		
Lady Knights	90	Lady Knights	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,363.00	\$ 2,549.06
<b>Lady Knights Total</b>			<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,363.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,549.06</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>\$ 47,406.00</b>	<b>\$ 47,406.00</b>	<b>\$ 41,812.35</b>	<b>\$ 36,817.04</b>

Attachment 1

12/1/2015		
Receipts	Thanksgiving	\$ 18,656.00
	Lady Knights	\$ 2,363.00
	DoNuts	\$ 492.31
	Burritos	\$ 80.00
	Pennies From Heaven	\$ 25.00
Total Receipts:		\$ 21,616.31
Expenses	DoNuts	\$ 313.52
	Lady Knights	\$ 2,404.06
	Pax Christi Donation	\$ 1,000.00
	Seminarian Support	\$ 1,500.00
	Tootsie Roll Drive	\$ 3,563.88
	Thanksgiving	\$ 15,073.60
	Grand Knight Fund	\$ 162.50
	Capital Investment	\$ 149.94
	Bank Charges	\$ 1.79
Total Expenses:		\$ 24,169.29
Cash flow:		\$ (2,552.98)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY TREASURER REPORT			
DATE:	11/30/2015		
	October	November	
BANK BALANCE	\$ 26,252.48	\$	30,792.27
OUTSTANDING CHECKS	\$ 2,044.99	\$	9,137.76
HAILEY FUNDS	\$ 2,442.06	\$	2,442.06
LADY KNIGHTS' FUNDS	\$ 2,098.72	\$	2,112.66
AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$ 19,666.71	\$	17,099.79

Reconciliation between Financial Secretary and Treasurer	
Bank Balance end of last month	\$ 26,252.48
Less Prior Month Outstanding Checks	\$ 2,044.99
Plus Current Month deposits	\$ 21,616.31
Less Current Month Checks	\$ 24,169.29
Plus Current Month Outstanding Checks	\$ 9,137.76
Expected Bank Balance	\$ 30,792.27
Actual Bank Balance end of current month	\$ 30,792.27
Difference	\$ -





**COUNCIL 10937** – Volunteers and Pax Christi parishioners in Highlands Ranch, Colorado, organized, assembled and delivered 500 Thanksgiving Baskets to needy families in Denver, Colorado Springs and Douglas County. About 150 volunteers gathered at 8:00AM on Saturday, November 21st to unload the food from the trailer, set up the assembly line, assemble the baskets and deliver them to charitable agencies, and we all had a good time doing it. Each basket had a turkey, all the dinner trimmings and a pumpkin pie dessert to feed a family of 4 or 5. This is the 10th year for this Community event and smashed last year's record of 460 families.



**COUNCIL 7560** – Immaculate Heart of Mary Council 7560's Grand Knight Bill Beno presents Chaplain Fr. Kenny Udumka with a check for \$5,000 representing the council's commitment to match all donations to the parish mortgage fund through November. As a result, over \$11,000 was raised to help reduce the principal on the new Saint John Paul II Church and campus.



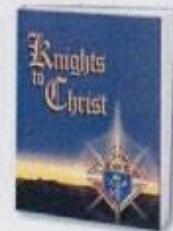
**ASSEMBLY 2813** – St. Padre Pio Assembly 2813 underwrote the cost to provide 50 Knights to Christ books in care packages for our service men and women. These packages, sent during the holiday season, are a project of the St Frances Cabrini Military Support Ministry. Pictured left to right are Sir Knights Ernest Joas, Jerry O'Connor, Richard Simpson and Walter Hunter, who met at the church to help pack the books into the boxes. The care packages and Knights to Christ books are a wonderful way to say thanks to our troops, and to let them know they are in our thoughts and prayers.

### IT'S TIME TO PLAN CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR OUR MILITARY

Send our troops **KNIGHTS TO CHRIST** to help them stay in touch with God

Many Councils, Assemblies and parishes send Christmas packages to our servicemen for Christmas. What better gift than a spiritual One? Include a copy of the book in your Christmas package, or order the Kindle version as a gift from Amazon.com. The eBook can be downloaded on to the Individual's Smart Phone for easy access.

Let us never forget those who selflessly give of their time and lives to protect our Freedom!  
Order hard copies through the State website: [www.coloradokofc.org](http://www.coloradokofc.org); EBook: [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)



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> From: Kim Jones  
> [mailto:KJones@elifenetwork.com]  
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> Sent: Sunday, December 6, 2015 5:00 PM  
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> To: Janice Sabin  
> <janice@youhavealternatives.org>  
>  
> Subject: RE: Turkey Baskets!  
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> Hi Janice!  
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> I just wanted to thank you for  
> all of your hard work coordinating the Thanksgiving Basket  
> deliveries! Our clients were so very appreciative.  
> Here's what one of them shared in a thank you note.  
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> "Thank you so  
> much for the Turkey. I went home that day and cooked  
> it, and we had food to eat for the rest of the week until we  
> got paid again! My husband started a new job and we  
> hadn't gotten  
> paid yet so that Turkey Basket was really  
> helpful!"  
>  
> Also, I wanted to send a thank  
> you directly to the couple who oversees the program at  
> Knights of Columbus. They not only brought baskets, she  
> hand knitted several sets of hats and scarves. Do you  
> happen to have their address?  
>  
> Kim  
> Jones  
>  
> LifeSteps  
> Director  
>  
> KJones@elifenetwork.com  
>  
> 719.355.1185  
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Attachment 4

> From: Janice Sabin <janice@youhavealternatives.org>  
> Subject: Thank you!  
> To: "bob\_luckner@yahoo.com" <bob\_luckner@yahoo.com>  
> Date: Monday, December 7, 2015, 8:58 AM

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> Dear Bob,

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> On behalf of all of us at  
> Alternatives, I want to thank you, the Knight of Columbus  
> and the parish community at Pax Christi for your amazingly  
> generous donation of food baskets for our clients.

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> Your tangible gifts made  
> Thanksgiving Day possible for so many of our precious  
> families who are struggling and simply need a helping hand.  
> To see the smiles on their faces and to hear their  
> expressions of gratitude help us all better understand  
> the true meaning of Thanksgiving.

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> We are grateful for your  
> partnership and life-giving support and for the  
> encouragement you give Alternatives and those we serve.

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> Wishing you and your  
> families a very blessed and joyous Christmas.

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> In Gratitude,

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> Janice

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> Janice

> Sabin

> Director of

> Church Mobilization

> Alternatives Pregnancy

> Center

> 1440 Blake

> Street, Suite 200

> Denver,

> CO 80202

> 303.298.8815 Business

> 303.295.2288 Helpline 24/7

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Attachment 5