



# Knights of Columbus

In Service to One, In Service to All  
 Rev. Robert F. Houlihan, S.J., Council 10937  
 Business Meeting – Jan 13, 2018

## I. General

- The Council was called to order at 8:15AM by Grand Knight William Hensen.
- Opening Prayers were offered by Bill Hensen and Mike Burkett.
- The council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The Grand Knight then called for the role-call of officers, the results are as follows (P = Present; A = Absence; E = excused)

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

- The business meeting minutes for December 2017 were read-in for approval. Dave Petteys made a motion to accept as read. Matt Yeagle provided a second. And after no further discussion, the minutes were unanimously approved.

## II. Applications for Approval – Roger Giudici for Steve Froseth

- There are four Transfer Form 100s. Three that have already been read-in, and one new one, John Werner, which needs to be read-in.
- Roger has also scheduled a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Team practice at his home on Tuesday Jan 16th at 7:00 pm. With a First Degree to take place on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm, just before our monthly business meeting.

## III. Grand Knight Report – William Hensen

- Correspondence:
  - Thank You card from Alternatives Pregnancy Center (see attachment pg.9).
  - Thank You card from Catholic Charities (see attachment pg.10).
  - Two Thank You cards from Life Network Steps Director, Kim Long, one for the council and the other for the parish (see attachments pgs.11 & 12).
- Events/Activities:
  - Council dues for 2018 are now due.
  - Jan 13, Spaghetti Dinner after the 5pm mass.
  - Jan 20, St Katherine Drexel 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala fund raiser (see attachment pg.13). The council is sponsoring two tables, 10 couples.
  - Jan 20, District 5 – District Deputy Meeting at St. Francis in Castle Rock starting at 9am, for council and assembly officers.
  - Jan 21, there will be a Right-to-Life Mass.
  - Jan 21, Breakfast Burrito Sunday.
  - Jan 27, KOC Free Throw Contest, which will be a collaborative effort with St. Mark parish.

- The Pax Christi Mission Retreat is scheduled for January 29 – 31<sup>st</sup> (see attachment pg.14).
- Due to the Mission Retreat, the February business planning meeting will be held on Thursday, February 1, social time is 6:30pm, meeting start is 7:00pm.
- The February business meeting is scheduled for February 10. Due to the planned First Degree ceremony there will be no Mass.
- Monthly council socials, none scheduled for January, for February it will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> in the Great Hall after the 5pm Mass.
- Weekend of February 10/11, Lady Knights's bake sale.
- Pennies from Heaven
- Knight of the Month – Uncle Ben Stancati.
- Family of the Month – Mike and Mellissa Burkett.

#### **IV. Chaplain's Report – Father Marek Krol**

- Father Krol had nothing more to add from his morning Mass sermon, which was based on the Gospel Reading from St. Mark. In this reading Jesus explained to both the Jewish religious leadership and the group gathered that He came for the sick, sinners, and not the healthy and righteous. Father pointed out that Jesus was speaking directly to not only those in attendance, but to us too. Father also reminded us that even though we will continue to sin we are always forgiven.

#### **V. Treasurer's Report – Joe Regnery**

Report handed out at the meeting (see attachment pg.7).

- Bank Balance – \$28,742.27
- Outstanding Checks – \$3,011.27
- Hailey Fund – \$1,312.06
- Lady Knights – \$1,282.14
- Available Funds – \$23,136.00

#### **VI. Financial Secretary's Report – Steve Froseth**

Report(s) handed out at meeting (see attachment pgs.7 & 8). At meeting start, the figures were not in balance with the Treasurer's report. The reason is because the Financial Secretary had deducted a \$1000 donation check from the balance prior to it actually clearing the bank. Nevertheless, the issue was resolved at the business meeting and, therefore, the figures are now in balance.

- Receipts/Actual Income – \$1,224.26
- Expenses – \$3,117.18
- Bank balance – \$28,742.27
- Due to recent activity there is a negative cash flow of (\$4,527.46) for this period.
- Additional information (see attachment pgs. 7 & 8).

#### **VII. Auditor and Trustees - Paul Sciera/Joe Musso/Gary Mayfield.**

- An audit is required in February, due by the 15<sup>th</sup>. The plan then is to do one after the February 10 business meeting.
- Nothing else to report.

#### **VIII. Chancellor's Update – Ken Balcerzak**

- As previously noted, the council is supporting three seminarians (Will Dwyer, Timothy O'Connell, and Colby Kurst). Sponsorship checks to Will and Tim were mailed out in mid-December, they are still outstanding.
- Ken read the prayer for vocations.

**IX. Committee Reports – Facilitated by Michael Burkett.** Prior to the start of the committee reports, Mike thanked all responsible officers and committee directors for getting their reports in.

a. **Membership Report – Roger Giudici**

- A 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Team practice will take place at Roger’s house on Tuesday Jan 16th at 7:00 pm.
- A council 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Ceremony is scheduled for the February 10 business meeting, starting at 7:30am.
- Roger Giudici noted that there are four Transfer Form 100s:
  - Three have already been read-in and approved, Ryan Fesker; Mike Melo; and Dave Santos.
  - And one new one, John Werner, which needed to be read-in and approved. Roger read-in the Form 100 and then made a motion to accept. Dave Petteys and Art Meyer each provided a second. After no further discussion John’s Form 100 was unanimously approved.
- Nothing has come back from membership material that was handed out during the Fall 17 membership drive. The next membership drive will be in March.
- Two stand-alone ceremonies:
  - A stand-alone 2nd Degree (Formation) on January 18 at St. Patrick in Colorado Springs.
  - A stand-alone 3rd Degree (Knighthood) on January 25 at St. Patrick in Colorado Springs.
- Both Bill and Roger are still looking for someone to take Roger’s place.

b. **Church Director Report – Mike for Dermot O’Doherty**

- Donuts are on-going per the new revised and updated schedule. Our council is on for January 14.
- In addition, Dermot is trying to get more organized by putting out a new schedule along with a set of instructions on what to do.
- The parish’s volunteer appreciation dinner is scheduled for January 26, 2018.
- Due to increased work commitments, Dermot has requested a replacement for himself by June.

c. **Community Report – Mike for Ford Fay**

- Nothing to report.

d. **Council Activity Report – Mike for Nereus Lobo/Paul Sciera**

- Breakfast Burrito Sunday
  - The next one is scheduled for January 21.
- Council Monthly Socials.
  - Due to a number of activities scheduled for the month of January, such as the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, council spaghetti dinner, and the St. Katherine Drexel fund raiser, none is planned for this month.
  - The February social is scheduled for the 17<sup>th</sup> after the 5pm Mass in the Great Hall, and will be a ‘game night.’ Folks are encouraged to bring not only their favorite food and drink, but also their favorite board game.
- Highway Cleanup is scheduled for May 2018.
- Lent Fish Tacos:
  - The first one will be February 16 after Stations of the Cross.
  - Then every other Friday until Holy Week.

e. **Family Report – Mike for Tony Mancuso**

- The next spaghetti dinner is scheduled for January 13. As always, volunteer help is needed for cooking, setup and cleanup.
- Additionally, Tony is soliciting suggestions for various family activities.

f. **Culture of Life report – Roger Giudici for Mike McGinnis**

- Respect Life Committee
  - January 22<sup>nd</sup> is the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. Therefore, the Mass intention for the 10:30am Mass on January 21<sup>st</sup> will be ‘Right to Life.’ In addition, the Respect Life Committee will be handing out cards that say “Be a Life Saver” at the 8:30 and 10:30am Masses, help is appreciated. Also, unless someone volunteers to take for action, nothing is currently planned for the 5pm Masses on both Saturday and Sunday respectively.
  - On the last Sunday of February, the 25<sup>th</sup>, the committee is planning on hosting a joint respect life meeting. Invites have gone out to other Respect Life Committees at St Mark, St Francis, and Ave Maria. The focus of the meeting is to work on having more regional based events in lieu of just parish focused activities.
  - The Fifth Sunday Rosary is now ‘Rosaries for Life.’ The next one is scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup> before the 8:30am Mass starting at 7:50.
  - Roger handed out a copy of the Respect Life Committee brochure from the parish. Plans are ongoing for other events and activities.
  - Anyone from the council who is interested in being on the committee and/or getting involved in planning activities please see Mike McGinnis.
- January 13, there is a mass, rally, and march for life planned. Mass at the Cathedral at 11:30am, rally at 1pm, followed by march at 2pm. The Colorado Springs Diocese is planning a similar Right-to-Life event for January 15.
- Forty Days for Life Lenten devotional campaign is scheduled to start around mid-February, the 14<sup>th</sup>. As normal, Mike will be sending out the devotionals via email, more to follow.
- And as always, please continue to consider praying in front of ‘Planned Parenthood.’

g. **Youth Report – Alan Brown/Ben Stancati**

- Information on our Stewardship Scholarship Program has been sent out so things are now underway. Alan is soliciting help in encouraging eligible High School students to participate.
  - Applications will need to be in and collected up by the end of February.
  - As in past years, reviewers/judges are needed.
  - The review date is currently being planned for after the March business meeting.
  - At present there are four or five students that have expressed interest.
- The KOC Free Throw Contest is scheduled for January 27.
  - This will be a collaborative effort between St Mark and Pax Christi parish councils.
  - Location is Sand Creek Elementary school in Highlands Ranch.
  - Start time is 1pm and will go until 3pm.
  - The event is open to both guys and gals ages 9 – 14.

h. **Newsletter**

- As our newsletter, Bill Hensen will continue to send the monthly meeting agenda into state.

**X. Advocates Report – Dave Petteys**

- There is nothing to report.

**XI. Unfinished Business**

- None

**XII. New Business**

- Matt Yeagle proposed that at the next planning meeting we dedicate some time to discuss having a mandatory general meeting of the council. A possible date could be sometime in the Fall of 2018. The

purpose of which is to re-energize the council, its membership, and to get more members involved in various council based activities and programs, more to follow.

### **XIII. 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Report – Roger Giudici**

- Ushering and presenting of gifts:
  - The assembly ushered and took up the gifts at the 8:30 and 10:30 masses on January 8.
  - The next one is scheduled for January 28.
  - As always, attire is the blue assembly shirt. Members need to check in with Roger for assignments.
- January 13, there is a mass, rally, and march for life planned. Mass at the Cathedral at 11:30am, rally at 1pm, followed by a march at 2pm.
- Tuesday January 16 there is a funeral Mass at 11am at St. Thomas More for a Jim Holton. Jim was former Faithful Navigator of Assembly 2937, which Pax use to be a part of before splitting off.
- There are 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplifications scheduled for March, April, May, and June.
- No assembly meeting is planned for after the council meeting.

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

- None.

### **XV. District Deputy Report – Bernie Kuta**

- At the start, Bernie presented the 2016 – 17 Columbia Award' to Bill Hensen, which is given to councils that report on four major programs and activities that enhance and support the KOC Domestic Church program.
- Although previously discussed, Bernie mentioned the planned District Deputy meeting scheduled for January 20 at St Francis in Castle Rock. He encouraged all officers to attend and to bring their concerns, along with their ideas for improvement to the meeting. As part of this Bernie reminded us what while increasing membership is important, we must also put energy towards finding ways to re-energize those council members who are not actively engaged.
- Officer elections will be coming up soon for the next fraternal year, so the council needs to be thinking about who will be filling these leadership positions.
- District Free Throw contest is scheduled for February at Ave Maria, with the State after that.
- With the Christmas Season behind us Bernie finished up by reminding us that the advancement of programs are not just seasonal yet extend through the whole year. So keep up the good work.

### **XVI. Good of the Order**

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

- Alan's short talk centered on an article that appeared in the January 2018 edition of 'Columbia Magazine,' concerning this year's Right-to-Life March that will take place in Washington D.C. on Jan 19. The author is Archbishop William E. Lori, Supreme Chaplin, and the title of the article is 'Reflecting on Questions About the Dignity of Life Can Lead Us to God's Goodness and Love,' (see attachment pgs. 15 - 17).
- The following associated family members and friends are in need of both spiritual and /or material assistance: Bill Miller, Bridget Mosley, Lauren Hensen, Dennis and Michelle Cullen, Neal Pugh family and Calista, Dave Herskovits, Tom Sathre and Bob Ehle (good friends of Ben Stancati), George Hensen, Katie Martindale (Ron Gerber's granddaughter ), Kathy Spence, Ilenne Mayfield (Gary's sister-in-law), Yvonne and Herb Engler, Ken Tahmassebi (a good friend of Gary Mayfield ), Ann Sears, Brian Murphy, Deann Craig, Jacob Donaldson, Bob Luckner Sr., Mike McGinnis, Ray Otstott (Ben's brother-in-law), Cindy McGlaugflin, Frank Hensen, Brian Schessor, Ron Gerber, Jim Holton (RIP) and his immediate family, Alexandria Petteys, BriAnn Vanhoudt, & Members of our Council that have passed.

**XVII. Chaplain's Summation – Fr. Marek**

- Nothing more to add to his sermon from today's Mass.

**XIX. Closing Prayer – Deputy Grand Knight.**

- Prayers from the KOC Blue Book were read by Mike Burkett.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 AM.

*Minutes recorded and reported by Ben Stancati*

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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 10937  
MONTHLY TREASURER REPORT  
January 2018**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY TREASURER REPORT			
DATE:	1/13/2018		
	November	December	
BANK BALANCE	\$ 33,716.47	\$ 28,742.27	
OUTSTANDING CHECKS	\$ 3,458.01	\$ 3,011.27	
HAILEY FUND	\$ 1,312.06	\$ 1,312.06	
LADY KNIGHTS	\$ 4,354.32	\$ 1,282.14	
AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$ 24,592.08	\$ 23,136.80	

Reconciliation between Financial Secretary and Treasurer	
Bank Balance end of last month	\$ 33,716.47
Less Prior Month Outstanding Checks	\$ 3,458.01
Plus Current Month deposits	\$ 1,224.26
Less Current Month Checks	\$ 5,751.72
Plus Current Month Outstanding Checks	\$ 3,011.27
Expected Bank Balance	\$ 28,742.27
Actual Bank Balance end of current month	\$ 28,742.27
Difference	\$ -

Draft pending Treasurer  
Approval

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 10937 MONTHLY  
FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT  
December 2017 Activity**

Sum of Amount			Category	
Directorate	Acct name	Account	Actual Income	Actual Expense
Community	Tootsie Roll Drive	40		\$2,267.16
	Thanks giving	42	\$125.00	
Council	Bank Charges	19		\$10.00
	Supplies	20		\$9.80
	Burritos	11	\$712.00	\$256.42
Church	Keep Christ in Christmas	50	\$100.00	
	DoNuts	57	\$242.26	\$91.16
Lady Knights	Lady Knights	90	\$45.00	\$3,117.18
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>\$1,224.26</b>	<b>\$5,751.72</b>
			Net Activity	\$ (4,527.46)

- Tootsie Roll funds were paid to K o C State Charities. Checks for 75% were sent back to the council. Check for \$850 each were issued to ARC and Special Olympics.
- Lady Knights issued checks to St Katherine Drexell school for \$2,000, St Elizabeth Food Pantry for \$500, Pax Christi \$500.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 10937 MONTHLY FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT**  
**Full Year Budget 2017/2018 vs. December 2017 YTD Actual**

Directorate	Acct name	Budgeted Income	Budgeted Expense	Actual Income	Actual Expense	Directorate	Acct name	Budgeted Income	Budgeted Expense	Actual Income	Actual Expense	
Membership	Dues	\$4,680.00	\$0.00	\$86.00		Community	Tootsie Roll Drive	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00	\$2,423.16	\$2,423.16	
	Assessments	\$0.00	\$2,160.00		\$996.30		Pennies From Heaven	\$230.00	\$350.00	\$156.38		
	Major Degree	\$0.00	\$200.00				Thanksgiving	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$17,282.67	\$11,770.29	
	Recruiting Expense	\$0.00	\$100.00				40 Cans for Lent	\$500.00	\$500.00			
<b>Membership Total</b>		<b>\$4,680.00</b>	<b>\$2,460.00</b>	<b>\$86.00</b>	<b>\$996.30</b>	VA Support	\$0.00	\$100.00				
Council	Peaches	\$9,792.00	\$5,040.00	\$8,456.00	\$4,222.00	Pr. Woody's Support	\$0.00	\$400.00				
	Burritos	\$6,800.00	\$3,200.00	\$4,081.00	\$1,628.01	Adopt-a-Highway	\$0.00	\$150.00			\$284.55	
	Football Raffle	\$500.00	\$400.00	\$500.00	\$408.00	Other Community Events	\$0.00	\$0.00				
	Fish Fry	\$1,320.00	\$693.00			<b>Community Total</b>	<b>\$15,150.00</b>	<b>\$15,800.00</b>	<b>\$19,862.21</b>	<b>\$14,478.00</b>		
	Council Programs	\$0.00				Church	Keep Christ in Christmas	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00		
	Grand Knight Fund	\$0.00	\$250.00		\$70.00		Clergy Dinners	\$0.00	\$400.00			
	Capital Investment	\$0.00	\$250.00				Seminarian Support	\$300.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	\$1,500.00	
	Awards	\$0.00					Beer & Brats	\$900.00	\$600.00	\$464.00	\$391.05	
	Bank Charges	\$0.00			\$45.36		Vocations	\$0.00	\$100.00			
	Supplies	\$0.00	\$700.00		\$183.77		Diocesan Donation	\$0.00	\$1,000.00			
	Insurance	\$0.00	\$500.00		\$475.00		Pax Christi Donation	\$0.00	\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00
	State Meetings	\$0.00	\$520.00		\$127.00		DoNuts	\$1,600.00	\$2,520.00	\$1,453.66	\$850.93	
	Shirts and Hats	\$750.00	\$700.00	\$627.00	\$620.14	<b>Church Total</b>	<b>\$4,800.00</b>	<b>\$7,120.00</b>	<b>\$2,317.66</b>	<b>\$3,741.98</b>		
25th Anniversary	\$3,700.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,053.00	\$2,028.52	Youth	Scholarship	\$0.00	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00		
Parish Picnic	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$628.00	\$628.10		Youth Athletic	\$0.00	\$0.00				
<b>Council Total</b>	<b>\$22,862.00</b>	<b>\$15,253.00</b>	<b>\$16,345.00</b>	<b>\$10,435.94</b>		Support Parish Youth Events	\$0.00	\$750.00			\$161.01	
Right-To-Life	Right to Life Donation	\$0.00	\$1,000.00			\$550.00	Scout Projects	\$0.00	\$500.00			
	Ultrasound Machine Donations	\$0.00	\$500.00			Other Youth Activities	\$0.00	\$0.00				
	Other Right to Life Events	\$0.00	\$250.00			<b>Youth Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,250.00</b>		<b>\$2,161.01</b>		
<b>Right-To-Life Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,750.00</b>		<b>\$550.00</b>	Donations	Donations	\$0.00	\$1,059.00				
Family	Spaghetti Dinners	\$1,500.00	\$900.00	\$467.00		\$799.26	Haley Fund	\$0.00	\$1,000.00			
	Baseball	\$0.00	\$0.00			<b>Donations Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,059.00</b>				
	Christmas Party	\$0.00	\$300.00			Lady Knights	Lady Knights	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,606.00	\$3,192.24	
	Family Outdoor activities	\$0.00	\$100.00				<b>Lady Knights Total</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$3,606.00</b>	<b>\$3,192.24</b>	
	Air Force Game	\$0.00	\$0.00			<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$49,992.00</b>	<b>\$49,992.00</b>	<b>\$42,683.87</b>	<b>\$36,354.69</b>		
	Other Family Events	\$0.00	\$0.00									
<b>Family Total</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$1,300.00</b>	<b>\$467.00</b>	<b>\$799.26</b>								

- Peach sales are final with net of \$4,234 vs. budget of \$4,752
- Burrito net YTD of ~\$2,500 is running ahead of full yr. budget net amount of \$3,600
- Football raffle goal was achieved earning the council benefits of reduced state assessments and state meeting expenses
- Bishops Respect Life Fund check for \$550 is the RTL donation
- Spaghetti Dinner was the All Saints event dinner and wine

- Tootsie Roll Drive net funds to be submitted to state charities by EOY.
- Thanksgiving baskets activity is complete. The net of ~\$5,500 is close to last yrs. net of ~\$6,300
- Pax Christi donation is to be presented at the Christmas party
- Scholarship funds are distributed in July
- Lady Knights issued checks to St Katherine Drexell school for \$2,000, St Elizabeth Food Pantry for \$500, Pax Christi \$500.

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Blessings! Thank you!  
Kati

Thank you, so much!  
Nancy

What a blessing  
you all  
are!  
Thank you!  
-Amber

God bless!  
Thank you  
Luba

Thank you!  
Katie

Thank you so  
much!  
-Evin DeLeon

Thank you  
& Bless you  
for all you do!  
Thanks Carol  
-Kiara R.

Katie K.

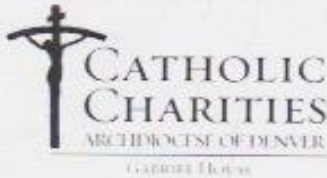
Thank you  
so much.  
Bless you!  
Opelina

Dear Ken,

On behalf of our clients, volunteers and staff, I want to thank you, the Knights of Columbus Council and the Pax Christi parish for your incredibly generous donation of Thanksgiving food boxes. Your gifts were truly life-giving and brought much joy to our clients and their families. We are so grateful and treasure your friendships. May the Lord of life bless you richly for your generosity. Anne

Seasons of **life**

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November 27, 2017

The Knights of Columbus  
Pax Christi Catholic Church  
5761 McArthur Ranch Road  
Littleton, Colorado 80124

Dear Knights of Columbus,

Thank you very much for your generous donation of more than 100 turkey baskets to the Gabriel Houses at All Saints Parish, St. Francis de Sales Parish and Queen of Peace Parish in Aurora on November 18, 2017. This contribution continues to make it possible for the Gabriel House Project to reach women and children in need.

The Gabriel House Project serves as a visible beacon of hope for mothers, fathers and families needing assistance. It is a blessing to these families to have access to a resource that cares not only for their material needs, but also their spiritual and emotional needs. All of the services are free and our volunteer Angels and Michaels continually extend the unconditional love of Jesus Christ.

Under the direction and support of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Denver, the Gabriel House Project continues to serve women and families with young children throughout the Denver Metro Area and Boulder, Larimer, Summit and Eagle Counties: Gabriel Houses in Denver at St. James Parish, St. Francis de Sales Parish, All Saints Parish, Centro San Juan Diego, Annunciation Parish, Holy Family Parish, in Lakewood at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, in Aurora at Queen of Peace Parish, in Boulder at Sacred Heart of Mary Parish, in Fort Collins at St. Joseph Parish, in Frisco at the Summit Parish Center, and in Eagle at St. Mary Parish.

Again, thank you for your support on behalf of the born and unborn.

Sincerely,

*Mimi Eckstein*

Mimi Eckstein  
Director, Gabriel House Project  
Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Denver

*Cannot  
thank you for  
enough for  
your prayers, help-  
and support  
Blessings to all  
Mimi E.*



Our Friends at Knights of  
Columbus,  
Thank you again for blessing the  
young families we serve with a bas-  
ket of blessings! One single mom  
shared that this was the first  
Thanksgiving dinner she cooked.  
She was so proud of herself and  
thankful for days of leftovers  
for her & her young daughter.  
She was so blessed by your ama-  
zing kindness ~ so are we!

**LifeNETWORK**  
www.eLifenetwork.com

Kim Jones  
LifeSteps Director



Our Friends at Pax Christi  
Catholic Church

We are again blessed by  
your amazing generosity. The  
smiles, tears & gratitude we  
witnessed as young families  
picked up their box of blessings  
was pure joy! God is surely smil-  
ing on your kind & faithful  
church family. Please let them  
know that we are smiling too,  
and smiling still!

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Blissed by you,  
Kim Jones  
LifeSteps Director

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CELEBRATING 5 YEARS OF SKD

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**ST. KATHARINE DREXEL**

**5TH ANNUAL SCHOOL FUNDRAISING GALA**  
**JANUARY 20, 2018**

**WHAT:** The Fifth Annual Fundraising Event for St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School.

**WHEN:** January 20, 2018 from 6-9pm.

**WHERE:** The Franciscan Event Center  
6553 S Revere Pkwy, Centennial, CO 80111

**BUY TICKETS:** [events.handbid.com/auctions/live-love-play-celebrating-5-years-of-skd](http://events.handbid.com/auctions/live-love-play-celebrating-5-years-of-skd)

**MAKE DONATIONS:** [skdschool.paxchristi.org/home/donate/](http://skdschool.paxchristi.org/home/donate/)

**SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE!**  
For sponsorship information, call Kate Hogan at 918-991-9367 or email [kipal@gmail.com](mailto:kipal@gmail.com).



# Christ's Healing Love

## Pax Christi Parish Mission

5761 McArthur Ranch Rd., Lone Tree, CO 80124 (in Church)

### January 29, 30, 31, 2018

Begins each night at 6:30pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and ends at 9:00pm

Fr. Greg Bramlage of Missionaries of the New Evangelization from Colorado Springs will lead this Parish Program.

Monday's theme: **"Forgiveness Opens Us to God's Blessings"**  
Tuesday's theme: **"The Holy Spirit Brings Us into Divine Intimacy"**  
Wednesday's theme: **"The Word of God Empowers Us"**



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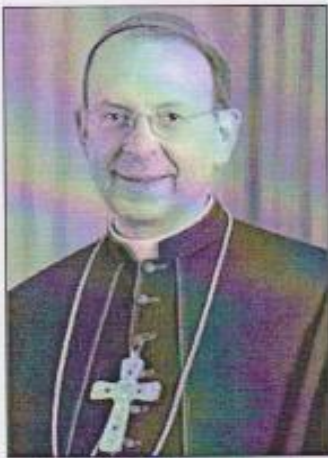
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## CONVERSION TO THE GOSPEL OF LIFE

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### REFLECTING ON QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DIGNITY OF LIFE CAN LEAD US TO GOD'S GOODNESS AND LOVE



THE SPIRIT of the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., is extraordinary. It is not only peaceful but also full of hope and joy. It is forward-looking as it seeks to create a culture of life and love. And while it draws people of all ages, the crowd tends to be young, including many millennials and young families. Standing in the crowd, you feel as though you're at a version of World Youth Day — filled with the conviction that human life is God's precious gift and that each person, from the moment of conception, is endowed by the Creator with inviolable

dignity and, indeed, "a right to life."

When I attend the March for Life each January, I invariably catch a cold, but it's worth it. I come home with a renewed determination to resist what Pope Francis calls "the throwaway culture" and to foster genuine love and respect for human life, especially when it is defenseless.

I often ask myself what draws so many people to this event. What makes them travel great distances, spend sleepless nights on buses, and stand for hours on cold, soggy ground? Is it merely a political movement, or is it something more? The answer, I think, is that the Lord is at work in the minds and hearts of these good people and many more like them. The word for it has to be "conversion" — the Lord is converting minds and hearts to the Gospel of Life. And I would further offer that this process of conversion takes place within us on three levels — intellectual, moral and religious.

## SEEKING TRUTH

We commonly think of conversion solely as a religious experience, such as coming to faith in Christ or converting to Catholicism. Yet conversion has other meanings as well. In general, it is a change of direction in our lives that takes us beyond ourselves, beyond our limited point of view, beyond our purely personal interests — or, as Pope Francis would say, beyond our comfort zone. It is a shift that leads us to strive to be better, more authentic versions of ourselves.

Conversion is thus a common human experience. And as noted above, it often occurs on three levels in our lives. Let's look at all three to understand more deeply the ways in which people can be converted to the truth and beauty of the Gospel of Life.

First, intellectual conversion begins when we start asking questions and challenging assumptions. We begin to wonder whether what we had assumed to be true is in fact true. We question the rhetoric and hype that we hear and see.

Many people who once considered themselves avidly "pro-choice" arrived at a point in their lives when they started asking questions about arguments for abortion, leading them to ultimately change their minds. At a certain point, they took seriously the philosophical arguments and scientific evidence advanced in favor of the humanity of the unborn child. For others, the breakthrough experience came when they actually saw an unborn child via an ultrasound machine. Indeed, this is the case for many as a result of the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative.

## MOVED TO GRATITUDE

A change of mind often leads to a change in one's actions, to moral conversion — to a different way of understanding, judging and acting. As a rule, people see themselves as reasonable and conscientious. When individuals take that view of themselves seriously, they may arrive at a point when they become uncomfortable making decisions and acting solely on the basis of what they think is in their best interest. They start thinking not only about their own problems, comfort or convenience. They start asking about what really matters, what is really important in life. In other words, they become concerned about virtues and values.

When people become convinced of the value of human life, they may be led to make difficult choices. Their newfound support for the cause of life may alienate friends and colleagues. A woman experiencing a difficult pregnancy may find the courage to bring her child to term in spite of her family's opposition.



Even as individuals undergo intellectual and moral conversion, something deeper may be going on in the depths of their being — namely, a genuine religious conversion. After all, once life is understood as a precious gift, many are struck by the thought that God loves what he has made. From there, it is a short step to thank the Creator for the gift of life and, in so doing, to fall in love with him.

We are prompted to believe in, trust and worship the living God, thanking him for creating each person in his image; thanking him for sending his Son to assume and redeem our humanity; thanking him for calling us to friendship with himself.

Thus, intellectual convictions and moral choices in favor of life become surrounded by God's grace and love. This experience transforms us deeply and fills our pro-life advocacy with genuine love of God and neighbor. We then become not only advocates for life but also witnesses to the God of love who created and redeemed us.

This, I think, explains the joy I experience each year when I take part in the March for Life. I hope you'll experience that same joy!

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