



KNIGHTS FOR LIFE

IN SERVICE TO THE ORDER

In defense of our unborn brothers and sisters

Committed to Education Communication and Catholic Civic Responsibility



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2007 – 2008 Fraternal Year End Progress Report

This is an update on Knights For Life activity since being founded in April 2004 with approval of then State Deputy Steve Thomas by then State Pro-Life Chairman Ed Jeanfreau.

These results could be duplicated by any State Council and repeated across the country with a little effort.

Our mission is simple: Find a way to help Crisis Pregnancy Centers save more unborn babies. Ultrasound machines have become the greatest tool in saving babies but they are expensive and most CPCs don't have the funds.

FUNDRAISING: Using baby bottles has been done for years across the country. We have a print out called the ABCs of baby bottle fundraising at our website www.KnightsForLife.org that can help direct any group to success. Please note this project can be successful with as few as 3 dedicated people who will cooperate with a CPC. All checks are made out to the individual CPC, they are all 501(c)3 tax-exempt charitable organizations.

From April 2004 to March 2008 Knights For Life, with the cooperation of over 25 Councils and the direct assistance of several dozen brother Knights helped raise \$495,000; including six ultrasound machines for seven Crisis Pregnancy Centers.

ACCESS Pregnancy and Referral Centers (ACCESS) operated by Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of New Orleans has received over \$140,000 from baby bottle fundraising, enabling them to secure an 80% grant from Focus on the Family for three Ultrasound machines. In spring 2007 the third machine was installed at their third facility and they are now saving more babies than ever before. ACCESS is planning to open a fourth Center in New Orleans. Most Centers also offer STD testing, which is at epidemic levels in young people today.

Northlake Crisis Pregnancy Center in Covington was the first Center we helped with fundraisers that became a limited medical facility. This is a requirement to purchase and operate the machine. As a result of our baby bottle fundraising a very generous person made a \$50,000 donation enabling Northlake to purchase a state of the art GE 4D Ultrasound machine, the same model used in National Geographics' documentary *Life in the Womb*.

Restoration PRC in Hammond and Crisis Pregnancy Help Center in Slidell both received donations the following year from the same donor to Northlake for renovations and ultrasound machines. KC Councils in Hammond and Slidell help support these two Centers.

Desormeaux Foundation in Lafayette, LA has had successful baby bottle fundraising in several parishes to help support the WOMAN'S CENTER in Lafayette.

We want to note that this has been accomplished at no cost to the State Council.

This would not have been possible without the 100% support of our Pastors and the generous support of parishioners. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus Councils and brother Knights who helped distribute and collect the bottles.

Vivat Jesu!

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