



# Knightline

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## News for Knights of Columbus

*Through prayer, advocacy and acts of charity, the Knights of Columbus remains ever vigilant in defending the unborn, helping women and children in need, and standing for the sanctity of all human life.*

### Life Partnerships

Knights in Texas exemplify the Order's commitment to building a culture of life through support for pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes. [READ MORE](#)



Staff of the Mater Filius Home, including founders Marthalicia and Javier Burkle (back, center), are pictured in November with current and former residents. The maternity home, located in Plano, Texas, receives support from local Knights and the Texas State Council. Photo by Ben Torres

### Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge

For the month of January, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori challenges Knights to offer one decade of the rosary each day — individually or as a family — for the intention of life. Second, he challenges Knights to participate with their council in the Novena for Life, March for Life, and/or Pregnancy Center Support Faith in Action programs. To read the full challenge, along with questions for reflection, [click here](#).

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### Knights Deliver Gifts in Toronto

Knights from Blessed Carlo Acutis Council 17693 in Bond Head, Ontario, collaborated with the Sisters of Life in Toronto to bring Christmas gifts to children of single mothers in need. [WATCH VIDEO](#)



### March for Life

The [March for Life](#) — the world's largest annual human rights demonstration — will be held Jan. 21 in Washington, D.C., and comes as a decision is awaited in the U.S. Supreme Court case *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*.

Knights and their families are also encouraged to participate in local marches and pro-life demonstrations in their own countries — including Canada's [National March for Life](#) on May 22.

### KnightCast Returns Jan. 4

In a new episode of KnightCast that will premiere Jan. 4, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly reflects on his Oct. 25 audience with Pope Francis. Host Jonathan Reyes also interviews the Order's vice president of public policy, Tim Saccoccia, about *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* and the impact it could have on the pro-life movement. [LEARN MORE](#)

Clips of KnightCast are also available on [YouTube](#), making it easier than ever to watch and share.



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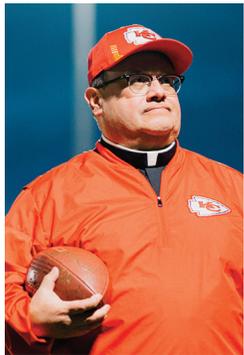
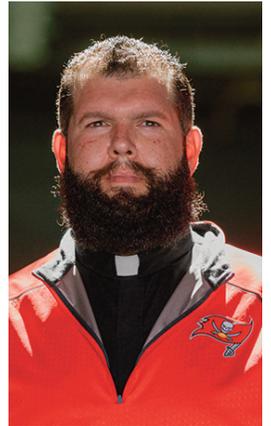
For much of the year, Sunday is hardly a day of rest for players in the National Football League. That's one reason that many NFL teams have chaplains. As the NFL playoff season is set to begin, three of these chaplains — all of them Knights — share their stories of bringing Christ to the athletes they serve.



Kansas City Chiefs chaplain Father Richard Rocha gives a blessing to Chiefs kicker Harrison Butker outside the team's Arrowhead Stadium in December. Rocha has been a Knight since 1981, Butker since 2015.

## 'Everything They Have'

Father Chuck Dornquist was ordained a priest in 2015 and became the Catholic chaplain of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers that same year. After a few giddy fan moments at the outset, he quickly came to a realization: "The players don't need someone who's going to give them special attention because they are top-notch athletes; they need someone who can love them as a father." [WATCH VIDEO](#) | [READ MORE](#)



## 'Coaching on God's Team'

Very few people have a Super Bowl ring or a World Series ring. Father Richard Rocha has both. A former football coach at the high school and college levels, Father Rocha has served as Catholic chaplain for the Kansas City Chiefs since 2017 and for the Kansas City Royals since 2006. [WATCH VIDEO](#) | [READ MORE](#)



## 'A Ministry of Presence'

Before entering seminary in 2009, Father Douglas Hunter worked for a decade as a police officer, giving him a unique perspective in his ministry not only as pastor of St. Roch Parish in Indianapolis, but as the chaplain of the Indianapolis Colts. [WATCH VIDEO](#) | [READ MORE](#)

## KnightCast Episode 6 Now Available

If you have not yet viewed the latest episode of KnightCast, which premiered Jan. 6, it is available anytime at [kofc.org/knightcast](http://kofc.org/knightcast).

## NFL Player Stands Up for Life

In this clip from KnightCast Episode 2, Super Bowl XLVII champion Matt Birk discusses the role that his faith plays in his life, and his deeply personal and unapologetic commitment to defend life. [WATCH CLIP](#)

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*In our age where the value of masculinity is often looked upon with suspicion, men can find their true identity and mission in these words of St. Paul: “Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith” (1 Tm 6:11). From providing support for children with disabilities to advocating for the unborn to growing together in faith and fraternity, below are a few examples of the countless ways that Knights pursue goodness and fulfill St. Paul’s call to action.*



## Knights Deliver Wheelchairs to Afghan Orphans

In May 2006, the Missionaries of Charity opened an orphanage for children with severe disabilities in Kabul, Afghanistan. When the Taliban seized control of the country in August 2021, thousands were forced to flee, including the missionaries and orphans. The sisters eventually relocated 14 Afghan children to Rome, where the Knights of Columbus provided them with wheelchairs. [WATCH VIDEO](#)

## March for Life

Knights and their families are encouraged to participate in the March for Life — the world’s largest annual human rights demonstration — in Washington, D.C., Friday, Jan. 21. This year’s march comes at a time as a decision is awaited in the U.S. Supreme Court case *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*. The event will be livestreamed on the [March for Life](#) website beginning with a rally at 12 p.m. EST.

## Knight Helps Men Grow in Faith

Mick Hammock was a college Knight at the University of Notre Dame, but his involvement in the Order subsided after graduating. Nearly 10 years later, he was searching for fulfillment and found it in the Knights of Columbus. Now, as grand knight of Council 1349 in San Diego, he brings fresh ideas to his council while welcoming Catholic men into the Order and helping them grow in faith. [WATCH VIDEO](#)



## ‘You, O Man of God’

St. Paul lays out the virtues that men need to fight the good fight of faith. [READ MORE](#)

The Accolade, painting by Edmund Blair Leighton, 1901



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Knights of Columbus from across the United States joined other pro-life advocates Jan. 21 in Washington, D.C., to defend the rights of unborn children at a historic March for Life. Only a few days before, the Order placed its 1,500th ultrasound machine in a pregnancy resource center, a major milestone for the Ultrasound Initiative, which has helped countless women choose life since the program began in 2009.

## Knights March for Life



Photo by Jeffrey Bruno

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, participating in the March for Life for the first time as leader of the Knights, expressed his support for the tens of thousands of people who took part in the annual demonstration. The march occurred as the Supreme Court weighs *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, the most significant challenge in many years to *Roe v. Wade*, the landmark case that legalized abortion in all 50 states in 1973. [READ MORE](#)

View photos from the March for Life and related events on our news hub.

A brief video highlighting the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative premiered at the March for Life Rose Dinner. [Click here](#) to watch the video.

## Support Our Culture of Life Fund

The pro-life work of the Order is due in large part to the efforts of individual Knights and councils, especially in raising funds for ultrasound machines. The Supreme Council is able to assist in this work thanks to donations to the Culture of Life Fund. Individuals and councils, especially those without a need in their immediate community, can help place machines elsewhere by donating to the fund. [MAKE A DONATION TODAY](#)

## Changing Hearts and Minds

The 1,500th ultrasound machine donated through the Order's Ultrasound Initiative was presented to the First Choice Women's Resource Center in New Brunswick, N.J., on Jan. 19. Bishop James Checchio of Metuchen blessed the machine during a dedication ceremony attended by Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly. [READ MORE](#) | [WATCH VIDEO](#)



Photo by Jeffrey Bruno

## K of C Poll: A Majority of Americans Support Abortion Restrictions, Oppose Taxpayer Funding

A new Marist Poll, commissioned by the Knights of Columbus, shows that 71% of Americans support legal limits on abortion and 81% believe our laws should protect both the mother and her unborn child. [LEARN MORE](#)

## A Salute to Pro-Life Ministries

In his homily for the Opening Mass of the National Prayer Vigil for Life, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, paid tribute to ministries that help expectant mothers and couples. [READ HOMILY](#)

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