



# Feast of the Annunciation - March 25, 2017

In accordance with the Church Calendar for this year

Knights of Columbus

## International Day of the Unborn Child

At the Supreme Convention held in August, 2002, a resolution was passed proclaiming The Feast of the Annunciation, March 25, to be the International Day of the Unborn Child, Order wide. Our Supreme Knight said: "May this day be the occasion for all of us to witness to the sanctity of God's great gift of life and to further resolve to protect and defend it. These are times of violence and of armies. The Knights of Columbus is the size of a great army; We must not flee from the great conflict that is around us."

### Rosary for Life - Joyful Mysteries

- **Annunciation:**

We pray for all married women that they will hear the call of God and follow the example of Mary in the vocation of Motherhood.

- **Visitation:**

We pray for all unwed mothers, teenage mothers, and women with problem pregnancies that they may receive the care, comfort and necessary help to choose life according to God's will.

- **Nativity of our Lord:**

We pray in reparation to Jesus through Mary for the crime and sin of abortion which has destroyed and denied life to millions of Holy Innocents.

- **Presentation:**

We ask Mary to present all unborn children to the Father, that their lives may be saved and brought to fulfillment to serve their unique purpose in God's plan.

- **Finding in the Temple:**

As Mary accepted the mission of Jesus her son, we ask her to assist the Pro-Life mission in the world today. We pray for all who work to spread the message of the Pro-Life cause, for the success of the Pro-Life Ministry in the Church, and for the achievement of a Human Life Amendment to the Constitution.

The Knights of Columbus have a special relationship with Our Blessed Mother and the Rosary. This is the day that Mary was informed by an Angel of the Lord that she was to be the Mother of Jesus. Her response is an example to all women, who are with child. "Thy will be done." All Councils are asked to hold, or participate in, a special program on this day. A list of suggested programs follows. This year, according to the Church calendar, it will be celebrated on **Saturday, March 25, 2017.**

- Sponsor a Rosary for Life
- Sponsor a Pro-Life Novena
- Rededicate your Council's Memorial to the Unborn
- Sponsor a Holy Hour
- Sponsor a Special Prayer Service for Expectant Mothers
- Distribute the Miraculous Medal
- Sponsor a Pro-Life program for young people

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**Lead Me, Guide Me, Lord**