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### Welcome New and Returning District Deputies

We wish to thank all of you for taking on this very important and much needed position.

As the late Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua, Past President of the United States Council of Catholic Bishops, said " Life is the most important issue of our times for without life all other issues are meaningless"! This is why support of our State's many Pro-Life programs is so important!

In Illinois, we are proud of our Pro-Life Fund. This fund is supported primarily with the Assessment Program of \$1.10 per active member per Council. Many Councils take advantage of the Pro-Life, **Keep Christ in Christmas puzzle program**. This program is an easy way for Councils to meet their Pro-Life Fund goals.

The **Father Michael J. McGivney Center of Hope and Healing** is especially grateful for the steady income of both Baby Bottle receipts and various fundraisers that many Councils hold as well as the Baby Showers held to collect much needed diapers, wipes, clothes, dishes, paper goods, etc.. The exciting fact is these are being held around the whole State of Illinois in support of homes for women and the more than 300 Pregnancy Assistance Centers (PACs). Please note these Centers are also referred to as Pregnancy Care Centers (PCCs).

The Illinois State Council, through the Pro-Life Fund, has been a strong supporter of not only the Fr. McGivney Center, but also many PACs as well! The importance of support for the Ultra Sound Initiative Program cannot be stressed enough. This program has had the most impact on saving lives. Through the use of this device, a woman is able to see her child developing inside her body. She can view the heart pumping at an early stage, which starts around 20 days, as well as the movement of arms and legs as the child grows! In several studies made, any-where from 70% to 90% of the cases, where a woman views her child on an Ultra Sound machine, the woman chooses LIFE for her baby! With the program in place today, a council or a group of councils only has to raise half the funds needed; Supreme will provide the other half!

We encourage all Councils, Assemblies, etc., to develop programs to raise the funds that are desperately needed by the Centers and PACs.

In order for these programs to be successful and for Councils to be motivated to develop a Pro-Life approach to the challenges facing Catholic families today, we encourage all Councils to appoint a Pro-Life chair couple to keep its members up to date on the responsibilities of Faithful Citizenship as well as the attacks on Holy Mother Church!

We are available to speak, give presentations and help you in any way we can. Our contact information is listed in the heading.

Thank you for all that you do for LIFE and the Knights of Columbus!

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