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UPCOMING EVENTS:



**Officer's Meeting –
July 17, 2022 at
7:30 PM**

**Our Lady of
Olives Council 3907
Wexford Professional Bldg II
11676 Perry Highway Suite
2308
Wexford, Pa 15090**



**Family of the
Month Form
Due on July 15**



OUR CATHOLIC FAITH...



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER PRESIDENT...

Dear Brother Knights,



It was one year ago today, that I sat down to write my first article for this newsletter as Pittsburgh Chapter President. What a difference a year makes. This fraternal year started with planning for the first ever Pennsylvania State March for Life in September 2021 and ended with the Supreme Court overturning *Roe v. Wade* on Friday, June 24, 2022. This ruling has returned policymaking power to individual states and paves the way to an overhaul of abortion law nationwide. Let us take a brief pause to praise God for this historic victory but let us also realize things are about to heat up and our work is not done!

Supreme Knight Kelly noted that “Repeal of *Roe* will not be the end of abortion in America. But it might be the first stage of failure.” Additionally, Supreme Knight Kelly noted that a rollback of *Roe* will require even more work at the state and local levels to promote a culture of life, including Placing more ultrasound machines in pregnancy resource centers; Growing State Marches for Life; and Asking Knights councils to increase their support for local pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes. Supreme Knight Kelly then announced a new \$5 million campaign to aid this effort, called “Aid and Support After Pregnancy” (ASAP). ASAP is a call to action across the entire Knights organization to raise money on behalf of pregnancy resource centers, maternity homes and other organizations which give direct help to new mothers and/or babies. Supreme Knight Kelly’s goal is for the Knights — through gifts from councils, state councils as well as direct gifts from Supreme Council — to donate a total of \$5 million by the end of 2022.

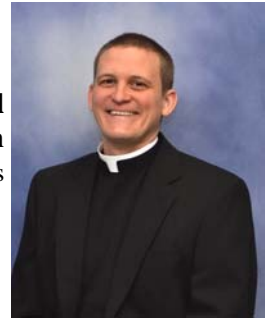
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

WATCH YOUR EMAILS FOR FR. WILL'S MESSAGE !!!!!

Father Will Wuenschel
Saint Aidan Parish
St Alphonsus & St. Alexis Churches



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He said, "We need to be there for mothers and children. They will need our help more than ever."

"In the Heart of Jesus, Father McGivney found an infinite love, not only for humanity in general but for each person individually," said Archbishop Lori. "As you look to the year that lies ahead ... may you find wisdom and strength in the Heart of Christ to build fraternity in your jurisdictions."

Archbishop Lori remarked the importance of the National Eucharistic Revival Project launched by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the landmark Dobbs case pending in the U.S. Supreme Court.

"As Knights of the Eucharist, we need to do everything in our power to encourage our brother Knights and their families to attend Holy Mass each and every Sunday without fail to have the courage to speak with fellow Catholics who absent themselves from Sunday Mass and, as the Bishops' eucharistic revival program unfolds, we need to promote it across the United States as well as within our parishes."

Archbishop Lori also noted the sixty-three million innocent human lives lost in the wake of Roe v. Wade. He praised the Knights for saving thousands of lives through participation in the March for Life and the organization's work to help place 1,500 ultrasound machines in pregnancy resource centers. "It is hard to think of an organization that has done more for the cause of life than the Knights of Columbus. But indeed, our work is not yet done. Far from it. In fact, we are entering a new and critical stage," he said.

So, let us pray for our Catholic bishops, priests who are united with other Christian leaders, that the U.S. Supreme Court Justices, Local, State, and Federal Government leaders to be safe.

Once again, I look forward to all the Councils of our Chapter working together to see what we can conduct this fraternal year together guided by the virtues of our organization – Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. I know we can achieve common goals inspired by the categories of the Faith in Action Programs – Faith, Family, Community, and Life.

While each Council acts on its own, it is also motivating when we all come together to make our actions go even further. Projects such as the Box of Joy, Food Packing event, Keep Christ in Christmas billboard campaign, providing support to all the Seminarians of the Diocese, and raising money to support St. Anthony School Programs and McGuire Memorial Home and School would feel impossible if each Council worked independently, but because we take those opportunities to join our efforts, we are able to exceed our expectations with ease. This past year we raised \$155,000.00 for these two great organizations. Once again, we need to support the Bishop's Project again this year our past president Andy Smith will be Chairing this year's Project. So please do not wait for the Kick-Off Dinner to make your individual donations to the Bishop's Project, go to <https://www.bishopsprojectkofc.org/donate/> There will not be a Chapter Meeting in July. Instead, the Officers will be meeting to prepare for the upcoming year. We will review what has been done this past year and work harder towards deciding our goals and expectations for the future.

As this fraternal year ends and another begins, forms are due to Supreme, such as the 185 – Report of Officers Chosen and 365 – Service Program Personnel, new officers need to complete Safe Environment training, and programs and fundraising plans for the new fraternal year need to be decided – including Tootsie Roll drives! In closing, now let us get ready to work together and exceed our expectations!

Vivat Jesus!

Tim Richards, President, Pittsburgh Chapter President

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**ROE V. WADE SUPREME COURT DECISION
by Christopher Wells, Vatican News**

The Bishops of the United States thank God for Friday's Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v Wade, the 1973 ruling "which legalized and normalized the taking of innocent human life" through abortion. In a separate statement, the Pontifical Academy for Life urges governments to enact policies that promote life.

"This is a historic day in the life of our country," reads a statement from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, in response to the decision by the US Supreme Court to overturn controversial rulings on abortion that had effectively permitted abortion on demand throughout the country.

On Friday, June 24, the Court released its decision in the case of Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization, ruling that the US Constitution does not protect a so-called "right" to abortion. Friday's ruling, which was decided by six judges in favour and three opposed, overturns the decisions in the landmark abortion cases Roe v Wade and Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v Casey, which had guaranteed "abortion on demand" throughout the country.

"For nearly fifty years," says the US Bishops' statement, "America has enforced an unjust law that has permitted some to decide whether others can live or die; this policy has resulted in the deaths of tens of millions of preborn children, generations that were denied the right to even be born."

The statement, signed by USCCB President Archbishop José Gomez and pro-life Committee chair Archbishop William Lori, goes on to note that Roe v Wade, "which legalized and normalized the taking of innocent human life," marked a "grievous" denial of the truth that all men and women are created equal, with God-given rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."


The decision, however, does not make abortion illegal, but merely returns authority to regulate the practice to the American people and their elected representatives.

After thanking God for Friday's decision, the Bishops appeal to elected officials to "enact laws and policies that promote and protect the most vulnerable among us."

In their statement, the Bishops also mourned the loss of "the little ones whose lives have been taken since 1973," while expressing their closeness to "every woman and man who has suffered grievously from abortion," assuring them of their prayers for healing and pledging their compassion and support.

JULY 2022



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AUGUST 2022



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