

## Tips for Getting Started at the Parish Level

### Coordinate with the local Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus have a strong preexisting structure for coordinating parish attendance to the Denver March to Celebrate Life. They have established goals for parish attendance and have already designed excellent logistical information and maps, which includes valuable information on the downtown parking lots and garages. It will be fundamental to coordinate attendance goals, promotion of the Celebrate Life events, and transportation/parking logistics with the local Knights of Columbus chapter.

### Involve All Ministries

Work with the Knights of Columbus to communicate and coordinate registration and participation in the Celebrate Life weekend events with the leaders of all the ministries at your parish. Here are some ideas of ministries to connect with as soon as possible:

- Adoration
- Bible Study Groups
- Faith Formation Teams (Children, Youth & Adult)
- Men's and Women's Groups
- Parish School
- Parish Clubs (i.e. Altar & Rosary Club, Serra Club etc.)
- Youth & Young Adult Groups

### Participate as a Deanery

We can always work bigger, better and stronger when we work together. Work with your Knights of Columbus to coordinate participation with other parishes in your deanery. Consider coordinating the following:

#### *Youth Rally*

- Set a meeting with all the local youth ministers to coordinate registration, transportation to the youth rally and lodging (if necessary)

#### *March to Celebrate Life*

- Coordinate a parish to host a Mass for the Deanery earlier in the day on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016. This will also act as the spot where parishioners in the deanery can coordinate transportation via busses or carpooling to downtown for the 12:30pm processions of song and prayer to the Capitol.
- Based off the handout of parking garages and space, choose a location where the everyone can plan to coordinate parking and then from the designated parking area move in a group to participate in the events downtown.

### Make a Pro-Life Parish Banner

Consider having a canvas pro-life parish banner made locally for processing to the rally and for displaying during the March to Celebrate Life.