

## March 2020 Newsletter Articles

### **40 Days for Life**

Our Council organized the 40 Days for Life prayerful vigils at Sarasota Planned Parenthood on February 29, March 21 and April 2.

Incarnation Coordinators at Planned Parenthood on those dates will be: James and Sylvia Kurt, Dawn and Pete Gordon, Ted and Bev Kreger, Sandy and Dale Boyes and Art Reilly.

Please contact James Kurt if you have questions.

### **Novena of Masses for Life**

On Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Annunciation, the first Mass in the 2020 Novena of Masses for Life will be celebrated.

The Incarnation KofC Council and the Incarnation Women's Club jointly provide the stipend for these Masses.

### **The Movie "Unplanned"**

The St Thomas More Council hosted their first showing of "Unplanned" on February 20<sup>th</sup> to an audience of about 50 people. Art Reilly attended and introduced, Jennifer Carey, the Sarasota Medical Pregnancy Center CEO, who described the Center and its wide-variety of services.

Our Council hosted a showing of "Unplanned" on February 28<sup>th</sup>. About 25 people attended this, our third, showing of this movie, bringing our total attendance so far to about 100.

### **The SOLVE and Sarasota Medical Pregnancy Center Gala**

Our Council was a sponsor of both the February 15<sup>th</sup> SOLVE Gala and the March 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Sarasota Medical Pregnancy Center Gala and were identified as such in the Gala programs. Art Reilly and his wife, Rebecca, represented the Council at the SOLVE event. Seven Council Knights and their spouses attended the SMPC Gala which featured an interview with Dr. Anthony Levatino, the OB/GYN who played the abortionist in the movie "Unplanned".

### **2020 Citizens with Disabilities (Tootsie Roll) Drive**

The Incarnation Council conducted its 2020 "Citizens with Disabilities" Drive at two Publix stores and after Sunday Masses one weekend at Incarnation.

The donations at Incarnation Masses totaled \$1505, the largest amount in the nine years of these Council Drives by \$80. This year Publix enforce corporate policies that limited our Drives to only Saturday and Sunday, and only one door. As a result, collections were down, but our volunteers did remarkably well under these circumstances. The total from the two Publix collections was \$1710.

The Council donation to this year's program will be such that each organization receiving the proceeds will be presented \$1400.

Proceeds will be distributed to the Sarasota Special Olympics, St Mary Academy, and The Haven to support their programs to help people with intellectual disabilities.

Thanks to all of the Knights and their family members who assisted in the collection this year.

Presentation of the proceeds to these organizations is expected to be in the May time frame. Anyone interested in participating in the presentation ceremony and touring these organizations should contact Art Reilly.