

California Knights of Columbus ASAP: Options United

Brother Knights, California is faced with abortion sanctuary policies unlike anything we have seen. Our California Bishops have vested in the Knights the privilege and duty to actively participate with **Options United**. Our bishops have fully endorsed the program because it is designed to counter-act, at all levels, the evil culture of abortion now enveloping our state, destroying lives and our culture.

Given the historic challenge and opportunity we face in California, Supreme will provide a 20% match to any council donation to Options United from \$500 - \$2,500. These matching funds are a bonus, something we should take full advantage of before it expires.

Steps:

- Host an event(s) for Options United.
- Send funds to Options United.
- Notify Supreme of your donation and a matching funds check will be sent to your council to forward to the charity. https://www.kofc.org/en/contact/asap.html
 - ✓ Options United can receive online donations at www.optionsunited.com/Knights or by mail at 79 East Daily Drive, #176, Camarillo, CA 93010.
 - ✓ Your council could set up <u>Donor Advised Fund</u> to facilitate donations.

How Options United Works:

- We will advertise our client site www.optionsforpregnancy.com.
- These ads will reach those searching for life-affirming care.
- A family or woman with an unplanned pregnancy calls our hotline
- Trained Options United staff takes the call, offers assistance and arranges help at the nearest life-affirming center across California.



Why:

- Options United (OU) supports Knights Culture of Life programs
- OU responds to the Catholic Church's call to protect life.
- OU networks pro-life centers under a common strategy.
- OU joins Knight council's and parish's pro-life leaders on a common strategy.
- o Knights cannot sit this Options United out when Californians are at risk.
- No mother should be left alone to be coerced by the abortion industry.
- o No unborn child should be left defenseless and voiceless.

Who:

- Endorsed by all California Catholic bishops https://www.OptionsUnited.com/ONE
- Each council is asked to participate https://www.OptionsUnited.com/knights
- o Pastors & parishioners find way to help at https://www.WeWereBornReady.com
- Pregnancy centers receive referrals and assistance locally.
- Local leaders (KofC & parish) are leading a community effort to save lives.
- Women benefit during a critical moment of their lives.

Suggested Steps to Implement Options United program at your parish & council:

- The Life chairman is made responsible to implement Options United program.
- Arrange parish announcements to build up the statewide Bishop's endorsed program.
- Hold an annual fundraising event(s) to support pro-life and Options United.
- Keep the pastor informed about the program.
- o Encourage Knights and parishioners to volunteer at all levels (the more the better).
- Open a donor advised fund at https://www.knightscharitable.org to facilitate donations.
- Use your imagination and develop other activities.

Useful Links:

- https://cacatholic.org/KNIGHTS
- https://www.californiaknights.org/culture-of-life/
- o https://OptionsUnited.com/ONE
- https://kofc.org/asap
- https://optionsunited.com/Knights

Send donations to OPTIONS UNITED online www.optionsunited.com or by mail c/o:

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