



ST. JEROME CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 10, 2012

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Did you know that Care Net Pregnancy Center of Central Texas (Care Net) with its single high definition ultrasound machine saves 9 out of 10 babies whose mothers are considering abortion? Will you join us in saving more babies? Next week the Knights from our local area will be talking to you about how we can do just that.

On January 22, 2009, the 36th anniversary of the Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision legalizing abortion on demand, the Knights of Columbus (KofC) launched an initiative to provide women considering abortion a new way of viewing the life within them. On that day, the KofC Supreme Council matched funds raised by Knights in Florida and Iowa to provide funding to acquire ultrasound machines for two pregnancy care centers providing for the health of both mother and child. Since then, the KofC has purchased 25 ultrasound machines at a cost of nearly \$1 million. This equipment has been placed in pro-life pregnancy resource centers in 15 states including Texas. These ultrasound machines are saving lives every day with a goal to place hundreds of these machines across the country. The Knights in Central Texas have joined with Care Net Waco to get this needed equipment for their pregnancy care facility.

The Knights must raise \$24,250 to be matched by the Supreme Council for the ultrasound equipment. Currently, Care Net Waco has one ultrasound machine credited with saving 9 out of 10 babies in unplanned pregnancies. Since the equipment is in constant use, some mothers are asked to make an appointment for a later time. Because of the crisis nature of unplanned pregnancies many mothers can not wait and they turn to other sources to solve the problem. A second ultrasound machine would save twice as many lives. The Knights from the Central Texas area are united in their effort to raise the funds necessary to get a second ultrasound machine for Care Net Waco.

Please prayerfully consider a donation to the KofC Care Net Ultrasound Initiative. Your donation will save a life **and is tax deductible**. In order to receive the dollar-matching funds provided by the KofC Supreme Council, all contributions made for this initiative must be made payable to the **"KofC - Care Net Fund"** and submitted to:

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Yours in Christ,

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