

## **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A VALUE OF LIFE PROJECT FOR YOUNG SCHOOL CHILDREN**

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with unanimous teachings of the Popes and Fathers of the Church, the Knights of Columbus affirm the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception; and

**WHEREAS**, the Knights of Columbus believe strongly in the importance of teaching young children to respect life through a medium that they are familiar with and can understand; and

**WHEREAS**, Pope Benedict XVI stated at the Vatican on January 24, 2007: "Training in the proper use of the media is essential to the cultural, moral and spiritual development of children"; and

**WHEREAS**, to that end, the Knights of Columbus have been called upon to assist in efforts to help educate Catholic children in the State of California about the value of life through high quality animated videos about the Miracle of Life"; and

**WHEREAS**, studies show that the average child spends approximately 6.7 hours a day with TV and the internet, and also show that approximately 70% of prime time television shows and 90% of children's shows contain some form of violence, bombarding impressionable children with anti-life messages and content that are counter to Catholic teaching; and

**WHEREAS**, opposition to abortion is founded on the recognition of the value of life, but there are little or no teaching materials available on the issue of life that entertain and teach at an age-appropriate level; and

**WHEREAS**, the Value of Life Project will provide a platform for parents to discuss life in a nurturing and non-threatening environment, at home, watching entertaining, animated DVD's; and

**WHEREAS**, One Catholic owned Company XXXX in Florida, has raised over \$130,000 to produce a DVD with animators from XXX, XXXr, and XXX; and

**WHEREAS**, This Company lacks sufficient resources to distribute the DVDs free to all young Catholic children, enrolled in Catholic schools across the United States and as many Knights of Columbus Councils are affiliated with a Catholic Elementary school, or could support a nearby school, and therefore are uniquely positioned to raise the necessary funds; and

**WHEREAS**, The Any Council ##### will spearhead and help finance all initial costs resulting in no expense to the State Office under their Pro-Life Program.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Knights of Columbus hereby support and encourage an additional State Pro-Life Project and, further, that each Knight of Columbus Council be encouraged to hold fundraising events each year to generate funds for the purchase and distribution to Catholic Elementary Schools of pro-life DVDs including elementary schools in Parishes not affiliated with a Knights of Columbus Council.

SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL #####

*Joe Smith*

Grand Knight

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