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To: GK Mark Rollice, Angels Gate Council #1740

From: Bro. Robert Hohman Jr, ProLife director assistant to Bro. Bruce Bremmer, Chairman ProLife Branch 1740

Subject: Report on 1Life LA Year 3

Note: This memo summarizes the actions by the Knights of Columbus Council 1740 in support of and culminating with attendance at the 1Life LA event on 21 January 2017. The effort was led by Brother Bob Hohman Jr.

1. Beginning on January 1st, 2017 we posted a bulletin notice inviting members of the Mary Star of the Sea Parish to join Archbishop Gomez and other members of the Los Angeles Archdiocese to this 3rd annual event celebrating the beauty and dignity of every human life from conception to natural death.
2. On Saturday, December 31, 2016, and Sunday, January 1, 2017, posters, banners and material on pro-life were set out on the Mary Star parking lot patio, with brother knights standing by to answer questions and hand out information to Mass attendees. The following weekend (1/7 & 1/8) sign-ups for the 1Life LA rally took place, again with brother knights on hand to help. The priest at each Mass made an announcement furnished by the archdiocese, and posters, banners and sign-up sheets were outside on the tables on the church patio. One last push was made on the following weekend (1/14 & 1/15). A total of 82 signatures were collected, with Mary Star accounting for 56 and St. Peters accounting for 26.
3. Two buses were contracted to take everyone from the Mary Star parish to the event, which had been changed from downtown LA (La Placita Olvera Street) to Exposition Park at USC. Because a large rally had been arranged for the same day at City Hall by groups representing women's rights, it was feared the groups at that gathering could become violent, so for the safety of the ProLife Rally/March, it was decided to move this event to the new location at USC. The change notice came out the week before the event on Friday, 1/13/17. The posters and notices were modified accordingly and all prior sign ups were contacted by telephone by brother knights to inform them of the change.
4. Buses left Mary Star on Saturday, 1/21/17, at 10:45am. A total of 38 persons were on the buses and some 10 others drove to the event in their own automobiles.
5. The buses dropped us off at the park where we put together two banners plus 10 posters. We found a great spot to view the big screen and stage, plus two nearby trees provided a great place to hang our banners. Thanks goes to brothers Bill Binns and Byron Bustamante for hanging the banners on the trees. The banners attracted a lot of attention, with many people coming by to have their pictures taken in front of them. All enjoyed the experience and at 3:15PM we began making our way back to parking lot 2 to meet our bus for the return to San Pedro. Finally all materials were put back into the Knights room.
6. Special thanks to brother Knights Chris Marino, Bill Binns, Byron Bustamante, Kenneth Auyeung, Mark Rollice, Pedro Benitez, Dr. Vince Dever, Danny Eslava, John Dimond, Mario Saborio, & Dwayne McDowell who supported this effort.