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STATE COUNCIL SERVICE PROGRAM AWARDS

ENTRY FORM

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CATEGORY (MARK ONE):

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COMMUNITY

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PRO-LIFE

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COUNCIL

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YOUTH

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COUNCIL NAME St. Francis of Assisi **NUMBER:** 9543

LOCATION: Madison **MS**
(TOWN OR CITY) (STATE OR PROVINCE)

Project Title: Grillin' For Life

Date Project Conducted: 10/16/2009

Purpose of Activity: (In the space provided below, describe in one sentence the purpose of this activity. This section must be completed.)

Grillin' For Life is a Kansas City Barbeque Society cook off between Knights of Columbus Council through out the state, Pro teams and back yard cooking teams. The proceeds are distributed to the Pro-Life organizations and to Special Olympics

See attached

Number of council members participating in project: 50

Percentage of council members participating in project: 21 %

Number of man hours expended in project: 500

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MAIL ORIGINAL TO: State Deputy or State Program Director

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Describe project in detail. Use additional paper if necessary. Supplementary material may be submitted along with the nomination. Accompanying materials can include letters, testimonials, news clippings, photographs, pamphlets, etc. Do not submit tapes, videocassettes, DVD'S, display materials, films, etc., as they will not be considered in judging the nomination.

See Attached

ATTEST: _____
(State Deputy)

Signed: Charles Wilkerson *Charles Wilkerson GK*
(Grand Knight)

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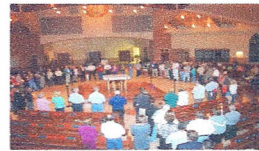
Best Pro Life Activity

(Jackson Diocese)

Grillin' for Life

Over the course of the year our council tries to make Pro Life a part of our daily lives.

This year we made 144 crosses to represent the death of a child by abortion per hour in the United States. We displayed these crosses on our Church Grounds with a banner that read, "Pro – Life 154 Crosses represent the # of abortions per hour in the United States. May God Have Mercy on Us." To go with these crosses, our Council organized a human candlelight rosary that we said for the unborn. Many of the parishioners in our Parish took part in this candlelight Rosary.



Our most well known and financially rewarding pro life project is the "Grillin' for Life" a barbeque competition that we hold annually. This competition has recently been changed to the "Sanctity of Life" this is sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbeque Society. The City of our Parish was so impressed with our efforts they let us hold it in conjunction with the annual "Mississippi Classic Cruisers" Car show. This gave the Pro Life Movement a good bit more advertising and public notice than it has had in the past. This competition is so massive that it takes our Council months of preparation to get it off the ground.

Before the competition, our Council arranged for the Kansas City Barbeque Society to hold a judging school at our Church. This would mean the competition would have certified and impartial judges to certify the winners are eligible to advance to the national competition.



Our Council cooked and sold all the barbequed food that was sold to the public. We had several shifts of Knights just to manage the concession stand. Some of the items on the menu were ribs, brisket, pulled pork, baked beans, and slaw, Not only did we maintain the concession stand, we had groups of Knights in the competition. They walked away with some impressive wins.



Not only did the Pro Life Movement receive advertising in local papers and magazines, we were able to donate \$2,500.00 to Pro Life Organizations: Special Olympics, Christmas Village, Choose Life and Birthright of Mississippi.