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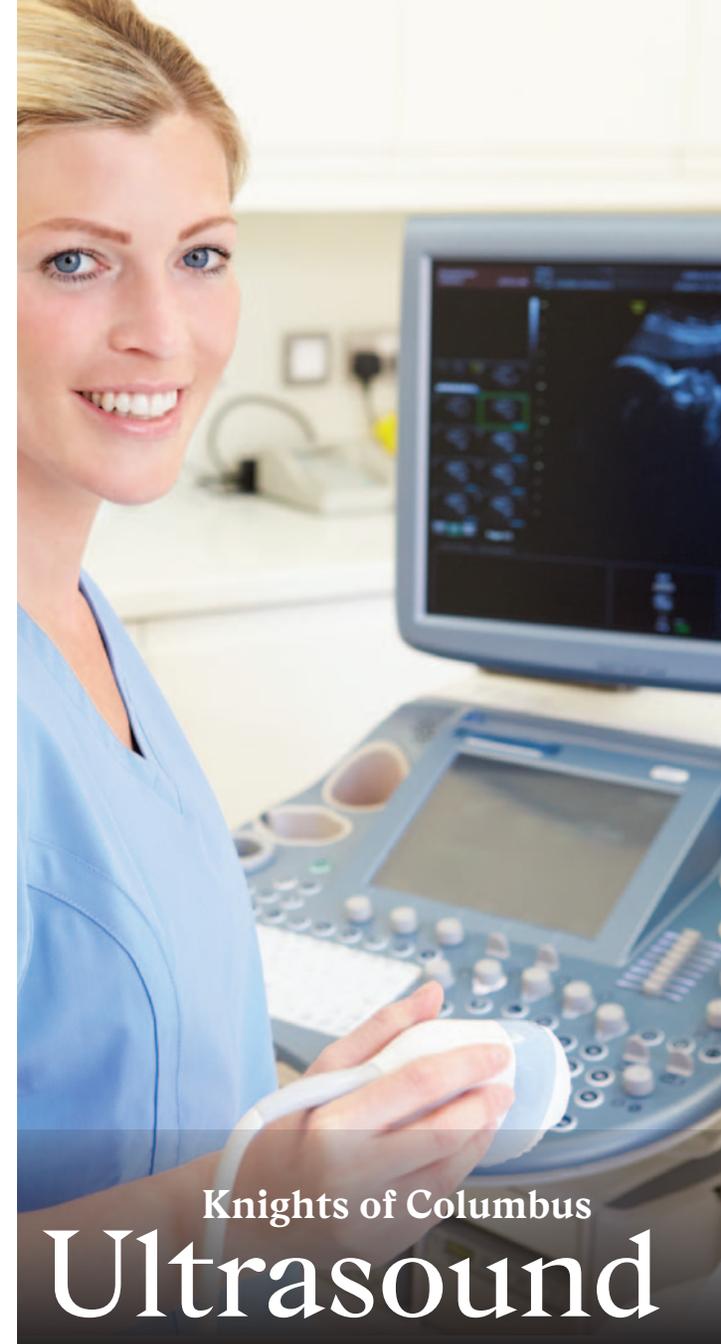
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*“A young lady told me she would have
an abortion no matter what I said...*

*When she came back for the ultrasound,
she said twice, ‘I have prepared myself —
even if I see a heartbeat or body parts,
I am not going to change my mind.*

You know what happened?

*As soon as she saw her baby’s heartbeat —
and I mean as soon as she saw her baby’s
heartbeat — she changed her mind!”*



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Overview

An ultrasound machine offers a woman a “window into the womb” that gives her the ability to see her unborn child, to hear his or her heart beating, and to recognize the miracle of the life within her.

Background

The Knights of Columbus, through the efforts of state and local councils and contributions from its Culture of Life Fund, has funded more than 100 ultrasound machines annually since the start of the initiative in 2009.

Ways to Fund an Ultrasound Machine

Councils have raised funds through “Laps 4 Life,” special collections at parish Masses, baby-bottle boomerang drives, special dinners, raffles, live and silent auctions, car shows, oyster roasts, pancake breakfasts, bingo, donations for a “free” breakfast after Mass, a mailing to council members, and many, many other activities and events.

How it Works

When a Knights of Columbus state and/or local council raises 50% of the cost of an ultrasound machine for a qualified pregnancy center, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council will provide funds to cover the other 50% of the cost.

Mobile Units, Too!

If a Knights of Columbus council raises the full cost of purchasing and/or modifying a vehicle (i.e. — RV, van, bus, truck, etc.) for use as a mobile ultrasound unit, the Supreme Council will provide up to 100% of the cost of the ultrasound machine to be used in that vehicle.

Qualifying a Pregnancy Center

To qualify a Pro-life pregnancy center, among other requirements, it must be approved by the local Catholic diocese, must have a physician as its medical director, and must operate on a “limited medical model,” using the ultrasound machine to confirm pregnancy.



Making a Difference for Life

Many pregnancy center executive directors have sent “thank you” notes to the Knights of Columbus with comments like these:

“Thank you so much for the life-changing gift that the Knights gave to [our pregnancy center]. It has been used by the Lord to impact many lives. This is truly the gift that keeps on giving.”



“I love to watch her face when she sees her baby for the first time. Its takes my breath away every single time.”

Change the lives of countless mothers, fathers, and their children in your community. Your efforts can bolster a culture of life in our nations!