

## **“IN DEFENSE OF LIFE”**

### **THE KANSAS BISHOPS ARE CALLING THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO ACTION!!!!**

A critical decision contrary to teachings of the Catholic Church was recently made in our neighboring state of Missouri - passage of a constitutional amendment permitting embryonic stem cell research and cloning. A tremendous amount of money from outside the state was poured into the passage of that amendment. It is a sure bet similar legislation will be pushed forward in Kansas.

The Bishops of Kansas believe the information contained in various infomercials comprising the blitz was highly misleading and profoundly impacted the election. They fear supporters of embryonic stem cell research will organize a large influx of funds to influence Kansas political leaders and the Kansas Legislature. While passage of that amendment in Missouri has not yet affected stem cell research in Kansas, our Bishops have decided the best defense is a good offense. An informational video in the hands of every pastor and Catholic organization across the state seemed like the perfect solution to set the record straight.

When the Bishops approached the Knights of Columbus of Kansas about under-writing the expense of such a project, the Knights were quick to step up to the plate. Funding was made available for the Kansas Catholic Conference to produce a video, **“The Science of Stem Cells, Finding Cures and Protecting Life.”** This video addresses the moral price of embryonic stem cell research.

#### **What you will learn from the video**

1. Why embryonic stem cell research is simply “bad science”
2. Adult Stem Cell Research is an alternative to embryonic stem cell research
3. How to protect women from exploitation for the harvest of their eggs
4. Bioethics from an expert's perspective.

A copy of this video is being sent directly from the Kansas Catholic Conference to every Grand Knight in the very near future. The Bishop’s intent is to also put a copy of the video into every pastor’s hand. Mike Farmer, Executive Director of the Kansas Catholic Conference, will ensure that a copy of the video gets to every state legislator. Plans are in motion to include a streaming video on the Kansas Catholic Conference website and eventually on each of the diocesan websites.

**Our role as Knights** in this educational process will be to show this video at every council meeting in the state in order to educate our members. Secondly, we will need to assist our pastors in getting the video shown to all parishioners. To do this will mean handling the mechanics in some cases, and/or making visual equipment available for viewing the video in others. We should make every effort to do this for the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. **The Bishops are counting on us.**

**We need to get involved now**, while we have a chance to talk to our elected representatives and educate them. As members of the Knights of Columbus, we must do all we can to fight the Culture of Death that is present in our society today. Quoting Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson “Now we must redouble our efforts to work for life through prayer and action, and together we will restore legal protection to every innocent human life, born and unborn.”

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