

Louisiana State KC Culture of Life Survey 2014

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Survey Participation



A Culture of Life survey was sent primarily to Culture of Life chair couples at each Council to collect ideas and suggestions to help develop the State Culture of Life program. The goal is build a Culture of Life in the state of Louisiana through the Knights of Columbus.

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Total Responses Received

Survey was sent to 193 email addresses.

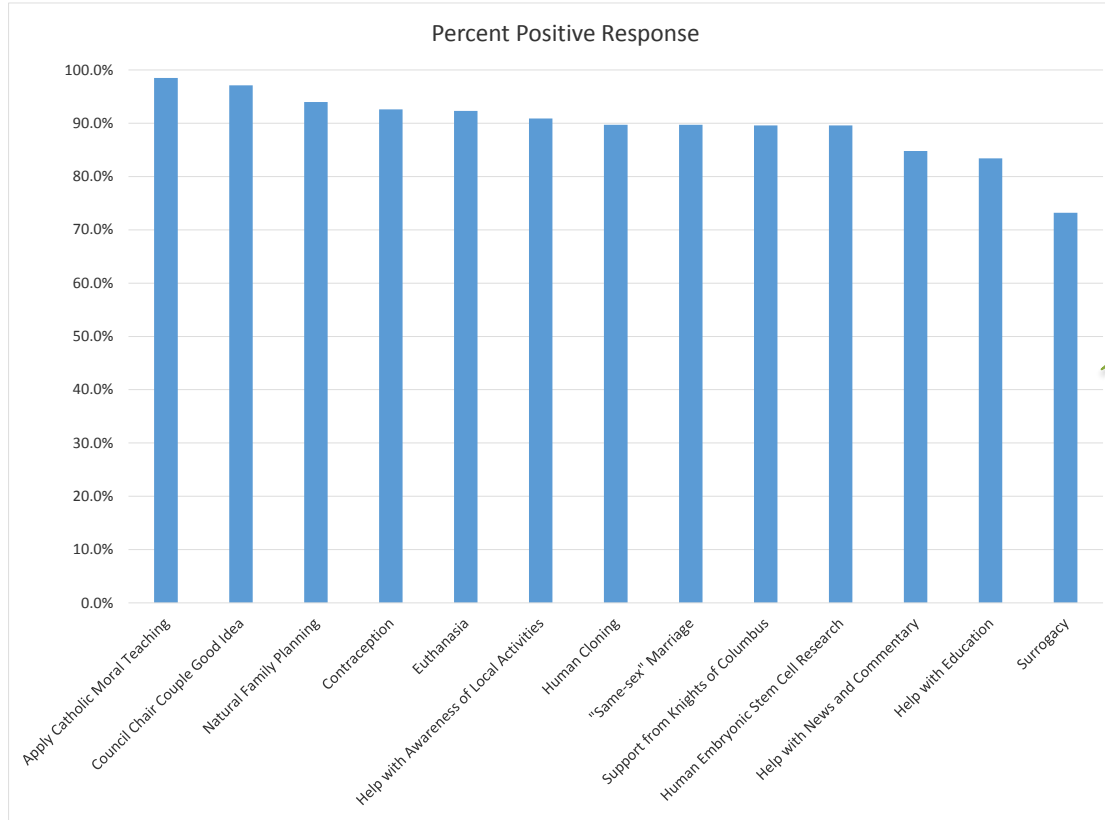
Survey was created on Friday, September 12, 2014

Survey was closed on Friday, October 10, 2014

Executive Summary of Results

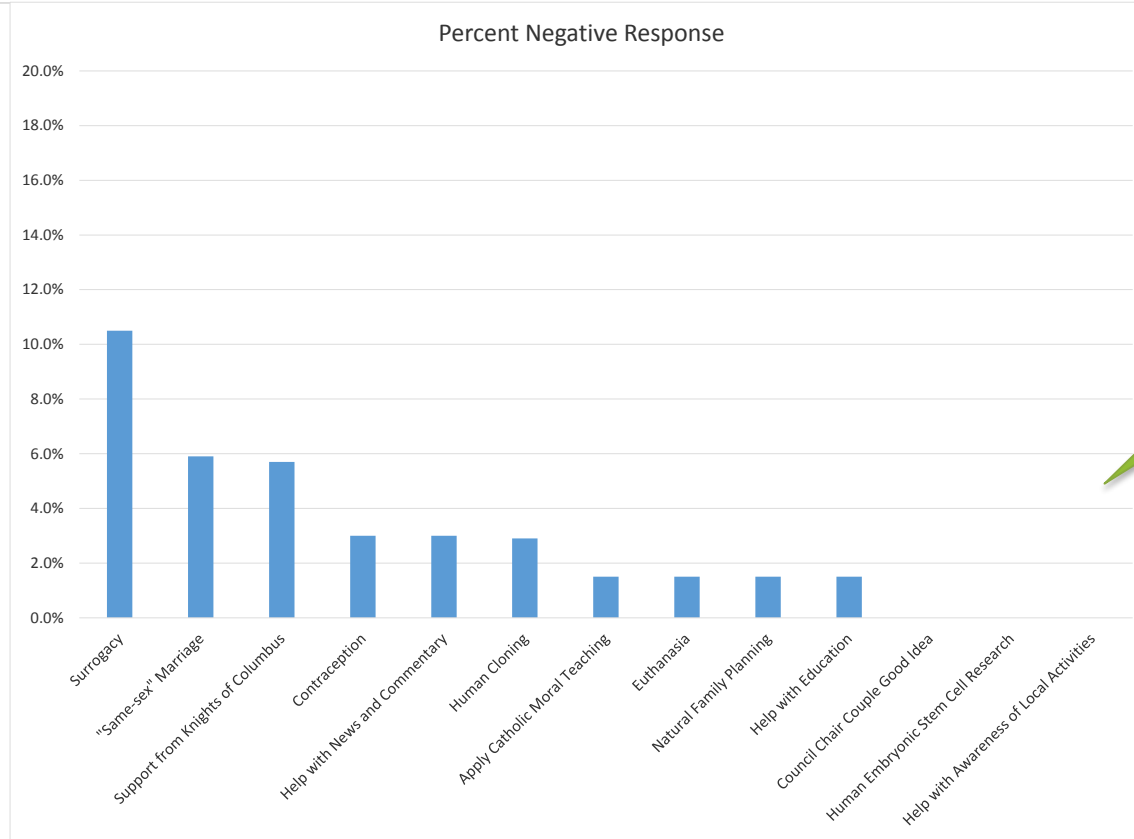
- ❖ Overall opinion of Culture of Life is very positive.
- ❖ There is strong support for the council level Culture of Life Chair Couple.
- ❖ Councils are receiving good support from the Knights of Columbus.
 - But, there is room for improvement.
- ❖ Strong support for all topics emphasized in State Culture of Life program.
 - Abortion, euthanasia, embryonic stem cell, redefinition of marriage, etc.
- ❖ Survey respondents want:
 - Notification of activities in their area
 - Educational opportunities
 - News and commentary
 - Monthly communication by email

Summary of Survey Results – Most Positive Responses



All questions received strong positive responses.

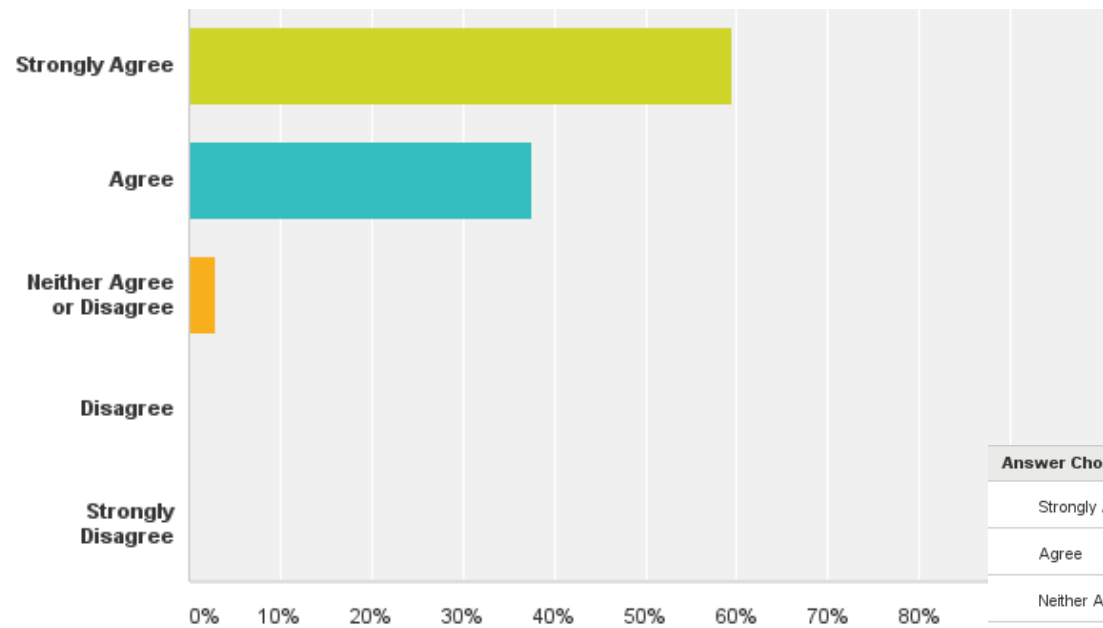
Summary of Survey Results – Most Negative Responses



All questions received a low percentage of negative responses.

Q1: I think a Culture of Life chair couple at the council level is a good idea.

Answered: 69 Skipped: 0

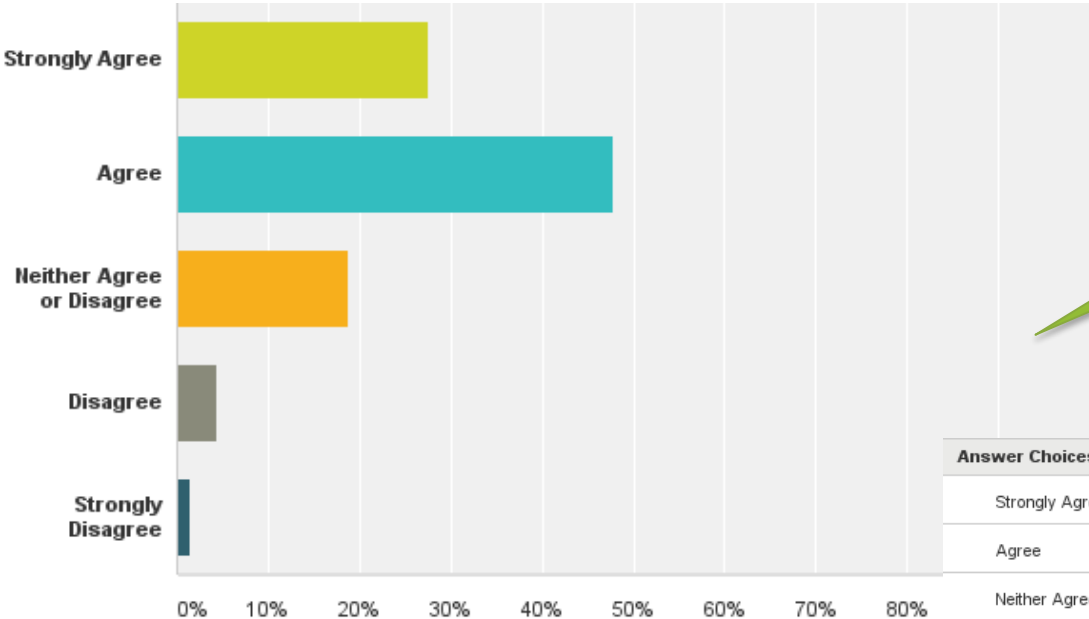


Overwhelming Agreement

Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	59.42%	41
Agree	37.68%	26
Neither Agree or Disagree	2.90%	2
Disagree	0.00%	0
Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
Total		69

Q2: I am receiving sufficient support from the Knights of Columbus to conduct an effective Culture of Life program in my council.

Answered: 69 Skipped: 0

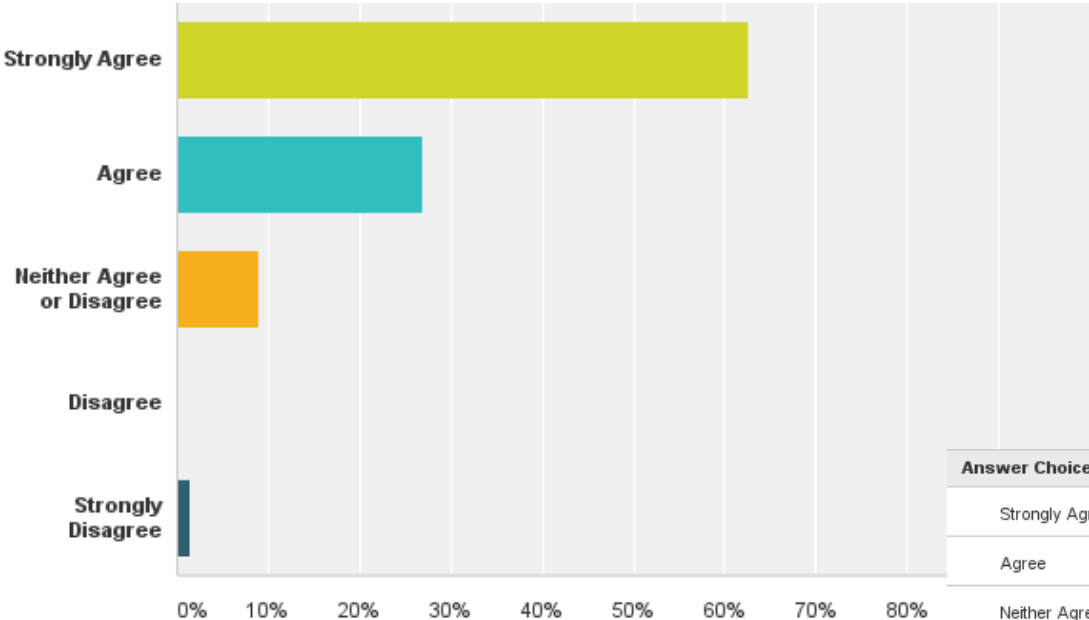


Positive feedback, but room for improvement.

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly Agree	27.54%19
Agree	47.83%33
Neither Agree or Disagree	18.84%13
Disagree	4.35%3
Strongly Disagree	1.45%1
Total	69

Q3: I think working to eliminate human embryonic stem cell research is an appropriate part of Culture of Life activities.

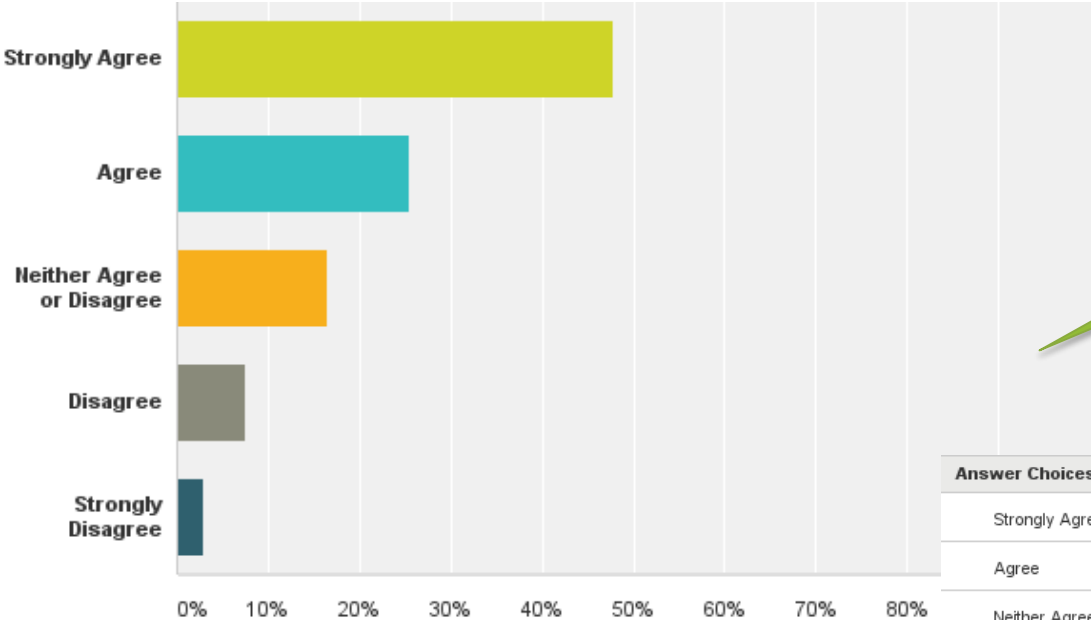
Answered: 67 Skipped: 2



Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	62.69%	42
Agree	26.87%	18
Neither Agree or Disagree	8.96%	6
Disagree	0.00%	0
Strongly Disagree	1.49%	1
Total		67

Q4: I think preventing the legalization of Surrogacy is an appropriate part of Culture of Life activities.

Answered: 67 Skipped: 2

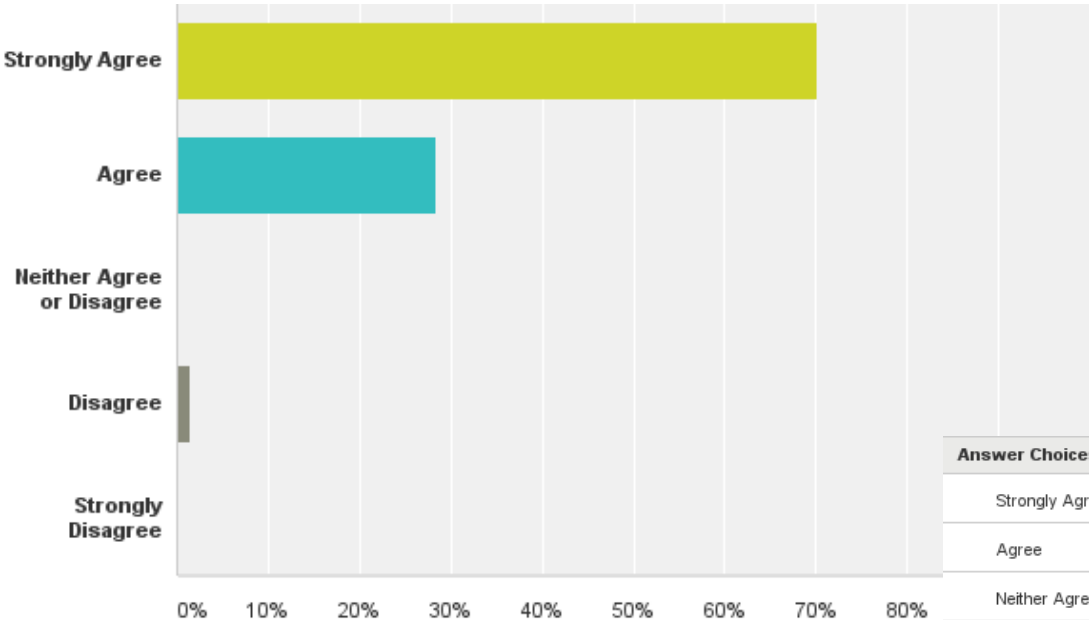


Positive response, but this is the least positive response.

Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	47.76%	32
Agree	25.37%	17
Neither Agree or Disagree	16.42%	11
Disagree	7.46%	5
Strongly Disagree	2.99%	2
Total		67

Q5: I think applying Catholic moral teaching to end of life issues is an appropriate part of Culture of Life activities.

Answered: 67 Skipped: 2

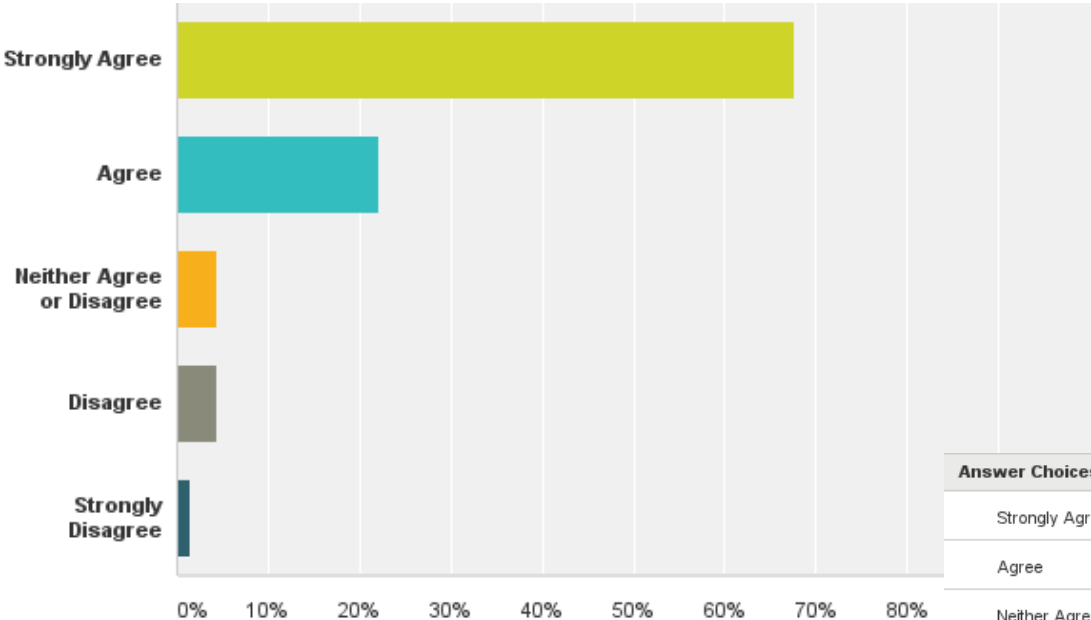


Nearly unanimous Agreement

Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	70.15%	47
Agree	28.36%	19
Neither Agree or Disagree	0.00%	0
Disagree	1.49%	1
Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
Total		67

Q6: I think working to prevent the legalization of so called “same-sex” marriage is an appropriate part of Culture of Life activities.

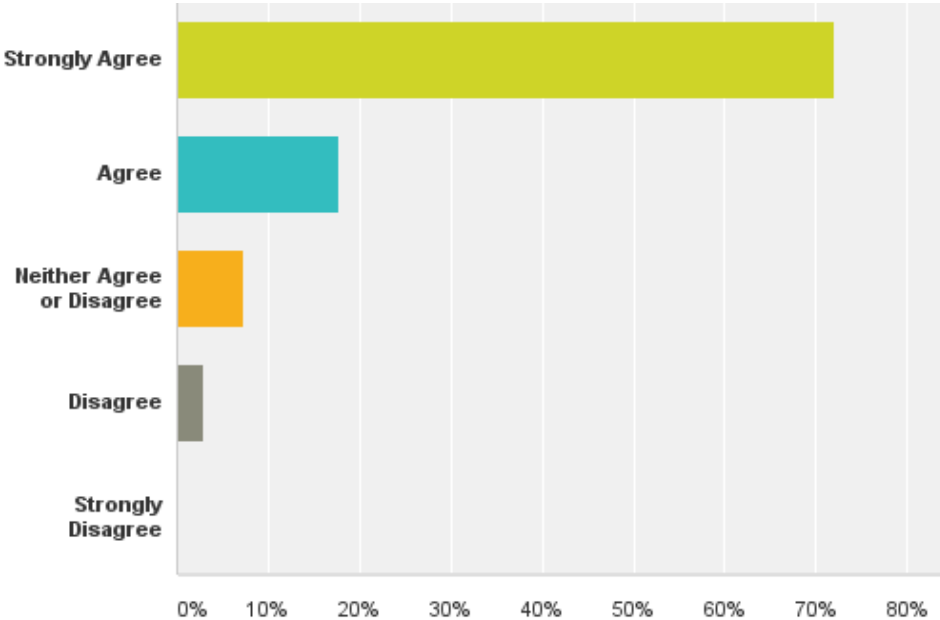
Answered: 68 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	67.65%	46
Agree	22.06%	15
Neither Agree or Disagree	4.41%	3
Disagree	4.41%	3
Strongly Disagree	1.47%	1
Total		68

Q7: I think working to prevent all human cloning is an appropriate part of Culture of Life activities.

Answered: 68 Skipped: 1

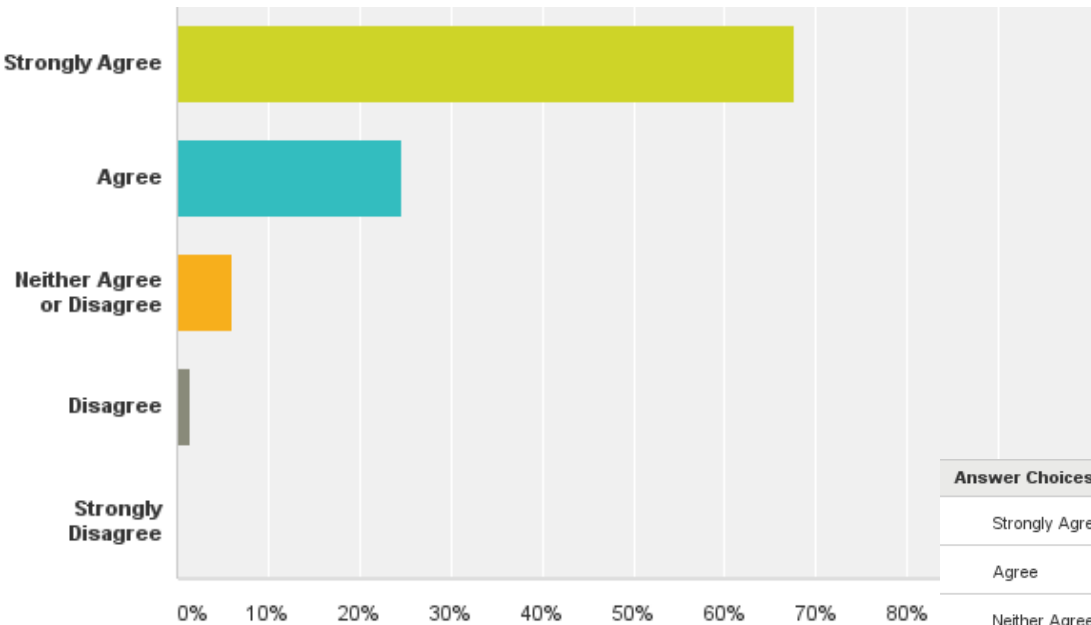


Strong support

Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	72.06%	49
Agree	17.65%	12
Neither Agree or Disagree	7.35%	5
Disagree	2.94%	2
Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
Total		68

Q8: I think working to eliminate euthanasia is an appropriate part of Culture of Life activities.

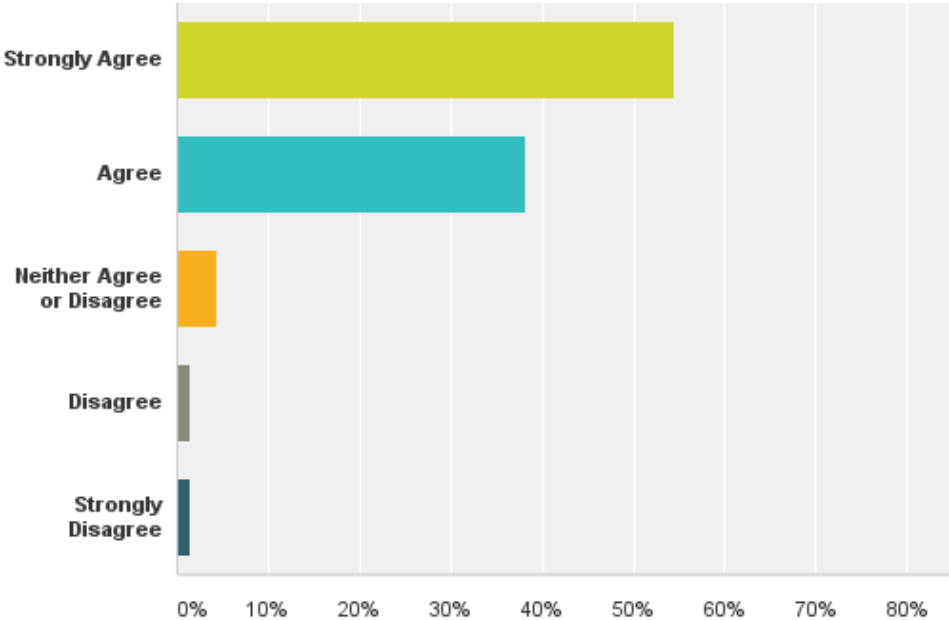
Answered: 65 Skipped: 4



Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	67.69%	44
Agree	24.62%	16
Neither Agree or Disagree	6.15%	4
Disagree	1.54%	1
Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
Total		65

Q9: I think the promotion of Catholic moral teaching regarding contraception is an appropriate part of Culture of Life activities.

Answered: 68 Skipped: 1

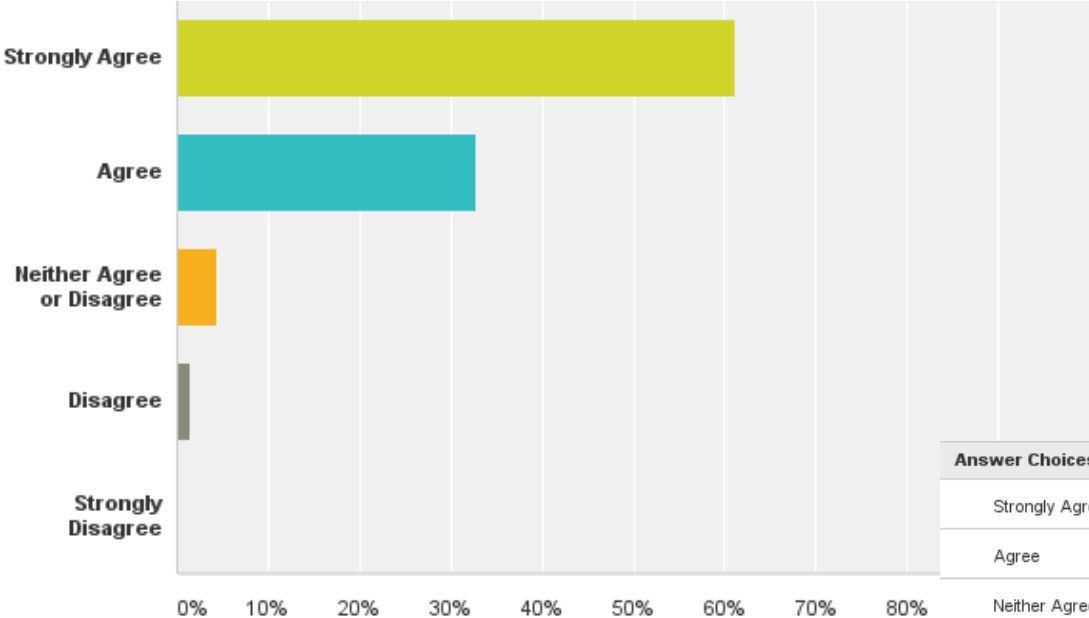


Strong support

Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	54.41%	37
Agree	38.24%	26
Neither Agree or Disagree	4.41%	3
Disagree	1.47%	1
Strongly Disagree	1.47%	1
Total		68

Q10: I think the promotion of natural family planning is an appropriate part of Culture of Life activities.

Answered: 67 Skipped: 2

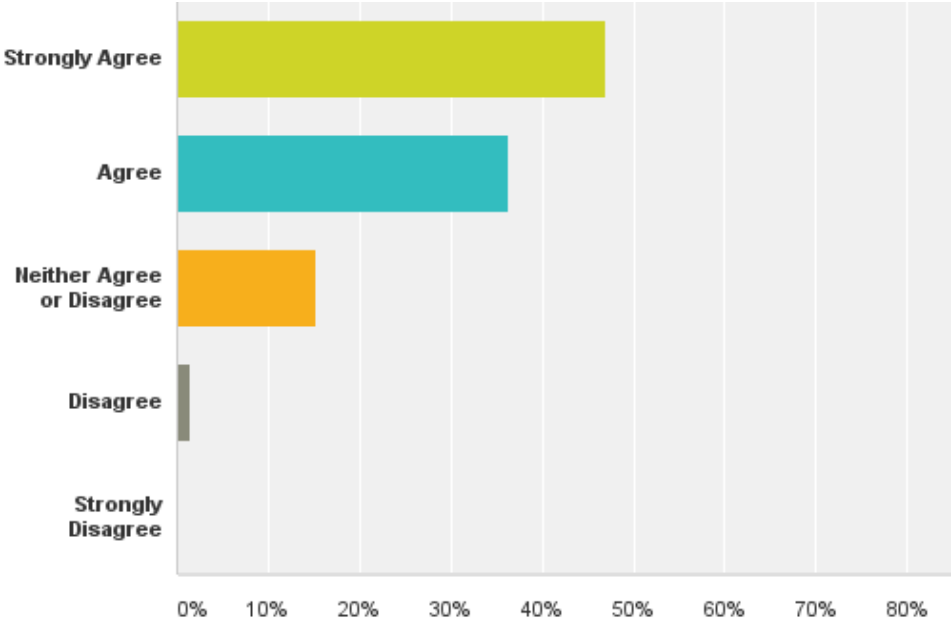


Strong support

Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	61.19%	41
Agree	32.84%	22
Neither Agree or Disagree	4.48%	3
Disagree	1.49%	1
Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
Total		67

Q11: I want the Knights of Columbus to help educate me on Culture of Life issues.

Answered: 66 Skipped: 3

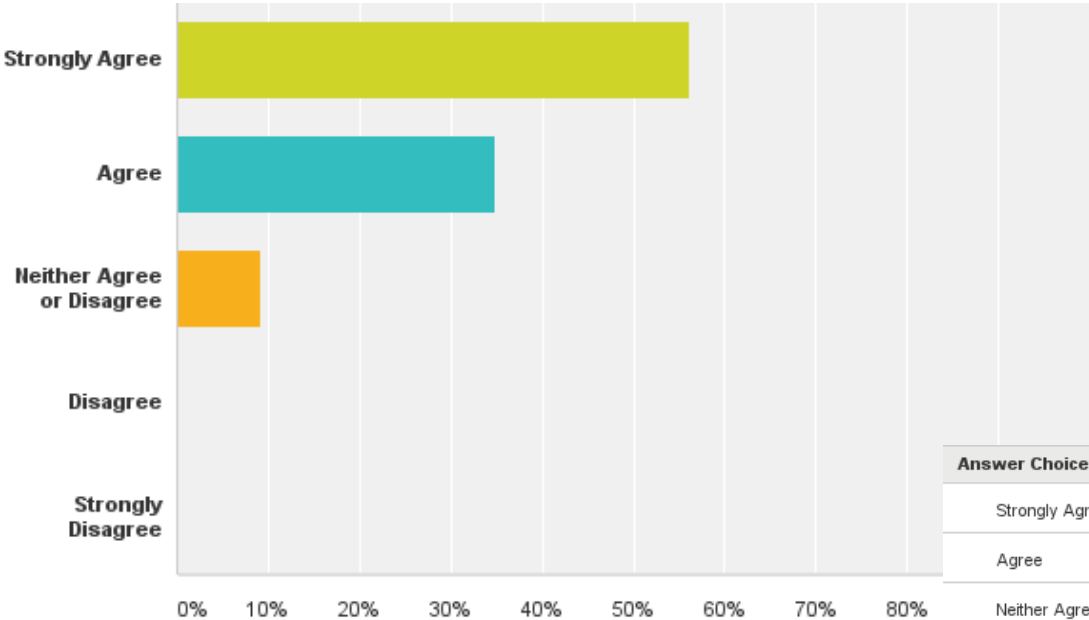


Strong support

Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	46.97%	31
Agree	36.36%	24
Neither Agree or Disagree	15.15%	10
Disagree	1.52%	1
Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
Total		66

Q12: I want the Knights of Columbus to help me become aware of Culture of Life activities in my local area.

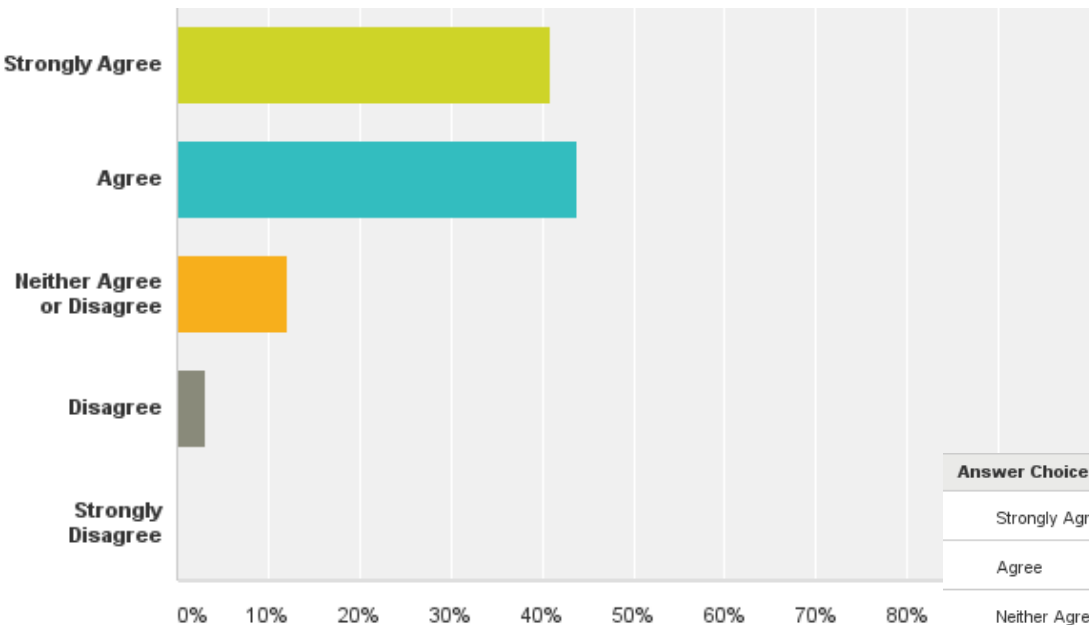
Answered: 66 Skipped: 3



Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	56.06%	37
Agree	34.85%	23
Neither Agree or Disagree	9.09%	6
Disagree	0.00%	0
Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
Total		66

Q13: I want the Knights of Columbus to help me find news articles and commentary related to the Culture of Life.

Answered: 66 Skipped: 3

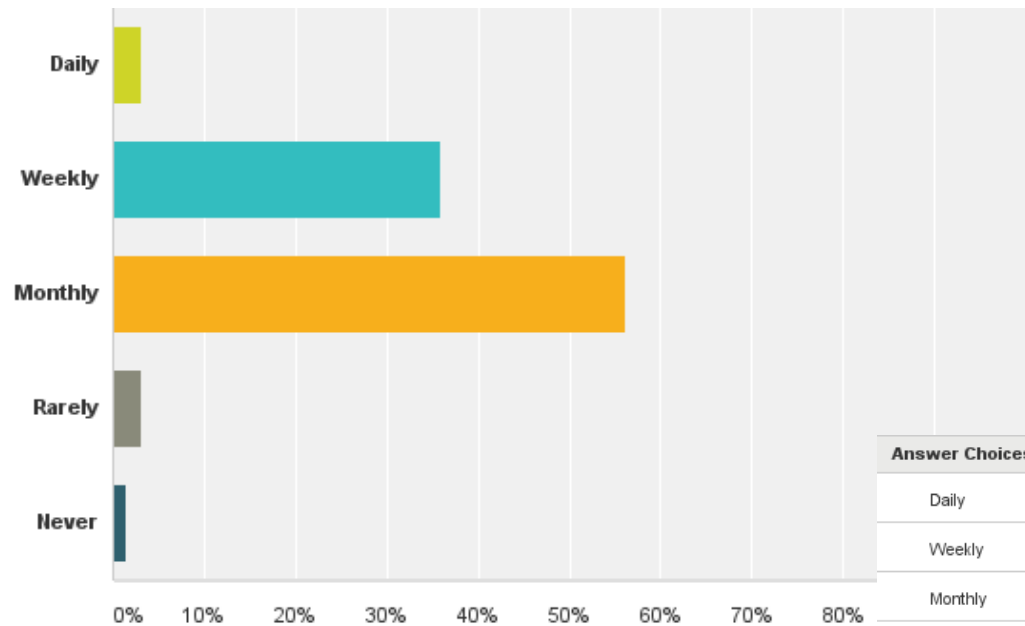


Strong support

Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly Agree	40.91%	27
Agree	43.94%	29
Neither Agree or Disagree	12.12%	8
Disagree	3.03%	2
Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0
Total		66

Q14: How often do you wish to receive Culture of Life information from the Knights of Columbus?

Answered: 64 Skipped: 5

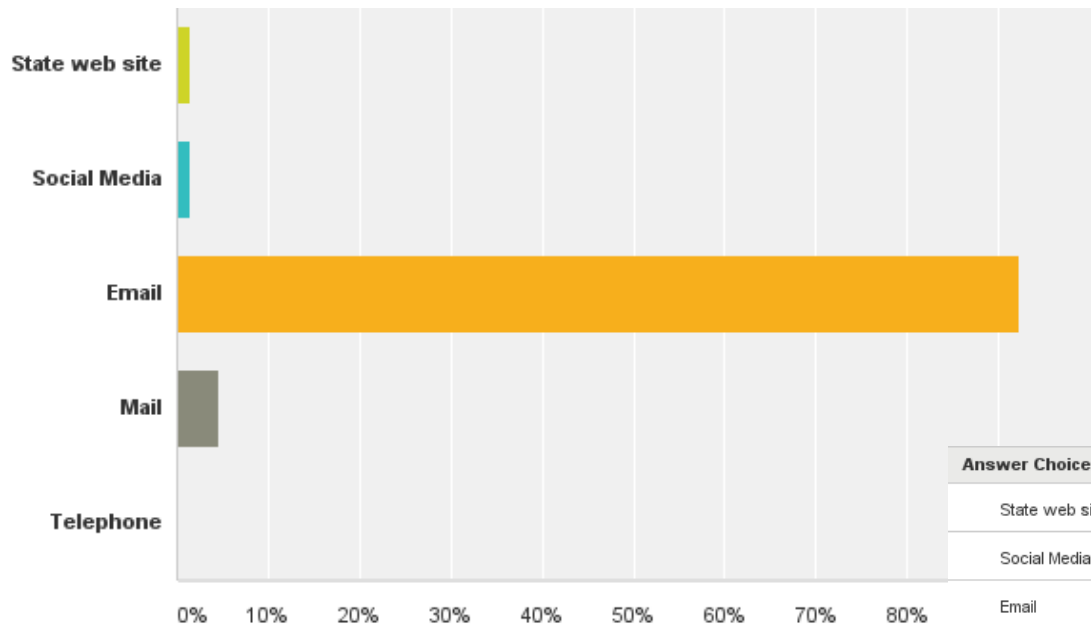


A majority want monthly contact.

Answer Choices	Responses
Daily	3.13%2
Weekly	35.94%23
Monthly	56.25%36
Rarely	3.13%2
Never	1.56%1
Total	64

Q15: What is my preferred method to receive Culture of Life information from the Knights of Columbus?

Answered: 64 Skipped: 5

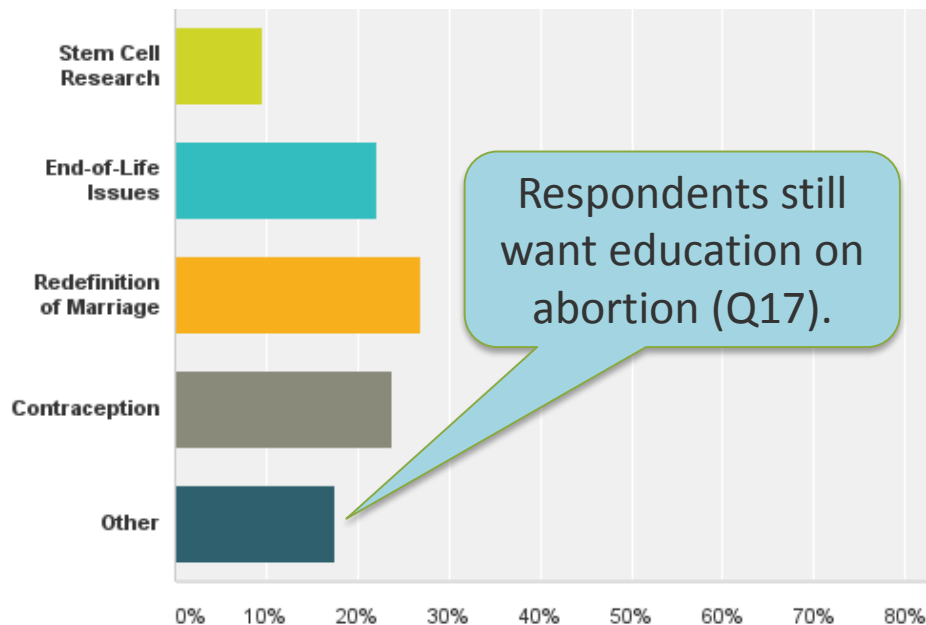


Overwhelming preference for email.

Answer Choices	Responses
State web site	1.56%1
Social Media	1.56%1
Email	92.19%59
Mail	4.69%3
Telephone	0.00%0
Total	64

Q16: What Culture of Life area needs the most educational emphasis?

Answered: 63 Skipped: 6



No obvious area for special emphasis.

Answer Choices	Responses
Stem Cell Research	9.52% 6
End-of-Life Issues	22.22% 14
Redefinition of Marriage	26.98% 17
Contraception	23.81% 15
Other	17.46% 11
Total	63

Q18: What can the Knights of Columbus do to improve efforts to build the Culture of Life?

Answered: 40 Skipped: 29

Categories	Response Text
Information sharing	Pass on more information on Culture of Life.
Church activities	Support church activities
Education	Education.....clarity of church teaching...using the Catechism and church documents in light of!
No opinion	CCC1696 "two paths" life & Death
	I don't know
Church activities	During the 40 days for Life suggest that each council have a spokes person at each Mass to promote praying in front of the abortion clinics and have a pro-life board set up in church with spaces for parishioners to write in their prayer offerings and sacrifices (no name) during the 40 days. Prayers are the answer.
Promotion	Continue to promote and advertise their efforts.
Promotion	encourage local culture of life couples to use the resources available to them--ie Columbia Magazine and internet @ supreme and state websites
Church activities	Having the support of pastors and establishing a council with parish members sharing support, ideas, prayer.
No opinion	We as a couple do not have enough experience to share yet.
Promotion	Getting information out about the different things going on, so councils can get more active
News	Keep us informed of legislation both state and nationally.
No opinion	?
Survey feedback	Build definitions into this questionnaire. Some terms are ambiguous. Clarify what level KC is being referred to in this question. Have discussion within councils on these questions and submit a "group response" from the discussion.
Promotion	As an individual and a council keep up with pro-life activities and be part
Promotion	Make it a part of every council meeting
Promotion	Have pro-life speakers speak at meetings.
No opinion	Unsure
Information sharing	Sharing of information and new ideas.
Feedback	While on your list, I'm not my councils COL Director. I do appreciate the information shared at state and local levels through COL director/chair couples.
Education	Keep educating the public and promoting life from conception to natural death.
Government advocacy	pro life letters sent to congress monthly
Promotion	Send out reminders via email about Culture of Life events, i.e. 40 Days for Life Campaign, Respect Life Sunday, promote Rosaries for Life during month of our Lady of the Rosary, which is October, etc. People are so busy these days, they did constant reminders.
Promotion	more outreach and education
Education	Educate, educate, educate. Most people have no idea what is happening. Once they understand and realize what is going on, their conscience pricks them to do something. Much time should be spent on young people before their moral compass is fixed.
Promotion	Explain what and why each Council needs one and more emphasis on getting them to join an active pro life group like Louisiana Right to Life or others like such
Education	Help to have seminars with young people and help them know all the facts of all aspects of culture of life issues.
Education	Give us the Catholic way of using non-stem cells for conception.
Church activities	Be a nurturing voice to our church families and our youth. Your message will be received if you can create an atmosphere of trust and openness.
Education	Educate our Brother Knights.
Coordination	area councils have meetings together to improve efforts
Promotion	As an organization the Knights of Columbus can in a consistent way encourage participation in the 40 days for life for all councils around the country.
Education	Continue to stand 100 percent with the Roman Catholic Church on all life issues.
Promotion	Have KFC members become more involved in pro life activities and work with Pro Life Chair couple
Church activities	Work with the parish priest to get them to talk in more detail from the pulpit about the Church's teaching on contraception & abortion. Get the priest to make supporting comments about the KC's effort promoting life issues.
Education	recommend or help sponsor keynote speakers in key areas of life issues within our council districts.
Promotion	Spend more time at the State Level promoting Culture for Life Activities.
Education	To educate.
Coordination	There should be an emphasis of Councils in the same geographical area to co-ordinate some activities. I think that this would help improve success.
Education	More information
Church activities	Promote vocations.

Q19: What Culture of Life activities conducted by the Knights of Columbus should be de-emphasized or stopped?

Answered: 36 Skipped: 33

Categories	Response Text
None	None
Fundraising	Collections for groups outside of the church
None	none I can think of...
None	I don't know
None	none
None	none of the major life activities
No opinion	?
No opinion	We as a couple do not have enough experience to share yet.
None	None. All are important to the culture of life
	Emphasis on family life, true definition of marriage and abortion.
No opinion	?
Silver Rose	Not sure the Silver Rose program is working as intended in our area. Seems to need to develop a sense of inclusivity for more effectiveness
No opinion	d
None	none now.
None	none
No opinion	Unsure
No opinion	N/A
None	None that I know of
None	none
None	None to our knowledge.
Same-sex marriage	same sex marriage
None	Can't think of any.
None	None
No opinion	I really do not know what activities the Knights of Columbus have, so I could not say. I have just started in Culture of life.
Contraception	Contraception as we can stop the reason for abortion if there is a viable means of preventing conception.
	? I can add at least one that would underline our stance on the value of life. Contact C.B.I.B. in New Orleans.
None	None
None	none of them
No opinion	I don't know.
None	none
None	None. We need to increase activities within KFC to help people in all problem areas of life in our communities and state.
None	none that i can think of
None	None.
Fundraising	On the local council basis, it is difficult to continue to raise lots of funds. We are bombarded with requests plus the mandatory items that we must do.
No opinion	Do not know
None	I love everything the KCs do.

Q20: What can the Knights of Columbus do to increase participation in Culture of Life activities?

Answered: 36 Skipped: 33

Categories	Response Text
Information sharing	Pass on more information.
Participation	Be physically present and not just during October
Promote Camp Joshua	each council promote Camp Joshua and Joshua leadership institute
No opinion	I don't know
Communication	Continue to make all Knights aware of it.
Information sharing	provide current information on culture of life political issues to keep local councils informed on how our congressman are voting at state and national levels
Education	Have speakers, Baby Bottle campaigns engaging youth, small faith groups, Woman's Alter Society, erecting crosses, encouraging those in parish to go to the state and National March for life, having an apologetic's class restoring the meaning of the term abortion and being able to defend a pro-life position lovingly.
No opinion	We as a couple do not havev enough experience to share yet.
Promotion	Continue to get information out to councils about activities going on in area
Promotion	Make the Culture of Life a State Program.
No opinion	?
Coordinate with other groups	Link more effectively with other programs within the parish with similar interests. eg Holy Name Society. Teen Programs/w adult KC participation/discussion from parent perspective on these issues
Promotion	Be vocal.
No opinion	not sure
No opinion	Unsure
Information sharing	Broaden and emphasize the youth and elderly.
Participation	It is hard to get people to participate. I do believe that when it becomes personal to someone they are more willing to participate
Participation	do not known problem is my council dose not have enough members to conduct all the activities supreme and the state want us to do we will do the best we can
Promotion	Just keep promoting little events in parishes as well, (especially prayer). ☪
No opinion	For instance, our parish is having a pro-life mass and rosary on the Feast of St. Luke (he was also a physician) which is Saturday, October 18th, at 8:30 a.m.
Participation	not sure
Promotion	Ask more knights to participate at least in some small way. Get them involved in a pro-life march, baby bottle drive, spiritual adoption initiative, etc.
Promotion	Promote events earlier and more often.
Promotion	send news letters out so we can send a message to those who do not know about culture of life, and what it truly stands for.
Communication	Pass down information to the councils for the use of the Pro Life Chair and Couple.
Church activities	When our members are active in many of the other church ministries and functions, those activities give us exposure to witness ans share.
Education	Awareness to the cause.
Education	increase prayer,educate,give information out,invite guest.
No opinion	I don't know.
Participation	Depends on what "participation" means.personal life issues are the hard cases. We all say we stand for life but "compromise" is so easy. We continue to stand with the church, speaking truth uncompromisingly!
Participation	Wake them up! Have the Grand Knight appoint members to develop committees that will work to improve all areas within the Culture of Life.
Participation	Be active members on their parish Culture of Life committee.
Education	we need to pray and be laser focused in asking our priests and fellow council members to push forward with keynote speakers and such on pertinent life issues to help our members and the extended church receive solid education / catechesis in these key areas.
Participation	Start at the Council Level and build.
Church activities	I do not see the Bishop and Priests doing much out in the Community i.e. praying at the local abortion facilities, doing Homilies on the subject. A lot of Brother Knights seem to stay away from activities.
No opinion	Do not know
Participation	Sign up more members and work at more retention.

Q20: Open-ended Question Summary

