

Brother Knights:

White Rose Sunday - (Lone Rose Sunday), is this weekend.

We are in need a Knights of Columbus family to carry a White Rose up to the altar for each mass this weekend.

See mass times still needing volunteers - below.

Carrying the WHITE ROSE and laying it on the ALTAR will happen during the explanation of WHITE ROSE / LONE ROSE SUNDAY.

This will be one of the announcements being made prior to mass.

The times are as follows:

- Saturday - 5:00 pm -**
- Sunday - 8:30 am ---**
- Sunday - 10:00 am -**
- Sunday - 11:30 am -**
- Sunday - 1:00 pm ---**
- Sunday - 6:00 pm ---**

See additional information Brother Mauricio gathered pertaining to White Rose/Lone Rose Sunday below....

Depending on which part of the country, the program is called:

- Rose Sunday ...single or multiple Red Roses are used
- Lone Rose Sunday ...single Red or White Rose is used
- White Rose Sunday ...single White Rose is used

It's also held at different times of the year:

- January - near the Roe vs. Wade decision
- May - due to Mother's Day
- August - near to the Feast of the Assumption
- October - since it's "Right to Life" month
- December - near to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Finally because of when/why it's held, it's used to promote:

- Anti-Abortion
- Respect for Life
- Right to Life

On the KofC Supreme web site, the nearest thing I could find to Roe vs. Wade & Roses is the following:

- The *March for Life* began in Washington, D.C., in 1974 to peacefully protest the Supreme Court's infamous *Roe v. Wade* decision which decriminalized abortion. Each year on January 22, thousands of pro-life Americans, led by March for Life president Nellie Gray, March in Washington, D.C. In addition, the *March for Life Fund* engages in year-round educational activities and sponsors student contests, the "**Say It With Roses**" campaign, and the *Rose Dinner*.

Note: There is also a running of the "Silver Rose" that we do in Texas each year for Pro-Life.

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General "White Rose" history...

In the Spirit of the White Rose: Make a Start

It was a Sunday morning in the summer of 1941. Bishop Clements von Galen of Munster, Germany, mounted his pulpit to preach a stirring homily demanding that government officials responsible for the German euthanasia program be charged with murder.

"Once it is allowed," he said, "once it becomes permissible, to put to death 'unproductive' human beings, then we are all of us open to being murdered when we, too, are old and feeble and no longer productive..."

The homily had a profound impact on Hans Scholl, a young medical student who, it is reported, said, "At last, somebody has had the courage to speak out."

The German bishop's homily and the student's response to it are described in the book, *A Noble Treason*, by Richard Hanser.

But the account doesn't end there. Young Scholl was not content to know that someone else had made a statement and, therefore, the matter was ended. Rather, using the bishop's courageous act - for it was, indeed, courageous to speak out against any government program in Nazi Germany - Scholl and several other students, including his 22-year old sister, Sophie, formed a student resistance group called the **White Rose** (Weisse Rose), the name chosen because it symbolized everything that was noble and beautiful and opposed evil.

Using a small duplicating machine the students defied the powerful state apparatus, secretly printing and distributing thousands of leaflets denouncing the inhumane programs. Eventually they were arrested. A hasty trial was held. Hans and Sophie Scholl, along with Professor Kurt Huber were sentenced to death.

When confronted by a hostile judge about her activities, Sophie Scholl responded calmly, "Somebody, after all, had to make a start."

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"Rose Sunday" history related to the Knights of Columbus

The Red Rose has long been a symbol of the pro-life movement's respect for the lives of preborn babies and their mothers. The White Rose is an emblem adopted from the Weisse Rose (White Rose) movement that arose in Germany to combat the Nazi regime and its crimes against life. The White Rose is now internationally recognized as the symbol to respect the sanctity of life, thereby saving the lives of the unborn, the sick, and the elderly and reducing the physical and spiritual fallout to those who refuse to respect God's precious gift of life.

When the Supreme Council of the International Catholic men's group, the Knights of Columbus, with 2,000 members in attendance, met in Toronto at the beginning of August, it faced a resolution by a New York chapter calling on Knights to take more vigorous action against politicians who are pro-abortion. The co-chairman of the New York Council, said that they were getting nowhere with tactics employed presently; children are being killed at the rate of a million a year in the U.S. alone, he stated. However, the chief administrative officer of the Ontario State Council objected to the New York resolution calling for such things as advertisements at election times to encourage pro-life voting, saying "We (in Canada) take a softer approach. We're not backing down on it, but I guess we're more subtle about what we do." He referred to **Rose Sunday** and its financial collection as sufficient for the Canadian Knights' contribution to the pro-life cause.

In a speech to the organization the next day, the Supreme Knight acknowledged that the order has the resources to do more to defend life than it has done; the Knights of Columbus would continue its "defense of human life at all stages, from conception to natural death," and he called as well for new initiatives and new bold measures. All councils are urged to support the Right to Life by asking their members to carry out a program called "**Rose Sunday**".

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