

March Newsletter  
March 15, 2006  
Choose Life, Massachusetts Activities to Date

This is a recap of events over the last nine months.

In July of 2005, we hosted tables at two events, the Knights of Columbus Northeast Family Conference and the Proud2BCatholic Festival at the Marist house in Framingham.

In October of 2005, we attend the Walk for Life in Boston and the Annual Pro-life dinner in Randolph both hosted by the Massachusetts Citizens for Life. We continue to gather support and meet great people offering their assistance.

In January 2006, I appeared on "Knights in Action", a cable show sponsored by the Melrose Knights of Columbus. Brian Flaherty, the Deputy Grand Knight and Host invited me to be interviewed along with Tom Harvey from Massachusetts Citizens for Life. While there, Tom Harvey and I spoke about how MCFL could help the Choose Life effort. He encouraged me to write to Marie Sturgis, Executive Director of Mass Citizens for Life, asking for them to publish an article in their newsletter.

I wrote to Marie Sturgis asking for an article in the MCFL newsletter and when I spoke to Tom Harvey again, I was told the answer was yes! MCFL has subscribers numbering in the thousands.

In March of 2006, we attended the Boston Catholic Men's and Women's conferences as well as the Worcester Catholic Men's conference.

After the March conferences, we decided that it was time to go ahead with the legislative piece of our effort. We imagined it might take years to get a bill through approving Choose Life, Inc. as a charity eligible to receive funds from the state's specialty plate system.

On March 15<sup>th</sup>, I wrote to Senator Tisei, my local senator, asking his help in modifying the Massachusetts General Laws to add Choose Life, Inc. as an eligible charity.

We continue to work on promoting Choose Life and obtaining the necessary signatures of interest. Thus far, we have 1047 people signed up for a Choose Life license plate. This is far short of our mark but we have a huge untapped population. At this time, the MCFL newsletter has not been published. By working with MCFL, we hope to further publicize the Choose Life license plate and meet our goal of 3000 applicants.