

Organ Donor Sunday, March 26, 2023

Check List

Basic: *Select a chairman for Organ Donor Sunday.*

1. Arrange the Organ Donor Sunday weekend with Pastor and Parish staff well in advance of March 26, 2023 Sunday.
2. Print one sided organ donor registration form with quotes from two Popes and donation facts. Request and assist with insertion in bulletin. Pay for printing if required.
(Insertion of form in bulletin is most effective method.) Add Council number & Parish name to the form.)
3. Request that all Celebrants (1) mention the organ donor registration form in the bulletin, (2) that Organ Donor registration is Knights of Columbus project and (3) offer a personal word that the Church approves donation and considers it a charitable and heroic act.
4. Request that the Organ Donor Prayer (*see below*) be included in the Prayers of the Faithful (Intercessions).
5. Request an announcement to point out the Organ Donor Form insert.

There is an Organ Donor Registration form in the bulletin today. Please consider being an organ donor. This is an heroic and charitable act encouraged by the Church. You can save and enhance lives with donated organs including skin and eyes.

(The notice can also be used as an announcement at the end of Mass.)

6. Send report of having completed an Organ Donor Sunday of the number of forms distributed to: jmccall415@msn.com.
7. **Most Effective!** Request that a parishioner who might be a recipient, donor family member or living donor be allowed to give a one-minute testimony at the end of Mass to the benefits of organ donation as a healing gift for both recipients and donor families.
8. **Organ Donor Prayer:**© Request the prayer to be read at Mass intercessions.

*For the generosity and comfort of organ donors and for their families,
For the continued joy and well-being of organ recipients,
For the fulfillment of hope of those waiting for life giving transplants,
For those who offer to be organ donors, that their families support the decision
Lord hear our prayer.*

Contact: Knight Jay McCall, *lifedonor* USA®, 520-887-7847, jmccall415@msn.com for any questions on the Organ Donor Sunday. Available is the organ donor program “*A Mom’s Story*” for a council meeting or presentation at other parish or community organizations. **Send completed forms to:** P.O. Box, 23812, Tucson, AZ 85740

Parish _____

Gifts of Life, Love & Legacy

Knights of Columbus

ORGAN DONOR REGISTRATION

Council _____

Pope Benedict XVI

A Gift for Life, Considerations on Organ Donation - (11-1-2008)

*"Organ donation is a unique testimony of charity. There exists, in fact, a responsibility of love and charity that commits oneself to make one's own life a gift for others, if one truly seeks one's own fulfillment. The act of love, which expressed with the **gift of one's own vital organs**, is a genuine testimony of charity that knows how to look beyond death so that life always wins."*

Saint Pope John Paul II

For a New Culture of Human Life - (March 25, 1995)

*"Over and above such outstanding moments, there is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big and small, which build up an authentic culture of life. A particularly praise worthy example of such gestures is the **donation of organs**,...with a view to offering the chance of health and even life to sick who sometimes have no hope."*

Facts about Organ and Tissue Donation

FACT: It's a federal crime to buy or sell organs and tissues. Race, gender, income or celebrity status are never considered in determining who receives an organ. Organ allocation is based on factors including blood type, length of time on a waiting list, geographical location, severity of illness or other medical criteria.

FACT: Doctors who treat patients at the time of death have nothing to do with donation or transplantation of their organs and tissues. Every effort is made to save the patient's life before donation can be considered.

FACT: There is no cost to be a donor. Donation is a gift. Any costs for transplantation are the recipient's cost.

FACT: Studies show that donation most often provides immediate and long-term consolation.

Donor Registration Form

YES! *I want to be an organ, eye & tissue donor!*

Council # _____

* Required

* First Name _____ * Last Name _____

* Address _____

* City _____ * State _____ * Zip _____

* Date of Birth _____ * Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female
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* Driver's License/ID# _____

Email _____

How did you hear about the registry? _____

* Signature _____

* Date _____
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Your donation decision will be entered in the Donate Life AZ Registry. Within four weeks you will receive a letter confirming your registration. If you have any question about your registration, please contact 520-887-7847

MAIL TO: PO Box 35812 - lifedonor USA - Tucson, Arizona 85740

For information or a program at church, workplace, school, business, organization, or club meetings contact:

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