



St. Michael Church Respect Life Memorial Summary

Purpose

The Knights of Columbus fraternal organization has been at the forefront in advocating the rights of all human life and remembering all the innocent lives lost to abortion since the Roe vs. Wade decision in 1973. Hundreds of Knights of Columbus Councils throughout North America have erected memorials remembering the unborn children and the sanctity of human life. St. Michael's Council #11445 is proposing that we add our parish to those that have already made a tangible and visible statement that all life is sacred.

This memorial garden will provide a fitting place for those who want to come to pray for an end to abortion, euthanasia, cloning, capital punishment and any other violations of life. It will also provide a setting for those in the healing process after being involved in any of these activities where human life was not treated with the respect that God expects.

General Description

The Respect Life Memorial will be in a garden setting located just northeast of the existing Grotto on the North side of the West Entrance to St. Michael Church. This area is flanked on the West and North by existing locust trees and provides a secluded setting. There will be a four foot wide circular walkway constructed of brick pavers with an outside diameter of 24 feet (16' inside diameter) which will be connected to the primary walkway leading from the parking area to the grotto.

In the center of the circular pathway, a slab of limestone approximately 8 feet wide by 5 feet tall by 8 inches wide will be the centerpiece of the memorial. A main theme plaque, several inscriptions and a bronze Madonna and Child plaque will be included on this slab. Directly behind this slab will be a wood cross with a corpus on it. All of the walkways will be landscaped with trees, bushes, perennials, and mulch. The primary trees and memorial will be flooded with individual lights. The primary construction tasks are tree and root removal, site preparation, existing sidewalk removal, handicap area relocation, electrical and water line installation, walkway brick paver installation, and assorted landscaping.

Note: In addition to the construction of the Respect Life Memorial garden, St. Michael parish has requested that a handicap access walkway to the Grotto and a replacement to the existing Grotto walkway be included as part of this project. The Grotto itself will not be altered or moved in any way. If you would like to see conceptual color pictures of the memorial, please visit the Respect Life Memorial display in Marian Hall.

Memorial Messages

There will be three messages inscribed on plaques, which will be attached to the memorial. They are as follows:

"All Human life – From the moment of conception through all subsequent stages is sacred. Because human life is created in the image and likeness of God." Pope John Paul II

"Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." Luke 23:24

"Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you." Isaiah 49:15

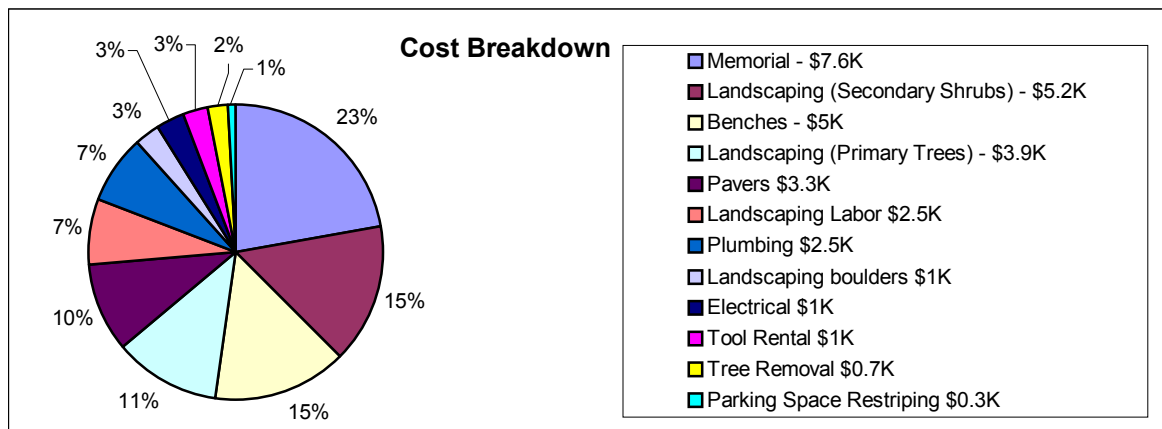
Schedule

We would like to secure funding and donations by early February 2004 and begin construction in March with a completion date sometime in the Fall 2004. Most of the construction work will be done in late Spring and early Summer.

Cost Estimates

Since this project consists of both the memorial and upgrades to the existing grotto walkway, the costs will be broken out in separate sections. The costs can be summarized as follows.

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| 1) Grotto walkway and landscaping South of handicap walkway: | \$ 7,100 |
| 2) Memorial (includes slab, cross, corpus, and plaques): | \$ 7,600 |
| 3) Memorial Garden walkway and surrounding landscaping: | \$14,800 |
| 4) Miscellaneous Costs (Electrical, Water, etc) | \$ 4,500 |
| Total Cost: | \$34,000 |



Funding

The Knights of Columbus will be providing a majority of the labor to construct this memorial and manage the project. We are providing the opportunity for St. Michael's parishioners who want to participate in the funding of this memorial to do so as there will be 3 donation options. There are 5 benches available, which will be priced at \$2,500 each. These may be inscribed if the donor wishes. There are 13 primary trees available, which will be priced at \$500 each and also will have an available plaque for inscribing if the donor wishes. A third option is a brick paver, which can be engraved and will be sold for \$100 each. The parish will contribute to the costs for the removal and replacement of the sidewalk which currently leads to the grotto and the new landscaping around this area.

Funding Summary

| Line | Qty | Description or Item or Service | Unit Cost | Line Total | Notes |
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| 1 | 5 | Donation for an engraved bench | \$2,500 | \$12,500 | |
| 2 | 13 | Donation for a major tree | \$500 | \$6,500 | |
| 3 | 100 | Donation for an engraved paver (\$100 less \$10 engraving fee) | \$90 | \$9,000 | More than 100 brick pavers will be available. |
| 4 | 1 | Landscaping Labor provided by Knights (in lieu of Professional Landscaping labor costs;(excluding major tree planting)). | \$2,500 | \$2,500 | Excludes labor to remove existing sidewalk and laying pavers. |
| 5 | 1 | Funds from St. Michael for Grotto walkway and landscaping | \$5,000 | \$5,000 | |
| Funding Total: | | | | \$35,500 | 1.5K more than costs to cover any over runs. |

Questions

If you have any questions about this memorial or would like to inquire about making a donation, please contact Cy Cottrell at 614- 436-4989 (coachcy@core.com) or Kevin Barlage at 614-841-0203 (kbarlage@aol.com). Thank you for your time and consideration.