

## **First Lady's Project: Wheelchair Sunday 30-60-90 Day Plan for District Deputies, Grand Knights, and Diocesan Deputies**

**Objective:** Successfully conduct a Wheelchair Sunday and Pulpit Talk that inspires parish participation, raises awareness of the mission, and generates wheelchair sponsorships.

### **First 30 Days: Build the Foundation**

#### **District Deputies**

- Meet with Grand Knights to establish Wheelchair Sunday goals and expectations.
- Identify councils and parishes that will participate.
- Coordinate with the Diocesan Deputy to prioritize key parishes and weekends.
- Share best practices, resources, and success stories.
- Establish accountability through regular progress check-ins.

#### **Grand Knights**

- Obtain pastor approval and secure a Wheelchair Sunday date.
- Recruit a project chairman and parish volunteers.
- Schedule a pulpit talk with the pastor.
- Develop a parish-specific promotion plan.
- Set fundraising and participation goals for the council.

#### **Diocesan Deputies**

- Secure diocesan support and endorsement where possible.
- Encourage pastors and parish leaders to support Wheelchair Sunday efforts.
- Communicate the importance of the program to all councils in the diocese.
- Recognize councils that commit early and lead by example.

### **Key Outcome**

✓ Every participating parish has a confirmed date, leadership team, and pastor commitment.

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**Days 31-60: Activate and Promote****District Deputies**

- Monitor council progress and remove obstacles.
- Ensure every participating council has volunteers assigned.
- Coach Grand Knights on effective parish engagement.
- Promote friendly competition among councils to increase participation.

**Grand Knights**

- Train volunteers on donation collection procedures and talking points.
- Promote the event in bulletins, parish announcements, social media, and council communications.
- Confirm pulpit speaker and presentation logistics.
- Prepare collection materials and sponsorship information.
- Encourage council members and families to attend all Masses.

**Diocesan Deputies**

- Send periodic encouragement and reminders throughout the diocese.
- Highlight the impact of wheelchairs on the lives of recipients.
- Share success stories from prior campaigns to inspire participation.

**Key Outcome**

 Parishioners are informed, volunteers are prepared, and all event logistics are ready.

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## **Days 61-90: Execute and Deliver Results**

### **District Deputies**

- Support councils during Wheelchair Sunday weekend.
- Track participation and fundraising results.
- Encourage immediate reporting and follow-up.
- Celebrate successes and recognize outstanding councils.

### **Grand Knights**

- Conduct an inspiring and mission-focused pulpit talk.
- Emphasize the life-changing impact of providing wheelchairs.
- Invite every parishioner to participate.
- Ensure all donations are collected, secured, and reported promptly.
- Thank the pastor, parish staff, volunteers, and donors.

### **Diocesan Deputies**

- Publicly recognize participating councils and pastors.
- Share diocesan results and impact stories.
- Encourage councils to make Wheelchair Sunday an annual parish activity.
- Communicate how donations will transform lives.

### **Key Outcome**

 Successful Wheelchair Sunday conducted, donations submitted, results reported, and momentum created for future participation.

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## **Leadership Message**

**Focus on Action.** Every council should secure a parish date, deliver a compelling pulpit talk, and confidently invite parishioners to change lives through the gift of mobility. Success comes from early planning, consistent follow-up, strong pastor relationships, and enthusiastic execution. Every Wheelchair Sunday is an opportunity to put faith into action and bring hope, dignity, and independence to those in need.

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