

The Knights of Columbus of St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, Liberty Township, Ohio wishes to contract with the artist, Sondra L. Jonson, to commission a limited edition bronze sculpture of "Rachel Weeping." This statue will be gifted to the St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, serving as a witness of the commitment of the Knights and the St. Maximilian Kolbe Church to the respect of life and the preservation of the family.

Jonson designed the statue to show Rachel kneeling in prayer, cradling an empty blanket, reflecting a society bereaved of its children, yet a society looking to God for healing and redemption. The rose at Rachel's side is the sign of her confidence in God and hope for her future.

This limited edition (#9 of 12) statue will be located near the entrance to St. Maximilian Kolbe, outside the large window of our gathering space.



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*"A voice was heard in Ramah, Rachel weeping for her children and she refused to be comforted because they are no more...Thus said the lord, cease your weeping and dry your tears....And there is hope."*

*9 Jeremiah 21:15,16 & Matthew 2:18*



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**Rachel, the Matriarch of Israel in the Old Testament, was heard weeping for her children during the Jewish exile (Jeremiah 31: 15-16) and again during Herod’s slaughter of the innocents (Matthew 2:18). In recent years, Rachel has come to symbolize the spiritual battle being waged to preserve the gift of life in a culture which loses many children to abortion, violence, suicide, substance abuse, and family breakdown.**



**ABOUT THE ARTIST**

Sculptor Sondra L. Jonson was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and studied at the Philadelphia College of Art, the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, the Centro de Estudios Hispánicos (in Madrid, Spain), and graduated, Magna Cum Laude, from Bryn Mawr College and the Frudakis Academy of Art.

Now in her 21st year as a professional sculptor, Ms. Jonson has established her reputation as a master of human figure and portraiture. Her sculptures always display skillful craftsmanship while looking deeply into the human story. She has competed and placed in national and international competitions, including the Oklahoma City Memorial Competition, and has sold Bronzes to collectors across the United States and in Europe.

**Rachel Statue Pledge Card**

The cost of the statue is \$18,000.00 plus some additional expenses for presentation and maintenance. To commission the statue, we need a pledge from 40 individuals in the amount of \$500.00. If you are willing to donate, please sign the pledge form below.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ pledge to donate

_____ \$2,000	_____ \$1,000
_____ \$500	_____ \$200
_____ \$100	_____ \$50
_____ \$25	_____ Other

To the Knights of Columbus Council #11355 of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish toward the purchase of a limited edition bronze “Rachel Weeping” Statue by artist Sondra Johnson.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Return pledge and/or check to: Knights of Columbus Council #11355 c/o St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, 5720 Hamilton-Mason Road, Liberty Township, OH 45011

All donations are tax-deductible. Please contact Bill Miller at 777-1516 with any questions.