



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Revealing the living truth to a pregnant woman about the precious baby inside her is the primary mission of the staff at Mother of Life Pregnancy Center. When a new client learns that her baby is alive and growing, her own child tender and active, she can then make the best informed choice for the benefit of her little one and herself.



Another vital part of our Catholic mission is to reach out to youth and adults across the diocese to communicate the important truths of that same pro-life message. We welcome your invitation to us to come and speak to your CCD students in middle school, your Confirmation classes and parish youth groups. A good schedule would be to dedicate one class each year to revealing God's wonderful plan for creating and protecting human life. Students are always happy to hear the scientific realities of the developing child, as well as the Church's teaching about God's love for every single person. These presentations are always age appropriate.

Participants in adult gatherings such as bible study classes, prayer meetings, Knights of Columbus councils, Marian and rosary sessions and others greatly appreciate it whenever they hear new details about the beauty of God's design in every human being. These joyful pro-life truths are refreshing to hear, even as we are surrounded today by a secular culture where sex is just for pleasure and pre-born lives are disposable. In such an atmosphere as that, the truth can be startling and awesome.

Please feel free to call me at 421-0821 to arrange a convenient time to come to your parish or group and present our Church's pro-life message with clear explanations and informative literature. Our mission is to everyone, whether to youth, a new mother or a mature advocate who wants to hear about the supreme gift of every human life that God has made in His own image.

In Christ's joy, David O'Connell, *Executive Director*

GO FORTH — THE SIMPLICITY OF SHARING PRO-LIFE KNOWLEDGE

If you could quietly share with an abortion advocate a beautiful 3-minute video that dramatizes the development of a child in the womb, wouldn't that be much easier than a confrontational political conversation?

Live Action, founded in 2003 by pro-life champion Lila Rose when she was 15 years-old, has produced that tool. Visit LiveAction.org and scroll down to "Meet Baby Olivia". The film is sensitive, gentle and illuminating.

When our trained professionals speak to abortion-minded and abortion-vulnerable women and girls, they compassionately listen to their stories and fears, ask questions, offer insights and information, and never criticize or blame. Perhaps this very successful method could be a more effective way to approach abortion-uneducated family, friends and neighbors.



Screen shot courtesy of LiveAction.org

All pregnancy resource centers need such mission partners in the community at-large. Your familiarity with our work already...

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SPRING ROSE SALE SOON TO BLOSSOM

During Mother's Day weekend, May 11 & 12, in dozens of churches, greatly cherished volunteer coordinators and their assistants will place more than 10,000 roses into the hands of mothers and the people who love them.

The suggested donation is merely \$3 per rose, but the Center is blessed by innumerable people who contribute well beyond that amount. Being one of two annual rose sales we conduct, the other in mid-October, the



If you would like to coordinate our Rose Sale in your parish, please contact richard@motheroflife.org by April 1.

Center depends upon bushels of charity to turn these big projects into needed goods and dependable services. Your enthusiastic participation will benefit many present and future clients!

Above all, we are profoundly and prayerfully grateful for the kind favor of the many pastors who welcome and support our Rose Sales. There is so much we cannot do without you! *Benefaciat vobis Deus omnes.*

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... qualifies you to be a life advocate, in addition to everything else you know from your lifetime of concerned awareness, study, prayer and action.

Plenty of other tools exist, but sometimes all that is really needed are your ears. The Holy Spirit will tell you when it is right to say, "There is help available at Mother of Life Pregnancy Center," just as the daughter of one of our associates did when her co-worker confided that she was considering abortion to address her unplanned pregnancy.



If she's not ready to make the call or visit, show her our professionally produced client testimony video featuring Beata and her daughter Camellia who is now nearly 7 years-old.

Bookmark our YouTube channel video link:
[youtube.com/watch?v=p394L07eoG0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p394L07eoG0)



POST-ABORTION HELP

Abortion having become a multi-generational scourge, you are likely to encounter a woman who has had one or more abortions. By the grace of God and the careful work of numerous people, there are excellent healing resources for post-abortive women.

The Diocese of Providence Office of Life and Family Ministry offers confidential and compassionate **Rachel's Vineyard** retreats. The next will be offered



April 19 - 21 in English and Spanish. Details and contacts are at **dioceseofprovidence.org/life-and-family-respect-life**

Superb counseling and resources for post-abortive women and men can also be found at **Entering Canaan Ministry** (enteringcanaan.com) and **Support After Abortion** (supportafterabortion.com).

Finally, bear in your hearts Philippians 4:6-7. Amen.

THE EMBRACE OF YOUR SPIRITUAL AND CORPORAL ALMS

Each of you who contributes to the Center does so in your own multi-faceted way. You not only give materially, but you also support us fundamentally in prayer.

Together, those two alms enable us to convey to our clients that they are precious to Our Savior. Your love extends through our hearts to theirs and permeates our facility. Consciousness of their longing for His embrace arises within them and resonates with that which is still natural in their children.

"The performance of good works and the acts of self-restraint and self-denial impart a wonderful efficacy to our prayers and enable us to obtain special graces

and benefits from God. In the first place, almsgiving has special power together with prayer to induce God to grant favors. And we need not wonder at the power of



Christ Blesses the Children
Melchior-Paul von Deschwanen, 1871

acts of charity towards our neighbor, for does not our divine Savior expressly declare that '... as long as you did it to one of these my least brethren, you did it to me'?" (Matthew 25:40) (from *Prayer, Its Necessity, Its Power, Its Conditions* by Ferreol Girardey, C.Ss.R., 1916)

Thank you, dear friends, for every aspect of your goodness shared with our team and those whom we serve. May Lenten graces fill your life!

SPOKEN WITH A SWEET SMILE BY A 6 YEAR-OLD VISITING THE CENTER WITH HER MOM:

"You have a beautiful home."

WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE VALUE OF OUR PARENTING CLASSES, N.V. SAID:

"It's my first time being a mom. I want to be able to manage parenting and be a wife at home. I want more knowledge on how to make things easier and not get lost along the way."

WONDERS & DESIGNS

We recently transmitted an email alert regarding a mother's immediate need for the next size up car seat for her baby. Within an hour we received several offers for assistance and a donation of the needed seat. When the thankful mother with her beautiful baby girl came to pick up the item, she donated back to us the seat her child had outgrown. This is the extended pro-life family loving each other!

Karmaliche, who was one of the 3 clients who spoke at our 2023 Rose Gala, gave birth to her son in January. They are well, praise God!



A unique visitor
Matteo at 3 months-old, uncle to the twins pictured on page 3, who were born 4 months before he was!

BOOK OF BABIES

Every family has their cherished photo albums, and so does ours. Each newsletter is a portion of it. You, our supporters, are members of our pro-life family. Thus, we encourage you to proudly share newsletters at home, in your parish, and among your friends. Each human heart is touched differently. Perhaps this will be the display that moves someone to a more emphatic appreciation for Life!

Do you remember Kiana? In March 2022 she was in the womb of her mother, Dayanara, who turned away from abortion and later spoke at our summer Rose Gala. As an infant, Kiana required life-saving surgery which the Center and the pro-life community helped arrange. Child, siblings and mother are thriving now thanks to your loving support!



Kiana at 18 months



Just days after our 2023 Rose Gala where she spoke to our guests, Denaysha gave birth to her daughter Ocean. Praise God!

MATERNITY & BABY GOODS NEEDED

Would you like to help keep our shelves stocked with the great variety and quantity of materials needed by mothers and their infants and young babies?

Stay in touch with their needs by receiving our emails; contact info@motheroflife.org to be included. Also, visit Mother of Life Pregnancy Center on facebook, and check the **Get Involved** tab at motheroflife.org/donate.

Our on-going, high-demand needs: diapers (newborn to size 6), wipes, diaper cream, shampoo, body wash and lotion, onesies, footie pajamas, and outfits for boys and girls (newborn, 0-3 and 3-6 months), and socks (0-3 months), receiving blankets and hand mitts, burp cloths or cloth diapers, bottles and pacifiers, and *loveys* (blankets, bears and other comfort items for babies).



La Salle Academy Pro-Life Club advisor/teacher Anne Primeau and student/leader Jude Vredenburg amidst the donations of the school community.

We cannot overstate the importance of material goods delivered to us by the many people who ask others to help meet the Center's growing needs. The gathered donations are a major source of critical support for our clients.

Please collaborate with others and then contact Julie (401-421-0821, julie@motheroflife.org) to arrange for our grateful reception of your collected contributions.

We pray for great blessings upon every bundler and upon those who respond to their appeals on the Center's behalf. *Thank you all so much!*

NEWS & NOTES

After 7 stellar years of nurturing and advancing the mission, activity and facility of Mother of Life Pregnancy Center, Gail Faraj-Musleh has left the position of Executive Director. Gail's charm and gifts endeared her to staff and donors alike, but most importantly to the many clients whom she helped on their journeys. *May the Lord shine his face upon you, Gail!*



While the search is on for a new executive director, David O'Connell, the Center's E.D. from 2005 - 2017, answered the call to come out of retirement and serve during the interim. *Thank you, David, for stepping in.*

Multiple twins! Suggesting a statistical anomaly that begs for a study we don't have time to conduct, seven sets of twins were *in utero* with our clients during the last six months of 2023. Three of the phenomenal pairs were born within a month of each other.



Sadly, of the fourteen children, one pair was miscarried and one baby lived only a short time after his birth. What's it all about? Well, as always, it's about both the miracle and the fragility of human life, and how intrinsically we depend upon each other. You can be proud of supporting these precious, growing families. Let us pray that many religious vocations come from this combined bundle of joy!

For over a year the Center has been quite essentially supported by three individual volunteers—Carol, Grace, and Rebecca—who give us many hours and much effort every week. Although willing to serve in any capacity, they brilliantly bless us in their unique ways. Carol, mother of seven adult children, organizes our ever-changing inventory of baby clothes and other infant and maternity goods. Grace has taken on paint stripping/re-painting projects, dismantled and disposed of office equipment, and done numerous tiny tasks. Rebecca steps in wherever she is needed, especially with office, client service and reception duties. Daily, we thank God for their magnanimous presence because we cannot fully function without them. *God bless you, ladies!*



Justin & Erin Baro with gifts from their Very Valancy Christmas baby and maternity goods drive.



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Close-up of the stained glass window of Saint Joseph (Memorial—March 19) and the Child Jesus in the Center's Chapel of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Saint Joseph, pray for us!

A BIT OF A CAMPAIGN FOR A BIT OF CAPITAL

It happens and every homeowner expects it. Thanks be to God and our supporters, we own our home, free and clear.

"It" is repairs to or replacement of our 20 year-old roof, and a structural improvement to facilitate a more confidential and functional flow of business throughout the Center.

Concerning water stains have appeared on ceilings and a wall in three areas of the building, including the chapel. We must address this very soon. Insurance might not cover an aging roof.



Additionally, the increasing volume of clients and materials at the Center has presented a challenge in regard to maintaining client confidentiality and a peaceful atmosphere. We have identified a way to re-direct material traffic through a different access point; however, that will require a construction project for which we are soliciting appropriate quotes.

Would you please help us with the as-yet-unknown but predictably large expenses associated with these necessary projects? Please contribute online at motheroflife.org/donate or mail your gift to our address above. Notation: **REPAIRS**. Thank you!!

MEANS OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

When considering Lenten almsgiving, please bear in mind our clients' critical needs for goods and services. Sacrifices and shared bounty both sustain our ministry.

Contributing is easy at motheroflife.org/donate. Select **Give Now** in the drop-down menu of the **Donate** tab, then choose **One-Time** or **Monthly**. Alternatively, use the inserted donation form and pre-addressed envelope.

Monthly gifts stabilize the Center, so please consider them. With us you can also anticipate future needs and help provide for them by donating:

Gifts of Stocks which avail you of tax advantages while you provide the Center with life-saving infusions of aid.

QCDs from your IRA enable you to reduce taxable income provided by Required Minimum Distributions.

Life Insurance Beneficiary and **Bequests by Will** are poignant ways of turning the passage of life for one into the chance for life for many.

Please seek professional advice when determining how to make the best use of these opportunities, then contact Executive Director David O'Connell for transactional information, at 401-421-0821.

Thank you for your special considerations. Daily, we give thanks to God and implore His blessings upon all our donors, without whose support we cannot function!