



Mother of Life Pregnancy Center

NEWSLETTER

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S GREETING

Hello, pro-life family! We have lived a very full three months since we published our Spring newsletter. The dynamism of what occurs here cannot be overstated.

One minute, we find ourselves in gentle conversations with a young woman who needs fundamental support for pregnancy and mothering. The next, we are facing the business end of a film camera and answering probing questions about the direct actions of a 19th century priest in our work today.

All the while, you are steadily supporting us with your prayers and precious resources. Thus, the power and value of your commitment cannot be overstated. It is because of you that we are here to answer those questions about Father McGivney and tenderly help those whom we serve.

Thank you for accompanying us on this journey. May God abundantly bless you and your loved ones!

Paul Faray-Musled



NATIONWIDE KNIGHTS FILM FEATURES THE CENTER

Blessed Father Michael McGivney (†1890), beatified less than a year ago, is already known as a powerful intercessor. In our Spring newsletter, we shared the story of his role in the rapid success of our ultrasound grant campaign.

Well-aware of that spiritual gift because of the Knights' Ultrasound Initiative, the fraternal organization founded by Father McGivney sent a professional film crew to the Center to highlight our story, among a few others, in a just-released mini-documentary.

You can watch the film, entitled "The Impact of Blessed Michael McGivney Today", at: <https://youtu.be/CdvlhVyrKtE>



Mother of Life is the only pregnancy center featured in the documentary. We are privileged to be part of Father McGivney's evolving story, and we encourage you to seek his intercession.

Grateful hugs to Beata Faenkova and her miracle daughter, Camellia, who drove from their residence in Ohio to be interviewed for the film and to serve as inspiration for our story. We love you!

Special thanks to Supreme Warden and Center Board member Michael Benson, State Deputy David Quinn, Life Program Coordinator Paul Gebhart, and Center Board member Jim Gilcreast.

ROSE GALA TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

We are excited to announce the return of our annual Rose Gala! With customary joy and conviviality, we'll welcome you



to Squantum Association at 947 Veterans Memorial Parkway in Riverside, on Friday, November 19, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

The spacious facility is situated on the scenic east shore of upper Narragansett Bay, where lapping water below, twinkling lights across the bay, and the full moon above will furnish a delightful atmosphere.

The evening will feature a cocktail hour, delicious sit-down dinner, silent auction, paddle raise, and brief, moving presentations by special guests sharing their pro-life stories.

Tickets are \$75 per person and must be purchased by Friday, October 29. Seating is limited and we expect to sell out in record time, so please gather your group for tables of 12 and purchase tickets early. You may do so securely through the Events tab at motheroflife.org/donate

Prestigious sponsorship opportunities are also available at the same online address, or email richard@motheroflife.org

This is our biggest, most important fundraiser of the year. Your enthusiastic participation will enable us to continue providing the lifesaving, spirit-healing services for which we are so well respected. Thank you!

REVISTING CELY & ARIENE

Do you recall our sweet friends Cely and her daughter Ariene? They were featured in our Advent 2020 newsletter (motheroflife.org/donate, tab: Newsletters). Recently we experienced the pleasure of sharing lunch with them at Cely's request. She wanted to tell us tremendous news about the great things happening in her life since Ariene's birth.

Cely has attained her master's degree in Criminal Justice, and has been promoted to an important supervisory role at work! She emanated relief, relaxation, dignity and happiness. The stressful burdens we saw upon her shoulders one year ago have been lifted through her perseverance and God's gifts.

Ariene has grown so much, she's looking like a little lady. So precious! She is 18-months-old,

with a spirit of remarkable self-confidence. A peaceful and quiet child, Ariene's studious eyes and humble smile still do most of the communicating. We enjoyed again the blessing of holding her in our arms.



Mother and child have a beautiful rapport that exudes trust and mutual respect. Recalling the times during Cely's pregnancy and Ariene's infancy when Cely was so grateful that the Center's staff would deliver needed supplies to her home, we praise God for His movement in their lives through our work and your gifts.

Cely and Ariene's blessed success proves that you are helping us build a culture of positive family life. Thank you for sustaining the spiritual and material support that enables us to nurture life-transforming growth and joyous outcomes!

AUTUMN ROSE SALE SOON TO BUD

Parishes throughout the diocese will kindly host our Autumn Rose Sale during the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, October 23 & 24. As usual, the suggested donation for a single rose will be \$3.

If your church/parish has not yet hosted a Rose Sale, please inquire of your parish's pro-life ministry or ask your pastor if you may take the lead. We make it very easy by providing simple sales packets with the few materials you will need. Recruit a couple of more parishioners to assist and you will enjoy great success. For our assistance in bringing the Rose Sale to your parish, please email richard@motheroflife.org

As always, thank you for your perennial support!

ROCKET LAUNCH OF 3-YEAR PLEDGE DRIVE

Almighty God has recently blessed the Center with unprecedented commitments of present and future support.

In mid-July, one of our generous monthly contributing couples co-hosted with our staff a Get-to-Know-the-Center gathering to launch a 3-Year-Pledge campaign. During that event and over the course of the past several weeks since, we have received donations and commitments totaling 44% of our \$165,000 goal.

The purpose of this initiative is to fund the dynamic growth of the Center, and to increase the geographical and demographical awareness of its services and programs while promoting pro-life truths, values and realities.

For more information and to discuss your desire to make a pledge, please contact richard@motheroflife.org. Thank you.

PLEASE GIVE IT THOUGHT

A great number of contributors, including you, sustain Mother of Life Pregnancy Center with regular or recurrent contributions — all of them generous, vital and prayerfully appreciated.

From time to time, someone shifts their commitment to become a monthly donor. Would you consider doing the same? Mother Angelica, founder of EWTN, used to say, "Keep us between your gas and electric bills," an inspiring suggestion.

Monthly donations strengthen our stability, which facilitates budgeting, planning, and serving clients with resourceful reliability. Furthermore, they help us weather the parched times when there are no major fundraisers or when we are subject to external conditions.

Whether you are ready to engage in that manner, or you are preparing to make your next generous donation, please use the enclosed form and pre-addressed envelope, or give securely online at motheroflife.org/donate. By mail, remember to include your prayer request at the bottom of the form.

Thank you, and God bless you!

WHEN ASKED WHAT SHE LIKED BEST ABOUT THE CENTER'S SERVICES, J.M. SAID...

*"I loved the comfort,
communication, and acceptance."*



WHEN ASKED IF WE COULD PRAY FOR HER, B.W. ANSWERED...

*"Please pray for my guidance and
strength. Sometimes life gets hard,
but there isn't anything too hard
for God to handle."*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOST COOKOUT AT THE CENTER

Perfect weather was among the many blessings bestowed upon this special event conducted for the Center's benefit by the Father Donnelly and Saint Augustine Councils of the Knights of Columbus.

Paul Gebhart, Life Program Coordinator for the State Council and member of Fr. Donnelly Council, organized the cookout to provide an opportunity for Knights and their families to become more deeply familiar with the Center, which they so generously and continuously support.

Gail and Colleen led tours throughout the day, and many participants remarked about the beauty of our facility and the atmosphere of professionalism.

We are immeasurably grateful to everyone who volunteered, attended, and donated so generously during and since the cookout!

We invite all Knights' Councils and Assemblies to come for a tour. Please contact Gail to arrange an appointment: gail@motheroflife.org, 401-421-0821.



Knights of Columbus cookout hosts with Center staff (left to right): Arthur Andolfo, Richard Feole and Paul Gebhart of Fr. Donnelly Council, Mother of Life Counselor Colleen Earnshaw and Executive Director Gail Faraj-Musleh, and Jim Gambardella and Fouad Faraj-Musleh of St. Augustine Council.



Gracious host Knight Jim Gambardella greets special guests!

"IT IS OVERWHELMING TO THINK ABOUT THE FETAL MODELS AND THE BABY ON THE SONOGRAM. I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT BEFORE. I'M DEFINITELY GOING TO BRING MY DAUGHTERS HERE FOR A TOUR."



Fr. Donnelly Council Knights Richard Feole and Arthur Andolfo serve grilled chicken, hot dogs, Italian sausages, peppers & onions, and laughter to Toni Mancini, wife of Knight Paul Mancini.



This is what it's all about!



Knight Philip J. Shea III with his wife, Sara, and their children are all smiles after their tour of the Center.



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PLEASE SHARE

You probably have some friends whose hearts resonate with yours on pro-life matters. At your request, we would be happy to send them a copy of this newsletter.

Please send us their name and address via gail@motheroflife.org or call 401-421-0820.

Thank you!

UPDATES REGARDING PREVIOUS REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

In our Spring newsletter we put out a call for help with Spanish-language translation and for a radiologist.

We are pleased to report that because you read the newsletter and mentioned our need to someone else, a volunteer has come forward to assist with translations, and is willing to do so on-call, which is the ideal scenario. ¡Gracias!

In consultation with pro-life referral and support agencies, we are still working through the need for a radiologist. Please pray for our success!



To purchase yours, click on the Events tab at motheroflife.org/donate

YOU NAME IT

Mother of Life Pregnancy Center has a lovely variety of memorialization opportunities available in our chapel and at the entrance to our building.



On both sides of our front door there are elevated terraces comprised entirely of memorial bricks, some of which are blank. Each is 8" wide by 3.75" tall. Messages of dedication can be up to three lines at 18 characters and spaces per line. With your donation of \$100 we will have the brick engraved and installed with your message.

In Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel, several holy devotionals are available for dedication, including the 14th Station of the Cross (\$40), the lectern (\$150), and nine pews (\$300 each).

To arrange for your dedication, visit motheroflife.org/donate, click the Donate tab and scroll down to Memorials, or contact gail@motheroflife.org, 401-421-0821.