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Last year was my first year to be able to make it to the March for Life in Washington DC. My journey there never really hit me until I was standing with 500,000 people. I was able to see women who held up signs saying that they regret their abortions. There were also signs showing images of aborted babies and videos of saline abortions. There were so many people that I couldn't see the beginning or end of the crowd marching. Being able to witness everything there is something people should put on the top of their lists. However, making an appearance there cannot be the only way we contribute to the pro-life cause.

There are many ways we can participate locally. Through the Gabriel Project, I have been able to meet, first-hand, young mothers who decided not to abort their precious child. Getting to know these women, I have been able show them true love and friendship through my actions. Having someone to support them and not judge them means the world to them. For me and for my family, this has included visiting and holding the babies, preparing meals and even birthday cakes for the children, emergency runs with food when their cabinets were empty, and offering the moms a much needed break by bringing the kids home for a visit.

One of the most touching experiences for me was when I saw one mother's children playing in my backyard so happily because they never get to play outside in their dangerous neighborhood. The oldest child, who is 13, said he never roasted a marshmallow until he came to our house. I am really humbled and honored to be that family that they don't have. As Pope Francis said, "Among our tasks as witnesses to the love of Christ is that of giving a voice to the cry of the poor."

Prayer for Mothers in the Gabriel Project

Dear Lord Jesus

You said, "Peace is what I leave you.

It is my own peace that I give you."

We ask you now, dear Jesus,

To give us the gift of your Divine Peace.

Thank you, Lord.

Isaiah said of you, Lord Jesus,

"He shall gather the lambs with His arm,

And carry them in His bosom,

And gently lead those that are with young."

We pray today, Jesus that the Holy Rosary Gabriel Mothers

May experience your infinite kindness and tenderness towards mothers and children.

May they experience your protection and faithfulness themselves and their babies every day.

May their path today and every day

Be fragrant with your loving kindness.

May they know your great love for them

And for their unborn child.

Bless all the Holy Rosary Gabriel Angels and all who assist with this project.

Send your Holy Spirit to guide all and lead all

Holy Rosary Gabriel Mothers and their babies along the best pathway for their lives.

Amen

To learn more about Holy Rosary's Gabriel Project, please contact parishioner Paula Stahl (317-670-0032) or refer to the brochures in the information rack at the back of church.

There is also a wooden cradle downstairs in Priori Hall for anyone who would like to leave donations for the Gabriel Project such as diapers, clothes, and toys.

"Sweeter even than to have had the joy of children of my own has it been for me to help bring about a better state of things for mothers generally, so that their unborn little ones could not be willed away from them."

-Susan B. Anthony, 1889

Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us.

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Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Church – Spiritual Adoption Program 2014 Month 3

In the January, 2014 Life Notes, we invited all parishioners to join as one voice in prayer in the Spiritual Adoption Program. (See brochures in Pro-Life information rack.) The following prayer was recommended by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen to be said every day for a period of one year to spare the life of a baby in danger of abortion:

*“Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much.
I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted,
who is in danger of abortion.”*

For new readers, during the next nine months, we will highlight the developmental stages of our spiritually adopted parish baby. Please refer to online sources of hearts4life.org & lifeissues.org

Saturday, March 1 – Hello Holy Rosary parishioners! I am your spiritually adopted baby. So much has happened to me in the past 30 days. I am now more than two inches in length and weigh one ounce. My movements are more energetic, less mechanical and more graceful and fluid. I’m kind of like an astronaut floating in a gravity-free space capsule. My arms grew, my toes and fingers quickly formed and now I have fingerprints which give me a separate legal identity. My eyelids are closed, as thin as butterfly wings. My genitals show a clear sexual differentiation. I am quickly becoming a distinct individual in appearance and behavior. Please continue to pray for me, my mommy and my daddy. Thank you, all.

(taken from booklet entitled When You Were Formed In Secret, by Gary Bergel)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Ongoing – Prayerful witness at Affiliated Women’s Service (see bulletin for details)
- March 5 – Ash Wednesday
- March 5 – Beginning of 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign (see bulletin for details)
- March 6 - 5th Annual Archdiocesan Sanctity of Life Dinner (see bulletin for more details)
- March 15 - Helpers of God’s Precious Infants Prayer Vigil (archindy.org/prolife/events.html)
- March 22 - Faithful Citizens Rosary Procession (archindy.org/prolife/events.html)

Opportunity for action – for your discernment

- 40 Days for Life - 40daysforlife.com
- Students for Life of America (high school & collage students) - studentsforlife.org
- Life Runners (national pro-life running/walking team) - liferunners.org
- Life Runner’s ‘A-Cross America Relay’ (March 5 - April 13) - liferunners.org/across
-coincides with Spring 40 Days for Life
- Save the Storks - savethestorks.com
-mobile pregnancy centers that provide ultrasounds outside of abortion clinics
- 1st Choice for Women - glgabrielproject.org/1stchoice.htm
-Great Lakes Gabriel Project’s Pregnancy Resource Center
- Born 2 Run 5K Run/Walk - born2run5k.org
-benefitting GL Project Gabriel & 1st Choice for Women