



NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2025

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR...

Dear Friends,

This year's March for Life served as a powerful reminder that we are not alone in our efforts. I was especially inspired by Vice President JD Vance whose remarks at the event reinforced the new administration's commitment to supporting women facing unplanned pregnancies. His presence signals important engagement on the national stage and underscores the ongoing need for us to remain steadfast in our mission to protect the unborn.

While progress is being made, our fight is far from over. Abortion remains a tragedy that impacts countless lives, and we cannot rest until every unborn child is protected and every mother is supported in choosing life.

Society often overlooks the profound impact of a helping hand, a listening ear, or even the smallest act of kindness, yet these simple gestures have the power to change lives. The miracle of each newborn baby is a forceful reminder of this truth.

Thanks to your generosity, 2024 was a year of meaningful growth and progress. Your support enabled us to expand our reach, offering life-affirming care to mothers, babies, students and families. Because of you, lives have been transformed. In 2025 we are filled with hope for a year full of opportunities to honor and uplift the dignity of every human person and nurture a new generation that values life.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication. We are so blessed to have you by our side as we continue to assure mothers and fathers that we are a community that cares. We ask for your prayers and continued partnership as we press forward.

Deo gratias,




MARCH FOR LIFE



THE CENTER'S FIRST ONLINE AUCTION

Wouldn't you love to shop in a store that is open all the time, which has an atmosphere of friendly competition, and where you can decide how much you are willing to pay for something and then have a pretty good chance of getting it for that price?

Our Bids for Babies online auction is an expanding opportunity to purchase for yourself or your loved ones gifts that might not otherwise spring to mind when shopping. How about an African safari, a high-end pair of ladies leather cowboy boots, or a prized bottle of French wine?

If you've never participated in an online auction, you'll soon discover how much fun it is, and easy! Go to motheroflife.org and click **AUCTION**, then browse a great variety of categorized, fully-described items. You may donate items, too!

At this time we need your help building the inventory. Popular donations include gift certificates, dining and accommodations, event tickets, new merchandise, and the very things upon which you would like to bid. Please use copies of the enclosed form to convey your donations.



Scan this code to browse the auction. New items are added often! Bidding opens May 30.

ROSE GALA 2025 WILL BE A DAY AT THE BEACH



Iconic Narragansett Beach will be our setting on **Sunday, September 28**, as the Center hosts its annual Rose Gala for the first time at The Dunes Club on Boston Neck Road.

Anticipating lingering summer breezes and the always swell sound of surf, we expect this Rose Gala to be delightfully memorable. Commencing during mid-afternoon will ensure that you can enjoy the scenery and even stroll barefoot on the beach if that tickles your fancy.

Within the ballroom of the private club a wall of tall, wide windows frames the tableau of the majestic Atlantic Ocean.

Our keynote speaker, Dr. Dermot Kearney, lives and works on the other side of that big pond.

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Dermot Kearney, M.D. is a renowned Catholic pro-life advocate who was prohibited from providing life-saving treatment to unborn babies after their mothers regretted taking the first abortion pill, Mifepristone.



While he was challenging the ruling of the General Medical Council (GMC) several women who received help from him courageously spoke out, testifying to the care he gave, which in many instances resulted in the birth of a healthy baby.

With the aid of the Christian Legal Centre, just before the case was due to go to the High Court, the GMC reversed the ban against him after concluding that there was no case to answer.

A cardiologist at Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Gateshead, U.K., and former president of the Catholic Medical Association (UK), Dr. Kearney is graciously offering his time and wisdom to enhance and bless our Rose Gala. We hope you'll join us!

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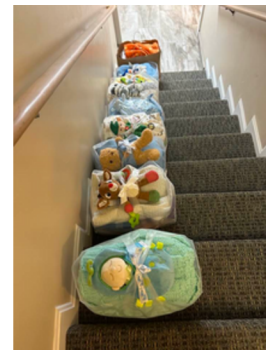
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Mother of Life Center is a very busy social service non-profit, so it is difficult to recount the number of people who support our mission. In most cases, behind every individual that directly contributes material goods, capital and time, there are numerous others who are involved in their actions on our behalf.

It is a bit easier to enumerate the impact of such magnanimity, yet still the extent of the positive results also goes beyond numbering, into individual human lives that are always in dynamic relationship to others.

As a result of your support for and engagement in our work last year, 137 women chose life, we served 384 families, administered 28 pregnancy tests, participated in 36 model ultrasounds, taught 16 parenting classes, and gave 12,720 maternity and baby goods to needy families.

This is the most telling sign of a vital, heartwarming community of life.



Layette sets ready for pick up!

WHY PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTERS MUST CONTINUE STRIVING

We thank God for the amazing progress that pro-life concerns, laws and proponents have made in society during the past few years, particularly during the 2024 elections. Empowered and hopeful we continue, undaunted by mighty challenges, most notably the two-step abortion pill, a scourge of stunning cruelty that is wreaking spiritual, physical and psychological havoc.

Among its common complications that are being "neither reported nor tracked by the FDA": non-stop bleeding and wholly formed dead babies emitted into toilets, showers and tubs.

A *Cautionary Tale of the Readily Available Abortion Pill* is an enlightening article by Jason Philips, M.D. (cathmed.org/pulse/2023-spring) which reveals the scope of devastation that must be prevented and treated. We must intervene.



International flag of the pro-life crusade

Years of enhanced illegal immigration have also laid a complex burden upon the pro-life community. Women have been raped and used for others' gain and pleasure. They and their babies need compassionate care. We are moved to help them because while our values endorse civil order, our charity doesn't discriminate when the lives of mothers and babies are at risk.

Frontline intervention, dissemination of medical and spiritual information, these are essential actions, but what will lead to the greatest cultural shift will be the encounters women have with pregnancy centers such as ours. While speaking to family and friends about their positive experiences, they will be the influencers who will turn the hearts of more mothers and fathers to their own children. God, help us make it so.

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

I loved the comfort, the communication, and acceptance.



WHEN ASKED HOW OUR PARENTING CLASSES HELPED THEM, M.L. & R.T. ANSWERED:

We feel reassured that we're capable of doing this.

WONDERS & DESIGNS

As the Center's Communications & Development Facilitator, it is my duty to be aware of opportunities for promotion and solicitation for the mission.

On a recent occasion I was shopping for personally-needed attire. I knew the shop owner to be a very generous and responsive long-time Center contributor. Although I was there to be his business supporter, it wouldn't hurt to ask a timely question on behalf of the Center's clients: "If an urgent need arises, may I call upon you?" He replied, "Don't hesitate."

The following week, Julie, our Client Advocate, told me that she had several new and imminently expectant parents needing cribs, mattresses and car seats. I called our supporter who immediately enabled us to meet all needs, including this lad's.

We all know someone who can do something, so don't hesitate to ask!



LINK YOUR ALMS WITH OTHERS AT THE CENTER FOR LENTEN ENRICHMENT

On many occasions throughout the years we have enjoyed the blessings of families of contributors coming to the Center for singular, occasional, and regular volunteerism; moms and daughters, husbands and wives, fiancés, and siblings.

Lent presents a perfect opportunity to weave our work into your family's and faith community's almsgiving activities.

Catholic Answers writer Christopher Check commenting on *Sacrificing for Lent – Together* encourages us "... to work alongside our fellow Christians in performing works of mercy. You will see how a life of common song, mortification, practice, and worship creates a Christian solidarity that very much can stand against the storm of our time as the 'sign of contradiction' our Lord charges us to be."

Please converse with your loved ones, and then call Lise at 421-0821 to schedule your hands-on visit. A variety of meaningful projects await! Our prayerful gratitude abides with those who give alms in this very special way.



Above right, the Baro Family amidst items gathered during their annual *Very Valancy* baby goods drive.

MATERNITY & BABY GOODS NEEDED

The Center's clients are continuously blessed by the generosity of our many individual and collective baby goods donors, on account of which of our shelves and closets are rarely empty. Nevertheless, the turnover is swift; items donated are given to needy clients very quickly.

Current acute needs are: wipes, lotion, pacifiers, receiving blankets, burp pads, hand mitts, newborn socks, and girls clothing for newborn, 0-3 month and 3-months.

To arrange for delivery of your donation, please call Client & Family Advocate Julie Lamin Sparling at 421-0821.

Stay in touch with clients needs by receiving our emails. Contact info@motheroflife.org to be included. Also, visit Mother of Life Center on facebook, and check the **Get Involved / Material Needs** tab at motheroflife.org.

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You might someday hear of someone who needs Mother of Life Center. Speaking to them about your familiarity with our services could give them the confidence to call and visit.

Pregnancy Tests and Ultrasound Referrals

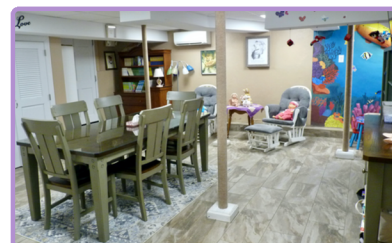
A young woman might confide that she has missed her period. We offer lab quality testing. If pregnancy is indicated, an ultrasound will help determine how far along she is. While we await a new medical director, we offer limited obstetrical ultrasound referrals to prove the viability of her pregnancy.

Pregnancy Counseling

News of a pregnancy is not always received with joyfulness and she might have bad options on her mind. Therefore, it is very important that women receive accurate information in a safe environment. We are here to answer their questions and direct them to the appropriate resources, including adoption.

Parenting Classes

Helping parents learn how to parent is a major key to their success. The children might otherwise suffer. With extremely challenging lives being the norm among the people we serve, they



The Center's Parenting Classroom

need to know how to cope with frustrations and realize what is important. We give them excellent tools and training.

Material Assistance and Community Assistance Referrals

With a new baby comes the need for many resources that our typical clients would struggle to acquire. What often helps them choose the path of life is our reassurance that the Center will help supply them with what they need as they begin and continue the new journey of parenthood. When they need social services, we guide them to appropriate agencies.

Spiritual Encouragement and Post-Abortive Healing

"Do you have a faith practice, attend church, pray, or believe in God?" Led by the Holy Spirit we ask questions like that, and each time we do the clients are thankful. We help them find Catholic churches near their home and invite them to pray in our chapel wherein they see He who loves them through us. And, if they reveal a history they regret, we counsel and refer them to profoundly compassionate resources for healing.

ROSE SALES – A NEW FIELD TILLED AND MOTHER'S DAY ON THE HORIZON



Sydney, Gabby, Isabella, Anna, and Grace sold 200 roses, many of which were presented to cherished teachers.

Thanks to the impassioned enthusiasm of its student members and teacher-moderators, *Prout Pro-Life*, one of The Prout School's self-formed student activities clubs, conducted a Rose Sale on our behalf to raise awareness of Mother of Life Center and to raise money to purchase baby goods they will bring to the Center during a service trip in mid-March. We applaud them with great gratitude!

This is the first time our Rose Sale was hosted in a Catholic school. If your school would like to do the same, please contact richard@motheroflife.org, 401-421-0821.

We are now preparing for our Mother's Day Rose Sale in the parishes, May 10 & 11. That could be a fine time to give it a go!



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March 25 – The Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord

Please consider a donation in honor
of the Mother of the Incarnate Word.

Art: *Annunciazione*, Marco Vecellio,
circa 1555–1560

NEWS & NOTES

Since you cheered for and supported the 2024 **Biking for Babies** Missionary Riders, you'll be pleased to know that of the \$415,000 funds raised and distributed to 95 pregnancy centers, Mother of Life was granted \$4,048.57. We are very proud of and thankful for our partnership with Biking for Babies. Please join us in praying that our 2025 partnership application is approved!



As she has previously done, a generous supporter donated the funds that enabled us to mount a **billboard** for 8 weeks by the corner of Dean Street and Westminster in Providence near

Planned Parenthood and Classical High School. The potential impacts of exposure to our positive message can extend well beyond the term of the lease. May eyes see and hearts move!

Memorial Bricks are still available for your inscriptions. They flank our front door as an overt and constant reminder that there is quite a great community supporting those who knock on the door. Visit motheroflife.org/memorials to place your orders.



TOURS FOR LIFE

Among the most common remarks spoken by donors who visit the Center for the first time is, "This is beautiful! I had no idea!"

It is beautiful, and you are always welcome to come see for yourself. We also encourage you to bring a friend, family member, fellow parishioner, coworker or any organization. Many spontaneous graces and blessings have flowed during such encounters!

Please call in advance to schedule a full tour. Phone Executive Director Lise Desmarais at 401-421-0821.

AS YOU ARE ABLE...

We hope you will use the enclosed donation form and envelope today, or visit **motheroflife.org** and click **Donate**. Contributing online is secure and simple.

An outline of options regarding other ways of giving to the Center is presented under the **Support Our Work** tab at **motheroflife.org**. Please browse and consider engaging a variety of means to support the Center presently, regularly, and in the future.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and many gifts. Praying together daily we ask God's blessings upon our donors whose support is essential to our work!