

MOTHER AND UNBORN BABY CARE NEWS



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JACK'S JOURNAL FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Dear friends and benefactors,

Greetings! Many thanks once again for your encouraging support of Mother and Unborn Baby Care, physically, spiritually and financially.

In 2017, through your generosity, 344 women and their families were assisted during 522 client visits, and the lives of 68 precious babies were saved from abortion. We – and their happy, new mothers – are eternally grateful for you!

It gives us great pleasure to be able to bring one of the country's foremost champions for life, Father Frank Pavone, to our Mother and Unborn Baby Care supporters. Father has agreed to visit with us and be the guest speaker at this year's Spring "Life in Bloom" Banquet and fundraiser on April 19 at St. Mary's Cultural Center in Livonia.

I know of no one who has done more to save babies than Fr. Pavone, who is the National Director of Priests for Life. He has provided for many years a much-needed Catholic clerical presence in the battle for life.

He represents what all Catholics in the public square should be, but sadly often are not – visible champions for LIFE. There certainly are not many Catholic politicians standing up in Congress like our fellow Christian, Rep. Lankford from Oklahoma, did recently, delivering inspiring and dramatic reasons for rejecting abortion.



Fr. Frank Pavone will be the keynote speaker at our Spring "Life in Bloom" Banquet on April 19!

Fr. Pavone knows what it is to be persecuted and maligned – more it seems by clerics and bishops in his own Church than by any other parties. Sadly, he is a prophet without honor, persona non grata in many areas of our Church, because he is so intense,

and some would even say, "on the edge." Definitely not politically correct.

In his zeal to protect the unborn, Father has acted creatively and dramatically. He knows the country has been desensitized to abortion because so many babies have been killed.

We are honored to have him speak at our event. He is God's gift to all who work for the unborn and their mothers. He can inspire us to new levels. When we think we're doing enough, just thinking of what people like David Daleiden, Monica Miller and Fr. Pavone have done – people who've put lives and livelihoods on the line – can inspire us to do yet more.

I look forward to seeing you there and hope you will use this opportunity to introduce your friends and neighbors to the work we do at Mother and Unborn Baby Care. COME, BE INSPIRED!

Yours in Christ,

Jack McGrath

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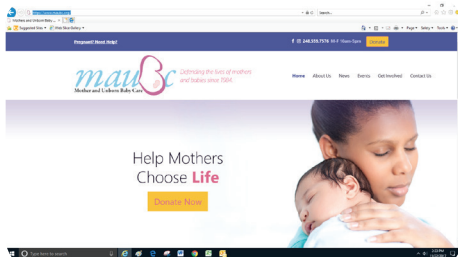
The Catholic Foundation of Michigan recently published an interview with Mother and Unborn Baby Care Board Member Mike O'Dea, who in 1984 founded our organization with his wife, Peggy. Entitled, "If it Wasn't for You, My Baby Wouldn't Be Alive," the article shines a light on MAUBC's lifesaving work and how the Foundation is creating new opportunities to invest in Catholic organizations like ours for years to come. Visit www.catholicfoundationmichigan.org.

NANCY'S NOTES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

First, I want to thank you for the warm welcome since I joined Mother and Unborn Baby Care last fall. Though I was a supporter in the past, it has been a blessing to see first-hand the lifesaving work that takes place here.

This truly compassionate, Christ-centered and effective work is performed through the hands and hearts of our small staff and dedicated volunteers. We love praying and working together in this mission field!

As we start the day, we gather to thank and praise God for all of those who support our work and provide the resources that make it possible.



We invite you check out our new website at www.maubc.org!

In November, we launched our new website, www.maubc.org. We invite you to check it out and learn more about us. If you prefer the convenience of donating securely online or quickly looking up our contact information or event details, the website can assist with that, as well.

(Note: If you already have monthly donations set up, please contact us before switching to an online monthly donation, so you are not inadvertently charged twice.)

As you may already know, MAUBC reaches out to women in crisis pregnancies as the Problem Pregnancy Center, as our sign says along Southfield Road. We are ever thankful for this highly-visible location, south of Ten Mile, which brings us a number of walk-in clients and leads to more saved lives.

On a recent Saturday, this visibility also led to a protest outside our doors by abortion supporters. We'll save that story for our March e-newsletter.

Today, the “abortion battle” also plays out over the Internet. It's an expensive fight that requires us to invest more on digital expertise, technology and advertising in order to compete with local abortion clinics for clients – and souls. If you can assist us in this battle, please reach out to me or one of our Board Members.

Are you on social media? If so, you can easily support our mission simply by visiting our Mother and Unborn Baby Care Facebook or Instagram page regularly to like and share our posts.



We love to share stories and photos on our Facebook page, such as this new mom and her baby, pictured with one of our volunteer peer counselors.

If we haven't yet had the opportunity to meet, I hope you will reach out and set up a time to visit and tour our center.

Or, perhaps you will join us at our Spring “Life in Bloom” Banquet on April 19, featuring Fr. Frank Pavone! (See our ad on the back cover for details.) We'd be grateful to have your support along with the opportunity to celebrate life – and lives saved – with you!

You can reach me at 248.559.7576 or nancy@maubc.org.

Blessings,

Nancy Peterson



MAUBC proudly supports the future of the pro-life movement by hosting educational talks for the Students for Life of Michigan's Heroes Leadership Academy. Recent talks featured Professor William Wagner (left, center), the president of Salt & Light Global, who gave a fascinating look at the constitutionality of Roe vs. Wade; and Jay Watts (right, center), who presented on how to defend your pro-life views with logic. The guests also toured our center to help bring the lessons to LIFE!

CHRISTINA'S CORNER DIRECTOR OF CLIENT SERVICES

As we enter into 2018, we reflect on all of the blessings God has bestowed upon us over the past year through your generous support. It was a year of growth and increasing focus on reaching out to the area's most abortion-minded women in order to save lives!

Not surprisingly, we must compete with local abortion clinics for these clients. In response, we added more online marketing, and we hired four passionately pro-life, part-time staff members.

Mary and Megan are trained receptionists who act as "first responders" to the women who call while shopping for abortion. We have also added two ultrasound technicians, Julie and Marion, allowing us to offer free ultrasounds four days a week.

In 2017, 78% of our clients were abortion-minded. An additional 20% were abortion-vulnerable, experiencing pressure to abort even though they wanted to continue their pregnancies. This combined 98% means that we are reaching the women who need us most.

Last year, we created a text-based system to follow up with our clients throughout their pregnancies, answer any questions and offer emotional support. Through this follow-up, we confirmed that 68 of the moms in our program continued their pregnancies and chose life for their babies!



One of the joy-filled moms who chose life in 2017!

Thanks to our donors, our material support program also has been thriving and has exclusively supported the moms who chose life. Our Baby Boutique provides mothers with car seats, cribs, strollers, clothing, diapers and much more. It is not uncommon for a visit to the boutique to change a struggling mother's mind toward life!

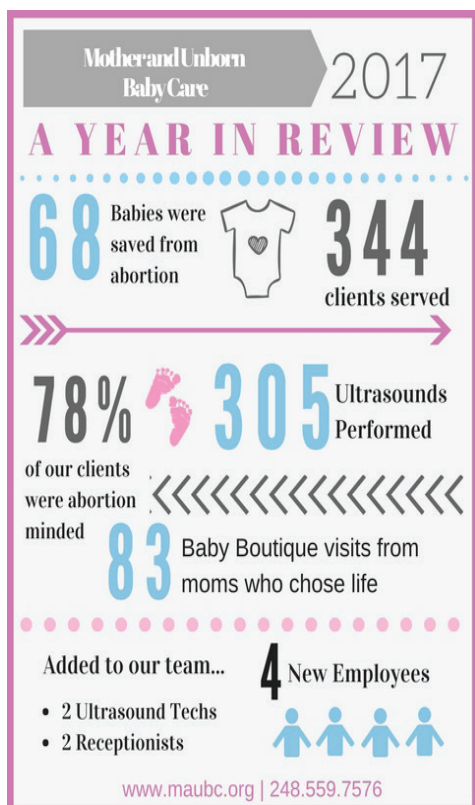
"I ABSOLUTELY LOVE THIS ESTABLISHMENT. THE STAFF WAS SO HELPFUL AND COMPASSIONATE. THEY PROVIDED MY VERY FIRST ULTRASOUND FREE OF CHARGE (I DIDN'T HAVE INSURANCE AT THE TIME). THEY PROVIDED ME WITH RESOURCES I STILL USE TO THIS DAY (MY DAUGHTER IS HEALTHY AND FIVE MONTHS OLD NOW). I COULDN'T HAVE MADE A BETTER DECISION THAN MY CHOICE TO COME HERE FIRST. THEY CONSULTED WITH ME ABOUT THE NATURE OF MY PREGNANCY, MAKING SURE I WAS SAFE AND SUPPORTED. THEY ANSWERED EVERY SINGLE ONE OF MY QUESTIONS."

As this testimonial shows, our clients are grateful for the support and kindness they receive through your support!

We look forward to another year of assisting women contemplating abortion, and we thank God ahead of time for the blessings to come.

For life,

Christina Marchetti



From all of us at MAUBC, we wish you a Blessed Lent!



Mother and Unborn Baby care is a non-profit organization located in Southfield, Mich., that is dedicated to protecting mothers and babies from abortion. Since 1984, MAUBC has assisted more than 29,000 women in crisis pregnancies through Christ-centered peer counseling, ultrasound and material support. **To learn more, visit www.maubc.org.**



Defending the lives of
mothers and babies
since 1984



Mother and Unborn Baby Care



LIFE IN BLOOM

34th Annual Spring Banquet

Dinner  Silent Auction  Speaker

Thursday, April 19, 2018

6:00-9:00 PM

St. Mary's Cultural Center, Livonia



Featuring: Fr. Frank Pavone

National Director of Priests for Life

Tickets: \$75. Call (248) 559-7576. www.maubc.org



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