



PAX ET BONUM FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Loyal Supporter,

It is with humility and wonder that I begin my tenure as Board Chairperson of our organization. I am in awe of the painstaking work that is being done to meet each abortion-minded woman who calls our center with Christ's love: true compassion, gentle counsel, and assistance. God bless our gifted staff and volunteers!

Jack McGrath asked me to serve on the Board in 2016, but we met back in 1976 when I, as a high school student, participated in a parish small group discussion at Jack and Sally McGrath's home. Coincidentally, Jack and my dad worked at Ford Motor Credit Company. For years at St. Regis, Jack and I were the two readers at the Sunday mid-morning Mass on the third Sunday of each month. More recently, we are members of the Morningstar Praesidium of the Legion of Mary.

I know Jack's commitment to our Catholic faith is rock-solid and unwavering, and that he has accomplished so many works to honor the Lord. I daresay his opportunity to protect the unborn by serving as Board Chairman at Mother and Unborn Baby Care may be one of his most cherished efforts, outside his family duties. Jack's leadership of our organization was a blessing for which we are all grateful, and his continued service on the Board this year is a grace.

Let me also take this opportunity to thank all the current Board members who use their many talents to steer MAUBC and work to ensure that we have adequate resources to advance our mission, that is, to care for women in unplanned pregnancies and their unborn children.



After serving 10 years on the Board of Directors, seven as Chairman, Jack McGrath entrusts the Board Chair reins to Marisa Petrella.

Despite the challenges of the last year, our organization is strong due to its enthusiastic supporters – YOU! The entire Board stands in honor and gratitude for every person who generously gives and assists in our united mission.

In past years, we gathered, enjoyed each other's company, and shared our story at large spring and fall banquets. Given the current difficulties, we will have three smaller gatherings this spring:

- On Saturday, April 24, all are invited to our Spring Mask-erade which includes scheduled tours of our center and a silent auction.

- On Wednesday, May 12, we will join together for Mass and a Consecration of MAUBC to Our Lady of Guadalupe at National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica in Royal Oak at 7 p.m.

- On Sunday, June 6, join us at Beverly Hills Village Park outdoors at 1 p.m. for lunch and entertainment. (Consider Mass at Noon at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs parish before the event.)

We look forward to spending time together in fellowship and solidarity.

As we begin this journey together, please pray that the Lord uses us to His best purpose in accomplishing His work. We ask for the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Virgin with Child. After she revealed herself in Mexico, nine million Aztecs, who made human sacrifices to false gods, converted to Catholicism and embraced the LIFE that the Virgin's Son offered. May we, with the Spirit's guidance, advocate for that same LIFE in our community and in our world.

In Christ's peace,

Marisa Petrella

NANCY'S NOTES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I hope this finds you and your loved ones well! We continue to pray for our supporters. As you can imagine, we are finding that women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy in the current climate are facing even more obstacles. The culture, of course, tells them there is only one logical solution – abortion.

Yet even during the pandemic, through God's grace and your prayers and great generosity, precious lives continue to be saved at Mother and Unborn Baby Care. As our 2020 A Year in Review graphic shows, 69 clients who came to us leaning toward abortion later opted for life despite serious extra difficulties such as health worries, job losses and isolation. That's because you provide the antidotes to these worries – help, hope and love.

The women who chose life expressed their appreciation for the help they received here. Instead of facing regret, these new moms will thank God that they said "yes" to their babies.



"Thank you for helping me make the decision to keep her. The best decision I ever made in my life."

We are thankful that God directs their paths here! Then, we can focus prayer, hospitality and attention on each woman and go to work for her and her baby.

To each of the individuals, groups, churches and parishioners who have kept our baby boutique stocked, even when some items were scarce, please know that your gifts make our clients' eyes light up when they see the room filled up for them and their babies. It softens hearts!



Your support saved 69 lives and assisted hundreds more in 2020.

Your generous financial donations, including support of our first-ever Fall for Life Mask-erade Auction in November, raised vital funds to keep our client services running strong and saving lives.

Again this season, in lieu of an April banquet, we look forward to hosting a Spring Mask-erade Auction at MAUBC on April 24! Silent auction item donations are most welcome through early April. We would love to see you and celebrate together this season of new life and fresh hope.

Details will soon be posted at www.maubc.org for this and the two other events mentioned in Marisa's column, on May 12 and June 6. Please save the dates or contact me to RSVP for one or more events at (248) 559-7576 or nancy@maubc.org.



"How can I abort this baby now that I know it's a real baby?"

We also appreciate the 41 households that raise funds for us via the Kroger Community Rewards program. Help us get to 50! To register, visit Kroger.com and designate our code, VQ634. Then, simply swipe your card at the checkout to help save lives.

This summer, MAUBC will be hosting brief information-based events on Legacy Planning and Legacy Giving. These are not sales seminars. The information will be shared by John Vleko, a Legacy Giving Consultant, and will include a number of tax-advantaged ways to protect the unborn. Please reach out to me if you would have an interest.

As our daily battle continues, the MAUBC team wishes to thank you again for your compassion and generous support that keeps us equipped to save lives!

Nancy Peterson

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NICOLE'S NEWS DIRECTOR OF CLIENT SERVICES

As we reflect on this past year and its many challenges, we feel incredibly humbled and blessed to be continuing this ministry in saving babies and celebrating life. God was so good to us in protecting our center so that we could continue to serve those who needed us.

In 2020, your donations allowed us to assist 389 women with a variety of free services, including 102 pregnancy tests, 306 ultrasounds and 137 curbside material support visits.

We increasingly saw the abortion industry targeting the fear and desperation of our moms, as they heavily marketed Telemedicine abortions, which are completed at home. It became more challenging to encourage these women to choose life. Yet, our staff and volunteers continued to welcome these women with hospitality and open hearts, offering crucial resources and 100% life-affirming options.

We confirmed with joy in 2020 that at least 69 women chose life for their babies!



A mom holding her brand new baby girl in her arms.

One woman in particular comes to mind who was determined to have an abortion. In fact, she contacted us thinking we were an abortion clinic. (We let her know this was not the case prior to her visit.) Already raising a 5-year-old without the father in her life, she was scared to raise another baby alone while also struggling with health issues. Through our program, this mom ultimately chose life for her baby. See her beautiful photo at left/below.

Another abortion-determined woman came to us last year seeking help. She was very afraid of having another baby, as she was only six months postpartum at the time. As you can see in her 21-week ultrasound photo below, the baby was growing well. She could legally have an abortion in Michigan for three more weeks.



Your prayers and support saved this 21-week baby in the womb.

After receiving all the counseling and encouragement here, she had still planned to go through with the procedure. However, the MAUBC community, including our Facebook friends, answered our plea to pray for her and her baby.

Miraculously, this mom chose life and is on track to deliver her baby this spring!

God has shown us all year long how great and powerful He is. What better way than with all of these new babies being born to bring hope during a dark time?

We thank you immensely and profoundly for supporting us in the many ways that you do. Your prayers, donations, and helping hands have truly made the difference in the lives of many families. We ask that you continue to pray for all of us, that the Holy Spirit would guide our thoughts, words, and actions as we strive to end abortion.



My husband and I welcomed our firstborn, Emma, on Feb. 19!

On a personal note, my husband, Matt, and I welcomed our first child into the world, Emma Rose Hendryx on Feb. 19! She already has brought so much light and love to our lives, and we thank you all so much for your prayers throughout our pregnancy. We hope she can meet you soon! Your generosity and prayers touched the hearts of every family served at MAUBC in these unprecedented times.

God bless you all,

Nicole Hendryx

Mother and Unborn Baby Care is a Christ-centered nonprofit organization located in Southfield, Michigan that is dedicated to protecting mothers and babies from abortion. Established in 1984, MAUBC assists hundreds of women in unplanned pregnancies annually through peer-counseling, ultrasound and material support.

To learn more, visit www.maubc.org. MICS 13459.

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