



PAX ET BONUM FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friend of MAUBC,

PRAYER

On May 12, our spiritual director, Fr. Joe Lang, led us in consecrating Mother and Unborn Baby Care to Our Lady of Guadalupe after mass at the National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica. The only apparition of Our Lady with Child was at Guadalupe. We need the Blessed Mother's constant intercession for our critical work. I humbly ask that you join me in praying daily to Our Lady of Guadalupe for the conversion of hearts and for the salvation of souls.

THE SANCTITY OF CONCEPTION

The idea that life begins at conception is not a new belief for Catholics. I remember a sermon on this topic preached by Fr. John West, God rest his soul. He pointed out that on March 25, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation, when Our Lord was conceived. That date is also the spring equinox, considered the day that God began his act of creating the world, so it is only appropriate that that day marked the beginning of his Son's mission to redeem the world. Nine months later, we celebrate Jesus' birthday on Christmas.

Fr. West also pointed out that on December 8, we celebrate the Feast of Mary's Immaculate Conception. Nine months later, we celebrate Our Lady's birthday on September 8.

Catholic Orthodox churches celebrate the Solemnity of St. John the Baptist's Conception on Sept. 23. The feast of the Nativity of John the Baptist is, you guessed it, nine months later on June 24.

In the work that we do at Mother and Unborn Baby Care, we abide by our longstanding and sacred tradition of honoring the sanctity of the conception of each person.

THANKSGIVING

We thank those who participated and those who coordinated the Spring Mask-erade and the Family Fun Day picnic at Beverly Park. Attendees enjoyed both outings.



Board member Lynn Smith with some special guests at our June Family Fun Day picnic.

HONORARY BOARD

At our May meeting, the Board of Directors created an Honorary Board

to be seated by individuals who have contributed to MAUBC in unique and significant ways. In this newsletter, you will see the initial member list.

Let me tell you about just one of the Honorary Board members. Dr. Dennis Vollman has been volunteering his time reviewing ultrasounds for our center for 14 years! He recounted to me that years ago, while he was a cancer patient, he met Bud Feely who invited him to help with Mother and Unborn Baby Care. He attributes his cancer survival to his partnership in this work. Praise be to God!

ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE

Notice that Dr. Vollman got involved because Bud Feely asked him. Let us all take a lesson from Bud and keep reaching out to others to become part of the MAUBC family. Ask a friend to volunteer. Invite someone to one of our events. Tell someone about the work we do. Urge someone to contribute. Many times the difference between success and failure lies in encouraging another person.

FALL BANQUET

We plan to have a fall banquet this year on November 18, and Jack McGrath, our past Chairman/President, will be our honoree! Please reserve the date on your calendar!

Honored to serve MAUBC,

Marisa Petrella

NANCY'S NOTES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It has been a busy summer at Mother and Unborn Baby Care. Thanks to your prayers and generous support, we continue to reach many women facing an abortion decision through our digital ads, high-traffic location and positive online reviews. You allow us to give these moms a much better chance of choosing life, and many are doing so even with the pandemic creating more pressure to abort their babies.

After months of curbside pick-ups, we are delighted to have moms once again coming in to choose clothes and other items for their growing babies – especially when we get to meet them! Recently I noticed one of the visiting moms had not one but two Miraculous Medals taped in her file, indicating that after her appointment, she still strongly leaned toward abortion; yet hope prevailed and she chose life!

We thank God for the many kind community members, churches and Knights of Columbus Councils who have delivered vital financial gifts and baby items to keep our program strong for those who need us.

MAUBC's Fall for Life Banquet is scheduled on November 18, and we can't wait to gather with you again! Please see the back cover, visit maubc.org or call (248) 559-7576.



Together, we rejoice in all the new babies and happy moms!

A shout-out to all the community service volunteers who have kept the center and its grounds looking clean and inviting! We're looking for helping hands again this fall.

As this is an intense spiritual battle to protect innocent life, we also invite prayer warriors to offer a Rosary here in our prayer room on most any weekday for the moms and babies.

With heartfelt thanks,

Nancy Peterson

P.S. Please check out our Matching Gift Challenge on page three!

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MAUBC Treasurer Mike Brennan and President Marisa Petrella.

GENEROUS DONORS

This year, we gratefully received gifts of appreciated stock. With the stock market boom, many people have seen their stock portfolio grow in value. When appreciated stocks or bonds are sold, the owner has to pay capital gains tax on the value increase between the purchase and sales price. The benefit of gifting appreciated stocks and bonds is that the donor avoids paying capital gains tax and receives a charitable income tax deduction while providing support to MAUBC.



As year-end approaches, please keep in mind that this also applies to the yearly required minimum distributions from retirement plans

(IRAs, Simple IRA, SEP IRA, etc.). (If your 70th birthday is after July 1, 2019, due to changes made by the SECURE Act, you do not need to make withdrawals until you reach age 72.)

If you have any questions, contact us for instructions on how you can transfer stocks or bonds or gift your required minimum distribution from your brokerage or investment account to MAUBC. Thank you for your consideration!

NICOLE'S NEWS DIRECTOR OF CLIENT SERVICES

We have all witnessed much change in our communities and in our nation. Here at MAUBC, we have learned how to navigate and provide our services through the pandemic; yet the desperation we see in women today is one of the challenges we are facing as a pro-life pregnancy resource center. Nevertheless, our mission continues as we follow the Lord's calling to preserve and protect life.

Through August, our team has served 300 women with pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, peer counseling and baby boutique visits. We have also confirmed that 36 women have chosen life for their babies, and expect to confirm many more in the coming weeks!

As you know, ultrasound is a powerful tool in showing our clients the beauty inside the womb. A high school senior recently contacted us asking for an abortion. She felt unprepared emotionally to have a baby at such a young age. But after seeing her baby on the monitor, she quickly changed her mind, and her baby's arrival is expected at Christmas! What a perfect gift from God.



This baby's mom is grateful she came to the center before making an abortion decision.

She said, "Thank you so much for showing me exactly what I needed to see to keep this baby, I'm so glad we came to you all."

A scared college student facing an unplanned pregnancy also came to us for help. She shared her dream of going to graduate school and the overwhelming pressure from those around her to abort her child.



Born in early 2021, this baby girl gave her mom more motivation to pursue a graduate degree this fall.

After the counseling session and seeing her baby on the ultrasound, this young woman bravely chose life for her little one. In the face of adversity, she told her family, "I'm keeping this baby!"

Her precious baby girl was born and the mom was accepted into her graduate program, so she spent the summer doubling up on classes. Far from derailing her life, our client shared that her baby is providing even more motivation to reach her goals. What an example of how women do not have to sacrifice their children for the sake of their happiness, education or careers.

These stories are just some examples of the miraculous work that God is doing at our center through your constant support. Your prayers, volunteer time and donations have a profound impact.

Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit would guide our thoughts, words and actions.

We invite you to visit our Facebook page for more stories, adorable baby photos, current needs and the occasional urgent prayer intentions.

If you'd like to order Baby Boutique items from Amazon to be shipped to us, please search under Baby Registry for "Mother and Unborn Baby Care" or type this into your search bar: Amzn.to/3expdx4

From the depths of our hearts, we thank you for supporting our efforts. We pray that God blesses you and protects you always.

Gratefully in Christ,

Nicole Hendryx

MATCHING GIFT CHALLENGE

One of our donors has generously offered a \$5,000 Matching Gift opportunity! General donations made online at www.maubc.org or postmarked by Monday, Oct. 4 will qualify toward the match, doubling the value of your gift to protect life.
Thank You!

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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