



JACK'S JOURNAL FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

35th
ANNIVERSARY

Dear Friends of MAUBC,

The Legionaries of Mary pray daily to Our Lord for a courageous faith that will “inspire us to undertake and carry out unhesitatingly great things for His glory and for the salvation of souls.” In founding and starting Mother and Unborn Baby Care in 1984, Peggy and Mike O’Dea had such a faith. Thank God that faith is still at work here and continues to draw many supporters and workers to MAUBC.

This year, the number of saved babies that we have been able to confirm is down somewhat over last year at this time. Through July, we have confirmed 51 babies saved. Still, we strive to reach many more women and hope to meet our target of 130 saves.

Google’s new algorithm has had a negative effect on how often our ads are seen online. Use of the Abortion Pill is becoming more prevalent. Both developments make the job of saving each unborn baby whose life is at risk more challenging.

If our brothers and sisters only took to heart how seriously wrong abortion is and how important it is to protect against ever having to turn to it!

One who did was long-time, dedicated volunteer Madeline Lokar who passed away in June. Madeline was kind, generous and unfailingly gentle. She touched many lives here and helped in many roles. We enjoyed her keen sense of humor. For years, we also looked to Madeline for the important task of seeking attractive items to auction. She took this on quietly, effectively and unhesitatingly.



Madeline Lokar (left) was an angel to the unborn through her tireless work, support and prayers.

Our condolences to Madeline’s husband, Dr. Bob Lokar, a long-time contributor to MAUBC, Brian, Tom and Diane, and to the rest of her family and friends. We know she will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

This is a summer of big MAUBC milestones. We not only marked the 35th year of our mission in July, but in early September will celebrate the 10th year in our current, spacious facility. We recall with tremendous

appreciation the anonymous gift from a local couple who were inspired to make this building purchase possible and responded so generously.

God is on the side of the unborn babies, which is our side. May the Holy Spirit infuse us with the desire to pray and work harder and make more sacrifices than ever before.

Many efforts are underway. We are working to get signatures for the Dismemberment Abortion Ban petition. The 40 Days for Life fall prayer campaign will soon begin at many local vigil sites. The movie *Unplanned* is coming out on DVD, and we look forward to helping spread its message.

Our Fall for Life 2019 Banquet will be held on Nov. 7 at the San Marino Club. You will leave inspired by a dynamic speaker, Christen Pollo. She has an incredible personal story to share that eventually led her to become the Executive Director of Protect Life Michigan, a statewide organization that recruits and equips thousands of college students in pro-life advocacy.

May God continue to bless and support our efforts and the safety and well-being of our staff, volunteers and you, our faithful supporters. Our gratitude to God and His Divine Son knows no bounds!

Jack McGrath

NANCY'S NOTES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What a joy it is to be part of the Mother and Unborn Baby Care team, surrounded by workers and supporters of such strong faith, hope and compassion.

In June, we lost a shining star as Madeline Lokar, a woman of great faith and determination to protect the unborn, passed into eternal life. Over the years, she assisted in counseling, planning fundraisers and in the baby boutique. Madeline was also a mentor to many of us, and what we learned, we will keep forever in our hearts. We greatly miss her and know we have gained another intercessor.

We extend our deepest condolences to Madeline's family and friends. MAUBC is truly grateful for the many generous memorial gifts honoring all her efforts to protect life.

As a relatively small team serving hundreds of women in crisis each year, every role is an important one. Consider volunteering your time and talents with us. We also are seeking a part-time team member with nonprofit administrative experience. Please contact me for details.

Though Google changed their rules in ways that affect our online reach, we responded with some online tweaks of our own. We see God answering our prayers and regularly witness near-miraculous changes of heart.

Incredibly, in one week earlier this month, three moms came in with their children, ages 2, 3, 5 and 8, and expressed their thanks. Two donated back their children's clothes, and one shared that her daughter has motivated her to start medical school!



This adorable "Ladies Man" helped his aunt decide to choose life; his cousin is due in August.

On Aug. 1, we were visited by four Right to Life of Michigan representatives who presented MAUBC with a generous grant of \$2,000 for car seats and pack 'n plays! RLM is busy organizing the crucial Dismemberment Abortion Ban petition drive, and we are grateful that they were able to visit and present the check in person.

If you've not had a chance to sign the petition, feel free to stop by the center weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Our thanks to the Knights of Columbus Council #5436 for donating over \$1,000 from their pancake breakfasts to support mothers and fathers in saying "yes" to life!



Meeting babies saved by your prayers and support: priceless.

As you plan your Labor Day picnic or do your routine shopping, consider joining the Kroger Community Rewards program to raise funds for MAUBC. To enroll, visit Kroger.com and select our assigned code VQ634. Then, simply show or swipe your card at checkout.

Please save the date for MAUBC's Fall for Life 2019 Banquet on Thursday, Nov. 7 at the San Marino Club. For our speaker, Christen Pollo, abortion is a personal issue and today, she fights to educate and equip those on college campuses to value and protect life. Her passion is contagious. Come and be inspired!

Tickets and table sponsorships are available at www.maubc.org or by calling 248.559.7576.

Have a blessed rest of the summer and fall. Please see the back cover for an invitation to our General Membership Meeting in December. Thank you for partnering with us to save lives!

Nancy Peterson



MASS FOR THE UNBORN

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2ND, 2019

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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HOLY HOUR 7:00 PM

MASS 8:00 PM

CELEBRANTS - FR. JAMES HOUBECK
DEACON BOB ERVIN

Collection for Mother & Unborn Baby Care Inc.
Fellowship and refreshments to follow in church gym

Spiritually Adopt A Baby

Come Pray For Our Little Brothers & Sisters

Any baby items received will be donated to Mother & Unborn Baby Care.

CHRISTINA'S CORNER DIRECTOR OF CLIENT SERVICES

As summer begins to wind down, we reflect on all of the beautiful lives that God has touched through our ministry so far this year. We have reached post-abortive women who greatly need healing, counseled overwhelmed mothers who needed comforting, and met many adorable babies that were saved through your support.

Our staff and volunteers experience the weekly ups and downs that are involved with this crisis work. We open our days in prayer and thank God for your generosity that makes this work possible – even when the odds seem against life.

About a month ago, a young woman came in abortion-determined, close-minded and unwilling to listen to the peer counselor's information. However, she was open to having an ultrasound. During her scan, we determined her baby's estimated due date. With tears in her eyes, she shared that it was also the birthday of her brother, who had recently passed away. It was amazing to see how God used this small thing to open her heart.



This little one's mom tearfully chose life when the ultrasound revealed a meaningful due date for her baby.



This one-year-old toddler's mother is so in love and can't imagine life without her sweet little guy.

On another day, we had a visit from a young mom and her toddler. This mom had also come to us determined to have an abortion. She was facing immense pressure from her ex-boyfriend to end her pregnancy while also suffering from some difficult health issues. Despite all of her obstacles, she made the brave decision to continue her pregnancy. Her little boy is now a year old, and she shared with us how thankful she is for him!

It fills our hearts to meet these sweet babies and see their mothers beam with joy!

So far this year, we have served 337 women with a variety of free services, from pregnancy tests to material support visits. We have provided 215 ultrasounds and have confirmed, as of July 31, that 51 women have chosen life for their babies!

With more women being sold on the idea that the abortion pill is an “easy out,” it can be more challenging to counsel them to consider life. Yet, we continue to reach out to as many women as possible who are considering abortion, as we have the information and resources they desperately need.

We ask that you pray that the Holy Spirit would direct our thoughts, words, and actions as we go about our day, and send more women struggling with an unplanned pregnancy, so we can provide life-affirming options!

We have some updates to share on what material items we can safely distribute. Car seats must be new. Cribs must have been manufactured in 2012 or later; however, we've found that most of our moms greatly prefer pack 'n plays. High chairs must be newer than June 19, 2019 due to the latest safety standards.

If you would like to donate items, please see our wish list below. Or, you can order items to be shipped directly to us via Amazon.com – click on Baby Registry and search for Mother and Unborn Baby Care.

We invite you to visit our Facebook page for more stories about the women we counsel who bravely choose life.

Thank you for making a difference in so many lives through your prayers and donations!

Christina Marchetti





MAUBC invites you to our General Membership Meeting on Dec. 10, 2019 at 6 p.m. RSVP by Dec. 2 if interested.



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