



Gabriel's Trumpet

Quarterly Newsletter

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Letter from Ingrid

Greetings to all Gabriel Angels!

Amazing how time passes by! Another year is over and I'm still amazed to see how Project Gabriel touches and changes lives! I am very happy to inform you that eWebLife is up and running. We trained our first Gabriel Angels in October and will continue to have trainings until **all** our Angels feel comfortable with this new wonderful program that allows us to access information on Gabriel Moms and Angels, status reports, and so much more. In the next weeks I will be sending out an e-mail with new training dates.

We are so blessed by God to be able to serve Him through this beautiful ministry. What better way to prepare ourselves for Our Lord's Passion and Resurrection than by imitating Him in service of those in need? I invite you to go a little further in your Gabriel Angel responsibilities during this Lent. Keep in touch more frequently with your Gabriel Mom. Invite her to pray with you, or to attend Mass or adoration with you. Drive her to her next doctor's appointment. Organize a baby shower at your parish. Most importantly, let her know how much you care!

The Feast of the Annunciation is coming up on March 25th. What a beautiful day, when the Archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary. Let us all join in prayer for the well-being of our Gabriel mothers and for the protection of all unborn children. I want to thank each one of you for giving your time in order to serve in this ministry. May God keep you and bless you always. – Ingrid Meyer

Upcoming Events

- McKinney 40 Days for Life: March 5 - April 13
 - GEMS classes: March 8, 22; April 19, 26
 - Bishop's Annual Catholic Pro-Life Dinner: April 5
 - Quarterly Mass & Rosary Procession: April 12
 - Good Friday Stations of the Cross: April 18
- For more info, visit www.prolifedallas.org/calendar*

Watch Gabriel Grow!

- In October**
2 babies born to Gabriel Moms
4 Moms paired with a Gabriel Angel
81 972-BABY DUE calls (answered at the White Rose)
- In November** *6 candidates graduated from GEMS*
1 baby born to Gabriel Mom
2 Moms paired with a Gabriel Angel
72 972-BABY DUE calls (answered at the White Rose)
- In December**
4 babies born to Gabriel Moms
2 Moms paired with a Gabriel Angel
55 972-BABY DUE calls (answered at the White Rose)
- In January**
3 babies born to Gabriel Moms
2 Moms paired with a Gabriel Angel
103 972-BABY DUE calls (answered at the White Rose)

Bishop's Dinner Reservations Now Open!

Join us on Saturday, April 5, for The Bishop's 21st Annual Catholic Pro-Life Dinner at the Irving Convention Center, featuring chart-topping singer Collin Raye, who will share a musical performance and his pro-life story.

A Catholic with a touching testimony of love and life, Collin Raye is a five-time Grammy nominated country music star. He has used his stardom to advance worthy causes, including the Terri Schiavo Life & Hope Network. We eagerly welcome his music and message at DFW's largest pro-life benefit, providing critical funds for the CPLC's nine life-saving ministries.

The dinner will also include a wine pull, a silent auction with gorgeous gift baskets, a live auction and a raffle for \$15,000 in MasterCard® gift cards! We would love to have many Gabriel Angels at the Bishop's Dinner. If you would like to be seated with your parish, be sure to contact your Parish Pro-Life Coordinator about sharing a table. The CPLC is also in need of volunteers before and during this event. For more information, visit prolifedallas.org/dinner or call 972-267-LIFE (5433). Reservations are open. Don't delay – this will be a great evening!

Gabriel Angel Daily Prayer

*My Dear Jesus,
I come to you today and ask to enter
your Heart of Divine Love,
with the mother you have bound to my life,
and entrusted to my care.*

*Lord, I am not able to love her like you do,
I am not able to provide for her like you can.
I have nothing good to offer her but you,
You alone are all good, and every blessing to her.*

*And so Good Shepherd, I ask you to
protect her and deliver her from evil today.
Supply her every need, according to your
providence, and generosity.*

*Let her experience your infinite tenderness
towards mothers and children.
Give her courage to withstand temptation
and persevere in your grace.*

*Bind her to you with cords of love.
Make her path fragrant with your loving kindness.
And at the end of this day and every day,
Enfold her in your eternal embrace in peace.*

Thank you, Lord, for hearing my prayer. Amen.



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Spring Spotlight: Marianne Chapman

Marianne Chapman – one of the founding and guiding lights of the GEMS Academy – has served as a team leader for six years. She and her husband Thad are parents of two sons, Joseph and Alex, who were adopted through Catholic Charities. Adoption is one of Marianne's passions which she describes as "a gift of life and love." Recently Marianne has decided to shift the focus of her time and talents to other pro-life and pro-adoption efforts, including the Council for Life which generously supports ministries like The Rachel Ministries of the Catholic Pro-Life Committee. Marianne's support of GEMS has contributed immeasurably to its growth and success. Twenty-eight young women have graduated from GEMS since 2008 as productive members of society. Love and blessings, dear Marianne; we couldn't have done it without you!!

New GEMS Offerings & Staff

The spring semester of GEMS will spotlight two new opportunities for students to grow: "Money Skills for Life," offered by Catholic Charities Family Services and "Understanding Your Body: Living God's Way," taught by Natural Family Planning certified practitioner Pati Hidalgo. We are also pleased to welcome to our GEMS team, Coach Terry Holladay, who with her husband, Deacon Robert, was commissioned as a Gabriel Angel in 2011. One of her Gabriel Moms, Veronica Warren, was a November 2013 graduate, something that makes Terry very proud. As a Gabriel Angel, you are always welcome at our GEMS classes, whether paired with a mom or not. Please contact Gabriel Angel Coordinator Ingrid Meyer for class locations and times. Come for lunch and stay for class.

Congratulations to our 2013 GEMS Graduates!

Every year it is our great privilege to graduate the mothers who have completed all the requirements for graduation from the GEMS Academy and who are now ready to take their place in a new world of education, work, and service to others. With your prayers and support, our GEMS graduates use the skills they have learned to expand their horizons and become the women and the mothers that God intends them to be. In the beautiful words of one of our 2013 graduates, Veronica Warren:

[GEMS] is more than just classes. And it's more than formula. And it's more than baby diapers. These women are so altruistic and they give of their time. . . . They are a shelter in the eye of our storm.



2013 GEMS Graduates

Crystal Bain, Daisy Villa, Veronica Warren, Irene Flores, Akwi Mayes, and Rehana Kuruwu

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